

THE COLLEGIATE

Editorial

Howdy y'all! I'd just like to introduce myself. My name is Joe Stallings and I'm the new editor of the Collegiate. I'd also like to formally thank you for electing me to this "prestigious" position. I've talked to several people who have held this office before me and have not gotten too favorable a response. However, I'm the kind of person who is crazy enough to try almost anything once! So here I am.

I'm hoping to make this paper into something that a person would actually like to read and not just something for a dog to eat off of (I thought about enclosing a blank page just in case someone wanted to use it for that reason but I decided against it. Oh well.....).

Seriously, folks, I'm planning to make quite a few changes for the upcoming year and I'm really hoping this paper will become something the people of AC can really get into.

In the short time that I have been the Collegiate editor, dozens of people have come up to me to try to tell me what I can and cannot print, what I should and should not print, and many other things that relate to the same general idea. This is all fine and dandy because at the moment I need all the help I can get. However when it comes to something like printing a newspaper, I'm definitely not a conservative person like some people want me to be.

I have certain new ideas and modifications that are going to transform this newspaper into something different. I have found out from previous editors the price that has to be paid when a more liberal-minded attitude is taken. And just for the record, I'm a very liberal-minded person. If there is anything that needs to be brought out into the open, it shall be done. I'm not out against anyone but just out to make sure the factual truth is made public. The way I see it, wrongs should not be ignored and a puppet-front should not (and will not) be taken just for the purpose of pleasing an all-powerful force. I fully realize that by taking this position I may very well have a number of dragons breathing fire down my back instantaneously but to no avail.

For example, I'm not out to cut-down the cafeteria but if corned-beef flavored Kennel Ration is served, the public should know about it (personally I like the food — this is just an example). Also if someone is academically discriminated against because he and/or she joins a Greek organization then I believe the students on campus should know about it (I'm not saying this happened — this is just an example). I'm not out to knock the teaching methods of any faculty members either, even though a few of them could possibly lecture Einstein into a state of dormancy (but of course personally, I've never encountered any of this variety here at AC). Also I have no intention of cutting down the financial aid program even though some ineligible people almost had to stay out of school this semester for lack of funds (as I said before, this is just a "hypothetical" example).

So as you can see, I'm not out to run down anything but just merely striving to print the truth.

I'm starting to plan my new format and of course, I'm open to suggestion. If there is anything that you would like to see put into the paper that's not already there, please let me know! Write me or call me or get in touch with me in any way that you wish but please let me hear from you!

I consider this a great opportunity and I thank y'all for it. I'm just hoping to do the job well enough to please someone and to improve upon past papers in any way that I can.

Your New Editor,
JOE STALLINGS

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns the current exam schedule for Spring 1980. I am aware that it is too late to change the schedule, I would like to bring to the attention of the administration the concern the student are having. A number of us feel that it is unfair to have exams Monday through Friday and this year we're not even having our usual Reading Day, as we've had in previous years.

I feel that, in future semesters, this current schedule should be eliminated and we should return to the one used in past years.

This article is not meant as an offense to the administration. I would only like to make it clear that I am opposed to the schedule we will follow in two weeks.

Sail on sailor

Well, this is it. Finally! The very last one for this year!]Doesn't that sound nice, "The very last one"??]

There are both positive and negative aspects about this being my last "Sail On." The positive being that I don't have to worry about meeting deadlines or J. Fred anymore. [Hurrah!] And the negative being that I still have this last one to write. [Boo!]

Which brings me to this next point: Do I keep this week's article light and airy [like my head], or do I make it a soul-searching, tear-jerking soul searching, tear-jerking world over and carried to the grave by all?

After much and careful consideration, I came up with an idea. First let me give you a run down on the things I didn't feel would of been appropriate for "The Last Article".

I considered taking a satirical look at student life here on the campus, you know poking fun at some of the more humorous event that happened this past year. But after thinking for an hour or two, I could come up with nothing funny about student life on campus. Sad, yes. Funny, no.

I then considered writing a column on behalf of J. Fred and Joe Stallings, and on the behalf of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, making one last ditch, all-out effort to get that \$15,000 worth of equipment moved from the Swamp. You remember Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego don't you? They are the three compugraphic machines that were ordered two years ago and temporarily stored in the art building, being promised a nice dry office at the end of last year. Well, here it is the end of their second year on campus and they have yet to see a "dry office." Instead, they were put three feet below sea level in the Collegiate Office where they are in the process of rusting from the inside out. If they are not move from that place soon, be this time next year, we would be able to give away that \$15,000 worth of equipment. But realizing that J. Fred and I have talked ourselves blue in the face [not to mention numerous others] over getting some dry place to put Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and yet no one heeds our pleas, I decided not to write about it.

And even though it was a real

interesting subject, I decided not to even mention the \$15.00 per semester parking fees the students had no choice in the matter of paying. And even that \$15.00 sticker on your car doesn't guarantee you a parking space in the mornings. If only someone had listened years ago to the student who suggested that a \$2.00 fee be charged for parking stickers and the money put aside to pave the parking lots later. I don't know of anyone who would of greatly objected to paying \$2.00. But instead they had to charge us \$15.00 per semester to buy a sticker that actually guaranteed nothing. But, I'm not even going to mention that.

Another thing I'd thought about but decided not to mention was how much the students hated being treated like second, third and fourth class citizens by faculty and administration, just because their views differ in certain areas. I have yet to find anyone who enjoys being cursed at by administration officials or threatened at by the faculty. I also know of a number of students who feel as if there is no need to voice their opinions because they will never be

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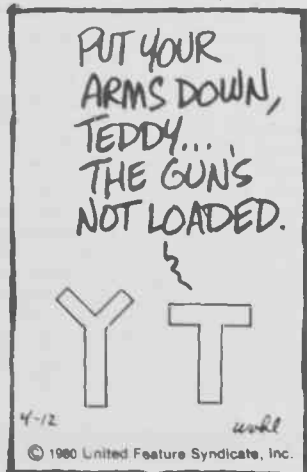
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