

# Two Terms For President

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It was nearly seven months ago that SGA president Joe Wilkins advertised a thirteen point political platform billed as "Words Followed by Actions — Not More Words." It would appear that the words of the candidate are now becoming actions — at least in part.

The new president wasted no time in putting his Executive Board to the grindstone of progress. But even though time has been utilized very efficiently, it is dubious that many of the planks of the Wilkins platform will ever become realities. It is indeed unlikely that some of them will ever be considered.

If this failure occurs, however, it cannot be attributed to the president, the Cabinet, or the Executive Board. The shortcomings appears to lie within the SGA constitution itself in that it limits what a president can accomplish. If a man can't enter the office until his senior year, then he obviously can't hold the office more than one year without delaying his graduation.

What can be accomplished in one year? During the spring very little. The time between installation about April 15 and the end of spring semester is almost entirely spent in getting used to the office. Then the wheels are forced to stop for the summer. When fall returns it is nearly October before any real action can occur. With allowances for holidays a president then has about six months in which to work.

We must commend President Wilkins for being energetic even when his virgin Executive Board was hesitant. But even with a good program, he can only proceed so fast. Former president, Byron Wyndham, left office with many ideas which never got into an Executive Board meeting. The reason: There wasn't enough time to do everything so some things got left behind. The same fate, we fear, awaits Wilkins and all succeeding presidents unless action is taken.

The solution is obviously a constitutional amendment which would allow a student to serve as president during his junior year. The president would use this amount of time getting acquainted with his office and how to use it. But the net effect would be that if, as a junior, he had a good program moving he could run for re-election as a senior. Hence with a two year potentially great progress could be realized. If an occasional incumbent were elected, the spring delay could be circumvented during the second term. Thus badly wasted time could be utilized more appropriately.

We must acknowledge that there will be an occasional bad president. If such becomes the case, we do not "stick" ourselves for two years instead of one. He must still run for re-election, and the student body is at liberty to defeat him if he is lackadical. We do not advocate a two year term but the possibility of two one year terms. On the balance it would seem that the advantages for outweigh the disadvantages.

## New Problems From Old

Recently new innovations have been employed on campus concerning convocation attendance supposedly to eliminate the burden of the students, as to how one is to attend the required number of events without unnecessary inconvenience to the student.

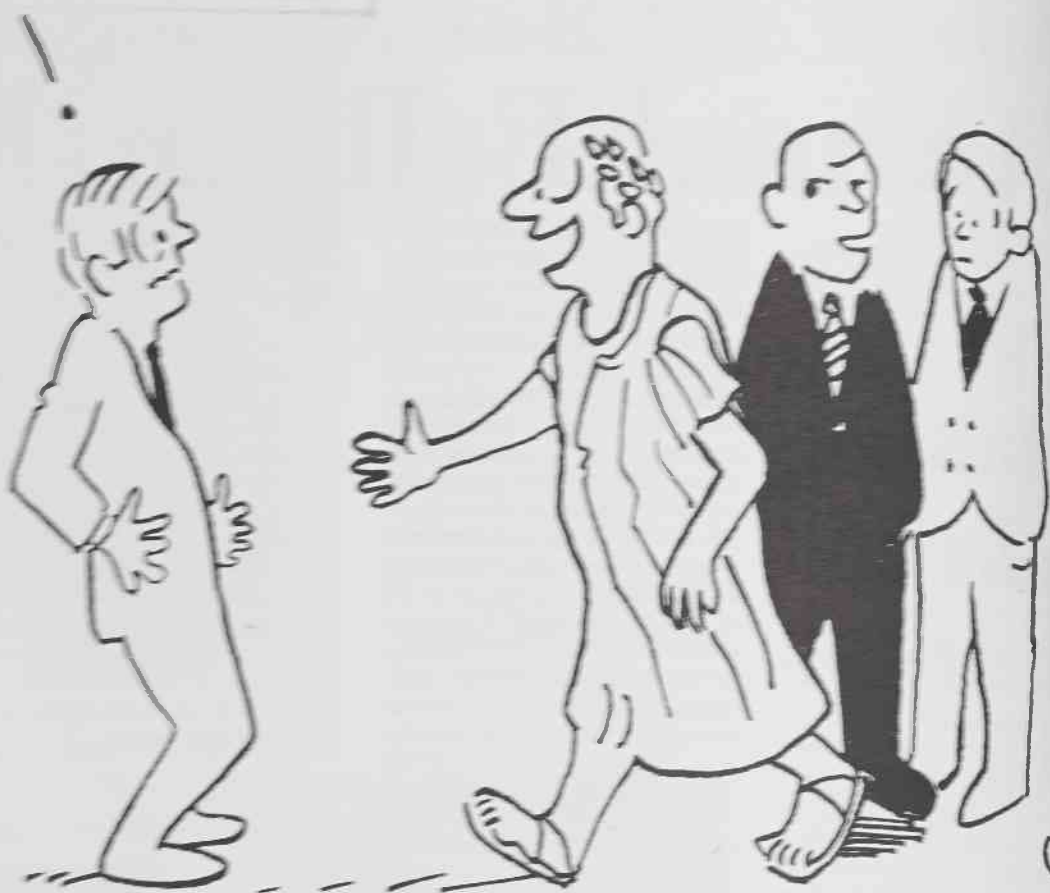
Under the new rules the students must attend eight convocation programs out of those offered during the Tuesday hour or the few evening presentations. This system is well-and-good for the on-campus students in most cases but still has flaws for those who have schedule conflicts. The question to be considered is whether or not those students who have classes before and after convocation are expected to forego the noon meal in order to attend a minimum of four daytime convocations. This would seem to be the present circumstance as there are only four evening programs offered. Therefore the matter at hand is further complicated as the new rules have not stipulated what is to be done in such cases. Is the student expected to stumble through or will there be additional alternatives open to him concerning convocation attendance? If not the petitions committee should prepare for a tidal wave of blue and white forms.

