

Working Together, Better Than Alone

The year 1968 has closed out with a bang on our campus over a controversy stemming from a Nov. 25 resolution passed by the Central Committee on Instruction. The resolution, in effect, destroys the college's present system on giving the benefit of the doubt to students who during one semester have missed a large number of their classes. The entire resolution is printed in the Executive Board article, page one.

Several arguments have been presented in defense and in condemnation of the new ordinance which goes into effect with the spring semester. Those arguing for it say that it will only effect those students who care nothing for their education in the first place, and that their suspension from the college will make room for students who are genuinely seeking an education. We follow these supporters' reasoning; but we feel that the resolution is too harsh and is really not essential for the college's wellbeing.

Under the present system (without the new rule) a student fails a course in which he has missed over 25 percent of the class sessions. If a student follows this pattern in 50 percent of his courses, he certainly has a bad quality point average to contend with—but he does have the opportunity to redeem himself during the next semester. Such a case might well be drawn from some of our arriving freshmen in the fall semesters. Often their stay at ACC is their first long stay away from home and the domination of parents. They feel freedom for the first time but fail to see responsibility and, consequently, may cut courses heavily. Now, just for the sake of supposition, our freshmen were to realize that ACC is here as an educational institution and the second semester settle down and bring their QP average up so that they are able to continue their education here. Under the new system, they will have no such opportunity.

Some may argue, nevertheless, that the clause in the resolution which allows exceptions validates the ordinance. But why have the resolution in the first place? If the student continues to cut his classes over the 25 percent limit, he will flunk out.

Now while we do not support the action taken by the Central Committee, we do not condone the "reaction" of the Executive Board. The Board's Dec. 11 decision in no way helps to remedy the situation; in fact, it hinders the progress of better student-faculty, student-administration relations. Had the Board simply gone on record as opposing the committee's resolution and lodged protests through proper channels, it would have been a different matter.

The Executive Board, however, went beyond the limits of human understanding. Without giving proper attention to the exception clause of the resolution and without regard to the situation of the faculty who also opposed the resolution, the board called for all faculty members in disagreement with the ordinance to cease from keeping attendance records in class.

Such a request places the faculty members who are in agreement with the Executive Board in a precarious position. Page 31 of the faculty manual for the college, which is approved by the Board of Trustees and which the faculty members must follow, calls for the keeping of a record of attendance. While we feel that such a rule is not really necessary, we do feel that it is wrong to ask the faculty members to purposefully neglect duties which they are bound to carry through.

Would it not have been better for the students and faculty members who opposed the ruling of the central committee to campaign together to repeal the resolution, rather than the students asking the professors to go out on a limb? We think so. The resolution passed by a very small majority of the central committee's members, indicating that it was fairly unpopular to begin with. Why turn the faculty members who are with us, against us?

Reader's Perspective

The Collegiate
Atlantic Christian College
Dear Editor:

Recently the faculty of Atlantic Christian passed a resolution concerning class absences which will become effective Spring Semester, 1969. I applaud this resolution and feel that it will do a great deal in helping A.C.C. realize its goal as an educational institution. However, I feel that this resolution did not go quite far enough. Therefore, I would like to submit the following list of ideas

for immediate deliberation by the administration and some of the faculty of Atlantic Christian College.

A. The following courses should be added to the curriculum of this college:

1. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Potty Training.
2. Recess
3. Home room — to be the first class of the day.
4. A time should be set aside for an afternoon nap for students to prevent them from becoming

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cranky and irritable in the evening hours.

B. The area that is now designated as Center Campus should be converted into a playground, complete with swings, slides, see-saws, sandboxes and monkey-bars (to be used as the classroom for the course in recess).

C. New educational toys should be added to the games available in the Student Union to teach the kiddies muscle co-ordination. For instance, Tinker Toys, pegboards, building blocks, and Erector Sets. This could be done in conjunction with the Physical Education Department. Pool tables should be removed, however, as they are a bad influence upon young and tender minds.

