

Editorials

Local Church Support Could Bring Success

For the past several years the Campus Christian Association of Atlantic Christian College has been attempting to carry out a spiritual program that would satisfy the needs of its constituency, the Atlantic Christian College family.

It is no secret that the CCA has not been able to fulfill this duty. Many reasons can be advanced to explain why this is true, but all of these reasons can be summed into one: The CCA is saddled with a system which defies success. How can a cabinet of thirteen members carry on a program that will adequately fill the spiritual needs of 1,200 students? It cannot be done (and we defy Jack Lescoule to build a commercial out of that).

Therefore, if the spiritual needs of Atlantic Christian College students are going to be filled, the CCA needs to enlist help from other sources. Even the most dedicated and capable cabinet members of the CCA are ineffective without this help.

Many students have realized this and have been attempting to find

a solution to the problem. Several weeks ago a letter was written in the Pet Gripe section of the Collegiate expressing the desire of the Baptist Student Union to cooperate more fully with the campus religious activities. This letter quoted the following sentence from the college catalog: "It is the aim of the college to develop character through Christian education, to combine with the development of the intellectual abilities a growing spiritual insight, to inspire to active service, and thus to have a part in contributing to the world efficient Christian citizens and leaders."

The letter further stated that the BSU, by working with students on the Atlantic Christian College campus, could help this aim to be realized, at least as far as Baptist are concerned.

This letter was followed with a plan by the local Baptist church for the effective reaching of Baptist students on the campus through an off-campus program. The administration of the college has also expressed the desire to cooperate

with the Baptist church in every way in order that this goal may be achieved.

The Collegiate wishes to commend the Baptist church for this action. We also suggest that other denominations follow the lead of the Baptists and consider plans for the effective reaching of students of their particular communion.

Contrary to the thoughts of many students, the college is ready and willing to cooperate with the local churches in carrying out these plans. The stipulation that the college does make is that such procedure be carried on through the local church. The Baptist church has shown through its proposal that this is not a disadvantage but an advantage for the local church.

Therefore, let us hope that the CCA will receive the assistance that it needs through the cooperation of denominational groups represented on the campus. With the coordination of all these efforts, the spiritual aim of the college will be realized.

Freshman Class Selects Homecoming Contestant

The Freshman Class in its meeting last Thursday morning elected Miss Polly Glover to represent the class in the Homecoming Queen competition.

Miss Glover is majoring in business. Among the campus organizations she belongs to the Business Club and the Atlantic Christian College Chorus.

Robert Bishop, president of the freshman class, announced the appointment of the following committees. Bob Stone, chairman of homecoming activities committee,

Carole Barber, chairman of dance and social committee, and Larry Sicheloff, chairman of publicity committee.

Bishop said to members of the class: "Although you may not have been appointed a committee, your support will be needed in the year's activities."

Officers of the 1959-1960 freshman class are Robert Bishop, president; Tommy Moore, vice-president; Miss Linda Walkins, secretary; and Miss Sue Gettinger, treasurer.

English Instructors In Meeting At Duke

Three members of the faculty of the Department of English of Atlantic Christian College attended the College English Association conference held at Duke University last Saturday.

Main speakers at the all-day program included Dr. L. D. Adams, Assistant Superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools; Dr. Fredson Bowers, University of Virginia; Dr. John Hicks, CEA Executive Secretary; and Dr. Randall Stewart, of Vanderbilt University. Three panel discussions were

held during the morning session. The subjects of these discussions were "Advanced Standing and Advanced Placement," "Special Programs for Superior Freshmen and Sophomores," and "Recruiting for College Teaching."

At a luncheon held in the Ballroom of the Union Building on the Duke University campus, Dr. Stewart spoke on "The Importance of Literature at the Present Time."

Those attending were Mrs. Dorothy Eagles, Mrs. Edna Johnston, and Mrs. James Woodard.

Officers' Decisions Essential To Campus

Buried in the many actions taken by the Executive Board at its meeting Monday night is one that disturbs the staff of The Collegiate very much. It should also disturb members of the student body.

The action came as a result of the fault finding that students have registered recently over the Tommy Dorsey Dance that has been planned.

After hearing criticism, a recommendation was made to the Executive Board that all future student activities of this sort be taken before the student body for approval.

The term "expending a great deal of money was used." Now this could mean almost anything. To us, sometimes, \$5 is a great deal of money. To some others \$1,000 would be a small amount of money.

It probably wasn't meant to be an all-inclusive action, but this vote could cause havoc in planning events.

Stage and Script spends a great deal of money in producing its plays. Does it need approval? The Collegiate spends a great deal of money in publishing the newspaper. Does it need approval? The Social Committee needs a great deal of money in planning its events. Does it need approval? The present members of the

Executive Board would probably contend that the action did not involve these activities. But what will be the interpretation of other board members in the future?

As one can see, it would be pretty difficult to draw a line between those things that need approval and those that do not.

In addition, it is our feeling, that the Executive Board is made up of individuals who have been selected by their contemporaries to represent them in making decisions relative to the activities of the campus. We believe this to be the traditional duty of the board. Why change it now just because some students failed to agree with action taken on this particular dance?

The Executive Board seems to have missed the main point. The students want the board members to make decisions. They also want the board members to understand that some of their decisions will be questioned. But to question some of them doesn't mean that they want the board to stop making decisions.

