

Game Room Needs People, Money

By Carolyn Campbell

What started as a simple idea has become the Student Government Association's major project for the year. After all, renovating the basement of the old gym into a game room is no minor task. The SGA has raised \$500 so far, and SGA president, Bobbie Edwards, says \$500 more is needed.

The money was collected through donations from classes and campus organizations. The SGA also sold art pieces from India in the Student Center and had a booth at the Homecoming Carnival. With a great deal of help, all this took two weeks.

The work is almost complete.

The maintenance department hired a contractor to insulate the heating pipes, wood has been replaced, a pump added to stop occasional flooding and lights have been installed. Thirty gallons of paint and student involvement is now needed to complete the building.

"It has reached the point now that it has become a student body project," Edwards said. "We're going to start painting in the next couple of weeks and we need people to come and help. We'll have food and drinks and lots of music so the painting will be fun." While the exact colors have not been chosen,

blue and white, the school colors are a definite consideration. Colorful murals will decorate the walls.

The SGA anticipates the opening to be at the end of February. According to Edwards, "We want to open soon because a lot of people have worked hard to get this project off the ground and some will be

graduating. We want them to enjoy this too."

While the opening is in sight, it does not mean the new recreation room is finished. The SGA hopes one day to convert the storage area of the basement into a dance floor. A miniature bowling alley is another idea. Where will this money come from? All money

received from the pinball machines will go directly into the Student Center Fund to be used to upgrade the facilities.

The new recreation room will have pinball machines, ping pong and pool tables, a snack bar and a jukebox.

Edwards reminds classes and organizations that donations must be turned in by Feb. 12.



Faculty and staff who have given 25 or more years of service to the college were honoree at last week's convocation. Here, Carrie W. Bridgers accepts her award from President Doster. [Photo by Harold Williams]

Elections Upcoming

By Bobby Gardner

Student Government Association elections will be held Feb. 24 and 25. This spring semester election will be quite a big one, as there are 24 positions in the SGA and four positions in the Campus Christian Association to be filled for the 1982-83 college year. Therefore the SGA is looking for concerned, dependable and innovative students who are willing to assume the duties and responsibilities of the positions available. If you are interested in holding any of these positions, please come by the SGA office and fill out a petition to run for office. The filing period will be Feb. 1-12.

Elections will be held for the following positions: SGA president, SGA vice president, SGA

secretary, SGA treasurer, editor of the Collegiate and editor of the Pine Knot. For rising sophomores, juniors and seniors, each class will need to elect a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and three class senators. The qualifications for holding the above offices can be found in the student handbook along with the duties and responsibilities that each office requires.

The Campus Christian Association will be electing the following officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The qualifications for holding these offices can be found in the CCA constitution. If you have questions about CCA requirements, please see a CCA officer.



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Custom Regarding Pregnancy Reviewed

By Lisa Boykin

Currently before Civil Rights Act Title IX review in Washington, D.C., is a custom presently followed at Atlantic Christian College.

The custom is that pregnant women are not allowed to live in the dorms at AC, and neither are the men who are equally responsible for the pregnancies. Although neither student can live on campus, both can continue attending classes.

Dr. Harold C. Doster, college president, pointed out that the custom has not been made a written institutional policy because each instance has been handled personally and privately with the woman, man or family involved. This has been by the personal preference of those involved.

Doster said that when it becomes obvious that the girl is pregnant, she is asked to leave the dorm.

"In recent years, only two or three times has there been a time when a student or students have been asked to find other more appropriate housing, and then only in the succeeding semester," Doster said.

Not only is the girl asked to leave for reasons of morality, but also for health reasons and the community well-being, he said.

Doster defined the community as the residents of the dorm. He pointed out that a pregnant woman demands special

attention because of her condition. This adds an unnecessary responsibility and burden on those girls sharing the dorm with her, he said. And living so close to a pregnant woman, in this case usually an unmarried woman, could make many girls uncomfortable and embarrassed, he added.

"It is not that persons in a dorm would not be concerned. I'm sure they would, but the responsibility should properly be placed with medical professionals and the expectant mother's family," Doster said.

As for health reasons, he said that he feels the dormitory setting is not the proper atmosphere for a pregnant woman. He added that properly trained individuals are not available in the dorms to look after the mother and to provide proper prenatal care.

Although Christian ethics and morals are only part of the reason for asking the girl to move off campus, the ethical

question is the main reason for asking the boy to move, Doster said. The custom regarding the men applies only when the child is conceived out of wedlock.

He also emphasized that after the child is born, both parents are allowed to move back on campus, but the baby may not reside in college housing.

Doster further stated that the custom applies to married women as well as unmarried women, thus emphasizing the health aspect.

Concerning the morality aspects Doster said, "The fact that the New Testament and Christian teachings have considered fornication wrong is why the college would try to discourage this behavior, as it would other forms of behavior said to be sinful in Christian teaching."

According to the president, the school is waiting for the Title IX decision and will comply if the ruling necessitates change.

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