

The Challenge Of College

According to Webster, the word "college" has two main definitions in general use:

- 1—"A body of persons having common interests or corporate functions."
- 2—"A society of scholars incorporated for study or instruction."

The latter definition was probably most firmly fixed in the mind of the signer of your tuition check. The same image, overlapped with parties, cheerleaders, dorm life, etc., is a part of every student's mental montage labeled "College Life." Study and instruction are the basis of the creation of all colleges. This is no new idea.

Consider, instead, the first definition. Think about common interests. Because college brought you in close contact with many strangers, one of your first thoughts may have been, "How different people are!" Before now, your crowd probably had parties a certain way, learned the same dance steps, started smoking at the same time, and enjoyed the same books, movies, jokes and sports. The boys all had loafers exactly alike and the girls all wore their circle pins on the same side. One of the initial shocks of college was discovering that some people prefer chess to basketball, discovering that it was next to impossible to bop with the good-looking blond from Virginia and discovering that some people cared not at all for loafers and circle pins.

There are two reactions to such a shock. The college boys and girls make immediate plans to go home and, in some cases, to stay home. The love of the safety of the nest is irresistible. These are the people who go home every weekend and never really get to know even their roommates. For four years, college is a necessary nuisance to be tolerated.

The college men and women get homesick, too, sometimes. But for them, the variety of personalities and the myriad of new experiences are a thrilling new life to be explored and enjoyed. The samplings of a thousand ways of life are a bright mosaic.

There is no really strict division between the boys and the men, for maturity acts at varied speeds. There are, however, a vast number of extremes of both types. Many of the people you know can be instantly classified.

College is a challenge to look for the common interest and the corporate function. College is the chance to expand and develop old abilities and to find new ones. College is the unique opportunity to give away all your knowledge and love only to receive in return more than you ever knew existed.—CC

Day Students, Arise

Traditionally, the Atlantic Christian College day students have considered themselves neglected by the rest of the campus. Undoubtedly many of their arguments are valid and just, and deserve attention. Over half of our students are non-resident, and certainly their wishes should be considered.

We feel, however, that the day students, especially those who commute from outside the city of Wilson, have neglected the campus. By the figures above, over half of the membership of every voluntary committee, club, publications staff, or service organization should be composed of day students. Over half of the audience for every speaker, concert, or play should be day students. This simply is not the case.

Perhaps the main reason for this lack of participation is the inconvenience of remaining on or returning to campus after classes. This is understandable, but it seems that such a large per cent of the student body should share the responsibilities as well as the privileges.

All organizations are beginning meetings now, and now is the time to become part of them. It is only natural for the decisions of the campus to be made by those and for those who serve it and take an active interest in it. Day students, this is your golden opportunity. Will you take advantage of it?—CC

Campus Awareness Program Explained By Jim Van Camp

The last week or two I am sure you've all heard of the awareness program and the role that each and every student on campus should play. Of course, the main role that each student should play is through his participation. The awareness program that the campus leaders are giving to students of this campus will send people all over the country to conventions, will bring Senators and Congressmen to our campus to give addresses and informal talks. It will formulate plans for debates, discussions, and draw up pamphlets explaining issues pertinent to world situations.

The committee which will coordinate these activities will be composed of two members from each class and chaired by the National Student Association Coordinator on our campus.

I feel that this is a great step in the right direction for our campus. For the student's world today is no longer on the campus or with his family. He must come out of his little isolationist shell which he walks around in and is composed only of those things which directly touch him and strengthened by the least amount of thought possible.

The people of the world are looking for someone today to be interested in them. They don't particularly care whether the people come from a communist or democratic state. For if we as students reject them in thought and interest there is no doubt that this attitude these people will reject us. This is exactly what prevails today and it should not and cannot continue.

It is the awareness of the above problem as well as many more that has brought about your awareness program. For with awareness will come thought and thereby interest.

Again, this is your program whether it is maintained or dropped is basically up to you—your enthusiasm and participation. I challenge you to be members of a new era in the history of our college, to except the challenge which this membership will entail, to work for constructively and positively a better Atlantic Christian College. This new era, this new challenge will bring Atlantic Christian College out of the ordinary and give it a name among the small schools of our state.

Sigma Pi Plans Annual Affair

Sigma Pi fraternity will sponsor an annual dance tonight in the cafeteria. The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the "Most Popular Freshman Girl" at intermission. Each organization on campus will sponsor a freshman girl, and each girl will collect pennies which count one vote each. The girl who has collected the largest amount of money will be named most popular.

The dance is open to all who wish to attend, and there will be a minimum admission fee to cover the cost of the band. President Bill Batchelor disclosed that the band would be one of the more popular combos which usually play for college dances.

Sigma Pi is the first Greek organization on campus to sponsor a dance this year.

Intramural Body Plans Activity

On Sept. 26, the men's intramural league will hold its first activity of the 1961-62 school year. This event will be clock golf and it is open to any male student of Atlantic Christian College who would like to participate. The event will be held on the grass in front of the dining hall on Sept. 26, 27 and 28 between the hours of 1 p. m. and 5 p. m.

It is the hope of the intramural council that this will be the biggest year yet for intramural participation on the campus of Atlantic Christian College. This year's program will be under the leadership of Coach Ronald Hyatt and student leader Dave Mustian. All men are urged to take an active part in intramurals this year.

