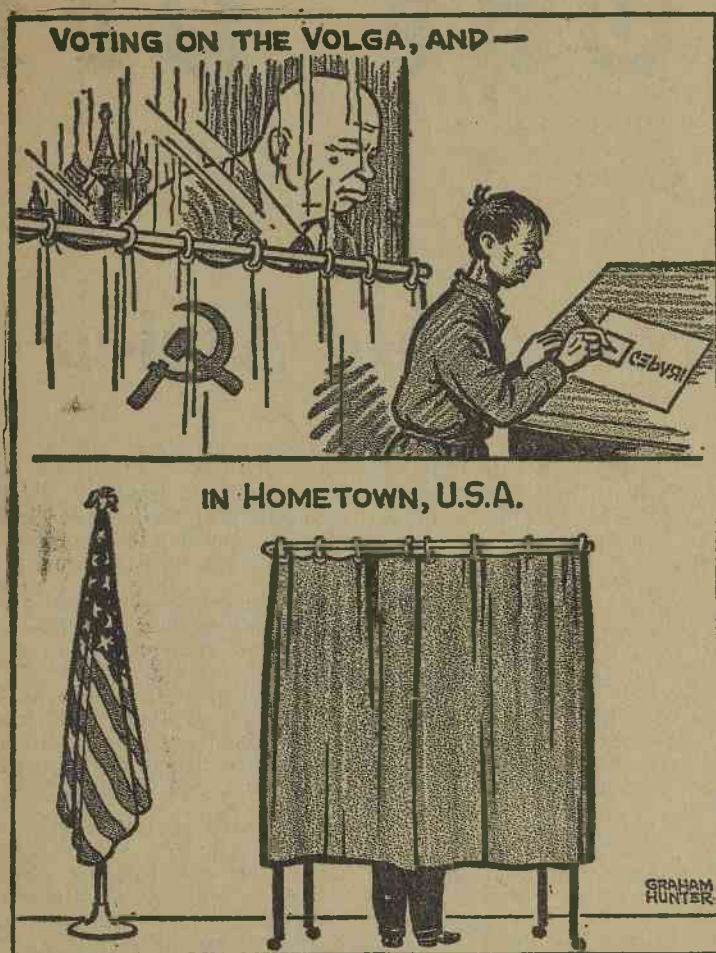


Priceless Gift



If you had it in your power to make one gift to the millions of enslaved people within the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . . what would it be?

Food? Good housing? Clothing? A '64 model car?

Or would you give to those behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains the gift beyond price, the fulfillment of a dream — the right to elect, freely, a government of their own choice?

Freedom is self-government. And, obviously, self-government is in danger when the people do not use the precious privilege of the secret ballot.

Use your vote carefully. Make sure your vote counts for continuation of sound government, national and local, based on individual freedom, opportunity, and responsibility — on truly American principles. Don't let your rights slip away. Exercise your American citizenship!

President Ashton Pen Objectives Reports

The President of the Student Council of Saint Augustine's College reminds us to always reflect upon the importance of a non-biased, effective student government.

He reports: We the members of the 1963-64 Student Council look forward to serving our school in the fullest capacity, with the best interests of all concerned.

Our agenda for the year commenced with the arrival of new students on September 8, 1963. Since that date, we have met with the Administrative Council to present various suggestions for improvement in the following areas: the cafeteria, the library, the weekend socials, and the student center.

While presenting these suggestions obviously, with adjusted ideas of how they might be solved, we have been able to alleviate them or solve many of their complexities.

For example, we have had the dances extended and the library hours made more convenient. It is with you in mind that I present the purpose of the council:

The purpose of the Student Council is to provide a medium of expression of student opinion and thought, to receive constructive criticism from the proper authorities of the institution and to forward it to the student body with the Council's recommendation and endorsement; and to represent the student body in progressive student opinion and to refer them through the proper channels.

This purpose, I strongly feel, best summarizes our aims and aspirations. I definitely feel that problems such as "line-cutting" in the cafeteria, and the taking of books from the library can only be solved with the cooperation of the students. If a student shows appreciation for our efforts through cooperation, our ideas become as static as the sand of the desert.

In preparing for our formal installation we realize our responsibilities, and we are ready to accept and shoulder these responsibilities.

Since our future achievements depend upon the cooperation of all students, I strongly appeal to each student to realize that his responsibility lends to our success or failure.

James Ashton, President,
The Student Council

With the distribution of the first issue of the PEN for this semester it is necessary that an understanding be evoked concerning the objectives of the paper.

Students have expressed the desire for a more aggressive paper — one in which there are "hot" issues touching the immediate campus life. It is well to bring issues to the attention of all students when their concern is included. However, it is up to the student body as a whole to approach these issues and situations with an adult view. In this way a probable solution or compromise can be reached among the parties involved.

The PEN staff is for a more aggressive paper because the college newspaper is by, of and for the student. One of the main objectives of the PEN is to act as a sounding board from student to student, from student to administration and from the administration to the student.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. In this way the PEN hopes there will be a clearer unity and deeper understanding among the members of Saint Augustine's family.

