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Constitutional Revision Approved

Board Refuses Recruiting Of Negro Athletes

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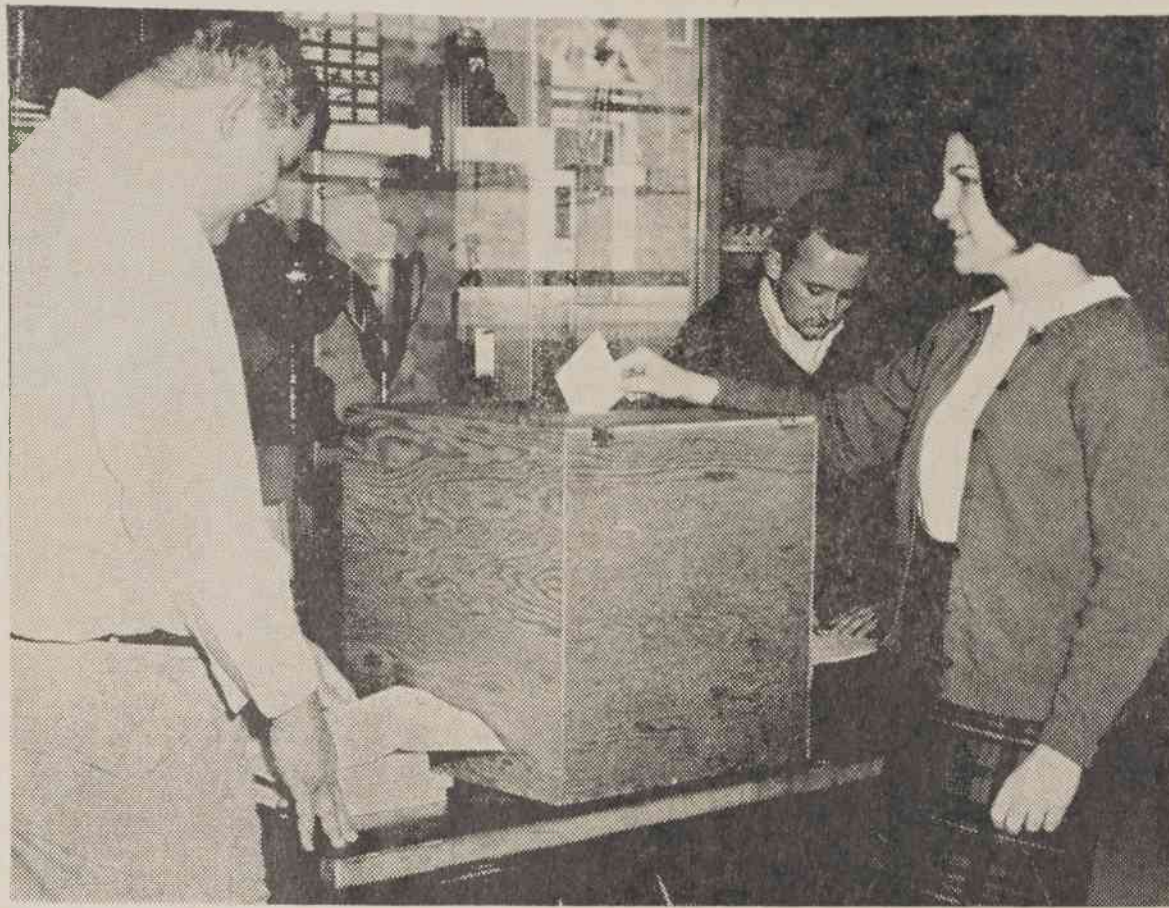
Negro athletes cannot be offered grant-in-aids as a means of enticement to attend Atlantic Christian College, according to a policy established by the college's Board of Trustees on Wednesday.

The policy was adopted as the result of a recommendation made to the Board by its Committee on Athletics. The recommendation which was made to the Board was approved as follows: "The Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that we should not, at this time, recruit Negro athletes. The Committee further recommends that any desirable student who meets the qualifications of the school and is admitted, and who has the desire to participate in athletic events should be given that opportunity. Further, if the athlete makes the athletic team and qualifies for a grant-in-aid, subject to approval of the Faculty Athletic Committee, this grant may be made."

Immediately following the release of the policy statement a petition began circulating among the college's student body in an effort to raise funds for scholarships specifically for Negro applicants.

Reaction to the ruling by student leaders was marked by disappointment at the apparent racial prejudice of the majority of the

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VOTING TIME AGAIN—This was the scene on Monday in the lobby of the Classroom Building as ACC students voted for a second time on the newly proposed Constitution and By-Laws. The first election had been declared null and void. Voting here are Raymond Boykin and Kay Phelps while Corky Ecklin mans the polls.

Board Of Trustees Make Final Step In Long-Awaited Document

Atlantic Christian College's Board of Trustees gave final approval Wednesday to a proposed revision of the constitution governing the Co-operative Association, the campus government. This was the final step in bringing about the revision which was begun by student leaders almost two years ago.

The revision process was begun in an effort to update the Co-Op's Constitution which was felt by a predominant number of student leaders to be filled with loopholes and vague policy statements.

The revision was approved by the Cooperative Association in a campus-wide election held last Monday. The necessary percentage needed for approval was sixty-six and two-thirds of those voting. Approximately sixty-nine per cent voted for the revision, which was more than enough.

A two-thirds majority was not obtained, however, on an article in the revision dealing with academic honesty. Consequently part of a sentence in Article III of the new Constitution, and Article V of the new By-Laws, was deleted.

A total of 331 students, faculty members, and members of the Administration cast votes in the election. Of this total 89 voted for accepting the original draft, 103 voted against the original draft and 139 voted for accepting the original draft with deletions.

