

Reader's Forum

Fellow Students and Faculty: This is an attempt to express our feelings concerning the incidents of April 24th which caused the damage to the Student Union. We realize that most of you find the acts taken by us to be of the most serious nature. This feeling is justified.

We only hope in this statement to help all of you realize that what we did wasn't done for malice, retaliation, or any act of violence toward ACC. We have no ill feelings for the school for the action taken.

We do truly regret this incident to the utmost and offer no alibis. What we did was wrong and extremely dangerous; this we all realize now. Our concern now is the effect this has had on the school and our parents.

We ask your understanding in this matter for we expect no sympathy. We only want each of you to know that we meant no harm to the school or to any of our fellow students.

Thank you,
Rick Chappel
Charlie Norfleet
Ken Banks

Alfred Barrs, a 71-year-old Briton, got so fed up with anti-American talk in his country that he decided to cast his dissenting vote. He took the slogan, "I'm backing America" and sent the U. S. embassy \$240 to help out.

"I just couldn't stand it any longer," declared Barrs. "everywhere you go, people have it in for Americans — and after all they've done for us. People have got to understand that backing America isn't doing well, we're in real trouble, too."

"We're touched," said a spokesman for the U. S. embassy. "We are going to see how best the money can be used."

The embassy people in London aren't the only Americans who are touched by Barrs' gesture. We have not received much tangible help from our British cousins in recent years. We have received a great deal of criticism, second-guessing and denunciation which, coming at

a time when this country is hard pressed, is infuriating to many Americans.

But if Barrs' 1-man campaign works to remind the British of what Americans have done for them, perhaps it will also serve to remind Americans that all the favors have not been on one side of the book. Not so long ago, Britain stood battered and alone against the onslaught of aggression, while America hastily built up its own weak defenses. In the latter half of the 19th century, the powerful British fleet maintained the freedom of the seas, which allowed the commerce and industry of this young country to flourish despite our lack of a large standing navy.

Our disagreement with the British today is a family argument, not an eternal vendetta. It may be that Barrs' gift will cool tempers by reminding citizens on both sides of the Atlantic of that fact.—Dallas Morning News.



Mockery

Atlantic Christian College students went to the polls again last week—but this time for a different type of election. Approximately 420 voted for their first, second and third choices for United States president and North Carolina governor in a national campus mock election, "Choice 68"

We are not so concerned with the result of the mock election as we are with the number that turned out to cast their ballots. It is indeed a comforting thought to believe that nearly 25 percent of our total student body found time within two days to vote.

Compare that 420 figure with the number voting for Student Government Association officers a few weeks ago.

Approximately 159 students voted in the second balloting for SGA vice-president; 155 for leaders of campus publications, cheerleaders and Campus Christian Association; 140 for Day Student officers; 115 for rising senior class officers; 97 for rising junior class officers; and 73 for rising sophomore class officers.

Averaging the totals for voters in the SGA elections, the "Choice 68" turnout represents nearly a 400 percent increase in student voters—a very impressive gain.

Perhaps, someday, 420 ACC students will find equal time to vote in a genuine election for the SGA; but without being dragged from the doors of Hines Hall to do it.

All-Campus

This past weekend was "All-Campus" weekend for North Carolina State University, and from the look of the school's paper, "The Technician," the weekend was everything but dull.

The event included Greek dinners, open-air concerts and a floating race down the Neuse River, in which students were invited to race down the stream in anything and everything that would float.

An "All-Campus" weekend seems to be a great idea. It affords the students, who by mid-April are chock-full of spring fever, an opportunity to let off steam and have fun. In addition, if the events were well-planned and well publicized, the project would tend to keep more students on campus.

Our Homecoming is in the early fall, and students on the ACC campus have no very special events in the spring, save Easter vacation, a weekend reserved for Greeks and finally the end of school. Perhaps, we should investigate the possibilities of such an undertaking to take place sometime during the spring. It would be a great relief from the never-ending cycle of classes and examinations. And it would offer an excellent opportunity to bring the student body together in a single project.

An Open Letter of Dismay

Once again many of us have been shocked and dismayed by what seems to be a senseless assassination. This time the alleged assassin has struck close to home. There has been an attack upon the character and integrity of one of Atlantic Christian College's most beloved and loyal professors. I am convinced, however, that the attempt was doomed to failure before it was ever contrived. I have enough faith in the honesty, intelligence and good judgment of our Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Student Body as to be certain that they would never act in sympathy with such an unnecessary attack.

I shall not attempt to defend the honesty, character, bravery and dedication of the victim, for these qualities are known so well by most of those who have worked and studied with him.

I must say, however, that if America is in such a condition that attacks of this kind must be made on men of this caliber, and if these attacks are condoned, the America that I have known and loved so well is doomed.

GOD SAVE AMERICA
Thomas E. Marshall

Race Driver, Theologian On Schedule

Upcoming conversations have been announced by Chaplain Dan Hensley. Ned Jarret, NASCAR racing driver, will be on hand Thursday, May 9. The 11:00 a.m. session will concern driving safety and a film on the subject will be presented. The conversation will be held in room 212 of Hines Hall.

Dr. Ralph James will be on campus at 11 a.m. May 16 for a conversation entitled, "Radical Theology in Our Time". The program will also be held in 212 of Hines.

Adults Faulted

BANGALORE, India — Education Minister Triguna Sen has blamed the older generation for growing lack of discipline among students.

"The elders have failed to bring them up to be useful citizens," he told an engineers' conference.

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