

# A Touch Of Silk

Colleges and Universities for the most part are noted for undying traditions, established patterns of thoughts, actions and customs, which withstand the furor of our everchanging society. These institutions still take pride in their ivy-covered halls of learning, their ever-familiar campus melodies, and the various rites performed upon those who have graced their glorious halls. It is indeed an inspiration that some such pieces of nostalgia are retained, however, it is also relieving that some customary relics have faded into oblivion. One such practice is that of the panty raid.

The occurrence of a group of lusty young men storming a girls dormitory in hopes of retrieving some fair maidens unmentionables is indeed an uncommon site in our era of sophistication. However, it must be noted that Atlantic Christian College, and its students, is a common ground for the uncommon events of life. Even within the past week cheering girls have witnessed the siege of Hilley Hall by several devil-may-care marauders with silk in their eyes.

For some this incident may have served a purpose, if fact it may have been beneficial to those involved. In Jim Henderson's "Virginia Pilot" news column he quoted professor Guy Owen, who teaches English at North Carolina State University in Raleigh as saying, "Panty raids. Pay the football players to stage them, and the girls to participate." Jim Henderson said the professor further stated, "That outdated emotional outlet of the 1950s college era would relieve a lot of the stress that keeps today's college students up tight." The professor also interjected, "Bring back panty raids, on a commercial basis and the excess energy that goes into burning ROTC buildings, storming Administration, and holding up in the library with M1 carbines would be dissipated." Maybe the professor had a point. However we must look at this from the stand point of our own college situation.

It is hard to believe that any of the students of ACC have no better place to channel their energy. If the urge besieges a student to pour out his anxiety he may well take it out on the basketball court, the intramural field, in a cold shower, or even his girlfriend if he has one available.

The simple facts are that such panty raids have a tendency to disturb the peace of the college, not to mention that of the surrounding neighborhood. Knowing that said neighbors will put in a call to the local police without hesitation, therefore inviting unwanted bad publicity it would appear that excess energy will have to find another source of relief. Of course, if such energy goes into seiging of building, burning of administration, etc., then maybe Professor Owen has the right idea, put panty raids on a commercial basis.

## Tell It Like It Is

The Executive Board of the Student Government Association recently considered a proposal concerning co-ed dorms at A. C. C. "Tell It Like It Is" probed the student body for its opinion on the controversial, though interesting matter.

Maybe the boys think we should because they keep trying to get in the windows.

A.M. (female).

Might work at other places but A. C. C. isn't an experimental college, it just isn't that large. However it is a good idea to bring people closer together.

E.H. (male).

It would be alright, if occupants conducted themselves in a mannerly fashion, but no adjacent rooms.

D.W. (female).

Not necessary, it is just as

easy to walk next door as to climb a flight of stairs.

B. C. (male).

All right! Good grief! Good idea! I need all the help I can get.

M.T. (female).

Yes, co-ed dorms would establish better all around relationships and the sex drive wouldn't be as great.

A.D.M. (male).

Doubtful about the success of the idea because before the age of 21 most individuals are not mature enough, especially freshman girls, but after 21 I see nothing wrong with it if facilities were provided, maybe suites.

J.H. (male).

Yes, there are many benefits, an example would be, girls could do the laundry.

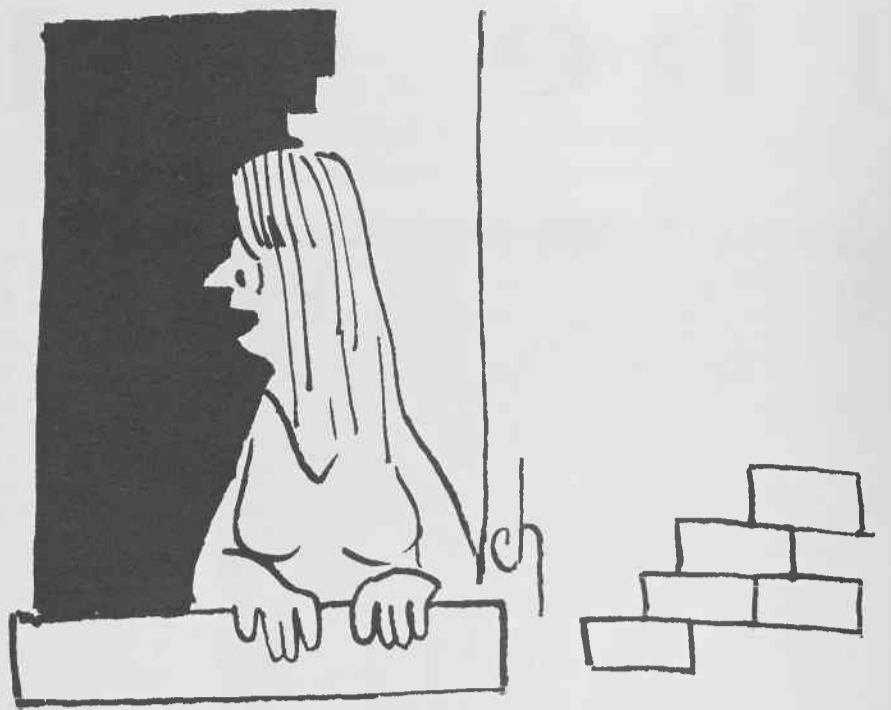
M.D. (female).

