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Our Choice

Ten days from today the American people either elect or reelect the next President of the United States. It could possibly be the most crucial decision ever made in the one hundred and eighty-eight years of our country.

There are three problems confronting *The Collegiate* concerning this momentous November third election. Should we as a student newspaper, which is published by a group of students attending Atlantic Christian College, give editorial support to one of the candidates? Of course the second question naturally follows—How do we determine who to support? And then, who do we support?

In our first edition this academic year in an editorial entitled *Collegiate Policy* we stated, "The freedom of a student newspaper must be broad enough to allow the staff to write what it pleases." Thus far this privilege has been carried out by *The Collegiate* with no threat of censure from the ACC Administration or any other such institution.

There has been unfavorable criticism resulting from disagreement with editorial opinions. Still, the staff members have been lauded by the same groups which disagreed. If we recognize that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily intended to be representative of the student body at Atlantic Christian, but simply speak for those who comprise the editorial board, then we certainly cannot object to giving this board the opportunity to offer editorial support to a presidential candidate.

Although it would be more democratic to have a secret ballot vote by the staff members, it would be unrealistic for two reasons. First, it would be unfair for the editorial board to be mandated to express an opinion contrary to what it believed, which could occur in the event the selection of the staff was not the preference of the board. Secondly the sentiment among the staff members is far too diverse for a vote to be truly representative of its members. Furthermore, it has not been a practice in past editions for the editorial board to obtain the approval of the newspaper's staff before it expresses an opinion.

Finally we come to the crux of this conglomeration.

The Collegiate believes that Barry Goldwater is far too erratic in his statements and actions to be President of the United States and that Lyndon B. Johnson has demonstrated his capabilities over the past 11 months in a manner indicative of responsible leadership.

The issues as well as the personalities are clear-cut. We have a choice between progress through experimentation and economic chaos through fear of Federal programs. We have a choice between a man who wants to build "The Great Society" and a man who wants to retreat to the "Good Ole Days."

Finally, we must choose between an administration offering hope for world-wide peace through strengthening the United Nations and one who has advocated withdrawal from this peace keeping instrument.

Lasting Impressions

It can not be said with certainty what within Man gives him a desire to be immortal. If to no other degree at least, he wishes to be remembered by those who remain when he has gone.

The fact that this desire is present in most humans is sufficient evidence that it is not an abnormal one. Any rational inquiry in this area of human composition should be directed, not at its existence, but at the question of how one should attempt to fulfill this desire.

In observing the conduct of persons in recorded history who have left their mark, it becomes apparent that they are remembered today because of the nature, quality, and degree of their conduct.

It seems that a few students here at A.C. have found a shortcut. They have taken steps to insure that they will be remembered by others attending A.C. They do this by leaving deep and lasting impressions. They have indeed left their mark on A.C.

The method that they use is easy (or else they would not have chosen it). Anyone can use it and it does not require the conventional effort or service normally demanded in such instances.

The only tool one needs in employing this method are a desk or wall, a steady hand, a sharp knife (a pen will do), and a quick eye (to make sure he is not spotted by an instructor). Then one is on his own to carve those nice deep impressions in the magnificently beautiful shape of his very own initials or some other great forms. Oh! — the glory of it!! He has left his mark and he will be remembered at A.C. for many years (the exact number depending on the depth of the art work).

Certainly, the students at A.C. who would deface our common property in such a manner are small in both number and mind. However, their very existence at this stage of development should be a cause of concern to all.

Worthy recognition is earned and fortunately can not be gained through short-cuts. Those pursuing this latter course should have our deepest sympathy.

JUST A DREAM

BY T. O. D. JOHNSTON

Paradoxical ambiguity latent meaninglessness definition of living life cycles processes cause and effect sounds stagnated in time—cess. Words, language rhetorical phoneticism pronunciation enunciation denunciation. Epistemological pursuit of Metaphysics Truth serum. Descriptions, abstractions — about, without. Attempts at understanding experience worlds — dictionaries apart, a burping farste. Poetless prelude behind standing—feeling described pretty petty color. How can being-mind-word full transcribe indelible experience impressions to on mind of separate sensitive hereditary environment past knowledge-ness in inflections deflections reflections subjections of auditory symbolism — merely mosquito-mounting mirage. Since life exists never in the past, future or present but in the abstract—eternal now—time-being Man invented for progress (direction without direction). Definitions stifle action—describe and stop—reveal and destroy. Chance, possibility probability, restricted in scripture dogma and never-re-edited texts. Intensity sensory impossible to coincide without—attempts necessary to unlimit.

