

## THE COLLEGIATE

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# The Collegiate: Our Obligation

The age which acclaimed the Declaration of Independence and added a Bill of Rights to the Federal Constitution considered freedom of expression one of the great natural rights which governments were instituted to protect. It believed that this sacred and inalienable right could not be justly impaired by any government even with the consent of the majority. Today, many "truths" which appeared to Jefferson "self-evident" seem to have less influence on the "opinions of mankind," but the need for freedom of expression even at the college level remains as crucial today as it did in the time of our founding fathers.

Most Americans would agree that freedom of speech and of the press is essential to self-government. Many, however, may not adequately comprehend why freedom of discussion is fundamental to our democratic way of life, or why we should allow the propagation of doctrines and beliefs which we regard as false, or even loathsome.

The Feb. 3 issue of *The Collegiate* contained several articles which angered and disturbed many readers. Various members of our college community have attacked those students who wrote controversial articles and myself for allowing them to be printed. I will not apologize for that issue because I felt then as I do now, that much of what was said was true. Besides, I feel it was the prerogative of those students to state their personal views beneath their bylines.

The Collegiate is our student newspaper, it reflects the views of those students who voluntarily give of their time to write the articles contained in each issue. In our news stories, we strive to be factual and in our personal columns and editorials we present only our personal views; this I regard as not only our liberty, but indeed our obligation.

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# Baby Fat Or Muscle

By JERRY BROYAL  
Managing Editor  
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In a time when many people in our world are facing hunger as an everyday fact of life, we here at ACC should pay homage to our benefactors who keep us from suffering the pains of hunger. In fact, we here at ACC have tight little tummies which are protruding from being over stuffed with a diet carefully prepared to assure that our baby fat never develops into muscle. Actually, the above statement is not so far from the truth as many would have us believe. By taking just a short look at two issues facing us here at ACC, I can demonstrate my point.

First, our constitution and by-laws have had to suffer beatings before the Administrative Council, not once or twice my friends, but it now faces a third confrontation. You, the students, spoke in the election in which you ratified your Student Government constitution and by-laws, and our SGA has rallied to try and prolong the life of our

constitution and by-laws.

Secondly, the students were left last week without a paper due to pressure from our benefactors. Agreed that certain articles were found to be lacking journalistic style, I still find it hard to accept the "recommendation" given us. The recommendation took such loving guidance as to threaten suspension of the paper for the remainder of this year if we don't change our direction.

Your SGA has taken a stand in these issues and if it means a confrontation to make our feelings felt then so be it. The true strength of the efforts to assert self-determination, especially in a situation that comes down to a confrontation, lies in a united and determined student body.

The stand has been taken by our SGA. From here my friends it rests in your own determination and willingness to stand behind your student leaders and what you believe.

...It is a sin to remain silent when it is your duty to protest

# The Music Thing

By JIM TEMPLE

The Young Americans Concert: Thursday, February 3, the Young Americans appeared in Wilson Gym. I attended the first half of the performance and was very pleased with it. I must admit however I went to the gym rather pessimistically.

The group was most invigorating throughout the first half. They combined both song and dance into an excellent repertoire. The music, played live, some was on tape, was performed excellently by youngsters back stage. The music styles varied, ranging from opera to ragtime.

For the most part the songs were classic oldies done in a contemporary manner. There were a few of today's songs. Some of the songs done were: Red Roses, Jean, Eli's Coming, Bill Bailey, Five Foot-Two, Old Man River, and Jesus Christ Superstar. I think you can see there was a large cross section of styles requiring a multi-talented performing group.

In conclusion I'd like to say it was a most commendable performance.

Concert for Bangladesh—George Harrison and Ravi Shankar

Ever since the new nation of Bangladesh won its independence from West Pakistan it has had a struggle to survive. The problem of refugees, who are an economic strain, may cause a disastrous situation.

Many may feel that the problem is there, and not here so we can do nothing to help them in their plight for freedom. There was two persons who felt they could do something for these people. Ravi Shankar, the sitar great, and George Harrison, who needs no introduction, got together to discuss the problem. The result of their efforts was the Concert For Bangladesh.

This concert was unique in many ways. It was the first all out effort to raise funds for a cause, by having a rock concert. For this reason one may wonder what type of success the two musicians might have in acquiring performers. As it turned out they were very successful. Aside from raising over \$240,000 from the gate they also recorded the music for an album. This album would be sold at costs with the proceeds going to Bangladesh.

