

M-AC Backpacking Class Hits The Trail

by Jay Guffey

Our backpacking class here at Montreat-Anderson has been up to some really exciting activities. The backpacking course is basically designed to teach backpacking and camping skills along with the art of orienteering. On Monday, November 5th, we got a chance to put to practice the skills that we have been learning.

Fourteen anxious backpackers left for a two-night camping trip with Ben Fortson as our "follower." Ben had decided that it was time for us to learn for ourselves. So every time that we would ask him for some help, he would give us a big smile and reply, "I don't know, I'm just following." Since the responsibility of leadership was on the group, we all learned far more than if Ben had led the trip.

In these great Blue Ridge Mountains, it's almost impossible to hike far without seeing the beauty of God's creation displayed. Early Tuesday morning, we were blessed with the beautiful sight of a snow-capped mountain. Later that afternoon, the site of a waterfall just ad-

Getting Better and Better

by Ed Baker

Our faculty here at Montreat is pretty smart; there's no debate about that, but they don't know everything - not yet anyway.

The J. Howard Pew Foundation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has awarded Montreat-Anderson College a grant for faculty enrichment in the amount of \$21,000.

The Professional Growth Committee is studying the grant guidelines and has established subcommittees of the faculty to make suggestions for the following areas: Academic Enrichment/Developmental Studies, Gifted and Talented Areas, Teacher Effectiveness, and Faculty Enrichment Retreat. The grant period is from June 21, 1984, to June 30, 1985.

Several of our faculty have taken advantage of the grant already. Dean Wilson, Dean Cromartie, and Mrs. "A." traveled to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for the National Association for Student Affairs.

Four hundred people attended this conference for the betterment of the student. Topics discussed were student development, retention, problems of the campus, dorm life, and wellness.

Mrs. "A." felt the conference was quite useful and says, "I think it was a real privilege for me to be able to attend this conference and to be exposed to such a wealth of information, and I plan to get many of the things we learned started on campus as soon as possible!"

Won't it be great to be on a campus where the teachers really do know everything!



ded more to the beauty.

One of the best parts of the trip was getting to know our fellow backpackers better. At breakfast, there would be such conversation as, "I got at least one hour of sleep last night" and "I can't feel my toes." Through the entire trip we continually learned about each other and grew to be much closer friends.

Our backpacking trip was a very educational experience outside of the classroom. We learned many outdoor skills, especially that of orienteering. However, even more important, we learned about taking care of this earth. After all, it is a gift from God and as Christians we should take the best possible care of it.

Our backpacking class will be taking at least one more trip this semester. I am really looking forward to our next adventure. The experiences that these mountains offer are unlimited and cannot be learned in a classroom. I would suggest a hike through the mountains to anyone who would like to get away from school and see the beauty of God's creation.

A Portrayal Of A Medieval Christmas

by Jolyn Peyton Kendrick

Usually when we think of the month of December, our thoughts turn to cold weather, semester break and Christmas. The evening of December 1, 1984, will give Montreat-Anderson students and faculty their first taste of Christmas. (It's already kinda cold and break starts before the holiday really sets in.)

The Music and Drama Department will be presenting an evening of entertainment in the form of a Madrigal Dinner. The term "madrigal" itself loosely means "a song for several voices" which usually was a poem set to music. Madrigal Dinners were popular in the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. This is the Medieval era being portrayed by the costumes and singing of the choir and a short drama presentation.

The Drama Department will present a play based upon the betrothal of Mary and Joseph. The piece itself was written from the Biblical accounts by a resident of Black Mountain. It will be directed by Mr. Jack Whatley of the Development Office.



The Madrigal Dinner is also sponsored in connection with Howerton Cafeteria where the event will occur on December 1, 1984, from 5-7 p.m. The dinner is free to the students, yet faculty members will be charged. Reservations for the Madrigal Dinner will need to be made in the Howerton cafeteria. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend the festivities of a Medieval Christmas complete with costumes, jesters, entertainment and dining — a feast for all!



College Is Nothing Without Dorm Raids

by Mark R. Sloan

There is a problem that has consumed the campus of Montreat-Anderson College. What is this cancer which is eating at the very heart of school spirit? It is the new tough regulation on dorm raids. I remember the summer before I came to Montreat. I used to lay awake many a night just thinking of all the fun, recreation, and fellowship my college brothers and I would have on dorm raids. But now, like the carcass of a small insect under a Nazi boot, my hopes and dreams for a fulfilling and exciting college have been crushed. I put it to you now that the tough regulation on dorm raids is misdirected.

Dorm raids are an integral part of college life. Without the raids school spirit will dwindle into nothingness. Raids make life exciting and bring a refreshing change to the ho-hum routine of the boring school day. Raids also help keep the campus clean. The Raiders and the Raidees work together for the good of the dorm. When a dorm is raided, usually large amounts of shaving cream are used on the walls and doors. Shaving cream, being a soap, cleans the walls and kills bacteria, which we all know is dangerous to

human life. In addition, not only do the raiders clean the hall, but they also leave generous amounts of toilet paper to wipe it up with. The raidees find a pleasant surprise the next morning when they awake to find that a brother or sister hall has done a service for them. Therefore, the raidees will be in a wonderful mood and have a better attitude in class. Not only do the raiders clean the dorm but they also wash the cars and decorate the environment with beautiful rolls of toilet paper.

There are those who would oppose, saying that toilet paper thrown on trees and shaving cream sprayed on cars do no service, but in fact look tacky. HORSE-FEATHERS! I will admit that toilet paper on trees and shaving cream on cars can at times be a slight eyesore. However, the paper and cream will disappear with the first rainfall and the service rendered will be far worth the slight inconvenience. Toilet paper is in fact very useful to the environment. A chemical is released when the toilet paper gets damp. The chemical reacts with the trees and prevents them from losing their leaves. This is very important because without leaves how can a

tree stay warm in the winter? Also, leaves are hazardous to humans. On the grounds, leaves are slippery and cause numerous accidents. They also are a hiding place for dangerous snakes which are just waiting to kill you. This means that the college must hire a professional leaf disposer. Perhaps you have noticed this in the cost of tuition this year.

As for the cars, we know what a pain it is sometimes to wash our cars. But we also know that we should wash them from time to time. So what's the solution? Dorm raids of course. How could you not wash your car if a college brother or sister had already soaped it up for you? In fact, the job of washing your car is half done, and you have the easy part. All that you have to do is rinse. Now how's that for an easy car wash?

A campus of sparkling dorms and shiny cars. Sounds too good to be true doesn't it? But it can be true if we all pull together and vote dorm raids back into the college curriculum where it belongs. If we don't do it soon, college will mutate into a mere educational institution. Now is that what you came to Montreat for? ...Think about it.