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Trustee chairman should resign post

For the story about Phil Carlton, refer to last issue's front page lead story. In it you will find that Judge Phil Carlton has entered a guilty plea to reviewing the tapes illegally recorded from the Jim Gardner for Governor campaign.

It is time for Phil Carlton to go. He is the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and he has not been asked to resign from that position. He should not be asked — he should be forced.

Carlton has great power over this college, having been on the Trustees for about 20 years. Some would wonder why there is no limit to his term, as Trustees chairmen have in other schools. More might wonder why the college wants to coddle a confessed criminal. He has lied about involvement in political corruption for a year. He can only hurt the college's reputation if he is allowed to stay on.

The college must be rid of this albatross.

Judge Carlton and

Charles Lane, who is on our Board of Visitors, will bring unwanted publicity to the college by their criminal activities. Given the financial condition of the college, it hardly makes sense to retain such controversial and criminal individuals in power.

One has to wonder whether this is a political matter. It is hardly a secret that the administration of this college is Democratic in leaning. The victim of this crime was a Republican, the offenders were Democrats. Were their partisan positions involved in making this decision? Did they decide that the ethics of political corruption do not matter?

These questions must be answered if the administration intends to hold on to any credibility with the community. Thus far, there is no clear statement about the college's position regarding the crimes, or why Carlton and Lane should be kept on.

Why not?

Letters to the editor policy

The Decree accepts only signed letters to the editors. Unsigned letters will not be printed. Letters need to be placed in the campus post office and marked "Decree" or placed in the *Decree* office in the Spruill building. Letters must be received by Friday of the week prior to the next issue in order to be printed in that issue. *The Decree* reserves the right to edit or reject letters for grammar, libel, or good taste.



No more input, please

Information coming too fast

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

You know what I want for Christmas? I want a break from new information — "additional input," as some of you like to say.

Imagine a month without "new developments," as they say on the news. No outbreaks of hostility in Bosnia, no new books about Kennedy (any Kennedy), no new rock and roll groups, no new television channels, no new voter polls. A brief respite from all further details would lead to such peaceful evenings.

I find myself ruefully wishing this as I try to finish stuffing information into my head for my sabbatical research project and begin to cast my eyes toward magazines, journals, books, videos, CDs, catalogues, and memoranda stacked up in my house and office. In fact, I had thought I'd tell you — this is, after all, a confessional essay — how many magazines and professional journals I subscribe to, but it's just

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too embarrassing. I'd rather seem to be bragging or actually be setting myself up for not being able to answer some question on the latest Atlantic Monthly article.

Suffice it to say, that from news about educational developments to scholarly articles about Virginia Woolf's garden to calls for AIDS activism, I inundate myself with information.

I know you have final examination information to "incorporate," but — just for a moment — consider how much information we face every day. All of our lives are full of people telling us about ourselves and the people we know. Your mother has a cold, your friend has a new puppy. Conversations in the dorm room, phone calls from home, teachers

handing out assignments. We cannot avoid having to add to our personal data banks.

Then there is "news" news — the paper, the radio, the television, magazines, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks — all babbling "bytes" at us. Maybe you can pass them up, but I make notes to myself to return to the hundreds of mysteries I encounter every day. Who is the leader of the newly organized rebels in El Salvador? Or is it in Nicaragua? What is the Hubble telescope supposed to be doing that isn't able to do? What is that new novel by that Danish writer I wanted to read?

And information is now specialized and "marketed" for us. Now I look to my magazines on gardening in the south, my journals on modernist British literature, my collections of essays on the cultural influences of rock music, my book on the history of horror movies 1930-1960.

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CAB enjoyed good semester

Dear Editor:

According to "Life's Little Instruction Book," one of the instructions from H. Jackson Brown, Jr. states: "Never Underestimate the Power of a Kind Word or Deed."

Keeping this in mind, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thanks to all of the campus organizations who worked with CAB to make perhaps one of the best fall semesters! Each organi-

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zation was diligent and very responsible for helping to create a warm and welcome atmosphere for our visiting entertainers. Likewise, the "homegrown" activities like Lip Sync, Pudding Pool, and many others, have continued to

increase in excellence, thus perpetuating increasing attendance.

For those of you who have participated in helping to "put on a show," you should certainly pat yourselves on the back for a tremendous job well done. For everyone from CAB members, to the members of the organizations who gave of their time, again thanks! Without you, Campus Activities wouldn't happen!

Sue McCormack