

THE COLLEGIATE

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Deferred Rush?

The demise of the Greek fraternity system here at ACC is imminent unless the Greeks themselves take steps to strengthen their organizations' foundations.

As a non-fraternity man, I would like to suggest that the IFC consider adopting a deferred rush system. I think such a system would serve to allow first semester freshmen the opportunity to acclimate themselves to their new environment and to concentrate on proving themselves academically. During the past three years I have known countless first semester freshmen who met with academic doom simply because the temptation from fraternities and other influences to join "the good life" was too great. I would urge current freshmen to wait at least until their second semester before pledging — fraternities will still be here and they will still want you. (The current IFC President waited until his sophomore year to pledge.)

One liability in the deferred rush system though, is the fact that if freshmen wait until their second semester to pledge they may find that life here at ACC is quite bearable without fraternity membership and forego any Greek affiliation whatsoever.

Fraternities I think would do well to at least consider the good and bad points of this issue and decide whether or not this system would help their game plan or take them out of the game altogether.

JCA

Appreciation

I think a word of appreciation is due this week to Dr. Sarah Bain Ward and all of the fine people who assisted her in making this year's Faculty-Staff reception the great success that it was.

The tradition of the Faculty-Staff reception has been firmly entrenched here at ACC and though it is oftentimes criticized, it remains I feel, as one of the unique events that makes ACC the fine school that it is.

I hope there will be many more Faculty-Staff receptions in the future; it's a nice "happening."

JCA

Editorial License

A basic tenet of journalism is that it is the editor's undebatable privilege to write editorials about any subject he feels is pertinent and in the course of the year I intend to express my views on many subjects. I would hope for and indeed expect some criticism and disagreement and I assure our readers that any letters to the editor, if they are not libelous will be printed.

In closing, let me assure everyone that I will never allow my opinions to discolor the news we print or to present any biased articles anywhere in the newspaper other than on the editorial pages.

JCA

Petition Drafted

As you have read in the past issues of the Collegiate the Board of Trustees discontinued the "Visitation Bill". The Executive Board of the S. G. A. has decided to draw up a petition to present to the Trustees on October 27, 1971. This petition will be for those persons who would have the Trustees reconsider their decision regarding the bill.

The reason for not passing the bill the first time was "lack of participation". Let's show them who the hell participates. Come and sign this petition on October 6 and 7 and vote for Student Rights.

Bob Baucom
SGA President

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Reader's Perspective

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention by way of the college newspaper that your views are not only very shallow in perspective but also quite contrary to your past performance. It seems to me that you have overstepped your bounds as the elected editor of a supposedly free press paper. Even if you make claims that you were only writing an editorial for the students to read you have made an unwarranted and very unnecessary attack upon the Greek system at Atlantic Christian College. If I remember correctly you yourself were once a member of a Greek organization at the school. Now, you have taken it upon yourself to cry "wolf" to all the potential Greeks. This act in itself shows me that you are either quite incapable of making a decision of the caliber, (whether or not to join a fraternity) or you have lowered yourself greatly by using the high ideals of such an organization to attain your own selfish goals. Having viewed your past performance at ACC and having known you personally, I rather suspect that the latter case is truer. You have contradicted yourself and have betrayed your beliefs.

I would like to suggest that you owe the Greeks of this campus an apology for your quite narrow-minded, maybe even foolishly unbiased comments. I have no idea of the Greek life that you were a part of in your affiliation at ACC, but I rather suspect that the consensus on campus is nothing but relief and joy that you no longer share the Greek letters common to this campus.

I should extend to you at this time sympathy because of the feelings that you have aroused on the campus. It seems quite unbelievable that one who once belonged and whose wife now belongs to Greek organizations should be the source of such undesirable comments.

I also would like to remind you to look back upon the activities of the year and try to imagine what they would be like without the Greeks. Also I would invite you to take a look around at the

President's Report

As a full-time student of Atlantic Christian College, you are a member of the Student Government Association. You put money into this association. This is an investment made by you for your gain.

People are becoming more money conscious than ever before, and when they invest in something they want to make some decision as to how their money is spent. This has not been true for all of the paying members of SGA in years past. There are various means of coicing your opinions as to how your money is spent. One very simple way is by voting.

There is a statement on student rights and responsibilities which is to be voted on. Freshmen class officers are to be elected. A petition asking the Board of Trustees to reconsider their decision on visitation is to be signed by the students interested. These three items will be acted on by students who are interested in their investment on October 6 and 7. I strongly urge all of you to become familiar with the issues and vote. This is Your Government; voice your opinions and "participate" in all of its events.

next Student Government Association meeting and count the number of Greeks that have positions of importance on that board.

