

## The Little Los Angeles Freeway

A sign near our campus reads "Congested Area" which is probably the understatement of the year.

It is indeed unfortunate that the streets around the college are becoming extremely dangerous because of such heavy traffic.

Gold Street might well be re-named The Quick and the Dead Boulevard because if a person is not very quick and very alive, he might be dead.

Of course, the situation is not quite this serious yet, but it certainly isn't getting better. It would be wiser for us to prospect for solutions to this situation than to do nothing. We might strike gold before someone is struck on Gold.

We would like to offer several suggestions which could prove of some value.

First, it would seem that the City of Wilson might make some provisions for traffic around the college. After all, Atlantic Christian College is a vital part of this city and deserves some consideration. More and more trucks pass the college each day. They are big, noisy, and loud adding to the frustration of both students and teachers as they attempt to work in class. Surely some plan for rerouting some of this heavier traffic could be devised. Late in the afternoon, the streets surrounding the college look like the Los Angeles Freeway.

Secondly, if work were to progress on the student parking lot more rapidly than it did on the men's dorm, some of the congestion would cease.

Students who live within blocks on the college could leave their cars at home to make room for the many students who commute from fairly far distances.

These are only a few possible suggestions.

The important thing is for us to realize this is a growing problem that is not going to get better unless we act. It will continue to grow worse and the traffic will become heavier unless we seek some honest and sincere way to alleviate the mounting congestion.—AL

## Will He Come Through?

At this time of the year, the eyes and ears of the campus world are focused on fraternal organizations. Eager Freshmen are sizing up the fraternities and sororities at Atlantic Christian College. As is the custom, the college awaits the announcement of their decisions.

It is not hard to guess who will go where. Upperclassmen have learned that each organization has its own particular character, a club personality which is identical with the personalities making up its membership. To perpetuate its character, position, and reputation, the fraternity bids to make members only of those similar to its "way" and none else. A close relationship between Freshmen and upperclassmen will enable the upperclassmen to accurately predict which organization the former will choose.

Rush Week, then, is a mere formality. Fraternities over the years have realized this to be true. Because of the influence of a reputation and the salesmanship of a leader, the Fraternity has become quite concerned about the first few weeks at college for Freshmen. It is then, prior to an official Rush Week, that candidates make their decisions. Freshmen see the campus organizations as they really are: what they stand for, how they act without rehearsal, the actual interests of the group.

Last year, several organizations kept the importance of these first weeks before their memberships when they elected their leaders. An unbelievable emphasis in one of the fraternity elections was placed upon the type of appeal, influence, and impressions a running candidate had over the ingenuity, seniority, and efficiency of another presidential candidate. Though it brought debate and dissension, it was finally agreed that this fall's recruitment had to be outstanding. It couldn't be anything else with the new "look" in swing!

This fall has arrived. The pass word of this fraternity is one of weak optimism about the effect of its new leadership. It is a serious concern or it would not be the increasingly popular greeting that it is among members: "He's coming!" "He's coming through!" "Yea . . . when?" "I don't know; but he is. He's got to!!! We thought he was Sig Ep's hope!"

A prophecy could be made here, but it would be more interesting to keep Sigma Pi in the corner of an eye while waiting for the reality of Sig Ep's dream. Compare the change of power among fraternities to the inevitable cycle among nations: they shall rise and fall.—TR

## And That's A Lot of Money

When you owe a lot of money, it makes good sense to pay back some. This rule is as good for governments as it is for people. The U.S. national debt of \$290 billion exceeds the combined debts of all other nations in the world by \$47 billion.

Even more startling, our national debt has been growing three times as fast as the combined national debts of the rest of the world. Our national debt is seven times its 1939 size. Because of this debt, the stability of the dollar has been questioned here and abroad.

Ours is a wealthy nation, but not wealthy enough to keep borrowing at this rate. To curb inflation, restraint must be used.

Next January big spending bills will again face Congress. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has analyzed these bills. We agree with the Chamber of Commerce that the following should be rejected:

The \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion aid to education bills that have been proposed despite mounting evidence that states and communities are meeting their own needs.

The \$7 to \$9 billion pension bill for World War 1 veterans, \$100 a month to every veteran, needy and wealthy alike.

The \$2 billion bill to give peacetime servicemen the same rehabilitation benefits wartime G.I.'s received.

If Congress rejects needless spending, the U.S. will have a chance to continue paying off this year—as it did last—a little of the vast debt it owes and to keep the dollar sound.—TR and AL

## About That Platform?

Any success and growth in student government and other collegiate areas depends on what decisions our campus leaders make concerning change.

