

The Collegiate

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Falling Out Of Trees

In the middle of last week, my cousin (Chris Allen) and I went up to our grandparents' home in Nash County and raked leaves. The scene is that of a wide open rural landscape with woods and fields and grass and hills.

After a prodigious amount of dried foliage had been raked, we carted them off down to the crub — that's Nash County for barn. As reward, Grandma offered to feed us, which in anyone's book is ample payment. There are times when I'd work all day just to smell the country cooking in that kitchen.

But back to the leaves. We piled the leaves up in a huge pile maybe eight feet high and twenty feet wide. Being the adventurous souls that we are, Chris and I climbed up in a tree and in gymnastic fashion fell into the heap.

Upon returning to Wilson we were confronted with people saying, "Act nineteen, not twelve." Which brings me to the point. How does one act to act nineteen, or twenty or fifty? Why is it necessary to always act dignified? What is wrong with losing the inhibitions of the mind?

Everyone takes themselves so darned seriously on this campus (and in the real world, I suppose. Everyone knows this is nowhere). Not only do the professors take themselves seriously, but the student body acts pretty high and mighty, too. A couple of weeks ago, I caught myself saying something that sounded intellectual in an English class. Needless to say, I wanted to kick myself. I am not anti-intellectual. I am highly anti-pseudo-intellectual. People who try to impress me with their vocabulary and their knowledge rate very low on my list.

This is not an essay on the lunacy of education. I feel that education is a valuable tool in these fast pace times. Everyone ought to learn as much as possible about as much as possible. Besides, it offers the people in education block a job. Seriously, again, there is nothing wrong with someone being a true intellectual as long as he tries to relate himself and his intellect to the ordinary people around him.

But who is to say that falling out of trees and into a pile of leaves is not the sign of a true intellectual? Are the primates not the most intelligent of animals?

Briggs Petway

What's In A Name

"They are ruining the whole idea of a fraternity!" This is only one of the comments overheard about Gamma Delta Iota. (Most of the other comments were unsuitable for print). Everyone seems to be taking the negative view. They think Gamma Delta is anti-Greek, and that it is trying to ruin the name of fraternities and sororities. Well, let the record be set straight. Gamma Delta Iota is not any of those things. It is not anti-Greek, and it is not ruining the idea of a fraternity or sorority. What it is, is a group of people who just want to get together, have some fun, and get involved.

We, like the other organizations on campus, have a pride in our club. Each club and organization on campus has a feeling that theirs is the best on campus and we feel the same way. The Greeks and non-Greeks will have to pull together if there is to be unity on campus.

A school divided cannot and will not function smoothly. We use the Greek letters because it identifies us as a group and we consider it an honor to use them.

Why Gamma Delta Iota as an organization? We feel that Atlantic Christian needs this organization to set up entertainment, social functions, fund raising projects and other campus-related activities to get more students involved in campus life. Gamma Delta Iota, if affirmed as an organization, could become a driving force in generating school spirit and getting rid of apathy. We also feel that every person should be given the opportunity to choose which type of organization best suits their personality, and this can only be done if organizations such as Gamma Delta Iota are allowed to remain.

The above article was submitted by concerned members of Gamma Delta Iota. — Chuck Franks.

Country Club and AC?

by Mary Jane McDowell

On October 30, the matter of buying Wedgewood Country Club was discussed at the urging of the Health and Physical Education Department. The reason for this is land acquisition for physical education and athletics was a priority on the last five year phase of ACC's development plan.

The reason this 100 acre property is desirable is it can provide the PE department with 10 needed teaching facilities ready to use with little repair necessary:

1. An 18 hole golf course in good shape.
2. 6 lighted tennis courts.
3. A small, but useful, outdoor swimming pool.
4. A good club house with kitchen facilities that can be used for many campus functions, professional meetings, and classrooms.
5. Three or four full size soccer, touch football, and hockey field can be made from old fairways and the driving range. There is room for a ¼ mile track.
6. Three lakes can provide fishing and boating and teaching water safety.
7. The science department can develop nature trails for botany.
8. Physical Education department can develop jogging and fitness trails.
9. Bike trails can be developed.
10. Obstacle and steeple chase courses can be developed.

ACC badly needs more recreational facilities. At the present time, there are eight tennis courts at a time when men's and women's tennis gaining popularity. The one court that has lights is full all night until midnight, making racket happy collegians, "Wait their turns." Including six pingpong tables under the Old Gym, there is a grand total of eight pingpong tables on campus.

Other than tennis and ping pong, the only other facilities for athletics are the basketball courts in the two gyms and gymnastic equipment in the Wilson Gym. If a student wants to play golf, he has to play at Happy Valley for a small fee.

Above all, the college only has two fields behind the tennis courts, not nearly enough for intramurals, classes, and the new interest in women's sports. All those uses does not include the need for practice area for the Bulldogs soccer, baseball, and track teams. That is why it takes so long to play intramurals — only two teams can play at a time because the two field can hold a maximum of four teams at one time!

Besides benefiting the college, college ownership of Wedgewood Country Club would benefit the city of Wilson. There is space to develop a day camp for children that can give the PE and Recreation majores valuable teaching experience.

Since it has several kitchens and dining areas, Wedgewood can provide a low cost conference center (similar to the Betsy Jeff Penn center at Reidsville). This is needed in eastern North Carolina. The PE department believes they can get financial support to establish the center.

There can be a summer sports camp held for five sports at one time drawing 200-300 youth to the campus. Thus, it could be used to help the admissions office recruit more students. No other church school in North Carolina has a facility like ACC would have if it owned Wedgewood.

Besides offering Wilson County schools a chance to have golf teams, the golf course could be used by both blacks and whites to play golf.

Unfortunately, this fine facility may never belong to ACC. The proposal was rejected by the Board of Trustees because there isn't enough money. Not all the pledges are in for the Fulfillment Fund Campaign. The State or County will most likely take it over. This would create red tape making it harder for the college to use these needed facilities. Thus it is VERY IMPORTANT that the college own this property. According to Coach Cloyd, discussions with local real estate dealers reveal that they believe it is a good investment for the college. Besides this, Firestone executives would be tempted to buy it if the business was

established here longer. The County Commission will meet on November 15 to consider buying this property which is vital to the interests of the college.

According to Coach Cloyd, "If the opportunity to acquire 190 acres of land and the useable facilities and equipment that goes with it at the price it has been offered is not taken advantage of at this time ... ACC will never have the opportunity to purchase any tract of land that can be as useful to the total program of the college."

What can you as students do about this?

1. Write to The Wilson Daily Times.
2. Write to The Collegiate.
3. Go to the County Commission meeting.
4. Go to see the Wedgewood Country Club which is only 5 minutes away by car from ACC.
5. Write the Commissioners

Marketplace Memos

On October 3, Attorney General Jim Carson announced the installation of a statewide, toll-free telephone line into the Consumer Protection Division. Any citizen anywhere in the State can call Consumer Protection Division with consumer complaints or problems. Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The calls on the new incoming WATS line may cover any area of concern to the consumer, such as: unfair and deceptive trade practices, credit problems, landlord-tenant relations, utilities, food prices, and many others. The Special Assistant to the Attorney General for Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Lillian Woo, will coordinate the new phone service. The toll-free number in Raleigh is 800-662-7925.

Bicycle manufacturers must comply with the new safety standards as of May 1, 1975.

For a free copy of the "Bicycle Safety" fact sheet, simply write your request to Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Good Luck, Bulldogs

