

The Case of The Dead College

Sometimes it's rather difficult to figure out who the murderer is on a drama such as "Perry Mason" even when one has learned that all such programs use basically the same format week after week.

We get so use to sameness that often when a problem arises in the mist of routine, we find it almost impossible to solve. The problem often is something which should have a very evident solution. But the solution remains a mystery.

One mystery on the Atlantic Christian College campus is what happens to the college on the weekend? At approximately 12 noon on Friday, the school slowly moves into a state of suspended animation. It remains dormant until late Sunday or early Monday.

Why does the college become as deserted as the convention hall after a convention? Why does it become a ghost town on the weekend? Obviously, there has to be a reason; and it would seem that it would be a reason that anyone could quickly recognize.

Many declare that there's nothing to do on the weekend, so they go elsewhere in search of kicks (KIX?) But which came first, nothing to do or no students to do something? Apparently, the reason that little or not activity is planned on the weekends is no one is around to indulge or participate.

Is this good for a college, or is it bad? Atlantic Christian seems to be an above average school as far as friendliness goes. At least, it is five days a week. However, if someone were to visit the college on the weekend, he might think we were lying about our enrollment.

Frankly, it is a mystery to us why this school becomes dead on the weekend. Many work, but many go home every week just to go home. Will this perplexing puzzle remain unsolved, or do some students have tentative solutions to offer? Any solution would be a mere speculation—but perhaps a useful one—since few seem to be able to agree what really causes the weekly stand still on Friday afternoon.

What could be done (if anything) to make ACC a 7-days-a-week college?—AL

One Last Attempt

One last attempt to set the record straight, Please!

Senator John Kennedy said last February, prior to the Democratic Convention and his nomination for the Presidency, that "we have the greatest deterrent force in history and thank God for that." He was right!

It is quite disturbing and provoking to many that his campaign has been centered around a theme that is completely contradictory to his February feelings. As he eagerly, emotionally, fights for the highest and most influential office of the free world, he sings another song. Not that of "God Bless America," but an indignant "Lord, Pity Us!"

What kind of reckless and irresponsible action is it for anyone to misrepresent the United States as a second-class power, as has been done in his campaign, and thereby encourage the very attacks which all Americans profoundly hope and pray can be prevented?

He, with his colleagues, have made accusations irrespective of the facts!

They claim that our present Administration allowed a missile gap to develop. If one will think with something besides his emotions, it will be vividly remembered that the Eisenhower Administration found a missile gap and has managed to get it almost closed.

When President Eisenhower took office in 1953, the preceding administration had actually retarded work in this field, even though it knew that the Soviet Union was making tremendous efforts. The Truman Administration in eight years had spent 17 times more for price supports of peanuts than for long range missiles. The Eisenhower Administration is today putting 50 times as much into such missiles each month as the previous Administration did in 8 years.

It took the Soviet Union 12 years to develop its long range missiles. It took the present Administration six years to get ours operational.

It seems to us that the present Administration has had a tremendous burden on its shoulders: that of compensating for and filling in during these 7½ years for the failures and the damaging gap of leadership of the previous eight, as well as leading America through 7½ years of the greatest growth in her history.

In the present campaign, we do not believe in the Kennedy precept, that to build America, necessitates tearing her down.—TR

Food For Thought

There is an old axiom which students around the campus are beginning to revive. It is primarily heard around those two familiar eating establishments, the notorious snack shop adjacent to the college and the college cafeteria which is regularly being called many things.

"If it's not one thing, it's another!" many grumble as they stand in line to pick up a twisted and distorted fork. "If it's not one thing, it's another!" one agrees when entering the line after refusing the menu around the corner. But the cafeteria is often found to be more repulsive.

Of all the varying things which disturb various AC students, there is one thing that we are all finding in common, campus-wide: unreasonable prices for second rate dining.

Things continue to look gloomy; even after our rendezvous with you know who, our executive leaders foresee no change. The recent poll showed us one thing—we have been wasting good energy. Energy which should have been exerted at home. Some have justly claimed that we should have "cleaned our own house" before complaining next door.

With hoarse voices, loss of energy, and thwarted appetites, we wonder if it be futile for us to request a better spreading on our own tables. Though as hungry as we are, we are hesitant to ask our executive leaders to act once again.—TR

Who Could Ask For More?

