

Editorial...

There is a terrible epidemic going around campus.....TOO MANY students are getting involved in the campus activities and stuff. Something is really going to have to be done, and fast. I mean this is the week of Atlantic Christian's annual class elections and all the positions have candidates running for office. Some positions actually have more than one candidate! Isn't that disgusting? Oh, there's also five positions in which the candidates running have the exact same first and last names! "Write In," I think it is. I wonder if they're all related in some way? Getting back to what I was talking about, does this mean that students are actually starting to care about what goes on around here? I hope not. If something that horrible occurred, it would wipe out the apathy issue on campus. This of course would take away a major topic in which to write on.

Well, since this is election week, I know everybody is just buzzing around telling everybody else [and arguing too] of the pros and cons of the respective candidates. There are constant debates going on throughout the campus. All the candidates can be seen making speeches and publicly stating their views on different campus issues at almost anytime during the day. All the potential hopeful's are VIGOROUSLY campaigning to try to get the jump on their opponents. There is even talk about forming ANOTHER major party on campus and having mass conventions in the old gym. These obvious occurrences have really hurt my morale as editor of this paper. It seems as though the apathy issue is diminishing fast. What are we here at the Collegiate gonna do? Our only hope is for a low voter turnout. But considering the huge size of the recent student party rallies, that's very doubtful.

All I can say is, this is quite a change from what the usual candidates do. I bet the candidates for this year wouldn't believe just how slack and uncreative past candidates have been. I mean all they did was put up a few posters and leave it at that.

Joe Stallings

COALS OF KINDNESS

by Joe Stallings

I'm sure most of you have heard about "burning the coals of kindness." Fully understanding this is a very important step in the life of any Christian. In fact, kindness is a virtue that everyone should strive for.

I guess when talking about "kindness," it would be very appropriate to mention Ephesians 4:32. It goes as follows, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." What does this beautiful scripture really say?

Let's analyze the first phrase of the verse, "And be ye kind one to another...." This section means exactly what it says, to be kind to your fellow man.

The next part of the scripture is "tenderhearted." This means "easily moved to love pity, or sorrow." "Compassionate" is another way to say this. That in turn means being able to

recognize another's distress and having a willingness to help alleviate it.

Can anyone figure out what "forgiving one another" means? The answer to that is one of the most important aspects of being a Christian. One way to define "forgiving" would be to say, the act of pardoning a person for offending you. Or to quote Mr. Webster, it means "to cease to feel resentment against an offender." Sometimes this is one of the hardest things in the world to do. BUT, we just have to try our best. Ephesians 4:31 states, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." Kind of speaks for itself, doesn't it? In case you haven't figured it out yet, this is the verse that leads up to Ephesians 4:32, the one we're discussing.

Now, getting back to that

verse, we are at the final phrase which is, "...even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." This is perhaps the most important part of the whole verse. God sent His son (Jesus Christ) to die on the cross which was all part of the grand plan "forgive" us from our sins. God is not asking us to do quite that much of a sacrifice but simply for us not to let bitterness against anyone. Sounds like a pretty cool set up, doesn't it? That's because it is. As I said before, following the "T" can get pretty rough at times, but we can all give it a try and thus "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children:" (Ephesians 5:1). Our lives must be filled with love for each other in Christ....and kindness includes kindness. "Burning the coals of kindness," isn't that one of the main things that it is all about?

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I would like to thank and congratulate you and your staff for doing such a terrific job on the Collegiate. As a transfer student, I found my first couple of weeks here at Atlantic Christian College disappointing. I met many friendly students and I liked my classes, but there are many colleges that could have offered me that. The main reason that I chose to come to Atlantic Christian College was that it is a CHRISTIAN College. The main reason for my disappointment was the atmosphere at A.C.C. did not seem to coincide with the stated aim of the college in the charter:

"Atlantic Christian College is organized to maintain and operate an institution of learning, for the education and instruction of qualified students WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CHRISTIAN IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES and under the auspices of the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ] in North Carolina."