Readers' Forum

Dear Editor,

One significant factor that I would like to note is the trend toward a free responsible, independent press on campus. A free responsible press indicates a press that is not controlled by government or any other interest. Yet, it feels a responsibility to all groups and individuals. A free responsible, independent press is one of the cornerstones of our democratic process. An independent press implies a courageous editorial staff that does not base its editorials on the desire to please alone. In making efforts to print a diversity of viewpoints and to take stands on certain issues, it often runs the risk of antagonizing certain groups.

One of the most significant democratic values was well expressed by Francois Arouet (Voltaire) and it is as follows: "I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." The Executive Board (without any faculty or administrative prompting) clearly demonstrated their backing of this basic democratic value in their decision to maintain an independent press. Thomas Jefferson, who was a strong champion of the free press, would have been proud of this decision.

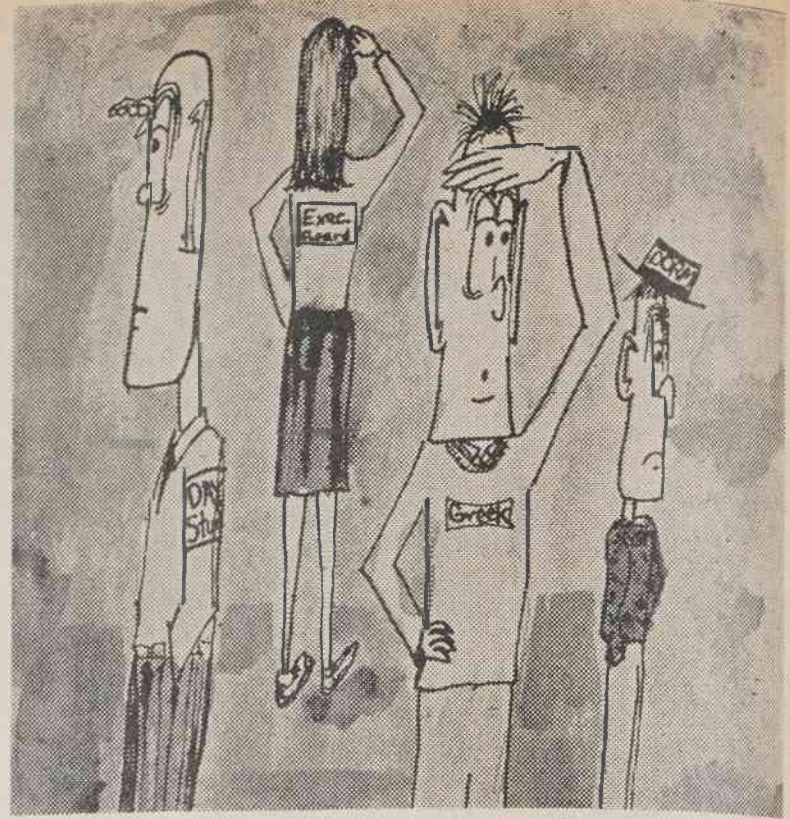
This letter should not be misconstrued as a personal attack on any individual or group of individuals. Every single individual on the Executive Board is an individual of integrity and ability and has my utmost respect. Disagreement and diversity, as well as cooperation, are the cornerstones of our "open" society.

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Resigns

David Webb formally submitted his resignation from the staff of *THE COLLEGIATE* this week. Reasons for his resignation as presented by him in a letter to the editor are: "in response to the sarcasm in last week's newspaper," he felt that the "subtle illustration and accusations made were harmful to the integrity of some persons," and he does not desire to remain as a part of the "corrupt clique that now exists around *THE COLLEGIATE*."

Mr. Webb offered hope that in the future the editor would "give persons the decency of honest journalism."



CAN'T FIND! CAN'T COMMUNICATE!