Year Of Challenge Program Outlined By Co-Op Head

As I stated during my campaign last spring, this would be a "Year of Challenge" for me — a challenge in several aspects. It will be a challenge socially, intellectually, physically, and most of all, to student government. This will also be a "Year of Challenge" to you, my fellow students, in terms of cooperation, unity, participation, and enthusiasm. For you and I to pursue this challenge will mean a great deal to Atlantic Christian College, providing our acceptance is sincere enough to produce good, sound reasoning and much hard work. I feel confident that this will be achieved, for this challenge gives us a goal for which to work.

In my platform last spring, I mentioned a few of the many ideas which we plan to carry out this year. To mention some of them, I will begin with the Student Senator System, which I feel is a very important issue. To explain again, I would like

to change the number of people on the Executive Board from the present 13 to 21. Each class will elect two (2) student senators, and these senators along with their President will be representatives on the Executive Board. After observing the past Executive Board on several occasions, I saw cases where some of our presumably leaders were rather ineffective as far as enthusiastic participation is concerned. Possibly, this is quite normal, but with the addition of more people, this will give us a better ratio of voices with more ideas and opinions on issues. This system works well on other campuses; I cannot see why it shouldn't work here.

In order to influence and develop leadership on our campus, Leadership Dinners will be held monthly, sponsored by the Executive Board. I'm sure we have many potential leaders on campus with great ability, but if this ability is not used, it will be of no benefit to the individual or to the school. We urge you to take active, responsible roles on campus for it will indeed be a most fruitful experience in your future and the future of Atlantic Christian.

In order to stress the importance of student government, and to show the effectiveness of student leaders, we presented during Freshmen Orientation a program on campus government. The program consisted of an informal discussion, led by student leaders, of our government, its structure, purpose, and functions. I feel that the program was successful; however, this result will depend upon the reaction of the listeners, whether or not they accept the challenge of participating in campus affairs and to the degree of participation.

As you read the Collegiate throughout the year, you will probably see more articles from me on issues, resolutions, and other items concerning our student government. Even though my journalistic style of composition might not be too fascinating, I'll assure you the information will be important.

The President's Council, which is composed of all Presidents of organizations on campus, will be continued this year. The Council serves as good communication between the Executive Board and the organizations on campus. The Vice-President of the Cooperative Association acts as chairman of this Council.

Another of our objectives is the continuation of the Student Union Building Project. Our campus needs a Union desperately, and with our support, I feel we can have one much sooner than expected. I plan to contribute as much as I possibly can to this urgent need, but I will need your support and cooperation on this, as well as on all other issues.

I have several other ideas in mind, but I feel that the ones I have mentioned will present the challenge which lies before us. This is our challenge — yours and mine. With strong, cooperative efforts and enthusiastic ambition, this challenge can be overshadowed with a successful victory and a progressive Atlantic Christian College.

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Spring Birds

There is a nest of birds in the chapel here at a dry altar to offer April songs

The rain has hurried them inside it seem they sing of tousled hair and April confusion

And will it be that unbalanced moment or will there be smothered hair and polite smiles and no

I am the girl in rain or so it seems and find bitter April a bride with tousled hair

To find elsewhere in rain those April birds I will not smooth my hair or politely smile no

I will not be silent as soft mist rain or wait for tomorrow... the rainy birds may fly

Margaret Walker
April 15, 1961

The cross sits in fields of paradise
Birds eating wildly into the wood as if eating time itself;

A blurred corpse hanging on the cross-piece.
At the foot of the cross Adam chomps

clumsily on an apple-core—
Eve dances primitively in a tub of grapes

to the incessant drumbeat
"Yankee-Doodle-went-to-town
a-riding-on-a-poney—"

Ponies

Grapes

Apple-cores

and Time-eating birds

All unnoticed by a king sitting idly by on a pile of holly wreaths.

And Adam ate

And Eve danced

And the Drummer drummed

And I saw myself
draped on the crosspiece.

Summer 1959

I open my mouth
to drink foam, pebbles
of salt choke the air, the
spray blinds me; I close my
eyes to dark nights of foam and salt.

I sink deeper in
the moving tide, words
no longer come, I am void;
the fleeting angel escaped and
my tears fall on foam.

Your finger push
aside the spray; I see
the foam is yellow chrysanthemums;
the salt, perfume; I rise to build
castles with hues of amber, the rooms
smell of spring and yellow chrysanthemums;
your room is an unknown star, an
unconquered planet.

You stand alone
in foam, your
laughter conquers waves;
you turn to the sea and my
tears fall on yellow chrysanthemums.

January 1959

Campus Briefs

THE COLLEGIATE solicits announcements of regular and special meetings of all campus organizations. If possible, a tentative agenda or program should be included. Special promotion for club activities and special events should be checked with the editor at least a month in advance. All notices should be in the publicity office or THE COLLEGIATE post office box by noon on the Tuesday preceding the desired Friday publication.

THE PINE KNOT, the college annual, will have a staff meeting on Monday, Sept. 25 in the art room of the classroom building at 7:30 p. m. Anyone interested in working on the annual is requested to attend the meeting or see Mary Ann Marchant, editor of THE PINE KNOT. No previous experience is required.

Anyone interested in the Young Democrats Club is asked to contact Sandra Freedman or Dr. William Troutman.