We like the program the way it is. We have many indians and a few chiefs. We don't all want to be chiefs. We just want to tomahawk a few chiefs once in awhile to let them know they are still representing the indians.

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Wilson Scholarship Deadline Tomorrow

Faculty departmental chairmen were reminded today that tomorrow is the deadline for nominations of students for Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships.

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At The Library

Need For Carrier Deck Heads Hardian Planning

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RUSH WEEK is over — in name if not in fact. The energy expended might easily have put a man into orbit (probably did) and one cannot but wonder where American education might be today if the appeals to knowledge were as strong as those which address themselves to other aspects of the human personality.

RUSH WEEK, once again, illuminated certain of our perennial problems and in this regard it has had value for us. It brought out the "soarers" — representatives of the various stereotyped groups which make up a library's clientele. On this cold and thoughtless Monday it also gave us an idea for a column where none previously existed. The question remained "Should we or shouldn't we?" We reasoned: "Certainly our on-going attack on stuffed-shirtism must be obvious to all — If we were to be thrown to the lions, why hasn't it happened before now, etc., etc." We decided to gamble. Here-with beginneth a series of sketches of library clientele as seen from the other side of the circulation desk. Have mercy!

FLOATERS: Floaters we always have with us and until such time as other campus attractions (well-appointed student lounges, etc.) become more available for them we will have to deal with this problem. The floater is a person who comes to the library with this

sole purpose in mind. Having completed his homework in the first fifteen minutes after class (he is always punctual about this) he usually has about six or seven hours left over each day for his favorite occupation. Because of its high ceilings the library offers the most wonderful possibilities for this sort of activity. Here the floater shows off to best advantage, especially since the library is presumably a quiet place. Floaters require quiet or they won't be noticed — this is a truism. We seem to have fewer floaters this year, possibly because the large freshman class has reduced the effective area in which they can operate. Floaters are almost always upperclassman — this too is a truism.

DEMONSTRATORS: Demonstrators nearly always come in pairs though not necessarily always in the same combinations. Adam and Eve were the first demonstrators and humanity has ever since (subconsciously of course) been frustrated by the fact that the two did not have an appropriate audience. Demonstrators have sparked the large movement towards the almost universal use of audiovisual materials in education. Demonstrators are good to have around when there is absolutely nothing else to look at but can be utterly disgusting after, say, a large meal. Demonstrators are increasing by the square each year since the natural progress of mankind, since Freud, has been back toward

Adam and Eve. We are fond of them but we do agree with Anna Russell, "Too much of anything, even if it is nice, is too much!"

SOARERS: Soarers are a little bit difficult to identify unless you are an old timer or have your "Field Guide to the Human Species" always on hand. They enter a building like a mallard coming in for a landing (feet first, and tail down) circle each room three times before they find a likely place to settle and then put down with a horrible fuss and furor. There is a sub-specie which is unalterably attracted to the telephone and can cause an uproar which is unprecedented in library operations. We accept them as a partial answer to the need for air conditioning but we do wish they would equip themselves with two-way radio on some frequency above 30,000 cycles per second.

Next week, or at some future time when we can think of absolutely nothing else to write about, we hope to continue these friendly little sketches of the library user. We hope that we may include the faculty member as well as the administrative staff member (we'd hate to discriminate) and look forward with some enthusiasm to this latter possibility. In the meantime don't forget to get your "Field Guide to the Human Species" on sale at Tweeties between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and breakfast. If you feel the need you may pick up a ten-cent mirror at Rose's. We offer no credit for the course.

Extensive Study Needed Prior To Changes In IFC

The events at Tuesday's Interfraternity Council meeting were indicative that the members of the fraternities and sororities of Atlantic Christian College are sincerely interested in the welfare of their groups and are cognizant of the vital role they play in campus life.

There were two developments in the IFC meeting which warrant special comment: the proposal that the sororities and fraternities separate their governing organizations into two such governing bodies, and the closing remarks of Sammy White, IFC president.

The proposal that the sororities form a pan-hellenic council to govern their activities needs extensive study. There are, of course, both negative and positive sides to this issue.

On the negative side, one might say that such a separation would destroy the effectiveness of both groups. This might come from overlapping of jurisdiction, and overlapping of activities. Actions of the two groups might result in confusion in such matters as rush, pledging, and initiation.

On the positive side, it is to be realized that the national fraternities function somewhat differently from local sororities and, therefore, should be governed by a separate organization.

It might be stated, too, that

fraternities have houses and sororities do not, and, therefore, different rules should apply in the government of the two groups. Also, the activities of the sororities are somewhat governed by the rules which apply to resident women students.

We would not seek to tell the IFC how to act on this matter, but would encourage it to study both sides of the question carefully before taking any definite action.

White's remarks on friendly competition are worthy of a resounding "Amen" for this corner. We hope that the Greek letter groups on campus will continue to maintain friendly competition. But, we hope that they will not allow competition to stand in the way of cooperation.

We have observed what might easily be interpreted as jealousy among fraternities and sororities this week. We hope that it is something other than jealousy. We hope that it is, rather, intense competition.

White was hitting the proverbial nail on the head when he spoke of the necessity of cooperation and competition. Both are vital to the function of Greek letter groups.

We feel that the idea of the split, White's comments and all other discussions at the IFC meeting were indicative of interest. We hope the Greeks will continue to show such interest.