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A Sick Government

It is sad to observe that the process of student government at Atlantic Christian College has almost deteriorated to a state of complete and utter uselessness, and that the student body is faced with a most serious problem. Responsibility for this miserable situation must be placed in the hands of the most vital organ of student government, the Executive Board.

In a nutshell, the problem with this year's Board is that the members do not know or understand what a student government is suppose to do. Nothing more clearly demonstrates this than the obvious lack of the members to conduct themselves as representatives of the student body, and thereby, form the basis of a representative government.

Instead, we must observe week after week numerous members never saying a word or contributing an idea or participating in any type of debate. Rather, we have witnessed all ideas and proposals coming from one source, all initiative from this one source, and almost all the Board members acting as a rubber stamp for the president's ideas and desires. It is obvious that the Board members have not given of their time and energies to the students' interest and affairs, and that most are simply spending the one hour a week on Monday nights as the total extent of their involvement, and even that is pitiful.

If the members of the Board continue to function in this manner, then the student body should realized that it has been whitewashed. In truth, whether the members realized it or not, and they should have, when they ran for office they were pledging themselves to apply their upmost ability to be good representatives of the student body. They should also have realized that by making this pledge they were also obligated to have a good understanding of the process of representative government and their responsibilities in this type of government. Unfortunately, this has not been the case.

There is a clear necessity for the Board members to individually reevaluate their roles in the student government, and to make a sincere effort to vastly improve the existing situation. Furthermore, the president should recognize his responsibilities in promoting a representative government, and should act upon them as this situation now requires. A few weeks ago Mr. Webb expressed his dissatisfaction over these circumstances and said that he would make efforts to try and correct the situation. If efforts were made they have been negative in their effect, and stronger medicine is needed.

A Negative Attitude

With the pre-registration activities being conducted this week there is, naturally, a marked increase in the discussion of various teachers and courses. While these discussions may range over many topics there is often a consistent line in them, and that is, "What is the easiest course, and who are the easiest teachers?"

We recognize that this is a universal trait among students, but that does not mean that we have to like it. This type of approach is certainly a negative one, and it indicates a negative attitude. What's wrong with a positive attitude, one that attempts to find the best courses and teachers available? It is hard to understand why some people deliberately cheat themselves, but perhaps this is human nature. If so, we wish to buck this majority thinking, and let positive attitudes be the basis of our ideals.

Soldiers Pay Not Adequate

By ROGER RAPOPORT

(CPS) War is not hell, it's a business.

And perhaps the management of the U. S. military machine should take an interest in the financial welfare of its employees.

A soldier starting out in the army today makes \$87.90 a month, which on a forty-hour week averages out to about 55 cents an hour.

Fifty-five cents an hour! Is it any wonder there is a Selective Service system?

The fact is that through a very simple measure the United States government could avert the necessity of drafting more than 100,000 men annually.

The government could also end the draft card burnings, eliminate the necessity for the conscientious to object, and close down Selective Service offices.

If the government paid the military forces salaries on a level comparable to civilian jobs, enough voluntary manpower could be attracted to eliminate the draft.

Prof. Ross Wilhelm of the graduate business school of the University of Michigan, has been a major proponent of this plan. In an article in the Nation he outlines his proposal, pointing out that in hearings this year Secretary of Defense McNamara conceded that the "draft was unnecessary."

Wilhelm's proposal is the most sensible way of ending the draft problem. As he comments, "patriotism is no excuse for slave labor."

And there is another significant consideration along the same line. In recent weeks the government, the press, and the lay-public have vehemently criticized student protest demonstrations against the war in Vietnam. Students insisting on a change in Viet-nam policy have been accused of being unpatriotic, uninformed, unaware and unwashed. Students who used civil disobedience in Ann Arbor are now threatened with being drafted. Time, the weekly noose magazine, was so upset it devoted two pages to proving the protestors are no good in their heart and soul.

Now there is a wave of pro-U.S.-in-Vietnam demonstrations. The government is rushing to assure anyone who will listen that we are in Vietnam for the right reasons.

