

# Editorial

## CONVOCATION POLICY

When the student Government made the motion to have a committee go see Dean Evans in their meeting Sept. 5th, it was their goal for "General Studies required attendances and grading system from last year be continued and the present system be discontinued." (Quote taken from minutes recorded by Margaret Bender, Secretary 9-5) Yet according to SGA President Rex Hoffman the committee and Dean Evans came to a deadlock, and thus a compromise was made. The compromise being that required attendances be cut from 30 to 26 for a letter grade A. In convocation Monday the 12th, Dean Evans announced that the compromise was a drop from 30 to 27, not the previously agreed upon number of 26! Only after the SGA confronted Evans, a second time did he agree to the number 26.

Now for an examination of Dean Evans considerations leading to the decision to institute letter grades listed for the reader on page one of this issue. No. 1--While General Studies is a credit course here at MAC, it is not a transferable credit. Other colleges will look at our grade point average affected by General Studies, but not accept the G. S. credit. No. 2--Every student I've talked to could care less if someone got the same grade they received by going to Convocation or Chapel a less number of times. Students want to go to hear the announcements, speakers, and other entertainment, not to get a grade. No. 3--Why should an honor student demonstrate superior performance in this course as well as others when G. S. will not transfer? It is because the other subjects transfer that the students seek to excel in them.

No. 4--Okay, it will help the A.E. students, but let's remember that they are a very small minority. As in any democratic system majority rules! It is agreed that it will not do much injustice to students who excel academically. Maybe an eighth on a point could be lost. As for number 5--WE ARE NOT NUMEROUS OTHER COLLEGES. We are different. PTL. Let's prove it.

I suggest that Dean Evan's new system is merely a tool in prodding more students out of their rooms and into Convocation and Chapel. Improve the quality of the speakers and the entertainment and students will attend 27 or more times. That is just an added suggestion. The overwhelming desire from the student body is for the new system to be dropped in favor of the old. Out of 100 persons petitioned this week 100 were not satisfied with the new policy and favored the old.

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## What Happened to the S.U.?

As everyone probably knows, the student union is closed this year. For those of you who ask why, you do deserve an explanation. First of all, the college does not own the building by Lake Susan in which the student union is situated, but rents it from the Montreat Association, Inc. This year the college has regrettably decided not to rent this building.

At the moment, plans are being made by Mrs. Andrews to open the

gym as a game room to compensate for the closing of the student union. Details as to what the hours will be or what the game room will consist of are indefinite at the present time, but will be announced in the near future.

The newspaper staff would greatly appreciate it if you, the students, would let us know your opinions on this matter by writing a letter to the editor of the newspaper.

## Administrative Staff

The Administrative Staff has decided that for the year 1977-78, there will be no admission to home athletic events. The intent of this decision is to encourage more participation by Faculty and Staff and we look forward to an increase in numbers attending.

The continuation of the Cavalier Club was approved and all Faculty and Staff are encouraged to join and support the Club.

# THE ALETHEIAN POLICY

We, the members of the Aletheian staff, have one foremost goal and that is to uphold our name--ALETHEIA, the Greek word for truth--in everything we print.

Our second concern is to cover all activities, happenings, etc., occurring on the MAC Campus or outside events affecting MAC. We will cover all news as out limited time and space permits.

Letters to the Editors concerning anything of interest are more than welcome. We will attempt to answer any questions about previous articles, the mechanics of the paper, important decisions made by the faculty concerning students, and anything else felt to be within reason by the Editorial staff. All letters will be printed with signature unless otherwise requested. Letters should either be given personally to the Editor, or dropped off in the box marked newspaper in Gaither. (first office on left)

Positions are always open for new staff members. Just see the Editor.

# Backtalk

Some of MAC's students were asked their opinion on the elimination of long Tuesday-Thursday classes. Here are some of their comments:

"I like the shorter class hour as I am able to pay much better attention. A negative point might be that it is harder to plan your schedule." Sandy Edmisten

"Fifty-minute class periods seem to work out better. Attention is greater and everyone doesn't go to sleep." Bill Bunn

"Tuesday-Thursday classes were alright because it gave the student a break with only two class meetings a week." Jerry McPeters

"I do not really care for this new schedule. It's impossible to read a novel in three nights!" Kaye Beasley

"I like the new system better than the hour and a quarter classes over 2 days. I think it is MORE ORGANIZED." Carrie Wolfenden

"The old system was much more orderly. Many classes are missed due to misunderstandings about our schedules. We end up using all our class cuts just trying to learn our schedules." Barbara Lemmert

"... I tend to like the old system better because it was more organized and I enjoyed the consistency of the class schedules and getting out at the same time on certain days." Ben Fortson

"I am relieved that this year I won't be falling asleep on Tuesday and Thursday." Chad Kapfhamer

"The new schedule seems to be chaotic now, however, maybe later things will become more organized. Personally, I am fighting to get used to it." Leslie Lehr

"I'm really glad that we don't have the long Tuesday-Thursday classes, but it's going to take awhile to get adjusted to this schedule since it's so different." Beth Johnson

"... I would like to have more time in class to talk to the teachers." Beth Long

"The classes seem to fit a lot of people's idea of decent class length. I am happy that I don't have to be 'trapped' in the same room for so long." John Kiricoples

"I appreciate the new schedule, for all the classes have the same allotted time span." Bryan Cunningham

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# the Editor



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