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Current Affairs

Over the past few years, and at the present time, there has been much progress made in the effort to build better academic standards here at ACC. This striving for excellence has keyed the development of ACC more than anything else. Yet, there is still one area where more attention is needed, and this is in educating students in current affairs and contemporary problems.

The importance of this area of education cannot be over emphasized. With the world becoming smaller everyday and vast social and economical changes taking place in our own country, there is the very difficult problem of gaining an understanding of these things, much less trying to find solutions. Obviously though, an effort must be made to gain as much knowledge as possible of events in our contemporary world.

This is a matter that particularly affects those students in the social studies and religion departments. These people must deal in a contemporary atmosphere more so than students in other departments.

Unfortunately, the students in the political science department have been sadly uninformed. It has been thought that knowledge in this field of study could be gained simply by sitting in a classroom for a certain number of prescribed hours and that nothing more was needed. What they have failed to get is the understanding of how to apply the information in the classroom to everyday circumstances. This failure has mainly been the fault of the students, who for some reason are horrified by the idea that some extensive reading on current affairs could be very beneficial. The result has been a very limited knowledge of affairs in the U. S., and almost a complete ignorance of international affairs.

While this problem is common not only to political science students but to others as well, the role of the faculty cannot go unnoticed. In the past the faculty, as a whole, has not encouraged students, in one form or another, to obtain knowledge in contemporary affairs. However, it has been noticed that a stronger move in this direction has been taking place this year, and we would hope that this effort will be intensified.

It would also be of great value to begin a series of discussions or seminars related to everyday affairs. This type of activity does much to stimulate thought, and there is a great need for ACC students to be stimulated.

Campus Development

The announcement concerning the planning and development of a new student union and cafeteria was well received by the Executive Board Monday night. This news will be welcomed by all ACC students, who realize only too well how much these facilities are needed.

The proposed plans reveal that a great deal of work has been done on estimating the future needs of the college. These plans have been developed so that expansion of the buildings would be possible. Much credit must be given to college officials and especially Mr. Atwood Skinner, the architect for the college, and Mr. Barry Lamm, the assistant architect, for the excellent campus development plans they have produced.

SDS Society Is Retained

(CPS) — A voice vote of the University of Kentucky's Faculty Senate successfully blocked my attempt to withdraw the accreditation of the campus chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

The vote defeated a motion introduced by Thomas C. Maney, a professor of electrical engineering, and by Dr. Wasley S. Krogdahl, professor of mathematics and astronomy, who asked the senate to revoke accreditation for the local SDS chapter given to it by the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations.

Approval by the committee means an organization can have its meetings placed on the official university calendar and may see university meeting halls. Accreditation is normally a routine matter once an organization has met the committee requirement to present a constitution or purpose and a financial statement.

This was the first organization ever to have its accreditation questioned before the university's faculty senate.

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Krogdahl, who is also the faculty adviser for the campus chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom, and Maney said the SDS chapter should not be allowed to operate on the campus since the group violated the U. S. Espionage Act of 1917 by planning protests on the war in Vietnam, including its plans for a nationwide student protest against the war this fall.

The motion said the university "cannot permit property owned by the Commonwealth (of Kentucky) and under our care to be used to aid in the possible open defiance of federal law."

Dr. W. Garret Flickinger, professor of law, defended the SDS accreditation and asked for the defeat of the motion. Flickinger said he was not defending SDS as an organization but didn't believe the university could afford to refuse accreditation to an organization and refuse it the right to meet on campus just because the beliefs of the group are "contrary to the beliefs of certain faculty members."

As the vote was oral, no official count was recorded but Dr. Flickinger later told reporters the motion was rather "firmly defeated."

