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Does Anyone Care

When does devotion to technicality cease and desire for justice end? This was the problem facing the executive board in their recent struggle over day student elections. The excuse given for allowing obvious discrepancies in balloting procedures was quite legal at the time of the called meeting. No one had been able to find the rules governing campaigning at the polls and presentation of I.D.'s. This was the technical excuse for validating the elections. The board was legally correct in its decision.

The board should be commended for taking immediate action when a ruling of the 1968-69 executive board was found. This ruling prohibited campaigning in balloting areas. There was no other direction to take, the election had to be declared invalid, thus the day students will go to the polls for the third time to select their officers.

The question arises; however, as to whether or not this action should have been taken previously. The voting procedure should be a private matter. Choices should be made on individual evaluation of the qualifications of various candidates. Campaigning at the polls, with or without the knowledge of the candidate, is not only unjust, it is immoral.

One might ask, who is responsible for this dilemma. The fault lies, not solely on the board or on the elections committee, but on every student who is content to let such injustices exist without question. The executive board was just following the rules as they had been handed to them.

The elections committee and executive board should draft bylaws concerning the conduction of campaigns and elections. These bylaws should be a permanent part of the SGA constitution. This would prevent any further incidents of the sort experienced by the day students.

The passing of bylaws is only part of the solution. The answer to this problem and indeed every problem on campus lies in genuine concern by the student body. If you do not care, why ask your elected officials to care. Their powers as a legislative body are nil without your support. Remember, things happen only when people care.

You Are Responsible

The editorial in the last edition of the Collegiate (One Step Forward?) placed the blame for the stringent regulations attached to the new women's visitation privileges entirely on the Student Life Committee. This however is not the case. This committee presented a more lenient proposal to the administrative council which was promptly denied. The amended proposal was more or less a compromise. If the new rules work there is a chance that the door may be opened a little further. I am sure you are aware of the people who will be responsible for the success of the privilege, that's right: Y..O..U.

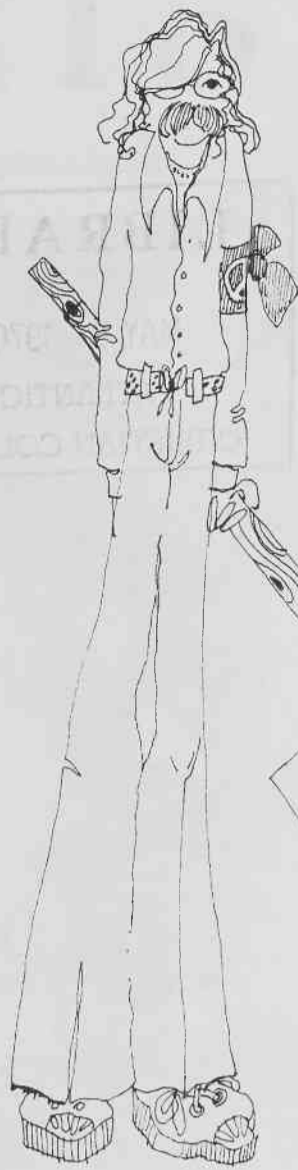
2 Recitals Are Slated

On Sunday, May 10, at 3:30 in the afternoon, Vickie Newsome will be presented by the Department of Music in a Senior piano recital. This program will be held in the Choral Room of the Music Building. The program will include works by Chambonnières, Loillet, Schobert, Beethoven, Brahms and Prokofieff.

Monday evening, Danny Meads and Clinton Patterson will be presented in a recital in

Howard Chapel. Mr. Meads is a Tenor and will perform a variety of works including German Lieder, French and Italian Art Songs and Contemporary works in English.

Mr. Patterson, whose instrument is Trumpet, will play works by Vivoldi and White. He will be assisted by James Searl in a concerto for two trumpets. Accompanists for the evening are Barbara Strickland and Dorothy Jane Bostick. The public is cordially invited.



"ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE
it would be SAFER IN
CAMBODIA than at Kent State!"

Readers Forum

By JIM ABBOTT

Once again the omnipresent but invisible bubble which seals the students of A.C. apart from the REAL world has been effective. The SGA Executive Board's refusal Monday night to debate, let alone pass a motion of protest against President Nixon's invasion of Cambodia is evidence of this.