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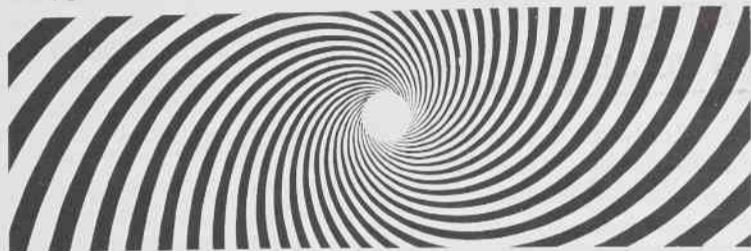
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## Reader's Perspective



Dear Editor:

On Thursday, September 18, I attended what turned out to be an interesting and amusing debate. Russell Roebuck, past International President of Delta Sigma Phi and David Finch, President of the Interfraternity Council of Atlantic Christian College led the Greeks. The opposition was represented by Larry Stauers and Robert Koelling. The question of the debate was whether a student should pledge a fraternity or sorority.

The opposition based their negative stand on the premises that: Pledging hurts a student's grades, fraternity and sorority averages are usually lower than the norm, and that Greek-Letter Societies are a dying system. These were later proven to be incorrect opinions when Mr. Roebuck began his positive stand speech with: "The opposition has obviously not done their homework very well." Mr. Roebuck then proved he had done his homework when he began listing statistics, some of which I will now quote.

"About 1/2 of those who matriculate in the nation's colleges will graduate. On those campuses where there are no fraternities, 33 per cent of the men will graduate. On the campuses where there are fraternities, 47 per cent of those who did not join will graduate and 59 per cent of those who joined nationally affiliated fraternities will graduate. Just attending a college where there are fraternities increases a man's chance of graduating by 14 per cent — by joining a national social fraternity he will increase his chance of persistence to graduation by 26 per cent." (From the U. S. Office of Education)

When David Finch was asked about the Greek averages at Atlantic Christian, he called on Dean Lozier, who supplied the following information: For the Spring Semester 1969. All fraternities were above the all men's average and two of the three sororities were above the

all women's average.

Of the 1,546 colleges in the U. S. which grant the baccalaureate degree, over 1,000 have Greek-Letter Societies (2-3). This represents a gain of almost 40 per cent in the last ten years in the number of colleges having Greek-Letter Societies.

Although there was no definite winner or loser of this debate, I think the results were obviously positive. The negative side presented their argument with little or no tangible proof to back up their beliefs. On the other hand, the Greeks could and did support their argument with sound and scientific facts.

Seward Lawlor

Dear Editor:

I would like to make some personal observations regarding Monday night's first meeting of the SGA Executive Board. At that meeting I proposed that a committee of students be appointed to "investigate the possibility of establishing some type of coed dormitory existence here at A.C." This proposal was not a clarion call for immediate action to establish that type of co-existence, but was only a call for investigation. However, the Board evidently saw no merit in even investigating the possibilities, for they immediately defeated the proposal without any negative discussion at all.

In retrospect, this has brought to my mind, two questions. Number one, is what happened to the Student Government officers that were elected last year on a platform built around social change. Have these officers already abandoned their campaign banner calling for social change and the abolishment of certain "social taboos?" Or do their proposed changes concern only the use of alcoholic beverages off campus?

The second main question concerns the open-mindedness of the Board. How many of those who voted against the proposal knew anything about coed dorms? It appears to me that

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The Wilson Rotary Club set to form a Rotaract Club on the Atlantic Christian College Campus and seeks to find interested students.

This club is open to all normal graduates, including women (up to 50 per cent of total membership).

Please contact Walter Anderson (Social Studies) or Ashton Wiggs (Business).

## Flick On Friday

The Student Center committee will sponsor a movie Friday night beginning at 7:30 the upstairs of Hardy Hall. The name of the movie "Torn Curtain". The stars of this superb motion picture are other than Paul (Coolidge) Newman and Julie (Sound of Music) Andrews. There will be no admission charge this evening of entertainment.

when elected officers negatively to a subject know little about, that officials are not properly sending those students elected them. Before making proposal I talked with a number of my constituents, of whom expressed a desire to have the idea investigated.

As I stated Monday, the committee would have concluded that coed dorms would be highly infeasible here at ACC. Perhaps they could have been significant educational improvement. In any case it would have hurt to look into the matter.

In conclusion, I only hope in the future, SGA members be more objective in their look, and will act in much the same manner as we would for members of the faculty administration, and Board Trustees to act...open-minded.

Sincerely yours,  
James Abbott  
President  
Sophomore Class