Reader's Forum

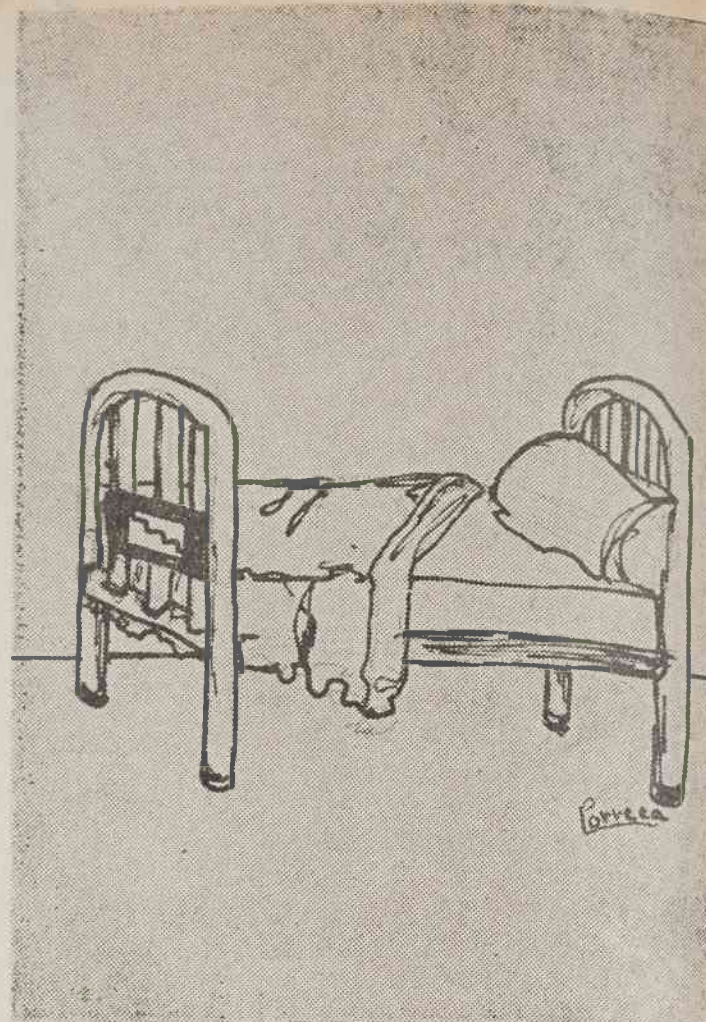
Dear Editor,

I noticed that in your editorial of September 23, you had an article headed "Collegiate Policy." As you said it was not possible to give a complete outline of your policies and I am in complete agreement. But there is one policy that I feel all newspapers do, and if not, should, adhere to. This policy being, reporting the news completely, so as not to give false impressions on any issues.

In your news article "Exec Board Meets For First Time," you reported that I made a motion for Atlantic Christian College to become inactive in the National Student Association. This was only half of the motion and in so doing you took it out of context. It should have read that I move ACC become inactive in NSA until a committee could be appointed by the president to make a more thorough investigation of the subject. By giving the complete motion an entirely new light is thrown on the intent of this move.

I also noticed that you stated my motion was made on the basis of an editorial written by William Buckley, editor of the National Review. The motion was not made on this basis. The article was read to the Exec Board merely to create an air of question concerning NSA in order that they might see the necessity of a committee to make a more thorough investigation of membership in NSA. This committee has been appointed and will begin research this week.

Sincerely,
John Gorham
Student Co-ordinator



Released...

Good Quality Teachers

A nationwide survey by Louis Harris and Associates released this week indicates the public generally is high on the quality of American public school teachers and more than 40 per cent, the survey indicates, believe that teachers should be paid more.

But the survey found people thinking that the present share of money now given to education is adequate. This indicates, according to Harris' summary, that the public may feel teachers should be paid more but that there is an unwillingness to dip any deeper into tax monies to come up with more money for teacher pay.

Residents of large cities, as opposed to those from rural areas, were most vehement about the need for finding more money for teachers salaries. This was found to be especially true in cities where teachers, strikes have been threatened.

The survey found that 82 per cent of the people questioned in a nationwide representative sample rated public school teachers as good or excellent. The breakdown showed that 78 per cent of the people in the cities rated teachers as good or excellent, 81 per cent in the suburbs, 86 per cent in the towns and 81

per cent in the rural areas.

On the matter of pay, the nationwide figures showed that 56 per cent thought teachers were now paid "about right" while 42 per cent thought teachers were paid "too little." The breakdown on the pay issue was: cities, 51 per cent thought pay was too little, 45 per cent said it was about right; towns, 43 per cent said pay was too little, 53 per cent thought it was about right; rural areas, 30 per cent said pay was too little and 68 per cent said pay was about right.

The nationwide figures showed that 32 per cent thought too little money was being spent on schools and 56 per cent said the amount was about right. That breakdown was: cities, 43 per cent said the percentage spent on education was too little, 48 per cent felt it was about right; suburbs, 27 per cent said the percentage was too little, 61 per cent said it was about right; towns, 26 per cent said it was too little, 57 per cent said it was about right; and in rural areas, 26 per cent said too little was spent on schools and 61 per cent said the amount was about right. The remaining small percentages in each category felt "too much" was now being spent on schools.

News and Views

By DWIGHT WAGNER

With the settlement of the steel strike in Washington a few weeks ago there has been certain speculation as to whether the days of collective bargaining are now beyond recall. The reason for this speculation results from the manner in which the dispute was settled with the government acting as a strict mediator.

The change in the collective bargaining process has changed mainly for the reason that business has changed so much in recent years. Certain companies have become so large and involved in our economy that the country now finds these business' health and productivity a necessity for economic stability. This view has obviously been taken by President Johnson, and he has demonstrated this on two occasions by entering into the disputes with a strong hand.

While there has been some argument over Johnson's manner of handling the steel and railroad strikes, there can be no argument that he has been very effective. There is little doubt that he will act in a similar manner if the need calls for it. Some of the negotiators in the

major unions and businesses are now wondering if it is even worth trying to reach a settlement. This approach would seem to be a negative attitude since there is obviously much that can be accomplished before a deadline and maybe even a complete settlement is possible with the right attitude.

There is a clear need for those people in both labor and business to recognize the manner in which changes have effected the conditions now tolerated by the American public for labor disputes resulting in strikes. The day has almost arrived when strikes will be old fashion and the main problem will be that of automation.

Announcement

Students participating in unsupervised sports on the campus of Atlantic Christian College have been requested to confine these activities to the athletic fields, according to Robert E. Bennett, dean of students.

The request was made in the interest of safety to both participants and bystanders and to the protection of college property.