

Editorials

Objective View Needed
In Election Campaigns

As election time has come to the Atlantic Christian College campus again, members of the ACC campus family need to take an objective look at election campaigns.

In the past few years, a great deal has been said about campaign tactics. Let us not wash out old socks now. Let us look at election campaigns as objectively as possible.

The reason for a candidate being in the race for a particular office is simple; he wants to be elected. The candidate will use those means and appeals in his campaign which he thinks will get the most votes.

When we look at things ideally, political machines, coalitions, throwing bubble gum, kissing babies, or whatever, might not seem proper. When we look at things practically, we see that various tactics win elections and will be used.

Charges of "political machine" and "dirty politics" which have rung across the ACC campus, were merely tactics being used by candidates and their backers.

The tendency seems to have taken form again this year. The political organizations are being formed. So what? Political organizations are a part of American life and will be for many years to come.

One need only to look at the present situation in the United States Senate to see American political organization in its glory. If our senators can keep 92 year old men up all night, it seems reasonable that our students can organize, and if they see fit, throw bubble gum.

This year, the campaign may develop into another battle over campaign techniques. However, it would be far better if the campaign were one which presented issues and qualifications of candidates for approval.

Much has been said, at times, about the ideal situation being an impossible situation. We realize that no campaign will meet the ideal of presenting only the issues of the day and the qualifications of the candidate. We realize that the student body will not meet the ideal standard for selecting a candidate by evaluating objectively the candidate's platform and qualifications and then voting for the person who is thought to be best.

People are going to vote for personalities. People are going to vote for members of groups, whether they be members of fraternities or members of an organization of "independents."

Our only plea in this campaign, which is about to become the major topic of the day on the cam-

pus, is that the candidates, with all their campaign gimmicks and their organizational activities, will present a platform which can be evaluated by the campus family.

We call for the candidates to run on the basis of their qualifications. We call for the organizations which back the candidates to compel their candidates to present objective and progressive planks in their campaign platforms.

We would hope that the candidates in the election campaign will be those who are willing to serve the people they are elected by.

We also hope that the students will not only be impressed by the elaborate campaign procedures, whether they be humorous, serious, or a combination of humor and seriousness, and will allow the campaign procedures to call attention to the issues of the election and the qualifications of the candidate.

Let us make this an election of issues and candidates, not an election which is a mere approval of campaign procedures.

Let us also make the issues of this campaign not the issues of campaign tactics, but the issues of campus government which directly affect the students and faculty in their roles as part of the campus family.

Collegiate Continues
To Print Vital News

The staff of this newspaper is getting somewhat tired of being dragged through the muck of campus politics every time someone breathes on this campus and the staff has the gumption to publish the news.

It was the cry that the newspaper was helping to railroad the treasurer of the Cooperative Association recently when the Executive Board raked him over the coals. The Collegiate merely printed the news of this incident. It did not rake the treasurer over the coals.

Last week a prospective candidate did what no other candidate has ever done on the campus—announced his candidacy prior to the conclave of the Executive Board which gathers every year about this time to decide who it will nominate for the top office on the campus.

When this student announced his candidacy he did it loud enough for a student reporter to hear it and it was run in the paper. He

announced his candidacy and it was reported in the paper.

The paper quickly was thrown on the desk for discussion at the meeting of the Executive Board Monday afternoon. One member said the paper was unconstitutional.

Maybe it is, but it will continue to report the news. In this paper today is the story of another candidate who has petitioned. His name is not yet before the Executive Board but the fact that he is going to run is news and this newspaper is printing that news. It will continue to do so.

We are not lining up with candidates. We don't intend to do so. But this newspaper will run all the news about the coming election that it can find. It will not wait for the Executive Board to determine what news it runs. It would be in sad shape if it did. It seems that most members of the Executive Board would not know a news story if they ran into one.