D. A committee should be formed to appoint a Safety Patrol to protect students while crossing from the main campus to the Science Building, the men's dorms, the gymnasium, and the Art and Music Buildings. This same committee would appoint faculty members to be classroom monitors, hall monitors, playground monitors, lunchroom and bathroom monitors. Bathroom monitors could be phased out gradually depending upon the success of the courses in Potty Training. Dorm monitors should also be provided to read bedtime stories and to make sure that all children were tucked in. All monitors would report disciplinary cases to the Discipline and Morale Board (which would be renamed Your A.C.C. Mommy and Daddy which would take such action as sending kiddies to bed without supper, barring children from recess, or making kiddies write one thousand times, "I promise not to do — ever, ever again".

E. All students should be required to wear uniforms and name tags which would state the child's name and homeroom number. Also, in reference to section D., cloakroom monitors should be provided to make sure children wear their overcoats, mittens, and earmuffs during winter or raincoats and galoshes during inclement weather.

With the adoption of the preceding ideas, I truly feel that A.C.C. will one day be able to realize its goal as an educational institution; a kindergarten for twenty-year olds.

Sincerely yours,
Bobby Noble
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December 14, 1968

Mr. Jim Bussell, Editor
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to Mr. Al Cooke's letter appearing in the Collegiate on Dec. 12. Mr. Cooke stated that "students who reside in the dormitories on our campus have recently (my underlining) become aware that their room fees reserve rooms for only certain times. . . ." I would like to inform Mr. Cooke that on page 16 of the 1968-1969 Bulletin of Atlantic Christian College it states that "during college vacation or other periods when the dormitories are officially closed, students are not permitted to stay in residence halls except by special permission." This statement also appeared in the previous year's bulletin.

In the past, special permission has been granted to students doing their practice teaching in or near Wilson. Effective this fall, practice teachers are relieved of their teaching responsibilities during all college vacations. This change in policy for student teachers makes it easier for those administrators responsible for college housing to carry out the above stated college regulation.

The most obvious and essential reason for closing a dormitory during a vacation period involves a security risk of leaving a dormitory open. A dormitory with only four or five residents during a vacation is not as secure as when all 140 residents are present. Leaving the New Men's Dorm open for a two-week period would open it to any vandals interested in securing a television, an intercom system, lounge furniture, and vending machines. Obviously, this would be an unnecessary security risk. Secondly, residence counselors and house mothers employed by the college receive their vacations during regularly scheduled college holidays. Maintaining a dormitory over a vacation period would require adult supervision, not "to train" students or because students are "not ready to care for themselves," as Mr. Cooke stated, but again for security reasons. This need for supervision would deprive certain college personnel from their vacations.

Thirdly, a comparison with other colleges and universities would reveal that dormitories

and residence halls at these institutions are closed during vacation periods for the same reasons that they are closed at ACC. The dormitories are closed in order to deprive students, but to protect student and college property.

I urge any students desiring question or discuss the regulation, or any other regulation written in the College Bulletin or the Student Handbook, to go to any administrative office to clear up misunderstandings or seemingly unexplained college policies.

Sincerely yours,
G. Gregory Lee

December 15, 1968

Dear Sir:

We are writing this follow-up letter to clear up several points taken in our letter of the middle of December, 1968. We in no way meant personal responsibility. J. Ralph Crumpler or his staff did come out in this manner. De students and other off-campus students go through the lines and use other people's numbers. This cuts short the amount of time prepared for the paying students. On Thursday, December 12, twelve duplications of numbers came through the line for checking. Also people who rely on second helpings not only cut the lines down, but deprive others of prime choices. The food prepared in such quantity as to feed students on the meal plan and several students and parents individually. The students, as well as A.R.A.-Slater, are responsible for the lack of choices in the cafeteria.

Yours truly,
Jere H. Wessell
J. Sidney Eley

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the faculty made a decision which, in my opinion, is both negative and superficial. For some time now Atlantic Christian has been endeavoring toward a greater degree of student rights, freedoms, and voice. But now students are told that if they overcut half of their classes they will be suspended. This seems recessive when I consider the progress that had been made. Students were not even consulted about the new ruling. The faculty must have looked negatively at student opinion.

But whether the step is forward, backward, or neither

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