

WELCOME FRESHMEN

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

MEET THE FACULTY

The Editor of the Collegiate, has been kind enough to give me space in each issue to talk to the students and friends of the college about some matters that will be of interest to them. I wish to thank him first for this privilege.

I am going to begin the use of this column by introducing especially to the Freshmen, our faculty for this year, stating the work which each one does.

Old students will notice there has been no change in the faculty except in Science department where Dr. Carson resigned in August. His successor will be Dr. Madeline B. Campbell.

This faculty is anxious to meet each student personally, get acquainted with him and his problems and to render the largest possible service. It is in particular the purpose of the small college to build personality and in Atlantic Christian College we hope the teachers whose names are here in this column will be of greatest service in building the personality of the students in their charge. They are:

Howard S. Hilley, Professor of Ancient Languages; F. F. Grim, Professor of Education; Miss Frances F. Harper, Professor of Mathematics; Miss Martha L. Edmondston, Professor of Modern Languages; C. H. Hamlin, Professor of Social Science; J. Watson Shockley, Professor of Religion; C. K. Holsapple, Professor of English; Miss Ruth E. French, Professor of Piano; Mrs. Wm. A. Lucas, Instructor in Expression and English; Miss Ada Lee Cannaday, Instructor in History and Science; T. L. Anthony, Athletic Coach and Instructor in Physical Education and English; Frank R. Huffy, Instructor in Voice; Ed T. Stallings, Instructor in Violin; John M. Waters, Endowment Secretary; Mrs. A. R. Moore, Dean of Women; Miss Myrtle Harper, Librarian; Mrs. Julia Ross, Matron and Miss Mildred D. Ross, Registrar and Bookkeeper.

Historical Sketch

Atlantic Christian College had its beginning because of a great need and a great opportunity. Long before any definite steps were taken for its establishment, far seeing leaders in the Christian church of the state were conscious of a growing and positive demand. This demand was for an institution of learning where young men could be educated for the Christian ministry, and where boys and girls could receive adequate educational preparation for leadership in the church and for life work. And long before plans took shape, interested groups discussed the possibility and the necessity of such an institution. Early attempts in this field were valuable stepping stones in the greater endeavor which followed.

Joseph Kinsey in LaGrange for eleven years efficiently and successfully conducted a seminary for young ladies. In 1897 this school was moved to Wilson where the Wilson Educational Association had erected suitable buildings to care for it. This school which was to form a foundation stone for the future Atlantic Christian College, was characterized by thorough work and by Christian ideals exemplified in the life of its founder. In 1902, on account of failing health, Mr. Kinsey had to give up his beloved educational project. And in this way, and at this time Disciples of Christ in the state faced the opportunity of acquiring this property, and of enlarging and building on this good found-

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Literary Societies

ALETHIAN

Some of the most pleasant words in our language are those that relate in some way or other to our friends. Such a word is Welcome. It is with the full friendship connoted by that term that we greet the old and new students.

Success during the past years has been an outgrowth of cooperative zeal and earnest endeavor. It has been an outgrowth of work done through the enthusiasm, vivacity, and vim characteristic of work done for the love of work. Such is the spirit of all Alethians who are true followers of the Gold and Blue. For two successive years now we have won both the program and debate cups offered as a prize to the Literary Society that has the best programs during the year and that wins the annual debate held on March 17 of each year. The debate between the Hesperian and Alethian Literary Societies is one of the greatest events of the year and to win on that occasion is a signal honor. We not only excel in group work, but in individual honors as well. In 1928, all but one of the cups offered to individuals including athletics, scholarship, etc., were won by members of the Alethian Literary Society. This past year again saw a majority of the cups presented to Alethians.

Such distinction may be ours in the years to come if through effort we merit it. Fellow Alethians, let us carry on. Let us be 100 per cent in attendance upon the first meeting. Let us be content not only to be present ourselves, but let us be diligent in bringing others that they may learn to love the Gold and Blue as we do. To every new student at A. C. C. we extend a hearty welcome to attend the Alethian Society on Monday evening at 7 p. m.