Professor Views Plays
As Source Of Pride

By DR. MILDRED HARTSTOCK

Students and faculty had reason to feel pride, last Thursday and Friday nights, when they saw three original plays produced by Stage and Script. Enthusiastic applause gave indication of the kind of interest which the audience found in these plays written by our students.

The first play, "Small Weapon," by Anne W. Nelson, was a restrained but powerful and poetic statement of an almost wholly inner drama of the feelings. The author, herself, played, with delicacy and emotional understanding, the role of Alice, the woman who knows that the only way to keep some things is by losing them. John Vernon played the part of David with a restraint that did not hide the tenderness and the need implicit in his relationship with Alice. Jo Anne Boone, as the housekeeper Emma, ably supported the two principals and, in her scenes with Alice, created the sense that the play has its roots in every-day actuality as well as in the poetry of feeling.

Miss Nelson's play, which was entered in a competition for original plays conducted by the Carolina Dramatic Association, has been chosen as the winning play in the senior-college division and

will be presented in Chapel Hill during the festival in April.

The second play, "Barefoot Baby," by Mary Lou Park, provided the comic interlude in the evening's entertainment. The play is a broad farce centering about the encounter between a brainless country girl and her shoe-salesman visitor. Again the author played the leading role and succeeded in creating a spirited and realistic portrayal of a recognizable character-type.

Arthur Pritchard, a student in our night college, added much to the hilarity of the situation; and Jay Kilpatrick, a newcomer to the stage, played the gruff husband with a flair.

The third play, "The Cotton Still Grows," by Carl Metts, dealt with a racial theme in a way that impressed the audience as serious, poetic, and thoughtful. The role of the Negro boy who comes to a tragic end was movingly played by Sanford Peele; the mother, who in a sense, dominates the feeling of the play, was most capably done by Ruby Wiggins; and Margaret Walker was especially good as Dube. The children, who added both humor and pathos, were done by Ray Register and Carol Colvard, with Nancy Roberson taking the girl's part on Friday night. Others who helped sustain the impressive quality of the play were Helen Williams, Anne Jenkins, Jim Burroughs, and Charles Miller.

It is perhaps true that not many small colleges can often offer such varied and such stimulating plays both written and acted by their own students.

Vocations Conference
Praiseworthy Event

A very significant and praiseworthy event is taking place on the campus of Atlantic Christian College today and tomorrow in the form of the annual Church Vocations Conference.

Once again the important role of the college in training young men and women for full time church work, is in the limelight.

The Church Vocations Conference brings together young people of high school age from all across the state. These young people, interested in the possibility of pursuing full time church work as a vocation, get an intensive and informative view of the nature of church vocations and the need for church workers.

It is praiseworthy that the college is willing to plan and execute such a conference. The troubled times we live in and the growing spiritual needs of people are creating more and more openings for church leaders.

A number of the people attending this conference will enter full time Christian service and probably will make an indelible impression on society as they help lead people toward fulfilling their spiritual needs.

The church vocations conference

is a well planned event which brings a number of the area's best church personnel who can give the prospective church worker insights into the nature of the vocation.

It is with great respect that we salute those who give of their time and efforts to make this vocations conference possible. Their contribution to this conference will be felt for many years in the influence they cast upon the church worker of tomorrow.

It is with a great deal of awe that we look upon the large group attending the conference and we salute them for their interest in service to God, the church and their fellow man.

The significance of this church vocations conference will not end with the enlistment of a group of students who will study in the religion department of the college in the coming years. The significance will be felt for generations when these young people being their full time work and begin to influence others in the Christian Faith.

The Church Vocations conference is but another of the many vital services Atlantic Christian College renders in providing better trained leaders for the churches of our nation.

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Date Announced
For Spring Dance

The Social Committee of Atlantic Christian College announced this week that the Spring Dance will be held May 6. The affair will be formal Larry Phares, student chairman of the committee said.

Further plans are being made for the annual dance by the members of the Social Committee, Phares stated. He also said that the dance should be one of the highlights of the Spring semester.