Someone deserves praise for adjusting the cafeteria breakfast schedule, which now enables one to have some breakfast without arising at the crack of dawn. However, if they really want us to raise our glasses in a toast, they should add toast to the late-morning serving. . . . What about some store bought mayonnaise in the cafeteria? Store-bought mayonnaise and Norrie Paramor's "In London . . . In Love." Who could ask for more? No hard feelings, gang! !

Wouldn't it be nice if the college or Wilson could bring entertainment such as The Kingston Trio here? But would anyone turn out to see them?

A famous actress said it, but it's worth noting: "Life is hard when you live it by the yard, but it's a cinch if you live it by the inch."

The thoroughly enlightening discussion of compulsory chapel at a recent Christian Service Workshop should be brought before the whole student body in one of these compulsory chapels. It seems to us that students would be more tolerant of the situation if they could hear the pros and cons as discussed by this group.

If every chapel were an interesting as the one recently conducted by Dr. McFarland, Dr. Rodgers, Dr. Troutman, Dr. Tucker, and Mr. Wilson, the students would be very well off indeed.—AL

From Where I Sit

More Spirit Will Erase Campus Ills Believes Head Bulldog Cheerleader

By ELIZABETH WINBORNE
Head Cheerleader

One of the most serious problems on campus at the present is the acute lack of school spirit. It is not, however, a mere lack of interest in intramural football games, corny jokes told over a bridge table, or interest in a certain newspaper article; but it seems that we are beset by by anxieties and deep confusions and do not understand what is really happening on our campus concerning sports.

We, the cheerleaders, see a need for arousing school spirit, but we can not do it alone. We need assistance from the entire student body and the cheerleaders are the basic supporters of the bulldogs who are spending so much time practicing basketball to better repre-



sent our school. So let's get on the ball and show our respect to these boys!

We are all aware of the mad rush on campus, especially during Rush Week—neglecting our studeis-now we continue by rushing to meetings and rehearsals. Of course, we have problems—it is the alumni and our friends off campus, not we students, who talk about college students "without a care in the world." They do not see the pre-exam panic or notice the girl who dropped out because she did not pledge the right sorority. They do not realize the gnawing insecurity, the spiritual smog that hangs over the dormitory on a Sunday afternoon, the lostness, and the frustrations of the acadmeic run-round. Only we are aware of these situations. It seems that we are here seeking a practical education; we want to enjoy our extracurriculum activities and our studies. With the Greeks setting up a scholastic program, I feel that we will all become more interested in scholarship and

not defeat our purposes as students seeking a college education.

However, we must be aware of what constitutes good school spirit. It is true that we students have more school spirit when we are participating in activities and when that certain professor has delayed his scheduled quiz, so why not enjoy these things? I feel that the best way to arouse school spirit is to really become interested in the intercollegiate sports and support them. Get to know the students who participate in these sports and discuss their insights on college athletics. Be aware of what is expected of you as a college student.

Let's begin now and support, love, and prize our fellow student, our activities and our college as a whole. What is crucial about our campus is not its buildings, or its size, or its efficiency, but its "atmosphere," the intangible quality of inner-personal relationships which permeate it.

Extra Classroom Session Is Given By Prof. Harrell

By IRENE B. HARRELL
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What? You mean Joe hasn't found the book on artificial respiration yet? It wasn't on the shelf so he assumed it was out and now Smothered is real gone? Gosh! It's too late now but I should have told you to tell Joe that when he doesn't find a book in its regular place on the shelves, you know, and at the desk we have an "indicator file" that tells us why any particular book is not on the shelf. It may be: 1- still checked out to Harry (fine due to date \$7.95); 2- sent to the bindery because Harry's dog got tangled with it; 3- on strick reserve so that Harry can't have it with him when he lunches on the usual hot dog WITH chili, mustard, onions, catsup, ketchup, catchup and piccalilli; 4- shelved behind the desk along with others (some on boy-girl relationships, ahem) which evaporate with alarming rapidity if kept untended in the regular stack area. If Joe had made inquiry when he didn't find the book he needed, a member of the library staff could have located it for him, or, in the event it was checked out to someone else, put a "hold slip" on the book card so that Joe would have been notified of its return. better luck next time. Meanwhile, I am sure he will have no difficulty in locating Embalming Made Easy by Corp S. Delicti. Just tell him to follow his nose. The last kid who used it dropped it in the formaldehyde and it hasn't been checked out since. Needless to say it is in very well-preserved condition.