HESPERIAN

Howdy, folks. (I'm referring to the newest members of our student body, most of all). The Hesperian society is surely glad to have you here this winter. A. C. needs some good students like you to make the place right.

We, the members of the Hesperian Literary Society, sincerely hope you will like our school, and also our society. Come down to the auditorium on Monday night and give us a trial.

Almost as long as the college has been existence there has been those two organizations of great fame, the Alethians and Hesperian Literary Societies. Although there has been competition between them, we get along fine together. On March 17th., the greatest day of the societies, a debate is held to keep up the spirit and enthusiasm. For the past two years the Alethians have won this cup, up until that time the Hesperians had won it for 6 consecutive years. "Our colors are red and white, and we'll get there all right. Just you wait, just you see, what the Hesperians are gonna be."

Programs are held weekly through the year, taking up every phase of work to have a variety, so everybody can enjoy them. As chairman of our program committee this year we have Miss Lucille Autrey, as President Mr. J. T. Forrest; two of A. C.'s finest students.

It is our aim to work hard this year and accomplish great things. We hope to work together and help strengthen the college as much as possible.

So, freshmen and new upper classmen, we welcome you to this school of ours doubly, for the betterment of the college and our society.

Fraternities and Sororities

SIGMA ALPHA

The newest Greek letter society on the campus, yet firmly established with three years of history, is Sigma Alpha. The fraternity has been active in past years working for the interest of the college and its group. The aims this year are to go even further in interest of individual and group cooperation for the development of finer college activity.

Sigma Alpha lost a large percent of its members last year through graduation, but those returning are expected to carry on the work and ideals of the group in splendid fashion.

PHI KAPPA ALPHA

In the fall of 1925 six men, namely Anderson Boswell, John Winfield, Leman Baruhill, Clem Banks, Moses Moye and Norwood Grady, became interested in a fraternity possibility for A. C. C., and under the direction of Dr. E. L. Fox and Rev. John Barclay, a veteran fraternity leader, proceeded to effect an organization embodying the true spirit and principles of fraternity life.

Their work resulted in the permanent organization, the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which has mothered the trials and tribulations that confront a new organization in the period of its infancy and this year enters into the second half of the first decade of its existence with a bright outlook.

Phi Kappa Alpha has experienced the most rapid growth of any organ-

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SIGMA TAU CHI

The Sigma Tau Chi Sorority was founded at Atlantic Christian College October 3, 1920. The Charter Members were Misses Annie Ruth Jones, Amanda Ross, Mae Stancil and Rachel Bishop.

Since its organization, the Sigma Tau Chi Sorority has played a leading part in college life. It has been the purpose of this sorority to better the social life and to give its support to all beneficial and worthwhile enterprises within the student body.

For many years it has been the custom of the sorority to have one elaborate annual hangout, on which night the curfew doesn't ring until eleven!

PHI SIGMA TAU

The oldest organization on the campus of A. C. C. welcomes the incoming freshmen, and new upper-classmen. We're glad you're here, because it's a fine place to be, in fact there's no place like it.

Our sorority has been in existence since 1913, having eight charter members; it has been in continuous existence since that time. At present we are small in number, graduation calling eight of our members. Miss Ada Lee Canady is our wonderful sponsor, who has been a God-send to us.

It is our custom to try to make all new students feel as much at home as possible, and we hope to live up to this aim this year. After a student comes to A. C. C. one year there is some feeling in his bones about the place that can not be shak-

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Everybody in A. C. C. Joins in Bidding You Welcome, From the Board of Trustees and President H. S. Hilley to the Smallest Sophomore.

THE FELLOWSHIP

Among the organizations on the campus, the Fellowship holds a unique position. It was started primarily for the purpose of having fellowship for the ministerial students of A. C. C. It still has that for its chief aim, yet it has broadened in its field of endeavor and now you may go to any of its meetings and find there many students who are not planning for full time Christian service, but who are intensely interested in Christian work. Thus it has become an association for the promotion of Christian influence both in the individual lives of the students and as a force for the creation and growth of a Christian morale on the campus.

