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"A free press can of course be good or bad, but most certainly without freedom it will never be anything but bad." Albert Camus

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Fire Hits Girls Dorm



A flash fire gutted two rooms in the new girl's dormitory at Atlantic Christian College Sunday night, causing extensive smoke damage to the third floor and smoke damage to the rest of the building.

Milton Adams, a school official, said the building was evacuated without incident and that there were no injuries.

He also said the girls were housed Sunday night and Monday in other quarters while clean-up crews worked in the building but students would return tonight to the building except those housed on the third floor where the damage was most extensive.

A local insurance agent on the scene this morning said the two

Following Sunday night's fire The Collegiate photographer took these pictures which depict the ruthless and destructive nature of fire.

rooms were so extensively damaged they will have to be completely remodeled but neither he nor any school official could give a monetary loss figure.

Adams said the fire broke out while one of the two rooms was unoccupied and that the fire was apparently discovered by other girls in the dormitory.

City firemen were summoned about 7:06 p.m. and stayed at the college more than three hours as they battled the third-story blaze. They returned to the fire station about 10:21 p.m.

Chief Williams of the Wilson Fire Department told The Collegiate Tuesday morning that as far as they could determine at this time, the fire was caused by a short circuit in a floor lamp which was in one of the rooms next to the bed.

A total of about 18 firemen battled the blaze using four of the city's fire trucks. Milton Adams told The Collegiate that it was the "worst fire in the school's history."

ACC:

No Insurance

In the aftermath of Sunday's dorm fire, the Collegiate talked with Mr. Milton Adams, Business Manager for the College. Adams noted that unfortunately the school did not have any insurance to cover those personal articles destroyed in the fire. He said a program of that type would be extremely costly and that most families now have homeowners policies which cover property losses at home and away. Adams also noted that he knew of no other colleges that have insurance to cover student property losses.

The fire which caused several thousand dollars worth of damage, according to Adams, was the worst in ACC's history. Several students have voiced anger that ACC does not have any insurance on personal property and one member of the SGA suggested that the SGA make some small financial contributions to those students who suffered extensive fire losses.



Merchants Offer

In the wake of the Dorm fire, a number of local merchants have agreed to make special offers to the victims of the fire according to Zeb Whitehurst, Dean of Students at Atlantic Christian College.

Those merchants thus far who have made offers are: One-Hour Martinizing Cleaners and Exclusive Cleaners who offer one-half off the regular price for cleaning. Sylvia's has offered 15 per cent off on all clothes not already on sale.

Demos Register 3 Million Youthful Voters

Approximately 3,000,000 18-20 year olds have registered to vote at a 2.7 to 1 Democratic rate, Robert Weiner, National Youth Registration coordinator for the young Democrats office at the democratic national committee, announced today. These are the results of a survey of secretaries of state and voter registration coordinators across the country conducted by the young Democrats' national headquarters in Washington, D. C.

This total represents 27 per cent of the 11½ million eligible 18-21 year olds with the presidential election coming up in more than ten months. The total registered at this early time surprises many political analysts who had predicted that young persons would not register in large numbers.

Results were obtained from thirty-two states, as well as a breakdown of party registration for fourteen.

The National Young Democrats, Weiner said, have been conducting an intensive registration drive in the 18-20 year old age group since June 1, 1971. They have sent teams of canvassers to assist local groups, sponsored rock concerts, held statewide and local registration workshops, and utilized telephone banks and other techniques. College, high school, and non-student youth are all being urged to register.

Weiner also praised the many local and national groups besides the Young Democrats which have contributed to what he termed, "an excellent beginning." He stressed, however that it is only a beginning, and that the critical

period for registering young voters will be the next six months, in order for these voters to have the maximum impact on next year's presidential, congressional, and local elections.

Weiner cited the 2.7 to 1 Democratic to Republican registration ratio nationwide as proof that "the young people of America are ready for constructive, responsible change."

Admin. Council Puts Axe To By-Laws

The Administrative Council met Friday to discuss the proposed changes in the By-Laws of the Student Government Association. The council made several significant changes in the proposed By-Laws one of which concerned the lowering from 2.5 to 2.2 the grade point average necessary to run for president and vice president of the SGA. The council disapproved of this action and in a letter to SGA president Baucom, Dr. Wenger said "The council felt the 2.2 quality point average to be too low as a qualification for candidacy of the president and vice president respectively."

In other action, the council made some minor changes regarding the wording of certain statements.

The Administrative Council is composed of Dr. Wenger, Mr. Adams, Mr. Cleveland, Dr. Swindell, Mr. Daniell, and Dean Whitehurst.

News Briefs

Exec. Mtg. Cancelled

Monday's SGA Executive Board meeting was cancelled after eight of the Board's members failed to show up. Those absent from the meeting without excuses were: Kathy Lilley, Robbie Steen, Penny Antone, Andy Gay, Tom Kawana, Betsy Whitehead and Jim Sturdevant. President Baucom rescheduled the meeting for Mon. Feb. 7.

According to Robert Cayton, vice president of the SGA, this was the second time this school year that the Board's meetings have been cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Nursing Instructor

WILSON, N.C. — Mrs. Ruth Holmes Benedict has been named instructor in nursing at Atlantic Christian College, according to Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president of the college.

A native of Rocky Mount, she received the B.S. degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; was a public health nurse in Orange County, N.C.; rehabilitation nursing supervisor and public health nursing coordinator at N.C. Memorial Hospital and served as a captain in the U.S. Army Nursing Reserve.

Parham's Article

WILSON, N.C. — Thomas Parham, tennis coach and assistant professor of physical education at Atlantic Christian

College, is author of an article on tennis teaching techniques appearing in the January, 1972 issue of "Scholastic Coach," a national magazine for athletic coaches.

During the past academic year Coach Parham's tennis team at Atlantic Christian was ranked 6th in the nation.

Art Exhibit

A one-man exhibition of the work of Edward C. Brown of Wilson, opened in the Case Art Building Gallery at Atlantic Christian College on Jan. 31.

The show is comprised of ceramics and sculpture. The sculpture is from a variety of materials including stone, wood, metal and fiberglass.

Brown is noted for his work in ceramics and sculpture. His ceramic work was accepted in the North Carolina Crafts exhibition this year. He has been represented for many years in the N. C. Artists Annual Exhibition. Both events were held at the N. C. Museum of Art in Raleigh.

A native of Texas, Brown received his undergraduate degree from The University of Texas and master of fine arts degree from Columbia University. He is presently associate professor of art at Atlantic Christian in charge of ceramics and sculpture.

The exhibition will be open to the public through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 12 noon - 5 p.m.; and Tuesday, 7 - 9 p.m.