Suggestion of change is always met with disapproval by one influential group or another. In any situation, the status quo is usually favored by the majority. To any party, individual leader, or follower, severe criticism is dealt heavily in advocating "something new."

The unfortunate element about the whole matter is that most of the time a change of one kind or another would be a blessing. This was held and believed by the majority of students and faculty members during the annual election last year. The top presidential candidates were favored by the students at ACC because they advocated needed change. When running for the office of president of the Cooperative Association, each candidate expressed in boisterous winds what should be done and what would be done if he were given opportunity to initiate his policies. Now that the winds have subsided we wait the effects of the roaring thunder.

Progress can come through some kind of change. To make changes in any area is to make open season for those who are dying to criticize, itching to blast, and anxious to say, "I told you so."

There are numerous changes which will be pleaded for on this page; it is sincerely hoped that our campus leaders will remember their pre-election promises, disassociate themselves with the "all-is-well-don't-do-anything-dramatic" philosophy on campus, and devote themselves, irrespective of pressures, to the initial task of moving forward. To this end, we support all of our leaders.—TR

# Question - Does Dragon Of Apathy Still Rear Its Head On Campus?

By ZARELDA WALSTON,  
Secretary of the Executive Board

In the past weeks your Executive Board has begun energetically to face a few of the issues for the job that lies ahead.

Already, however, the old dragon is beginning to raise its head to challenge the board to prove that anyone really cares

about what goes on in these Monday night meetings. At times in the past a representative on the board has been forced to wonder how his constituency feels about a particular matter. It

is an icy reality that a large percentage of the student body members simply are not interested enough to express an opinion.

Your board members are willing to spend a great deal of time in operating an efficient cooperative government, but the fact remains they also are students, and simply do not have time to spend in polling the opinion of all students on every issue. This is a problem easily solved. It remains for you, the voting membership of the Cooperative association, to ex-

press your opinion to some member of the board without being asked.

You may ask if it isn't the responsibility of the governing body to stimulate interest among the students. Obviously, it is, if a need for stimulation exists. There is no reason for the existence of such a need, how- ever. The Atlantic Christian College student will be kept fully informed this year, not only by an award-winning campus news- paper, but by monthly general assembly meetings. It requires, then, only a small effort on your part to keep abreast of current issues. A well-informed person is an interested person, and if

interest is high, campus govern- ment can progress beyond any service it has thus far done the student.

It was pointed out by Dr. Mil- lard P. Burt at the board meet- ing last week that Atlantic Chris- tian has been a pioneer among campus governments in its co- operative efforts, and that on other campuses there now seems to exist a trend toward adopting this type government. That we are a "pioneering" school is something to which we can point with pride. Now, instead of resting on our laurels, we must continue to forge ahead by way of progressive thought and action.



## Entertainment Unlimited

By ALTON LEE, JR.

Things seem to happen faster in the fall, and the entertain- ment world is certainly no ex- ception.

Next week, the much antici- pated North Carolina State Fair arrives in Raleigh; and the fol- lowing week, just two weeks

from today, the tremendously popular Kingston Trio will be in Raleigh.

The record world is spinning with a number of new tunes. Skip and Flip wax forward with an aDOORable sound, "The Green Door." Johnny Horton continues to mosh "North to Alaska," a song which could be MUSH of a hit. Johnny Cash is selling up the charts again on a cruise that's "Going to Mem- phis." Also, The Brothers Four are back with more. Their lat- est tune is titled "The Green Leaves of Summer," which leaves the listener with a satis- fied feeling.

There are two exceptionally pretty instrumentals in Bob Thompson's new release, "Cora's Melody" from "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs" movie, star- ring Eve Arden. A second is "Wonderland by Night," a musi- cal delight by Bert Kaempfert and the gang.

A sure album success is "We Play — You Sing," an album you'll probably want to own. It's by Don Costa, and it doesn't cost a much. Why not?

Congratulations to someone for finding the Norrie Paramor album, "In London . . . In Love," which is used so often in the cafeteria. The psychological effect this album has on one while he is dining is nothing short of terrific.

After "Psycho," does anyone ever pull the shower curtain anymore? Incidentally, prema- ture reports claim this may be Hitchcock's most successful film.

Were it not for Parker's, what would the people of Wilson do for some really good fried chicken? Everyone likes fried chicken. Ask Coach McComas? This was an unpaid plug!

