

THE COLLECIATE IS BACK!

Parent's Day Slated

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WILSON, NC. -- Parents of more than 1,600 Atlantic Christian College students have been invited to attend the annual Parents Day activities to be held on the college campus, Saturday, February 28.

The event will provide parents with an opportunity to meet with individual members of the college's faculty, administration and staff so they may better understand the programs of the college. They will also have an opportunity to meet fellow parents and other students at the college.

Registration will be held from 8:30 -10:30 AM, in Hardy Alumni Hall. Parents' Day convocation will be held at 10:30 AM, in Howard Chapel. Convocation speaker will be Dr. F. Mark Davis, dean of the college.

A reception for parents, students and faculty will be held in Hardy Alumni Hall, at 11:30 AM. A special Parents' luncheon will be held in the Student Center cafeteria at 12:30 PM, for parents, students and faculty members. Entertainment will be provided by student music groups.

Dr. Harold C. Doster, President of the college, will preside over a 'Forum for Parents', to be held at 1:30 PM, in Hardy Alumni Hall.

Parent-faculty conferences are scheduled in individual faculty offices beginning at 2:30 PM. Open house and campus tours will begin at 4:30 PM.

Guest will be treated to a student drama production, 'Ghosts' at 8:00 PM, in Howard Chapel. The play will be performed by Stage and Script, the dramatics organization at Atlantic Christian College.



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Mayor Goes to College

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Wilson has two mayors, one "presides" in town hall, one "resides" in Hackney Hall.

Mayor Edward Perry, 50, of Norlina, North Carolina is a full time live-in sophomore at Atlantic Christian College.

"I feel like a new bride," he said. "I know something is going to happen, but I just don't know what."

Back in 1972 Mr. Perry started having health problems and had to retire as a telephone operator of 28 years with the railroad.

"After I retired, I decided I wanted to go ahead and do something more" he said.

Mr. Perry got started on this "something more" by enrolling in Vance Granville Community College in a tax course. "I don't know why I took it, maybe as an excuse just to get into school again," he said.

In January 1980, after a year of being a part-time student at the community college, Mr. Perry realized he was eligible as a veteran to receive financial aid to attend college.

During the summer he visited with a VA counselor in Winston Salem. He had intended to major in journalism, but was advised to go into history to be a teacher. The counselor felt Mr. Perry would be happier later on and he believed it to be a more promising field for him.

On the other hand, who can say? Mr. Perry already has had a dozen of more stories published by Alfred Hitchcock. "This was during the time I worked for the railroad and had plenty of time," Mr. Perry said.

How did he feel about changing majors? "I've always liked history and one of these days I may try to teach it," he said. "I didn't want to argue with him about my major. I wanted to come to school. And if he had said my major was to be in

washing dishes-I would wash dishes."

How do you choose a college at 50? Mr. Perry said "My age and background had a big influence. I knew I didn't want to go to a large college."

Why Atlantic Christian College? "Two reasons," he said, "it's not too far from home, probably one and a half hours drive from here, and it's a small college." He added, "I'm from West Virginia, an old country boy, and I felt I would fit in here."

Is there any problem being both mayor and student? "So far I've been able to handle it," Mr. Perry said. "I check in with the town clerk on weekends and the first Monday of the month I go home for meetings. I will have been mayor for 10 years in November, but I may have to give it up."

What do his Co-workers think? "I don't know what they think. Probably that I am a nut," he said. "People can't seem to understand why I want to go to college. They come to me and say, 'You're a grand father, 50 years old, so why now are you thinking about going to college?'"

I never seemed to have an answer to this question until I enrolled in Mrs. Finch's psychology class. Then I found out as I studied Maslow's Theory called 'self actualization.' He believed a person should obtain or reach the fullest potential they have. I guess that's why I'm here. I'm trying to obtain and reach the fullest potential I have."

Has this been a big transition for Mr. Perry? "Sleep has been my biggest problem," he said. "They should change themotto to 'we never sleep.' I can't seem to get to sleep, to many hi fi's. I think they have one in

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Rehearsing for "Ghosts" are: [Left to Right] Su Hyatt, Jeff Batchelor, and Beth Forbes.
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'Ghosts' Appearing This Week

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Stage and Script of Atlantic Christian College is presenting Henrik Ibsen's *Ghosts* February 25 through 28 in Howard Chapel. This example of early realistic drama has become a classic in theater repertoire.

But the drama is more than a piece from the past. As the major characters battle the ghosts, the old ideas and beliefs from the past, the play, like all good literature, tells us something about ourselves.

Beth Forbes of Wilson portrays Mrs. Helen Alving, who is

trying to forget her unhappy past with her now dead husband. Bob Poole of Fayetteville is Pastor Manders, Mrs. Alving's traditional minded spiritual and business adviser who is shocked and appalled by the independent ideas she expresses.

Her son Oswald, played by Jeff Batchelor of Rocky Mount, is busy wrestling with his own ghosts, things inherited from his past that are near to destroying him. He pins his hopes on the maid Regina, Su Hyatt of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

But Regina and her step-father Jacob Engstrand, played by Rueggy Copen of Chesapeake, Virginia, have plans of their own. How these problems are resolved and the effects they have on these five people provide an evening of absorbing theater.

Performances start at 8pm Wednesday through Saturday, February 25 through 28, in Howard Chapel on the campus of Atlantic Christian College.

Students and Faculty will be admitted free of charge.