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COLLEGIAN PERSONALITY:

ARTHUR BOYCE

By Alfred Wolfe

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series of Collegian articles dealing with interesting and colorful students, faculty, and staff members here at Highacres.

What working person in their right mind would want to live with nearly 230 resident college students here at Highacres? If you could not guess his name, it is Arthur Lee Boyce III, and he is the Residence Hall Coordinator. Why does Boyce do it? Probably because, as Boyce says, "I am helping to make constructive citizens out of the students."

Boyce has a distinctive background. He comes from a family in the poor economic bracket, that lived in the slums of Providence, Rhode Island. Boyce lived in a housing project most of his life, with his two sisters, his father, and his mother. His father was a cook and was very close to him. Boyce said his mother was the type of person who was constantly helping other people. But she became sickly and for a while, Boyce disliked his mother, probably as a result of not understanding her problems. As his mother laid on her deathbed, however Boyce's attitude toward his mother changed. It was then, that Boyce made a lifelong commitment to help

other people and as Boyce said "to serve Christ the best I can."

At an early age an ironical thing happened to Arthur Boyce. Boyce had been receiving "d" and "c"s as grades in school. But then, Boyce said, "I cracked my head before a swim meet at the Boy's Club. Ever since my accident, good grades came easily."

During high school and college Boyce was a champion swimmer. He held and still holds two national swimming titles. When he was sixteen, however, he broke one of his legs in three places. It took Boyce at least a year to get back into good shape again, but he never was able to match his swimming "times" again although, he added, he came quite close.

Boyce was offered and accepted a full swimming scholarship to the University of Rhode Island. He swam competitively for awhile but soon dropped his swimming scholarship. However, he was then offered an academic scholarship, which he accepted.

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Deciding which candidate to vote for posed no problem for some students. Bette Staffer voted for a particular candidate because, "one name rang a bell." Dave Uhle's method was also rigorous, "I just voted for the first two." Jim Szumlanski had, "no reasons." Steve Zike voted for one of the candidates because, "the one kid has a really neat name."

Many people at the Commons voted simply, "...for somethin' to do," as an anonymous person commented.

When resident students were asked if they knew the candidate that they had voted for as anything more than a name, many responded as Sue Niehoff, "I knew one of them." Others knew only two of the candidates on the ballots.


When these same students were asked "Why did you vote for the person or people that you voted for?" the responses varied. "'Cause they do a good job," said Jim McMenamin. Brian Trail replied, "'Cause he parties." In some cases votes were swayed by nothing more than the sex of the candidate. Sandy Schall voted for one of the candidates because, "she was the only girl."

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