An election held last week on the proposed constitution was declared illegal by the Co-Op's Executive Board following a protest. The protest was in reference to illegal "politicking" around the polls and the giving of advice by students manning the polls.

There are many significant changes made in the revision. Of major importance is the separation of the document into a constitution and by-laws.

Calendar

Events for the upcoming week will include worship services on Tuesday, Feb. 2 for Freshmen and Juniors, and on Wednesday, Feb. 4 for Sophomores and Seniors.

Atlantic Christian AAUP Group Issues Statement On Student Freedoms

The Atlantic Christian College chapter of the AAUP Committee on Academic Freedom for Students has been meeting for many months to discuss matters which deal in this area, and have issued a statement which relates the Committee's position.

PREAMBLE

Faculty responsibility for the academic freedom of students stems from the recognition that freedom of inquiry and expression are essential attributes of a community of scholars. As members and immediate guardians of that community, faculty members share with administrators a special responsibility for establishing and maintaining conditions under which freedom of inquiry may flourish. This responsibility is to be exercised both through their individual capacity as teachers and their corporate authority in the governance of the institutions in which they serve. The following statement outlines the scope of this responsibility and suggests standards and procedures whereby this obligation may be discharged by members of the profession.

I. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROFESSOR AS TEACHER

A. Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in particular courses of study. Knowledge and academic performance, not belief, should be the yardstick by which students are measured.

B. Students who feel their academic work has not been properly evaluated may consult chairmen of the appropriate departments.

C. Any information as to the personal views, convictions, or political associations of students which teachers and other college personnel acquire should not be used to discipline the student.

II. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROFESSOR AS PARTICIPANT IN INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

A. The faculty should insure that college admissions policies do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or national origin.

B. Intervention in the activities of student organizations should be minimal and for good cause.

1. Student organizations, should not be required to submit lists of members.

2. Campus organizations, facilities, and activities should be open to all students without respect to race,

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ACC Faculty Adds Member

James B. Hemby of Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed associate professor of English, in the Department of English at Atlantic Christian College, according to Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president of the college.

A native of Ayden, N. C. he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Atlantic Christian College in 1955. He was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree by Vanderbilt University and the University of North Carolina. He was awarded the Master of Arts degree in English by Texas Christian University in 1963 and is currently completing requirements for the Ph. D. degree in that field, specializing in 17th Century English literature.

Hemby served as director of admissions and placement services and was an instructor at ACC from 1959 until late 1962. He is currently on the English faculty of Memphis State University.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hemby Sr., of Ayden, he is married to the former Joan Edwards of Wilson. They have two sons, James B. Hemby III, age 5, and Scott Ed-



wards Hemby, age 3.

Hemby's appointment is effective Sept. 1, 1965, although he will teach in the college's 1965 summer session.

Co-Op Nominations Made

Nominations for Cooperative Association officers at Atlantic Christian College were held by the various classes on Tuesday. Unlike last year a whole host of nominees were projected into the running and it appeared following the four conclaves that a hotly contested battle for the top positions on campus was formally underway.

On Thursday, however, the names which were tossed into the hat slimmed somewhat, but not enough to make any of the four races a cinch for any particular candidate.

Nominated for President of the Co-Op on Tuesday were Fred Barber, Jerry Carter, Freddie Hale, Richard Surlis and David Webb; for

Vice President were William Austen, Corky Ecklin, John Frederick, Freddie Hale, Larry Poore, Marshall Smith, Richard Surlis, Dwight Wagner, David Webb and Cookie Wickham; for Secretary were Pam Larmer, Janie McCormick, Martha Sue Mewborn, Cookie Wickham, and Steve Perry; for Treasurer were Jimmy Edgerton, Rhandal Smart and Elwood Vann.

Voting for the Cooperative Association officers will take place on March 16-17. The deadline for petitions for all Co-Op offices has been set at 4 p.m. on March 1.

Nominations for class officers, CCA, and the publications staffs will be held on March 18.

ACC Faculty Group Oppose Speaker Ban

The Atlantic Christian College Chapter of the American Assn. of University professors has termed the so-called Speaker Ban Law, "an infringement on the free, open society that we value so highly."

A statement by the ACC chapter was issued last Friday. The law prohibits known Communists or persons who have taken the fifth amendment from speaking at state-supported schools or colleges.

In denouncing the law, the ACC chapter said, One of the fundamental principles of our Constitution prohibits Congress from passing laws interfering with freedom of press, speech and assembly.

"The North Carolina State Legislature should follow the same high standards concerning these basic freedoms that our founding fathers set long ago."

The professors added, "We believe that this piece of legislation is unnecessary, undemocratic and that it underestimates the strength of our democratic system of government as well as the ability of North Carolina students."

The law, which was passed by the 1963 General Assembly and which now is being closely scrutinized by legislators, "reflects a lack of faith in the free exchange of ideas in our state-supported institutions," the professors said.

"It further reflects a lack of faith in the ability of students to competently evaluate these ideas.

"As educators, we recognize that this fear is unfounded. The education level of the college student is substantially higher than that of the general population."

The professors said they feel that the college student is more competent to evaluate Communism than are other segments of the population.

"Certainly, if the legislature feels the college student is not capable of evaluating Communism, attention might be focused on state requirements in high school curriculum with emphasis on comparative government," they stated.

The professors "question the desirability or necessity of having a ban against Communist speakers in cultural and scientific fields. How could a Communist's speech on biological mutation possibly relate to the overthrow of our government?"

"Furthermore, since 1941, an advocacy of the overthrow of our government by force or violence in a state-owned building has been a crime. We question whether further legislation was needed."

Those who have confidence in the democratic system feel that demo-

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