The Fly-Swatter

By JACK REDMON
(Alias Prew Dearson)

If you had strolled by the Classroom Building Monday eve, the smoke billowing from the windows of 204 might have alarmed you. "Twas no accident, however, but only the Co-Op Executive Board's regular casting-out-of-devils meeting. Ever been to one of those meetings, troops? As a part of the Co-Op you're entitled to a chair and a chance to voice your opinion. I think it was the opinion-voicing that created all that smoke I mentioned. Settle back, now. Light a ciggy, pop a top, and read on. . .

Monday's meeting took upon itself the full and awesome responsibility of nipping in the bud that heinous plot to slander our superlative student leaders. What plot, you say? Why, man, the *Collegiate*! Read between he lines of its editorials. Can't you see the desire that emanates for utter chaos and ruin of order and reputation? You can't? Neither could I, but on Monday someone did. Please persevere. . .

Remember last week's tongue-in-cheek *Collegiate* cartoon, "Vote Yes and Get Home Early"? Now, I'll never refute the capabilities of its fuzzy artist, but I couldn't recognize any faces in it, could you? However, someone found his there, and out of this groweth a story.

I hear through a rather slanted connection with the A. C. grapevine that one beleaguered soul, entrenched in the battle for all things good, found himself shamelessly slandered by that foul sketch. Therefore this stalwart warrior, who shall be hereafter known to posterity as Dave Quixote, made a brave move to bring to an end the *Collegiate's* reign of terror. It was at the Monday meeting that our hero made his first virtuous gesture. He proposed that the Executive Board establish some sort of a board of overseers to curtail the free swinging jabs of the "Scandal Sheet." Richard Whatzis, a typical obstructionist, made a typically obstructionist move to muddy the water by

declaring the whole idea unconstitutional. Boo! Not to be stopped, Quixote tried valiantly to rally other Clean - Living, Red-Blooded Americans to his side by enumerating the negative virtues of the paper's policy. "Slander!" he cried. "Subjectiveness! Lies! Wolf!" He even made a diminutive concession to the gathering forces of evil in suggesting that a regulatory committee be established by the publications board itself. How fair can you be?

Now, fans, it's at this point that you would've had a chance to air your two cents' worth. This was a flag-waver's holiday, for the proposition to limit the scope of the paper was opened to discussion. Warrior Wagner offered a defense of the editorials and their purpose. How could he! How horrible! Even gracious Gina fouled her hands in the mess by perpetrating the idea that the Executive Board was a little less prudent than in years past. Perhaps the paper served as an efficient check on executive impulsiveness? "Nay, nay!" quoth Quixote, and so the battle roared, with even Smilin' Sammy having been seen with his dander rather well up. I think, though, that the high spot of the whole affair was the embattled editor. Sensing that the forces of good now had a chance to overpower him, he lashed out ineffectually with blunted weapons like "Unfair! Illegal! Freedom of the press! Remember the Alamo!" and other gems. I hear that his pleas would've made the Ban statue (the only piece of marble in the world with B.O.) shed copious tears. Mr. Editor was hauled out by the ankles, kicking and screaming, and sat on until the proposition of muzzling the paper could be voted on.

People must be basically evil. Every time they have an obvious opportunity to strike a clear blow for right and justice they seem to turn their heads until it has passed them by. Monday proved to be no exception. The Muzzle Measure lost, nine to six.

News And Views

October 15, 1964 will be a day history will long remember. This day of events included the Walter Jenkins scandal, the election of a Labor government in Britain, but certainly the most notable event was the ousting of Nikita Khrushchev from his job of Premier of the Soviet Union.

There is no question that over the past two years the Soviet Union has been running into a great number of difficulties. Basically, the problems can be placed in three areas: (1) the Sino-Soviet dispute, (2) the huge failure of the Soviet agricultural program, and (3) the continued drive for more independence among the Eastern European satellite countries. All of these prob-

lems together probably would have been more than enough to remove Khrushchev.

However, from what we know now the removal of Khrushchev was based almost entirely on the Sino-Soviet dispute. In the past six months the dispute has worsened to the degree that Khrushchev would have in all likelihood read the Chinese out of the Communist Party in a proposed December meeting of the Communist parties throughout the world. Such a step would completely shatter Communist unity, as is already the case to a lesser extent, and obviously a good number of strong Russian leaders did not want to take that step.