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Three pages can't express the spirit of this most exciting, without freedom at all, to be anything but real. — Albert Camus

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HELPING TO BUY MONET PAINTING: Atlantic Christian College art students and members of the art faculty recently contributed \$50 toward the purchase of a painting by Claude Monet, by the N. C. Museum. Shown making the presentation on behalf of the ACC department of Art, is Donna Strickland, left, an art major from Sanford. Accepting the donation on behalf of the museum is Mrs. Robert Hadley of Wilson, local representative for the museum.

Monet Money

Hanging in the lobby of the N.C. Museum of Art is a dreamlike painting in soft, hazy blues and grays that gently resolve into a water-reflected dawn landscape.

The museum, hampered by limited purchase funds, doesn't own the painting yet. But museum visitors have begun contributing to the \$275,000 needed to purchase this 1897 painting by Claude Monet, "Morning Mists."

Among the contributors are Atlantic Christian College art students and members of the art faculty, who have recently contributed \$50 toward the purchase of the painting.

"We receive calls and letters about it almost daily," said Moussa Domit, director of the museum. "They say 'Get the Monet and here's my contribution.' And they enclose money — sometimes as little as \$1.25.

"We're going to be raising money from art society members," said Mrs. Isaac V. Manly, art society president. "This will be our specific project for 1976. This year the society will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, and in honor of the occasion we would like to help present the museum with this important gift."

Monet was a French impressionist, and impressionism has long been a popular style of painting among visitors to the N.C. Museum of Art. An exhibit of American impressionist works in 1973 drew more visitors than has any other single museum show.

"Morning Mists" is one of a series of more than 18 views of the River Seine near Giverny, France, that Monet painted in the 1890's. He painted the scene many times to show not only the landscape, but the effect on it of light, time, and circumstance.

"A landscape, for me, does not exist at all," the artist said in 1890, "because the aspect changes at every moment Light and air vary continually One has to know how to seize the moment at the right time,

because this moment will never return."

"Morning Mists" is almost abstract; its painted trees are no more solid than their reflections in the water. Coolly still and vaporous, the canvas is so symmetrical that you could turn it upside-down without spoiling the effect.

Domit calls the painting's price tag a "bargain," especially since it will be cut by \$10,000 if the money is raised by mid-1976. Works by Monet have sold to other museums for as much as \$1 million.

Although the museum's purchase funds appropriated by the General Assembly are almost exhausted for this year, Domit is encouraged by the efforts of the Art Society and by the spontaneous contributions the museum has received to buy the painting.

NTE Feb. 21

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teachers Examinations on February 21 in Hardy Alumni Hall at Atlantic Christian College are reminded that they have less than two weeks to register with Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, N.J.

Zeb M. Whitehurst III, dean of students, said registrations must

Irvine Shows

Norbert W. Irvine, assistant professor of art at Atlantic Christian College, is currently having two one-man exhibitions of his work.

An exhibition of his silkscreen prints opened on the campus of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., on Jan. 6, and will continue through Feb. 15.

A second exhibition of his silkscreen prints opened at Lenoir Community College in Kinston, on Jan. 6. The show will be on display until Feb. 3.

"By mid-semester the Nursing Students should be in the new nursing building." This prediction is made by Dr. Arthur Wenger as he anticipates final completion of a project that has taken far less than the expected year-long construction period.

"Progress of this sort tends to make us optimistic about the building programs we have adopted." Continuing to speak on the building program at ACC, Dr. Wenger relates that one full year of construction work was predicted in order to finish the much-needed nursing building.

The president explains that the present delay is due solely to a lack of fixed seating in the lecture hall of the nursing building. When the chairs are installed and the interior polished up, the nurses can look forward to leaving Tuffy's and coming to the campus with their fellow students. Dr. Wenger issued an invitation for the

students to take a preview peek at the interior of the nursing building, maintaining that the nursing building is a boost to campus morale by being an open step toward prosperity.

Three quarters of the funds for the nursing facility were given in a federal funding package, leaving only one quarter of the burden in the hands of Atlantic Christian College officials. Mr. Daniell, director of admissions, explained to the editor of this paper last fall that much emphasis is being placed on the professional services programs such as Nursing, Psychology, and Business in order to compete for the high quality, high school graduate who may go to the technical or professional school. One needs only to look at the tremendous growth of King's College in Raleigh which specializes in the profession program to see that the student today is seeking more than just

training in the liberal arts field.

"Whether we like it or not, the colleges have to compete for the pre-professional student in order to survive." Mr. Daniell assures that the student who desires an education in the disciplines — say English, Philosophy, or Science — will still reap full educational benefits. Daniell assures that no department is suffering because of extra emphasis on the professional programs.

Another long-awaited building, the new library, will be started immediately. That is to say that the bids will be let by the publication date of this paper. At the end of a thirty day period, the bids will be opened and the college will determine whether to go with the bids as they are, or re-issue the call for bidding. In seeing the artist's conception of the building and the blueprints themselves, Dr. Wenger explains that a wing of the library is designed to be added or taken away initially if the costs demand. The wing could be added at a later date.

The new library will be located on Lee Street across from the administration building where the faculty parking lot, the Nursing building, and the empty frame house are situated.

Dr. Wenger notes that the funds for the new library facilities will come entirely from ACC's fund raising efforts. The cost is anticipated to run just over a million dollars. If the cost is too much higher than that figure, the college staff can scrap the construction of the north wing as mentioned above. Projected completion date is July 1977.

Sorry sports fans, but the auxiliary gym and the indoor swimming pool are far down the list. So too is the performing arts center. In fact, none of these projects are likely in the next ten years.

Incidentally, Mr. Daniell anticipates a standing enrollment of 1,500 students for the next ten years. Dr. Wenger points out the flexibility of the building program which can accommodate up to 3,000 students in the future. But like Mr. Daniell, Dr. Wenger sees no increase in enrollment.

Firestone Gift

The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., made a commitment of \$18,000 to Atlantic Christian College on Friday.

Making the presentation was John Boettner, local plant manager, and H. L. Broadfoot, Firestone comptroller. Accepting the commitment on behalf of the college were Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, ACC Board of Trustees, president, and T. J. Hackney Jr., chairman of the ACC Board of Trustees.

Commenting on the commitment, Boettner said, "As a corporate citizen of the Wilson community, Firestone accepts a responsibility to support significant educational and cultural enterprises in our area. Atlantic Christian is certainly worthy of the investment we are making."

Firestone's commitment makes a total of \$2,135,212 raised for the college's \$2,730,000 Fulfillment Fund Program.

Sears Donates

Grants totaling more than \$26,900 were distributed to 12 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina this week by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, a spokesman said.

In the Wilson area, Atlantic Christian College received a grant in the amount of \$2,800.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among more than 850 private, accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in more than \$1,270,000 in Sears Foundation

funds during the 1975-76 academic year.

The grants are unrestricted and are to be used by the colleges and universities in any manner they consider necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, in 1975, invested more than \$850,000 in a variety of other educational activities, the spokesman said. This brought the budgeted education expenditures of the foundation to more than \$2.1 million in 1975.



Walking to class is a sure way to clear the cobwebs left after a long night of study. But sleeves pulled up to the elbow take guts, as the temperature hasn't risen above freezing for the last few days. But at least the skies have been blue. (Photo by Doug Hackney)