As far as your comment on the decline in the membership of the Greek organizations on campus, I should suggest that you delay your unfair count until the "rush period" is over. I also challenge you to be patient with the new and quite promising "open rush" system that will be used for the first time this year. It is the hopes of the In-Fraternity Council that by next year this time over half of the total male population here will be GREEKS. In closing I can only say that I wish each one on campus could know you, for I am sure that you would be a most valuable rushing factor for the Greeks here at Atlantic Christian College.

I am respectfully yours,
Ed Harris, President
Inter-Fraternity Council

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of THE COLLEGIATE appeared an article entitled TO RUSH OR NOT TO RUSH. I know this article was most distasteful to the fraternities and sororities. It was even distasteful to me—a non-fraternity member.

Sorry to say JCA, but evidently you don't know what a fraternity stands for or means. In Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary a fraternity is defined as a state of being brothers associated for their common interest, business, or pleasure, or a religious or ecclesiastical brotherhood.

JCA are you telling me that the American Institute of CPA's, the Rotaract Club, the Science Club and all other organizations at Atlantic Christian College including the Alumni are "nothing but a dead end street"?

If you will open your eyes, you will see that our country is made up of fraternities, sororities, organizations, institutions which you have and belong to now. You, the other students at Atlantic Christian College, and I have a common interest — a degree.

I hope this article has enlightened your education. If not maybe your better half will with a rolling pin.

Sincerely,
Jim Lowery
ACC Photographer

"Soul On Ice" A Review

By BOB JOHNSON

One cannot but feel the tremendous power of this man in motion, Eldridge Cleaver. The overpowering verbiage of Cleaver sucks the reader into the soul of the author. This clear unashamed sweeping prose begs no apology of its reader, just audience. Cleaver mirrors the temperament of Black America on the move clamoring for the emancipation and manhood that Reconstruction exasperatingly and futally promised.

One must feel the frustration, anxiety, and furor of the author. The reader sweats and breathes with Cleaver as his whip resounds the torment of a people in desperation. This desperation for Cleaver must be manifest in a new attitude for Black America. This revolutionist is weary of Uncle Tom "Negroes" playing off his black brothers for white controllers; Cleaver is junking his "Stepin fetchit" heritage for a bold assertion of his black manhood.

Eldridge Cleaver has arrived and the white had better realize that the old, pat safe ideas of the

destiny of "white supremacy" is shortly, is today, is this moment being punctured and destroyed as some great balloon might be. That balloon is dispensing its last great gasp of air as the Black American is no longer afraid of bucking the "white establishment" because free men do not fear death. Look out Oregon, Idaho, Texas, North Dakota, Ohio, Alabama, and Florida "here come de judge".

Meaning In Struggle

By MALCOLM BOYD

On a midwestern campus recently a white male student told me: "I have no sense at all of who I really am. What is my identity? Blacks are together. Now women are defining their reality. But I feel lost."

Nina Simone sang "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black" to black students in Atlanta. The moment burst with exuberance, creative energy and hope. I wonder what can be sung, said, or exemplified to many other students who are momentarily trapped in frustration or even despair. "We Are Ourselves, Gifted, and Human" might be a start.

I share fully in the personal anxiety that inevitably accompanies this moment in history with its political action ad reaction, existential dilemmas and radical spiritual questioning. These are simply a few guidelines to my present philosophy of life.

I want to be an organic part of social responsibility and community building. Yet I also want to nurture my individuality — even at the risk of being considered eccentric.

I want to weigh myself in the scales of liberation movements — Black, Native American, Women, Gay, Chicano and others — and hopefully come up with human identity. Yet I do not want to live in a melting pot that denies deep and honest differences between people.

I want to be sufficiently sober and serious about the overwhelming questions of this day, this age: poverty, emptiness, ecology, identity, racism, loneliness in a mass, war. Yet I do not want to lose my sense of humor, capacity for sheer abandon and fun, and awareness of the absurd as a quality of life.

I want to nurture protest and lend fire to dissent. Without them a democracy perishes. Yet I want to avoid slipping into paranoia, destruction for its own sake, and the morbid malaise of hopelessness.

I want to be outspoken against the maladies and sins of my society, nation and institutions, yet do not want to become merely a shrill crier of doom who offers no alternatives, decent hope for change, or postivie approaches to hard and complex tasks.

It is therefore obvious that I choose to live in creative tension. I do not want to shut other people out of my life, avoid shattering human experiences and relationships, or reject the growth processes of becoming fully human. The alternative is, I believe, dehumanization. Success and failure are meaningless terms to me. The meaning of life I find in its struggle.

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For Sale: one used tape deck and speakers (for a car) \$30.00, contact Ken Holmes, 237-4346 (last week to sell)