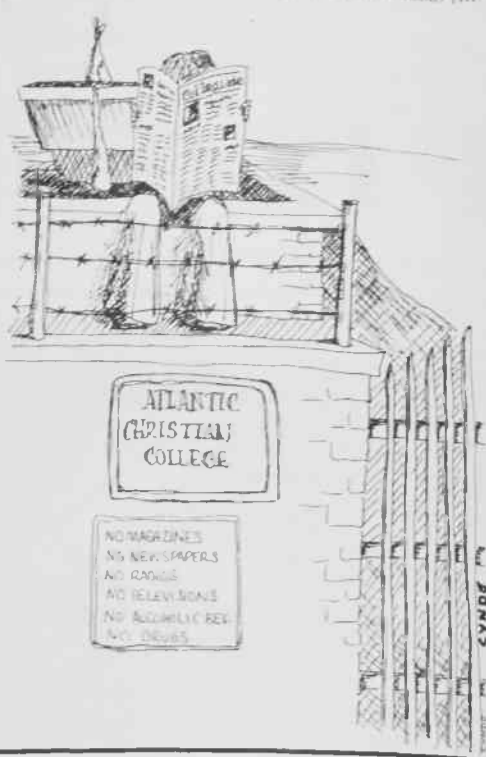
There were many of today's leading rock musicians at the concert. Such greats as Leon Russell, Billy Preston, Ringo Starr, and Klaus Voorman, with Harrison and Shankar proved for an exciting evening of music. The real icing on the cake came when Bob Dylan appeared.

The album is now available in limited numbers, and is an excellent reproduction of the actual concert. That is one of the things that surprised me the most. Live recordings are generally poor in quality.

There are three records in the album jacket. One side is reserved for Ravi Shankar and his sitar performance. I'm afraid the sitar music isn't my type of music, but anyone who can play that type of music should be congratulated. The remaining five sides are filled with numbers performed by the other stars. Dylan, Russell, Starr, and Harrison perform their own material with help from the other stars such as Preston, Voorman, Badfinger, etc.

The album is one of the best to come out in many a month. It is well put together with many exciting songs and personalities. You'll be doing yourself and the citizens of Bangladesh a great favor by buying the album.

...THREE PLEDGES INITIATED IN THE HELTA SORORITY...



# The New Wine

By BOB JOHNSON

Hello there friends, Romans, fellow students, and winos, it seems as if the New Wine was not spilled in the last issue of the Collegiate, but rather dumped in a most helter-skelter manner. The author did not mean to cast the Wilson Fire Dept. in the role of a bumbling bunch of idiots, but some how that is the way the things appeared in print. My intent was to draw out the point that there is some humor in even the most unpleasant situations and say that the Wilson Fire Dept. did a fantastic job in that there were no injuries in the fire and that they did a bang up job in extinguishing the fire.

I won't go into the mess I made in trying to point out the humor in the situation because we might just get into further difficulties, which is the last thing the slightly beleaguered Collegiate needs right now. I've been doing



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some research and discovered that the Wilson Fire Dept. has

one of the finest records of any fire fighting agency in the state and it was not meant to sound like The New Wine was putting down some fine gentlemen who are doing such an admirable job... gentlemen, you may consider Bob Johnson is eating some tough crow this week.

There seems to be a lesson here in my rather unpleasant situation. You can imagine the feeling I had as I sat outside Fire Chief Williams' office thinking of how I was going to explain to him I wasn't putting my journalistic axe to his men, it wasn't something I'd like to go through every day. I felt like a little kid sitting outside the principal's office waiting to be reprimanded for putting some girl's pigtails in my bottle of black India ink. I've got to say the Chief was a true gentleman about the whole matter and accepted my apology without causing me much pain.

I think that in the future the New Wine can promise you he will definitely not venture to reporting stories, but just stay with our usual format of non-sense and outrageous commentary. God and the Fire Chief forgive me and I hope that you will too!

# Letters To Editor

Dear Mr. Davis and Mr. Cady,

I must apologize for the editorial stand taken by Mr. Al Wheeler during Saturday night's basketball game. His remarks were not in keeping with the editorial policy of WGTM, and steps have been taken to insure this situation will not occur in the future. WGTM will be most happy to offer you equal time to reply to any statements.

Professional journalism also has responsibilities, regardless of the media, and it has always been the policy of WGTM to present to the public the most professional reporting.

In broadcasting the Atlantic Christian basketball games, WGTM is trying to secure a better support with the students of the college, and it is our aim to have the students feel that WGTM is their station.

In so doing, we welcome any comments, suggestions or complaints from any student, and can assure you that these suggestions will swiftly be handled by management.

Again let me apologize for the personal attack made during the basketball game.

Sincerely,  
Tom Campbell  
General Manager  
cc: Mr. Al Wheeler

Dear Jim:

I just read your February 4th edition.

It is certainly not surprising that college students are still critical of all facets of college life. This has always been true, although I will say that until recent years most of this criticism has been more or less good-natured.

There is just one thing I would like to ask of you. I want you and all of our writers and staff to keep a copy of this particular issue and review it a few years from now when you are a little more mature. I am sure you will find your expressions to be not quite so cute as they may seem to be now. If your generation follows the pattern of all past generations, you will at that time be more charitable towards the shortcomings of others and more tolerant of their views and convictions.

As Editor of your paper, your responsibilities are much greater than you may realize. Let me urge you to be both fair and constructive. Otherwise, your paper has no reason for existence.

Sincerely yours,  
Jim Brunt

Dear Editor,

It seems that anyone can publish "anything" in the newspaper and classify it as the best method of informing the students. It is terrible when nearly an entire newspaper