Editor-in-chief

We're Walking To Cuba

On the afternoon of October 6, 1963, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, I had the opportunity to meet an interesting group of students who are members of CNVA: Committee for Non-Violent Action. Their motto? "We're Walking to Cuba."

They are "walking" 3,500 miles to Cuba for peace and they do not know if their pilgrimage will help reverse the trend toward a world catastrophe that could be sparked by another Cuban crisis. Previously, this group sponsored a "walk" from San Francisco to Moscow.

Their opinions are that both the United States and Cuba must adopt new policies if the world is not to experience another disaster. Despite the democratic tradition and generally good intentions which the United States has extended to Cuba, the Cuban people still feel resentment towards the United States.

The CNVA feel that the Cuban situation can be solved in several ways: The United States should renounce any intention to invade Cuba or to support an invasion; the United States should end all travel restrictions to Cuba and instigate an exchange student program; and, finally, the United States government should recognize the right of the Cuban people to choose their governmental and economical system.

It is the belief of the CNVA that it is the prerogative of the American people to say "Yes!" to peace and "No!" to war, by refusing to cooperate with war preparation and by refusing to vote for politicians in favor of the Cold War. "Join those who say Yes! to peace."

Our lives depend on it!

Catherine Rusher

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This is the official newspaper of Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina, which is published several times during the academic year.

I have just had the distinct pleasure of composing a report for the college newspaper, the PEN. This report concerned the Honors Program. As stated, it consists of ten persons. An average of .7% of the student body. Ten out of seven hundred and sixty-six.

Requested to write an editorial for this illustrious medium, it taxed my brain on which subject to direct my thoughts. I considered all of my jewels, my gems, my values, here at Saint Augustine's College. I have arrived at "A Question of Values."

To be of value is to be of worth. That which is not a contribution is a deduction. That which is not plus is minus. At this point, I encounter difficulty. To explain "values" to my fellow colleagues is very harassing.

However, fellow colleagues, do you not think it is time that we consider where our values lie? Many of us, our parents are slaving to send us here, while we are wasting and squandering their pittance to the wind.

Many of us are scholars in academic subjects, but morons of the human race. At time like these, fellow colleagues, is it not possible that man is descending to the family of apes.

In comparison to the freedom wherein we can enter the Honors Program and that with which we can enter Greek-letter organizations: The freedom is vast. A Question of Values.

It is not the purpose of this student to criticize Greek-letter organizations. He, too, is an aspirant to such. However, one you pay to join; the other pays you. However, one you lose financially; the other you gain academically. One you

gain the social world; the other you gain the world of excellence. A Question of Values.

To listen to complaints registered to the Student Council is a Cold War of the College Campus. "New dorms; but not clean rooms. Longer library hours; but we use the library as a trumpet room." A Question of Values.

I write frankly, fellow colleagues, perhaps too frankly. Nonetheless, can we not now take stock of ourselves and consider A Question of Values?

Vernon E. McClean

"We have just enough religion

to make us hate, but not enough

to make us love."

— Jonathan Swift

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The Purpose Of The Campus Newspaper

What is the purpose of the college newspaper? Is it a scandal sheet? A voice of the students? A voice of the administration? A college public relations organ?

The time has come when these questions must be answered. Just what is the purpose of the college newspaper?

According to the leading journalists, a newspaper is responsible to its public, that is to the majority of its reading public. Its main effort should be to inform and to air the views of its readers.

It should take side on all issues which affect its public. Its stand may be contrary to the ideas of some or in agreement with others. Only in rare cases should a newspaper exhibit a case of neutrality, for neutrality is nothingness; and a newspaper whose policy is nothingness is not worth its existence.

A newspaper should present both sides of issues. It should, however, take a stand in favor of the factors which are concerned with the welfare of its public.

A newspaper should not owe allegiance to any organization or to any particular person or group save the majority of its readers.

In the case of a college newspaper, it should be the voice of the student body. These are the people responsible for its being, and it is directly responsible for their being informed on any matters pertaining to their welfare.

As far as a newspaper's being a Public Relations Organ, according to Public Relations authorities, this is what a college newspaper should never be. It should be independent of and free from any influence of college Public Relations. It is not the duty of the college newspaper to spread the image of a college in an effort to secure applications but to keep its readers, the students, informed and to air their views.

However, in a college there are administrators, and faculty members, and a newspaper should take upon itself the responsibility of airing their views also whether they be contrary to the students' views or not.

If the airing of contrary views makes for a "bad newspaper" or a "scandal sheet" then what is a good newspaper?

According to the slogan of the New York Times, a newspaper should print "All the news that is fit to print about a particular person, institution, or thing. It cannot print or say only the good and disregard the bad. It should print both. Once a person, institution or thing moves into the public's eye, then it must be ready to receive all comments whether they be favorable or unfavorable.

A newspaper does not make news, nor is it always accurate; it only publishes the news. Who makes it or what makes it is a different thing.

Serving as a leader in the cause for democracy on this campus THE PEN bases its foundation for operation on the forestated facts. THE PEN invites comments and criticisms on all matters. Those appearing in the form of letter will be published, if they are in good taste, good form and are endorsed with signatures and addresses.

In an effort to be as accurate as possible, THE PEN invites corrections of any statements made when such facts are inaccurate.

Mid-Terms

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Good Luck!