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A Constitutional Right

"Such principles of free civilization as individual liberty, individual responsibility, and the right to freedom of movement are all dependent for their fulfillment upon conditions which obtain only when there are the right of free expression and the right of access to information — that is, a free press . . . journalism may not be isolated nor considered apart from the growth of the society of which it is a phase."

— George Fox Mott

Over the past two years, we have noticed instances in which persons, writing letters to the editor expressing somewhat controversial views, have been called to the Administration Building to discuss "the basis of their views."

We are very grateful that our college administrators "care enough" about "our views" to call us to their offices and hash over them. At the same time, however, we wonder if this is not a step to subdue contrasting opinions.

The Collegiate has always welcomed varied opinions on varied subjects through the Open Forum; and have also welcomed differing opinions to those who take the time to send in their opinions and views. It seems only justifiable, therefore, that the administration could share their views with the remainder of the student body, rather than call the individual writer to their offices.

Such summonings, if continued, would seem to be an affront to quiet students, who have the right to form their own opinions and to voice them in a student publication, so long as they abide by strict laws which prohibit slander, treason and defamation of character.

The Collegiate is a student publication and therefore must stand as a voice of and for the students. Those students who care enough to express their opinions should not do so in expectation of being called to the Administration Building for "personal discussions" of their ideas.

The 1967-68 Student Handbook records: "The Collegiate affords an opportunity for open discussion of the problems before the student." We, therefore, believe that these individual "callings", in essence, hinder the right of free press to students; and prohibit students from obtaining a written "dialogue" with the administration. If the administration has a differing opinion from those stated in The Collegiate, including letters to the editor, we welcome them to submit a letter stating their feelings. We will not require them "to come by the office" and discuss their bases for their opinions with us!

As a service organization for the students of Atlantic Christian College, and as a voice of our students, we will continue to strive to maintain freedom of our press and build a stronger "voice box" for our student body. And we will continue to invite students, whose opinions differ from that of the college officials and other student body members, to submit letters to the editor.

No campus is made up of stereotypes. Students are not computers who can be programmed to have one philosophy. Where there is activity, where there is concern and interest, there is a growing tendency to think, even on our campus. Thinking will lead to opinions and opinions naturally differ. Anyone who attempts to dispel differing opinion, in essence are attempting to dispel thinking.

Reader's Forum

Policy Outlined

Due to the number of Letters To The Editor, The Collegiate must limit all letters to 350 words.

The Collegiate welcomes writers with dissenting views of all editorials to express their opinions through the Open Forum. Letters will be subject to editing only to conform copy to Collegiate styles. Ideas, views and opinions will not be altered.

The Collegiate also requests that all letters be type written on a 60-space line and double-spaced. Letters must be submitted to the paper by 7:30 p. m. on the Monday preceding the date of publication.

Dear Editor:

Little noted was the news this summer of an emergency request by Thailand for more helicopters to fight insurgents. The increase in the already large commitment of 40,000 U. S. military men brings fears of a possible parallel to Vietnam in 1961.

The extent of U. S. involvement in Thailand is now become visible: Thailand, a land locked aircraft carrier for 80 per cent of U. S. aircraft in South-east Asia, receives military aid of \$60 million per year; Thai military and police are trained by Maj. Gen. R. G. Stilwell, who directed similar efforts in Vietnam in 1961; U. S. pilots are ferrying Thai soldiers into action; and U. S. agencies are engaged in intensive propaganda efforts.

All this is to combat an insurgent force estimated at less than 1,000 in a remote area of poor farmland in Northeast Thailand. Foreign policy experts have described the insurgents as principally Thais who are alienated from Bangkok government through years of government neglect and harsh treatment of the peasants. Religious and ethnic differences compound this resentment.

The Thai bureaucracy has lacked administrative coordination and efficiency until recently when the Army commander took over the elementary schools. Thus, military has control over the civilian institution with the most direct political effect on all segments of the population. Add to this government censorship and the U. S. is tied to the defense of yet another dictatorship whose indifference to its social problems has created the difficulties that the U. S. now attempts to solve.

The U. S. is in Thailand at the request of the Thai government, as in Vietnam; but this enlarged military commitment on the part of the U. S. is largely unknown to the American public. Would it be too much to ask that the depth of the commitment be discussed openly in the United States?

Rhett White

The Week That Will

October 5 Chapel 11:00

October 6 — Sigma Sigma Sigma "Mr. Top Hat Dance" 8:00 - 12:00 Lobby Classroom Building

October 8 — Canterbury Club, St. Timothy Church, 7:45 p. m.

October 9 — James Dick, Pianist 8:15 Howard Chapel

October 10 — Student National Education Association Choral Room 4:00

Stage & Script Try Outs Chapel 7:30 p. m.

October 11 — Stage & Script Try Outs Chapel 7:30 p. m.

October 12 — Sigma Pi Male Beauty Contest Chapel 8:15 p. m.



Will The Real Editor Please Stand Up!!!



Miss Barefoot

In my articles, I usually try to answer the problems of our unfortunate as I will try to do this time if I am able. I am unfortunate now and have to cry on someones shoulder.

Oh the perils of a young, beautiful, unwed, charming, unwed, lightful, and unmarried lady. Sure beauty is only skin deep, can I help it if my epidermis is a little thicker than most. I feel feelings too and my heart has been broken more than one time some rat of a man with a heart filled with pure ice water and linder oil.

When I go out on a date under my real name, I have to put up my face a little so that I can be sure that the guy ain't with me just because I am a popular newspaper columnist.

The last time I went out, my room-mate fixed me up with a date. We made out just great because he couldn't see me discover my true identity. When we got to the movie, I ran out my side of the car to his side and let him out. He was so interested to be with and he was rich. He offered to give me the Gate Bridge. He had more money than he knew what to do with. About half way through our snack after the show, two men came and took him to the Johnson Jolly Squirrel Farm for the handicapped nuts.

My life is crammed plum full of hardships too numerous to mention. When I go out with a fellow, I always mind my manners never get forward. What more can a guy ask for in any way . . . well besides that.

One girl asked me just this week, "How far should a girl go . . . at the cash register on a date" Babes, the answer is simple. Just as the guy gets ready to pay the bill head for the Lobby Room. No questions asked, the girl still has her money, and the bill is paid!

A boy sent me a short message through the College concerning the appearance of mini-skirts on campus. Well friends, depends. A girl that looks like me can and should wear them. There's something about a pair of legs that is stimulating and a guys mind off how bad she looks. My entire wardrobe is full of such stimulators. Just last Sunday morning, I wore a Sunday Micro-skirt to church. He began his sermon on stewardship and ended up with a discussion on lust. If you have a knee, use it; if you don't, better luck next time.

As I sit here pecking away at this typewriter I can hear rather loud voices of my friends on the hall talking over the subjects. Nearly everyone is telling someone else about one thing or another. If as much action went on around this campus as is taking about in these cherished halls, this college would be off limits. The administration would be printing countless "NO DEAR HUNTS ALLOWED" signs. But this being a Christian college, most of our thoughts are kept to the inspired originators, with most of the blame being claimed by a few of "US" sinners.

If I delivered any more wisdom in this particular paper I would be incited for inciting a riot. The best thing to do with this paper after reading these chosen words is to place it on the outside of your window, closing the window on the edge which has the head, and "LET IT ALL HANG OUT!"