The past several issues of the Collegiate though, along with the chapel services sponsored by the C.C.A., and the weekly meetings of Alpha-Omega have been greatly encouraging. They have shown me that even if the overall spirit of the campus doesn't seem to reflect the aims of the college, there are still those around who are striving to maintain the ideals and principles that A.C.C. stands for.

I have heard that some students on campus do not like the "Christian" emphasis of the Collegiate. To those students I would just like to say that if you knew the Lord as Christians do,

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To the Editor,

I think it is wonderful that the Collegiate seems to care so much about the waste of energy that "Energy. We can't afford to waste it." is used so much in last weeks paper, but I wish your actions showed this concern. Every time I go by the office (which is across the hall) the lights are on and no one is to be found. So please try to be a little more aware of the example you set.

Kay Richey

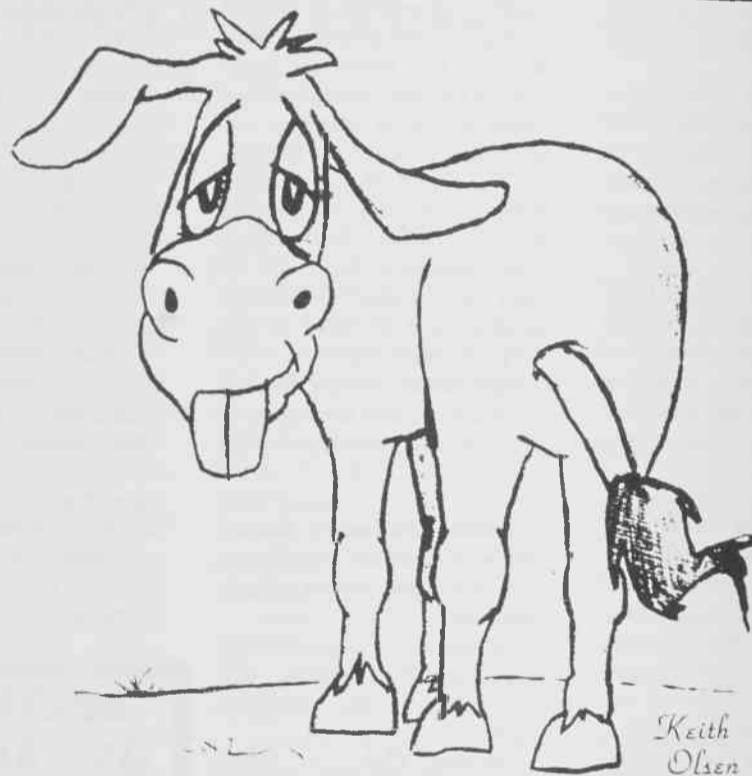
To the Editor:

It was back in the year 1902, that Atlantic Christian College opened its' doors to students for the first time. Since then we have grown from a small, almost unnoticeable, speck on the North Carolina countryside, to a major private college, producing some of the finest alumni in the state. Not to mention the already famous Nursing Department that was rated third in the state, but we also have outstanding programs in Education, Business, Psychology, Religion, History, Sociology, English, Science, Art, Music, Math, and Physical Education.

We, have an extremely high rate of placement, and a large majority of the students which attend, continue their education long after they have departed this campus.

A record of such high standing, is for the most part, due to the excellent guidance and instruction that we receive while we are here. Professor, who spend

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OF THE WEEK

It is my great honor to announce that this weeks "Donkey of the Week" Award goes to the Atlantic Christian College computer that produced the list of the campus' Episcopalian students.

Not only did the computer make the "human" mistake of leaving off a few of the obscure names, but it also left off the name of Bill Cowper. "Who in the world is Bill Cowper?" you may ask. He just happens to be

the president of the Atlantic Christian College Canterbury Club (for Episcopalian students!)

So until next time.....

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