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Inquisition

Editor's Note: The following editorial comment concerns the State Student Legislature, not of 1970, but of 1967. This article deals with some of the controversial issues with which the current SSL delegation is now faced. Editorial staff writer Sam McPhail presented the issues, the answers, and what SSL should and could be.

Inquisition

Democracy is only an experiment in government, and it has the obvious disadvantage of merely counting votes instead of weighting them.

Possible Recovery, William R. Inge.

For a number of years Atlantic Christian College has been sending a delegation to the State Student Legislature and this year was not an exception. Whenever these mock legislators leave for the capitol city a wee voice is heard crying in the wilderness, "But is it worth the expense?" A more valid question could never be asked because it is the student's activity fee that supports this venture.

Candid observations of the festivities in Raleigh soon discloses serious faults in the SSL. Many of the bills presented are poorly worded or lacking in clarity. Some appear to be written only because of their controversial nature. The individuals proposing the legislation often appear unprepared or their enthusiasm is not over the value of the bill but the reputation of one's school.

A second weakness is the disparity between small college and large college. Small schools are tolerated rather than looked upon as institutions in partnership for the betterment of N.C. and SSL. The small school must thank big brother for allowing him to be present.

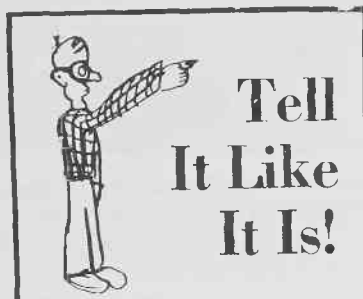
If one word could be used to describe SSL it would be "image." With overleaping desperation SSL's leaders spoke of the need for a better image. The constantly heard whine was that no one knows what SSL is much less listening to what it says. Two reasons for this are evident. First, too many bills are on the agenda for time to permit responsible consideration therefore SSL begins to look like a gathering of nitwits. Secondly, many of the delegates fail to respect and promote the integrity of SSL. It is often overlooked by delegates that what they do and say will be judged by the state legislature either positively or negatively.

In light of SSL's problems should A.C. continue to spend money sending delegates? Yes, because the State Student Legislature continues to have a great potential. Our participation gives the college worthwhile publicity. The delegates attending gain fresh insight into the game of politics and the thinking of fellow collegians.

Each college has a responsibility in improving SSL by improving the quality of its participation. Several ideas come to mind in regards to A.C. It would be beneficial if the delegates were selected far enough in advance of the SSL so that they might work with the Student Coordinator in preparing the school's bill. Often the benefits of information concerning the SSL's activities and A.C.'s participation are limited to the privileged few attending the SSL. Some means of communicating with the student body should be devised. An open forum could be conducted by the Campus Awareness Committee for debating the issues in the school's proposed bill. This would give the delegates an opportunity to prepare themselves and allow the student body to become aware of the manner in which it will be represented.



"I FORGOT MY ID CARD. MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL."



The Executive Board has approved an eleven member delegation to the State Student Legislature which included six seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and one freshman. This delegation is financed through student funds. The Tell It Like It Is reporter asked several students about their opinion of the selection of this delegation.

I think the underclassmen should be allowed to go since they are the ones that are going to be here not the seniors next year.

L.H. (Junior)

I think underclassmen should be predominant in the SSL since they will be our leaders. Just like in fraternities and sororities usually don't send seniors to educational conferences since they won't be the ones leading the following year.

M.B. (Senior)

I think there should be equal representation of all classes going.

J.C. (Junior)

Underclassmen are going to be the ones in the SGA next year not seniors. I think a few seniors should be able to go because they kind of know what is going on but underclassmen should get the experience.

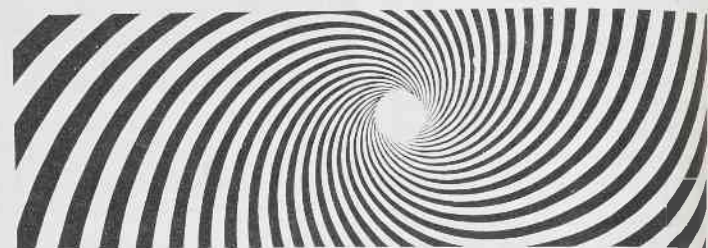
D.Y. (Senior)

I feel there should be more underclassmen going. I realize that people who have worked together including the seniors have to ban together to get anything done but there are just as many qualified underclassmen as there are seniors.

S.P. (Senior)

I feel the number of seniors in the delegation is preposterous. If Atlantic Christian is sending a delegation to Raleigh in order to compete with other student legislators then the delegation should be financed by the general fund of the college as a competitive team. I feel the delegation should be able to utilize their experience as members of student body in the coming year. I can only ask, how many of the approved delegates

Reader's Perspective



To The Editor:

At the Executive Board meeting of Monday, February 23, Mr. Jim Abbott made a rather interesting point about this year's State Student Legislature delegation. His point was that enough recognition is not being given to female accomplishments at Atlantic Christian. Consequently, more females should be present in the SSL delegation.

This is a very interesting point. And the more I think about, the more I like it. Female accomplishments are being ignored. The only problem with Mr. Abbott's point is that he didn't go far enough. I mean, there he was Monday night sitting behind an eagle adorned with a sign citing "Equal Representation for All," and he has the unmitigated gall to think only about sophomores and women. The man is obviously lacking in intelligence if he fails to see the large potentialities of his point. While the hero of campus rejects limits his concern to sophomores and females, a whole world of minorities lies waiting to be saved. Surely, Jim, you noticed that no blacks adorned the delegation. Surely you noticed the small number of business majors present. (Which exclusion, I, an accounting major, abhor). Surely you noticed the preponderous size of the Greek portion of the

are willing to return to ACC next year in order to improve the student government at Atlantic Christian College.

J.C. (Junior)

I feel more underclassmen should go since they are going to be the leaders of ACC when they get older and they should get the experience now in order to prepare themselves for offices they might hold.

K.H. (Junior)

There aren't enough people with experience to take over the SGA next year, so in that respect we will have a weak SGA. More underclassmen should go to get the experience. K.T. (Senior)

delegation. Surely you noticed the lacking of men's dorm residents. One person is hardly representative of the tremendous number of dorm men on the campus of Atlantic Christian. And the same can be said for the lack of representatives of women's dorm residents. The list of minorities which have been blatantly discriminated against goes on and on. It could fill all four pages of this paper.

I really can't understand an otherwise intelligent man like Jim Abbott missing the chance to champion the cause of so many minorities. Surely such a crass politician as he would never miss such a beautiful opportunity to win so many votes.

The image of a hero is tarnished forever.

Sign me,
Kenneth O'Connell
Disillusioned Worshiper

Delegates

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Steve Bassett expressed concern for future student governments. He was of the opinion that people who could help in future years would be of more value. Herrington responded that procedure at SSL is different. It gives students the opportunity to see state government in operation.

David Finch, a three year veteran of SSL and the only delegate with experience, said that SSL will not make a campus leader overnight. He felt it to be an atmosphere of competition among student leaders.

Abbott requested a roll call vote of the matter, but the board never voted on whether to use that method. The question was put by the traditional show of hands and the motion passed with ten in favor and seven opposed.

compose the delegation to SSL. Judi Brewer, Doug Brinson, David Finch, Joe Harwood, Harold Herring, Jim Lucas, Lee Martin, Larry Messer, Kenneth O'Connell, Robbie Steen, and Joe Wilkins.