Constitution Needs
Nominations Rules

Another weakness in the constitution of the Atlantic Christian College Cooperative Association came to light this week.

At this week's meeting of the Executive Board, the procedure for voting on candidates for nomination was used. This may be good, it may be bad, that is not for us to judge.

However, no stipulation is made in the constitution of the Cooperative Association as to how nominations will be made.

In last year's nominating action, the voting procedure was not used. This year, as each name was submitted, the board voted on the nomination, deciding if that person would be on the list of nominations to be presented to the general meeting of the Cooperative Association.

There needs to be a definite procedure for nominations spelled out in the constitution. Vagueness in constitutional provisions leads to difficulty when an articulate member of the governing body begins to wield influence.

The campus family of ACC has

become so large that more complex organization is needed in government. If the present form of Executive Board government is to be continued, then its operating procedures should be specifically stated and there should be no way of changing them except by amendment to the constitution.

The members of the Executive Board are the representatives of the members of the campus family. Those members of the board are supposed to govern in accordance with the wishes of the constituency.

The members of the campus family who elect the representatives should know exactly what the procedures of the governing board are in every situation.

The lack of specific stipulation of governmental procedures is a weakness which can do nothing but detract from the effectiveness of the governing board.

It is necessary that this weakness be eliminated and be replaced with a nomination procedure acceptable to the members of the ACC campus family.

Figures Show Increase
In College Applications

By BOB COLLINS
Collegiate Co-Editor

Figures released by the Office of Admissions of Atlantic Christian College this week show that there has been a marked increase in applications for admission to the college.

James B. Hemby, Jr., Director of Admissions, released figures this week showing, that as of February 25, there were 242 applications submitted to the college as compared to 156 submitted by March 1, 1959.

In further comparison of the number of applicants, the figures from the Admissions Office show that as of August 30, 1959, a total of 820 applications was submitted. That means that as of March 1, 1959, 19 percent of the total applications had been submitted.

If applications are submitted to the college at the same rate this year, by August 30, there will be an estimated 1,280 people applying for admission to Atlantic Christian College.

Mr. Hemby said this week that approximately 500 students will be admitted to ACC this year. That means that there is a definite possibility that over 700 people will be refused admission to Atlantic Christian.

There has been a marked in-

crease in applications over the past several years. As of April 15, 1956, 93 applications had been submitted to the college. By the end of the application period a total of 400 applied.

On June 15, 1957, 370 applications had been received and a total of 635 applied that year. February 18, 1958, saw a total of 98 applications, and by March 10, that year, 130 had been submitted. A total of 719 people applied for admission.

Mr. Hemby said that there are a number of reasons for the increase in applications. Colleges are beginning to feel the influx of the "war baby boom." By 1970, this influx will reach its peak, he said. Mr. Hemby also pointed out that ACC has increased its capacity greatly in the past few years. At the same time, the standards of academic work have been raised and this has led to a better reputation for the college.

Also significant in the increase is the current propaganda seen so often on television which is telling people that colleges will soon be overcrowded and there will be no room for many prospective students.

This propaganda has been slanted toward getting more financial support for American colleges and

universities. However, it has also brought about an increase in early applications to colleges.

James D. Daniell, Director of Recruitment for the college, said that he had noticed an increase in interest in Atlantic Christian College. He also noted that some students who probably would not have considered applying for admission to a college in the past, have been caught up in the fear of closed college doors and are now submitting applications for college.

The increase in applications has brought about many changes in the college's admission policies. Mr. Hemby pointed out. With the advent of the new testing program, every applicant can be carefully screened. This becomes a necessity when there is a possibility of refusing admission to more students than will be accepted, Mr. Hemby said.

Mr. Hemby also pointed out that ACC will continue to do its best to admit the best qualified students who choose the college for their higher education. He also said that a part of the total future program of the college is to provide an increasingly better education for those students who are admitted to ACC.