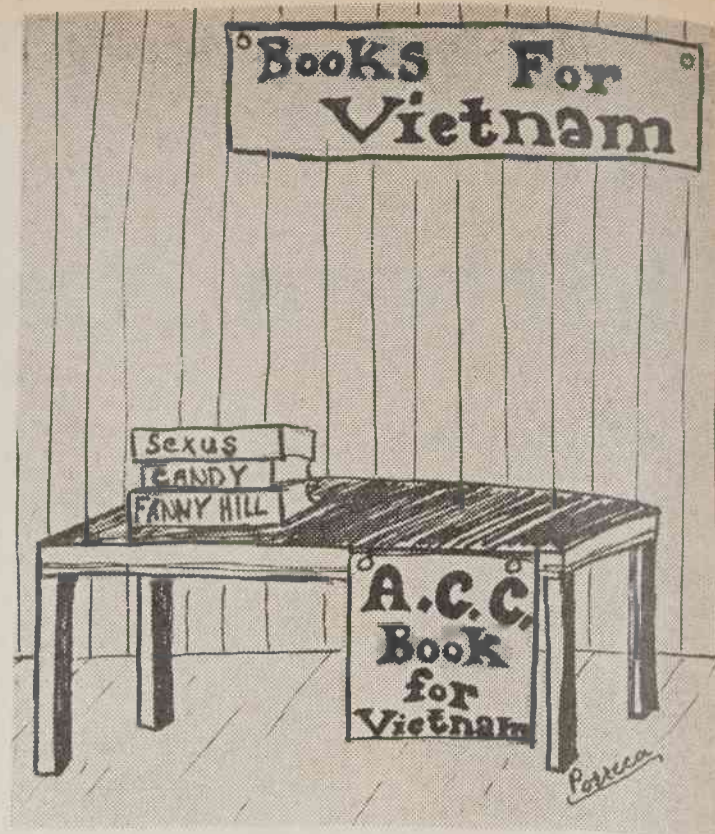
But talk is cheap and 55 cents an hour for stalking the jungles of Vietnam is even cheaper. If the government wants to thank its soldiers it could begin by paying them a wage at least commensurate with that of a bus boy. The average Congressman probably spends more for public relations every year than a private earns defending his country. And isn't \$1.25 an hour a minimum wage?

About this time some perceptive soul is probably saying to himself, "Hmm, maybe it's only 55 cents an hour, but they do get room and board." Sleeping on cots with rats crawling around underneath and eating K rations in sweltering jungles is a pretty inexpensive form of room and board.

SNCC Club Deny Charges

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has been accused of being Communist infiltrated. Jimmy Garrett of SNCC answers charges this way:

"Man, the Communists, they are empty man, empty. They've got the same stale ideas, the same bureaucracy. . . When he gets mixed up with us, a Com-mie dies and a person develops. They're not subverting us, we were subverting them."



Mud In Your Eye

By BRENT HILL and RICHARD SURLS



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Wilson, N. C., especially Atlantic Christian College, is considered by many to be the cultural center of Eastern North Carolina, inclusive of the area dominated by East Carolina Teachers College. Reasons for this popular opinion can be traced to the perennial Bohunk Dances, Claxton Cake Sales, Ferocious Bridge Games, Bitching Tournaments, Rock n' Roll Concerts, Float Burnings, Pink Slips, etc., etc.

But, of course, there are certain occurrences which tend to tear down our cultural atmosphere. Many of these we witness every day. They are subversive to our very existence. Some have called them blood-sucking leeches. Others have labeled them simply more evidence of the Communist Conspiracy. Such occurrences can be readi-

ly witnessed in classroom lectures, flouridation of water, any treacherous questioning of the parting of the Red Sea or other unquestionable phenomenon, and the introduction of matter foreign to the college community.

The infusion of foreign matter into the realm of Claxton Cakes and Bohunk Dances is feared by some to be the result of an attempt by a few deprecced minds to alter our steadfast intellectual atmosphere. This foreign matter is evidenced in the form of a "melting pot" entitled "Crucible." There appears to be, as repulsive as it may seem, a certain laxity on the part of the proper officials, in allowing such a subversive publication to exist in our silent, serene locale.

Stand up, be counted, be heard, fellow students! Read Crucible! And let your wrath be known! Save our Republic!

News and Views

By DWIGHT WAGNER

In the "News and Views" column of January 31, 1964 this reporter wrote the following as the finishing sentence of that particular column: "Perhaps it would be wise for President De Gaulle to examine some past history, and to take notice of where the illusions of other men have fallen to the realities of the times."

This particular statement two years later has a particular relevance to the current situation in France. With the French election for president held last Sunday it seems that De Gaulle's own people have forced him to finally face reality on many issues. Perhaps they were the only ones who could have done it in the first place. On Sunday De Gaulle failed to gain a majority of votes with only 44 per cent, and will now have to face a humiliating run-off on December 19.

The French people obviously do not go along with many of De Gaulle's policies. He has stirred up the French by desiring to sever most relations with the United States, by threatening to pull France completely out of the Common Market, and by insisting on developing an independent nuclear force at a great expense while ignoring many social needs such as schools and hospitals that could well use the money.

In dealing with relations with other countries it is clear that many Frenchmen do not have the sour memory that De Gaulle possess. De Gaulle is noted for

remembering some unfortunate incidents that occurred to him during the war at the hands of the allies, but then somehow forgetting the many things the allied nations, and especially the United States, have done for him and France. In this respect the French people have told De Gaulle that they do not want to sever to a strong degree the close relations France has with the United States and Britain.

De Gaulle will now be forced to pursue a policy of close association with the Common Market as is the desires of the French people. There is a desire throughout much of Europe for the creation of a United State of Europe, and the best vehicle for doing this is through the Common Market. De Gaulle has been very reluctant to deal in a political Common Market because it would mean sharing some of France's political power with other countries.

Finally De Gaulle will have to reconsider the French policy of developing its own nuclear force. The cost of developing such a force is tremendous and the money is being coughed up through very stiff taxes. There is reason to believe that many of the French believe that such a force is unnecessary, and that the money could better be used for social necessities.

All of these things Charles De Gaulle is going to have to reckon with after he is again elected President. It is obvious that he can no longer avoid the desires and wishes of his own people.