If there was ever a good for TV, then this day may well be it. Barbara Hale and her fam- ily and bachelor Johnny Mathis are both visited on the after- noon show, "Here's Hollywood." This will give viewers a chance to see the home from which Barbara Hales.

Later, the Kennedy-Nixon de- bates will scorch the screens. Both candidates will also appear on the Eleanor Roosevelt Jubilee on CBS at nine. A star-span- gled cast including Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Jack Benny, George Burns, Nat Cole, Mary Martin, Paul Newman, Simone Signoret, and quite a few others also per- form.

Finally, to top it all off for the evening, Rod Serling's "Twilight one" presents "Man In the Bottle," the genie in the lamp routine done with a bright new twist.

## Fan Mail

### Skip Ivory Tower Debates On Politics, Says Letter

Dear Editors:

It is gratifying to note that the College officials are interested in informing students on some of the issues in the current presidential campaign. Such interest was ex- emplified by a recent chapel pro- gram which consisted of scholar- ly presentation of the pros and cons of a Catholic in the White House.

It is felt this program was not successful in accomplishing the purpose which no doubt was originally and initially intended.

Certainly, one does not have to be brain-washed before he will opine that the program was entirely too long. This, however, is not the main thing to consider; because if something is of enough interest and worthwhile value, then the time element becomes of secondary significance.

The main point of contention is that of the manner in which the material and opinions were pre- sented. On the one hand, doc- trines of the Roman Catholic Church were dwelled on to great length; and on the other side of the picture, the history of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States was detailed quite authoritatively.

It has been stated that the pre-

sentation was scholarly. In fact, so scholarly was it that it de- feated its purpose. This opinion is not to be interpreted as mean- ing that we should not be intel- lectually challenged. Far from it. Neither is it to be construed to insinuate that the Atlantic Chris- tian College student body is not capable of comprehending any thing with erudition character- istics. It is felt that the speech- es did not complement the partic- ular time, situation and purpose; therefore, they succeeded in in- forming the students only a little.

In order to adequately and ef- fectively inform, challenge, and interest people in his all-import- ant presidential election, the best tactics do not include dis- sertations on Catholic Church doctrines and history. The relig- ious issue has its place in the current campaign, but it should be handled and debated in a more realistic and profitable manner.

It is earnestly hoped that other programs related to this cam- paign will follow in the future; it is suggested that any such events will probably accomplish most if it both interests and challenges the listener and produces some provocative thinking.

Guy Miller

### "Letter To" Writer Wants Few Feet To Park His Lark

Dear Editors: — This is to call attention to a situation that I shall label the plight of the parking patron. The student body has increased tremendously, year after year; yet, the administra- tion of Atlantic Christian Col- lege has failed to provide ade- quate parking facilities for that influx. Mildly stated, the park- ing problem is acute. However, it is not beyond solution pro- vided the administrators are enough concerned.

There is no logical reason bar- ring the development of a park- ing area on the unused portion of our campus fronting White- head Avenue. In fact, this has been suggested on other occa- sions. One objection was that the "shrubby" would be messed up." Which is the more impor- tant shrubbery or students? Shrubs cannot make a lasting contribution to humanity. There is no hope for a better world in the cultivation of deciduous or coniferous foliage. Whenever these endowments come they will come from students — students who are willing to drive 68 miles per day in the pursuit of an education. If there is a real interest in aesthetic beauty, the proposed parking lot could ac- commodate an open island divid- er with a rich topsoil filler.

Another objection contended

that "large northern universities forced students to walk eight or ten blocks" because parking fa- cilities were not made available. That university failed its stu- dent body. Apparently the ad- ministrators refused to evaluate a student body's parking need. One might recall the fable of Rip Van Winkle at this point. The best part of the story comes when Rip awakens from sleep.

The commuting students pay an activity fee, yet a great num- ber never call for their activity card. They get all the activity needed by circling Atlantic Chris- tian College five times each morning, and twice after lunch in search of a small plot to park. One might recall there are three spaces available, but police of- ficer 30, motorcycle patrolman, circles the block every 28 minutes 30 seconds generously passing out tickets from his gallant white steed. Every one of these ob- jects cost one dollar apiece. This money could be donated to ex- pedite the eradication of this problem.

From where I sit, the parking problem is quite acute. My name is signed below but I am really the voice of 1300 students ask- ing for a solution to this pressing parking problem. I just want a few feet to park my Lark.

Billy R. Yawn, Student

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