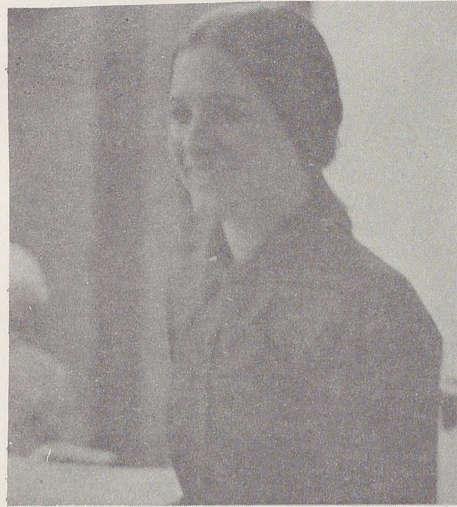


# BEHIND THE SCENES



Terri Cubic



Gary King



Each year at the beginning of the fall semester at A.C.C. a very important decision is made among students at Wilson Dormitory. For it is through a process of elimination that six students are chosen to be resident advisors.

Any student interested in being a resident advisor, or in short an R.A., goes through a series of interviews, sessions, and screen tests with a staff made up of Mr. Alibritten, Dean Souden, and R.A.'s from the previous year. Through this process students are then eliminated until a total of fifteen is reached, at which time six are chosen to be the resident advisors for the year.

All the remaining students who had in the beginning tried out are available for assistance. The six R.A.'s from this group choose three students in order of preference in which one is picked to be their assistant.

The new R.A. and assistant are then assigned to a floor at the dorm and are responsible for those students residing on that floor. They are "to keep the students in line" so to speak and handle any problem which may arise 24 hours a day.

One of the resident advisors chosen this year was Terri Cubic, along with her assistant Ann Swan for the north wing. Getting her dorm fee paid is among the advantages Terri finds in being an R.A. She also feels that you've got to find out what's going on more easily around the campus, make lots of contacts with different people, and also get more involved with students.

But as you find with any job, there are also disadvantages. As an R.A. Terri is expected, along with any job, there are also disadvantages. Along with this job they are responsible for answering the phones and getting up at all hours of the night for different reasons. And along with this too comes the problems with other students, for it is hard for them to understand that Terri and the staff are only enforcing rules that have already been made.

Along with all this, more time is still put in. Every week there is a meeting which must be attended and any other important meetings which come up. Also every third night Terri must work in the office, which involves making sure the doors are opened and closed on time.

But Terri doesn't regret any part of being an R.A. She says that she "wouldn't think of even discouraging anyone from becoming an R.A. because it's colorful, there's never a dull moment, and there's always something to do".

Another resident advisor chosen this year was Gary King along with his assistant Gary Parsons. Gary also has just recently been elected head R.A. of the South Wing, which makes him not only responsible for students on his floor but also over the R.A.'s on the other floors.

Gary too has the advantage of having his dorm fee paid and also likes having a room to himself which allows more privacy.

He also has the disadvantage of being up at all the late hours. For instance, when it's his turn on the weekend to work it means closing the doors at 2:00 a.m. and getting up to open the doors at 8:00 a.m., which doesn't allow too much time for sleeping in.

And like any R.A., Gary too has to deal with students and the hassels about noise, the rules, etc. Students are always asking "Why?" and as Gary puts it: "We only work here!" Also when a R.A. must write out a ticket, it usually ends up being the R.A.'s word against the students, and is not easily settled.

For Gary, attending the meetings is also part of his being an R.A. But he feels this is all good experience because he wants to be a high school teacher and this gives him an opportunity to work with people and to learn to get along with people of all types.

And to make things even better, Gary feels that this is one of the best staffs yet and that they all get along very well.

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## Student Senate Headed By New President

Student Senate now has a new President Bernie Morasky. Former President Bob Atkinson has decided not to continue his education at this time.

Bernie is a full time student and a veteran. He also works in the Science Department. As President, Bernie would like to see more student participation and interest in Student Senate, as well as other activities offered at A.C.C.

The major item to be discussed, at the next meeting, will be the goals the Student Senate will work toward this semester.

Bernie and the Student Senate would like to extend their welcome to EVERYONE. The new meeting time is 3:30 every Tuesday afternoon in the Red Carpet Room of the Student Center. Come Support Your Student Senate.

By Debbie Anderson

Since this article has been written, the new president Bernie, has dropped out of A.C.C! We, THE POLEMIC, are awaiting further action from Student Senate!!!

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## Scholarship Awards Presented

Our school has many ways of recognizing outstanding students here. One of the ways is awarding scholarships.

The Anna and Jesse Besser Award is presented annually to the male and female sophomore students who have made outstanding contributions to the life of the college through scholarship, student leadership, and the expression of responsibility in the solution of social problems. Last years recipients were Sue Reynolds and Glenn Betzoldt.

The Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Dow Leadership Award is an award of \$100 presented annually to a freshman student who has demonstrated his concern for enriching the life of the college and the the community through his leadership. Last year Cathy Rose received this award.

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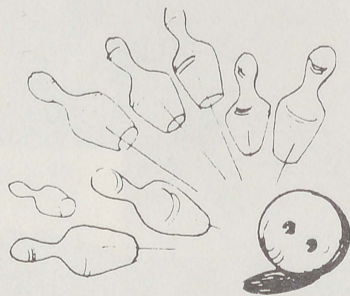
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