It is unique also in that it has no membership roll. Everyone who desires to fellowship with us is welcome at all times and you will not be asked to join the organization. For the orderly carrying on of its work, it has the usual set of officers consisting of president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. There is also a program committee that is responsible for the programs which are presented each Wednesday evening in the Dramatic Club room.

In the spring of 1928, the Fellowship under the direction of Prof. J. Watson Shockley, visited over 25 of our churches in North Carolina, going as far west as Winston-Salem and Greensboro. The purpose of these trips was to let the churches know what the college was doing, and to help the ministerial students get in touch with the churches and make it possible for them to secure part time preaching while attending college.

Although the programs were not altogether standardized, we did attempt to give essentially the same material to each church. The program usually consisted in two or three numbers by the male quartet, a vocal solo, and a talk on the work of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., and the Fellowship. Then Prof. Shockley spoke briefly on the contribution that A. C. C. was making to the Disciples of North Carolina and of its desire to serve further.

We are anxious that the Freshmen become acquainted with the work of the Fellowship, and if you feel that the meetings will be of any benefit to you in your religious life while at college, we give you a most hearty welcome to come and fellowship with us.

Y. W. C. A.

It is with renewed vigor and inspiration that we enter into this year of our college work and life. Life on a college campus should not be complete without an association composed of Christian workers. Why can we not make that association the Gleam of our campus—unfurl our banner of service and have it wave in triumph because of our loyalty and love shown by doing what our hands may find to do.

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Y. M. C. A.

The young men of Atlantic Christian College seeing the need of a religious organization for themselves founded the Young Men's Christian Association in 1924.

The association has several definite aims which it seeks to carry out. The regular meeting of the Y is Friday morning at the Chapel period. The first meeting of each month is

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If you Freshmen only knew how we upper classmen envy you, instead of cringing in fear and dropping your eyes in deference to the wiser ones on the campus, you would swell with pride and be quite unbearable. But the humility and meekness of a Freshman is his most valuable asset. It saves him trouble and gets him into the good graces of the student body.

Why do we envy you? Because you are the most important class on the campus. The Sophs appear to be, but don't let them fool you. You are getting all the attention, while they are receiving none, and to make up for this injury to their pride, they strut about as very cocks of the walk. But they can't help it, you will be that way in '30, too.

The Seniors look with pride upon the group that is coming in to fill the vacancies we soon will create. Our biggest job is not so much the completion of our college course, the amassing of 120 hours, and the securing of an A. B. degree, but our task is to use our experience and knowledge to initiate the new-comers into this different world of college life. We may seem dignified (?) and somewhat beyond the reach of the average Freshman, but there is no group on the campus so anxious to help you as the class of '30. We may poke fun at you and cause you much discomfort, or what is worse, we may ignore you, but the "Lord chasteneth whom he loveth," and the Seniors mock whom they would help.

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The Christian Church Welcomes You

It gives me pleasure to write a word of welcome to the students of Atlantic Christian College upon your return to Wilson. One reason why Wilson's summers are dull is because you are away. We feel the power of youth and youth's quest for learning, for adventure and for one another when you come back into our midst.

To the old students, we simply say, "Welcome back, good friends, may this be the best year of your lives thus far!" We have been missing you and we are glad you are back. We hope this summer has been such as to have deepened and broadened your experiences of life.

I am particularly anxious to welcome the new students of A. C. C. to the town of Wilson and to the Christian church. Our church here in Wilson strives to be your "Spiritual Alma Mater" while you are away from home pursuing your studies. We want sympathetically to help you in your spiritual orientation, which you will find essential to your growing religious outlook. For more than you dream, you are now on the threshold of your evolving lives. New vistas of knowledge and spiritual ideals will be continually opening before you. Our purpose is to cooperate with you and the college authorities in guiding your growth that it may lead you into the life more abundant.

We want to serve you, but we want you to be convinced that growth comes through service. So we want you to get to work in our church. We want to use you in our church services, our church school, our young people's Society of Christian Endeavor.

While you are with us these four years we are ambitious to see you not only develop strong minds but to feel that you are also growing souls that will be strong in building the Kingdom of God wherever your life work may call you.

John Barclay.