

Tradition Fades

At a time when students on the Atlantic Christian College campus are seemingly coming alive, the death of an ageless tradition is materializing, quietly and perhaps carelessly.

The custom referred to is the time honored Junior-Senior Prom, an event that has been held annually for the honoring of graduating seniors by their junior peers. The cessation of this yearly occurrence is surely a black cloud hanging over the heads of those responsible for its termination. However, the question is who are the guilty in this case.

Steve Dollar, Junior Class president, announced the untimely cancellation and placed the cause on a "lack of interest among those responsible for planning and preparing the prom." Such a statement would apparently place all the responsibility on members of the class of 1970, however, closer examination would reveal a more definite and significant look at reasons for not holding said dance.

Dollar also mentioned that he thought the event would have inspired only passing attention and attendance would be small, therefore blame must be focused to all concerned, namely Juniors and Seniors. Truly the seniors must share in the discontinuation if there is not concern enough to attend a congratulatory affair, and this seems to be the general consensus on campus. If this is the case, the formal apology sent to the Senior Class, although courteous, was not needed. An appropriate apology would be a mutual one expressed between classes and peers for the closing of an established door to a universal celebration of spring.

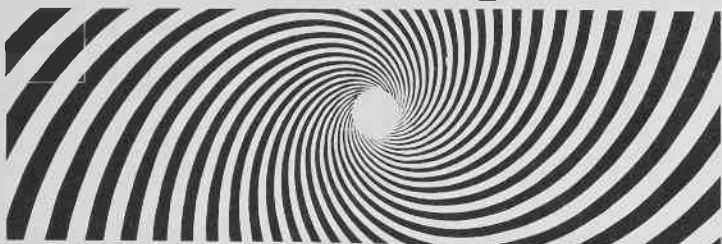
The factors for cancellation are reasonably apparent, the effects though not expressed openly are clearly being met passively by all students. Obviously sentimentality is no longer playing a part in the lives of students whereas achievement of merit of four years of college is concerned.

Students might be interested in knowing that only once in the past, according to available records, has the perennial affairs been put to the side. This was in April of 1942 when Junior-Senior was called off so that the money could be used for the war effort. Two thirty-seven dollar and fifty cent war bonds were purchased with the money saved. If only the causes of this years prom were so validated.

Truly we say that this is the beginning of a year of social reform, the year of the awakening student body, the year of change, yet we must ask ourselves if this renaissance need be accompanied by the omission of tradition. Every period of transition has it mark upon the past, something is always lost and never recovered. So it appears at Atlantic Christian. For if concern among juniors and seniors is so little now how can it be foreseen that next year will be different, and so on into the future.

Unless care is taken in future handling of the Junior-Senior and adequate concern accompanies, it will be well to believe that a milestone will become a tombstone.

Reader's Perspective



Dear Editor,

Recently my name has been associated with a number of other student leaders in the country who were reported to have signed a statement of intention to go to jail, if drafted, rather than to serve in the Armed Forces. This report, as it pertains to myself, is false. The statement which I signed was a statement of opposition to the War in Vietnam and of sympathy with those who chose jail rather than serve. At no time did I say or sign anything which, by implication or fact, said that I preferred jail to service.

There has been the concern that I have "tarnished" the name of Atlantic Christian College. This, I feel, I have not done. I signed the statement as an individual concerned about this

nation's involvement in Vietnam who also happened to be a student body president of an American college. I signed it as an individual, and, from the radio, television, and newspaper accounts of the story, I believe that it has been interpreted in that light.

I have no apologies to make for the statement that I did sign. I think that the United States should not be in Vietnam and should try, through new policies and initiatives, to secure peace in Southeast Asia. If the statement which I signed, even though incorrectly reported, helps bring peace to this section of the globe, then it was worth the misunderstandings, the publicity, and the headaches — which I have received.

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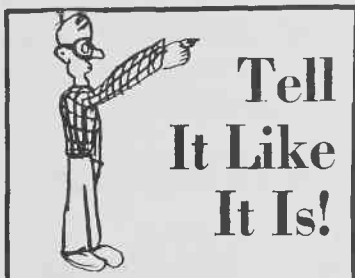
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"JUST AS WELL. I WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED BEING THE ONLY ONES THERE, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A TIME TO PLAY THE JUKE-BOX!!"



Our question for this week is: Do you support or oppose the current legislation which would permit liquor by the drink in North Carolina and why do you take this position? In a poll taken last week, students gave the following answers:

"Yes by George. . . individuals should be just that — if they want 'firewater' let them have it — Just don't be selfish and almighty because you don't approve. After all, we can't all have the same attitude. Who wants to be a replica? — R.E.D. (Student)

"I oppose this bill because I am opposed to alcoholic beverages per se. There is no such thing as control. — D. E. (Student)

"I feel that liquor by the drink would actually cut down on liquor consumption because if one could buy one drink he wouldn't feel 'Obligated' to finish up a fifth. — D. G. (Student)

I favor the bill because I think there would be less excessive drinking. A person could have drinks with their meal and not have to have a bottle. — P. H. (Student)

I oppose it because of the detrimental effect it will have on the brown bag industry. — B. D. (Student)

I support it. If someone is going to drink he is going to drink — and because the bartenders will become richer faster and the drinkers will become poorer faster. — J.E.C. (Student)

Card Party Slated Wednesday Evening

The Student Center Committee will sponsor a card party Wednesday night, May 7, in Hardy Alumni Hall. The party begins at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

If you plan to attend, you must sign the sheet at the Student Center Information Desk by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

New Women's Dorm Contracts Are Given

Atlantic Christian College has announced the awarding of contracts for construction of a new six-story residence hall for women which will provide living quarters for 180 students. Total cost of the project will amount to \$808,698.

Designed by B. Atwood Skinner of Wilson, the new dormitory will be located at the corner of Deans and Lee Sts. It will be of concrete construction with brick exterior. Included in the design are four towers of textured concrete finish. Two will serve as stair towers while others will contain living areas.

The ground floor will provide a two-bedroom apartment for resident counselor, guest room, lounge and recreation areas as well as eight regular dormitory bedrooms. The average remaining floors will be divided into four suites of four bedrooms each. Each floor will have a living and study area. Each suit will have its own bathroom facilities. Two students will occupy each room and each two

rooms will share a balcony area. Laundry facilities will be provided on the second floor. All floors will be connected by an elevator as well as stairways. The building will be completely air conditioned for year-round use.

Funds for construction of the dormitory have been obtained in the form of a government loan from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The loan will be amortized over a period of 50 years from room rental fees.

The new dormitory will bring the total number of beds in permanent residence halls for women on the campus to 485. Caldwell Hall, which is scheduled for removal in the college's long-range plans, houses an additional 60 women.

Original bids received on March 26 exceeded available funds by \$120,000. Subsequent redesigning of exterior features resulted in bids only slightly in excess of the original projected project costs



SPONSOR IS HONORED — Student publications sponsor Milton Rogerson was honored at the annual publications banquet April 25 with a string of love beads and a bouquet of white azaleas. Captured at his moment of glory by the lens of photographer Ben Casey, Rogerson's expression could only mean "Peace, Brother!!"