Grammar Lesson

Everyone knows that hormones have had a lot to do with history. Take Antony and Cleopatra for example, or, if you prefer living examples, Richard and Checkers. What is less well known is that hormones have a lot to do with grammar. How can this be? Just think about Harry for a minute. What does he like most to be with in the present tense? Mind you, I'm not asking about his companions last year or next year when fashions might change or his eyesight dim. I'm talking about this very minute. He likes to be with girls, doesn't he—and with nicely proportioned ones at that. Now what's the curviest letter in the alphabet? "S" of course. (Note to printer: Please use the curviest "S" available.) So what goes with Harry in the simple present tense? Or with anything else in the third person singular—a technical way of saying not you, not me, but him? A verb with an "s". That's why it has to be "Harry doesn't", not "Harry don't", "Harry thinks", not "Harry think", and "Harry stops" not "Harry stop." If you're the first to think of an "s-less" verb in the third person singular simple present tense, I'll give you all the pennies from this week's "he don't" collection.

Scribe Says

Student Responsibility Key To Chapel Programs

Dear Editors:

One of the aspects of college life at AC most neglected by the average student is that of Chapel programs. Many students go to Chapel no more than they absolutely can get by with, and some attend not even that much. On the other hand, many of those who are present are there only in body.

The primary purpose of the Chapel period is probably that of evoking devotion and inspiration, but these programs are also informative and challenging.

Last Thursday, Mr. Al Lowenstein spoke quite authoritatively on conditions in Southwest Africa. Week before last, a panel discussion further informed the listeners about some of the aspects of the upcoming presidential election. These are only two examples of recent Chapel programs that have been of worthwhile quality. They certainly were of an inspirational nature by informing and challenging the listener of his Christian responsibility to his nation and his world.

The individual student is required to attend Chapel in body, but what the mind does while the body is present is another matter.

It could be seriously question-

ed as to whether any definite and concrete improvement can be made in our Chapel programs until the student more fully realizes his responsibility and contribution to the success of them.

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Dear Editors:

Editorial Draws Fire From Kennedy Booster

Dear Editors:

In reference to your article, "Truman Day Effect", Mr. Truman may have been a bit preachy in your opinion during his recent visit to Wilson. Incidentally, did you read the article in the Sunday, October 23 issue of the News and Observer on Senator Barry Goldwater's visit to Wilson? You may recall it read, "Goldwater Preaches G. O. P. Gospel to Wilson."

If you heard Mr. Truman use any profanity during his trip to Wilson, it must have been voices speaking to you.

True Mr. Truman will use the words "damn" and "hell" if you have attended any movies, seen T. V., or read the newspapers, you will realize they are barred only on radio. They are common everyday words and are found in most everyone's vocabulary. I will refer you to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's column of October 17.

You condemn Mr. Truman for tearing down and slandering the opposition. If by chance you attended the Republican rally in Wilson this past Saturday, you could have enjoyed the disrespectful tearing down and slandering remarks by Senator Goldwater. His attack on Kennedy and Johnson were far more vi-

cious than anything said by Mr. Truman. Did you know Abe Lincoln was distrusted, disliked and called a baboon for seventeen years after his death?

It is considered by many that Mr. Truman has been one of our stronger presidents. Two weeks before Mr. Truman's visit to Wilson, Mr. Barnard M. Baruch published a story in the New York Times naming Mr. Truman as one of our great presidents. Gerald Johnson, editor of the Baltimore Sun, native son of North Carolina, and considered one of the greatest editorial writers of this age, has written many articles with reference to Mr. Truman as one of our great presidents.

If what Mr. Truman said in his Wilson speech shocked you, as you infer in your article, you are a much too sensitive and delicate individual to live on the outside of a protected ivory tower.

BADIE CLARK JR.

P. S.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol has won, on occasions, national awards for its efficiency but to set the record straight the traffic and motorcade in Wilson was handled entirely by the Wilson City Police, a function which they performed excellently.