The meeting was a provocative study in human nature. (see related story page one) After Mr. Broyal read his motion the Board members sat in quiet embarrassment refusing even to second the motion and open debate. It was a living portrayal of the carefree, nonchalant attitude that is no prevalent here among students and faculty.

Until last Thursday it seemed as though Mr. Nixon was making genuine efforts to end our Southeast Asian involvement. However with unprecedented audacity he disregarded the advice of his Secretaries of State and Defense, neglected to forewarn or consult even his most intimate Congressional associates, failed to contact either the Secretary General of the U.N. or the new government of Cambodia, and then single-handedly plunged America further into the everwidening Southeast Asian holocaust.

What did Nixon's actions mean for America? For our educational system it meant that by the middle of this week well over 100 colleges and universities would be subjected to student and faculty protests. It meant closed doors for many schools here and in South Vietnam. And for four Kent State honors students it meant death.

What did Nixon's actions mean for Atlantic Christian College? Precisely nothing. The business of the college had gone on as usual. The events in Vietnam, Cambodia, and even Kent State University are all too far to present any threats to the continuation of the peaceful, blasé, college life that exists here.

Rather than adding their

The Presidential Report

The question is often asked of me as to how one is selected to serve on a committee of the S.G.A. Well it's very simple. The President of the S.G.A. appoints the person (s) he feels that are qualified to fill these positions. As S.G.A. President I intend to do this but the technique of selecting people is going to be somewhat different from what has been done in the past. This year I wish to ask you, the entire student body, for volunteers to serve on these committees. Those committees which are in need of people are the Entertainment Committee, Student Center Committee, and the Campus Awareness Committee. The Entertainment Committee consist of ten members. There are as follows; two representatives from the Freshman class, two from the Sophomore class, two from the Junior class, and one from the

Senior class, and three faculty members. Co-Chairman of the committee shall consist of one person selected from the Senior class by the S.G.A. President and a faculty member approved by the S.G.A. Executive Board. In the past this committee has not functioned exactly as specified by the Constitution this next academic year I see the reason why it should not do so. The reason for asking your help in this matter is to get those persons who are truly interested in serving on these committees.

The Student Center Committee is another situation where a Co-chairman is needed. Anyone interested in working with Miss Parrish in this capacity please let me know. A representative from each of the four classes is needed.

Also the Campus Awareness Committee needs one and hopefully two people to serve as chairman of chairmen whichever the case may be. If there are any questions as to the functions of these committees, I shall be more than happy to explain them to you. The reason for asking your help in this matter is to get those persons who are truly interested on these committees. If you are tired of student apathy, then volunteer for a committee and do something about the situation that exists here on this campus. It's up to you, the Student Body, as whether the social status of A.C.C. changes in the year 1970-71. This is your change to help in the curside for social changes of Atlantic Christian College, your alma mater.

voices to the anguished cries of disapproval being echoed by students in N.C. and around the nation, our student leaders on the Executive Board have found it more advantageous to pursue the outworn paths of silence and disinterest. "Ignore it and it will go away." they hope. I wish I could believe this. However, history has proven time and again that those who remain silent and obedient to their government's every command soon find themselves being totally controlled by the government. History has also shown that those who lack the moral courage necessary to express dissatisfaction over government. History has also shown that those who lack the moral courage necessary to express dissatisfaction over governmental policies and actions end up erecting crosses on Mt. Calvary and stoking the fires at Auschwitz.

The sand in the hour glass is running out. The time has come for the students and faculty here to look past the images of security found in the beer halls, fraternity houses and tree shaded avenues of Wilson and march into the forest of reality. For if we are to survive as an educational institution we must boldly confront all of the issues of our time.

There will be no campaigning in Hines Hall or the lobby of the student center during election hours. Any violation of this resolution should be reported to the Elections Committee. This rule will be in effect during the May 12-13 Day Student elections.

Take Note

The Pine Knot office will be open from 4-5:00 p.m., Friday May 8 for those who have not yet picked up their yearbook.