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"HE'S THE BEST RUSHER WE HAVE!!"

### Reader's Perspective



Editor:

Usually Thursdays are very pleasant here at good old ACC, that is until last Thursday when I read the Collegiate. Maybe being a member of the Executive Board of the SGA makes you more prone to read the pulse of the campus. However, I read the most startling fact, that the SGA has forgotten about social change at this college and that it has turned back to Victorian ideals. This is one of the most absurd statements I have ever encountered while a student at this college. This year's Executive Board is the most reform-minded board ever at this institution of higher education.

Usually a Board member does not enter into internal issues on the Executive Board, in public, but I feel impelled to do so in this case. The idea of coed dorms at this college is a great idea, and should be left as an idea for the time being. It seems a little ironical to me to propose coed dorms at a school that does not allow women to go to class in slacks. The SGA is in the process of presenting before the Board of Trustees two bills that will, if passed, change the complexion of this college. In order for these bills to have any remote chance of passing, the Executive Board must devote its full attention to these important matters of student representation on the Board of Trustees and drinking at social functions.

Finally, in regard to Jim Abbott's question as to whether or not the Executive Board will be open-minded, the answer is an emphatic, "YES!" Yes, it is open-minded enough to realize that with a Board of Trustees meeting coming up October 29th, it had better tend to business at hand and not get bogged down with something that is years away. Just for the record when Mr. Abbott's resolution was brought back under a motion to reconsider, Mr. Abbott was the only one to vote for the measure. This seems to indicate that in Mr. Abbott's opinion everyone on the Board is closed-minded except himself. If this is the

## A Presidential Report

One of the primary jobs of the SGA and the office of the President is to keep the student body informed of what is going on in regards of the Administration and the student. This newspaper column was created with the sole purpose of informing the students of Atlantic Christian on the inner workings of the SGA. In years past, other SGA presidents have written articles for the Collegiate with this purpose in mind. This column which will appear in the Collegiate regularly will not deal with personalities or be used as a sounding board for any one group or faction on this campus, for a president must represent all the students, not any one group. This article, being the first of many such articles, I feel compelled to give the reader a longer introduction that usual to prepare him for what lies ahead in the weeks to come.

Freshman class nominations will be made at a meeting conducted by myself on Oct. 2. When this article reaches print, it will be Friday Oct. 3, but I feel it important to mention to the freshman a few governing rules in the campaign. The campaign

period will begin Friday, Oct. 3 and will last through Tuesday, Oct. 14. Speeches will be made by all candidates for the office of President and Senate on Thursday, Oct. 9. All campaign posters and the like will have to be initiated by one of the members of the SGA. As in any political election, there are many factors that make a student vote for one candidate over another, but the following factors should not go into considering a candidate for office: this particular candidate is looking and-or has a beautiful body, being the case if candidate is male or female, should not interfere with students decisions. One will find out the hard way that once he/she is elected that these factors play a minor role in making a student a good officer. A candidate must not be elected because of the friends he has, must be elected on his own capabilities as a leader. When this person is elected, he stands alone and must rely on his God given abilities. In closing, I would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck in the forthcoming elections.

## Tell It Like It Is

Greek rush is the big issue on campus this week. "Tell It Like It Is" questioned various students on their opinions of Greek life. Most answers were given with views on both advantages and disadvantages of pledging.

Sorority life brings out the best in a girl and with the study regulations they usually have a higher grade point average. Also there are extra-curricular activities such as sports, etc. The only disadvantage is the time involved.

K.L.

Sorority life means social life, but I like my independence too much to be a member of a klan.

L.E. ME

It gives you the incentive to have a "C" average. The only disadvantage I know is money involved.

The advantages are not living in the house or attending every event and the security of sisterhood and it makes a person ready for the world after graduation. It's money which a person can't overcome if they have a desire.

It makes a person more rounded and it gives guys a chance to express brotherhood and met guys with different backgrounds, and it does mean you have to goof off.

It is a great organization if you have the experience and know what you want but I would recommend it to a first semester freshman.

You make enemies with other fraternities.

In my case, all I have to say to James Abbott is, RIGHT ON BIG JIM, because sometimes reality takes precedent over visionary idealism.

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