

Cooperation

Cooperation is just one of the many characteristics necessary to allow satisfactory reporting. When news that can be printed, is found at A-B it is the job of the good reporter to gather the facts accurately, write them down on paper, and turn them over to the Editor of the paper. This is standard procedure on any newspaper.

Since our Editor inherits the tasks of several other newspaper staff members whenever an issue is to be printed, she has an understandable amount of "margin for error." Not even an overworked machine can operate efficiently. Allowing for this factor, don't you think we still have a reasonably accurate newspaper?  
Harry Gregg

School Spirit

What's happening to school spirit at A-B? It seems as if no sporting event is strong enough to cause any reaction from the students. Even the basketball games could not cause a stir! When the team lost, all that was ever heard were a few "I-knew-you-would's." It didn't matter how the games was played, they were always too busy to attend.

Last month when Coach Yelverton issued the call for baseball players, the school was almost forced to drop the sport because only ten boys reported for practice. After he finally found enough men to form a team, only a dozen students attended the first home game.

This kind of situation makes it rough on the coach and the players. After all, how can you have a winning team if you don't have a "supporting" student body?  
Phil McKinney

Snack Shop

"It's a wonder we aren't all dead!" This comment is often heard these days. It is an example of how we the students feel about the condition of the Snack Shop. Yet, who puts the Snack Shop in this state? Students! No one else!

The Snack Shop is for the benefit and pleasure of the students. In order to continue this benefit, is it asking too much for each student to drop his coffee cup in the trash can provided, or deposit his coke bottle in the rack?

Remember we aren't at home, and don't have mother to clean up after us! Let's keep our Snack Shop clean. Avoid embarrassing reprimands in assembly, especially when we have visitors present!  
Joyce Sandlin

Student-Faculty Committees

Do joint committees always live up to their names? That is a question to be seriously considered here at A-B. There is supposed to be a joint committee of faculty and students to plan assembly programs. Who are the students on this committee and have they ever been given an opportunity to meet with the faculty members of the assembly committee?

Was there not a plan for a similar joint social committee? How has this suggested committee turned out? Are there not two separate committees which often disagree after plans for social activities have been made? Does this sound like student-faculty cooperation? Let's all mend our fences and work together for a unified A-B.

Jane Pinkerton

A-B Nickname

It would definitely be to our disadvantage to change A-B College's nickname "Bulldogs."

The disadvantage would lie in the fact that there are two other schools in the Western Carolina Junior College Conference--Gardner-Webb and Wingate with the "Bulldog" nickname.

As it has been in the past, it is easier to mistake our team in print for either Wingate or G-W and both usually field winning teams.

Now when we start fielding winning squads we should change our nick-name so readers would not confuse us with the lower class losers but until then, we should leave well enough alone.

Boyce Ford

Fun

The only threat to our nation you hear much about today is the threat of war, of complete destruction and desolation under The Bomb. But another threat, equally as terrible, is covered up and seldom mentioned. That threat is the threat of over-organized good times. In the "good old days" (as recent as my own childhood a few years ago), kids could have a ball just "doing nothing", inventing their own ways to be lazy when that's what they wanted to do. They were free for the first and only time in their lives, and they enjoyed that freedom any way they wished.

But in today's high-pressure society even the fun and freedom of youth has been captured and ruined by "Togetherness," Organization, Belonging, whatever you want to call it. If a kid wants to do something on his own and not become a member of one of the Forced Fun organizations, he's looked on as anti-social, a misfit. ("Forced Fun" organizations are groups such as boys' clubs, Scouts, etc. with their delinquent-gang sounding names of Wolf Pack, Eagles, and explorers.) There's no room for an individual to be an individual and even in later life, the people who try to escape conformity and become individuals find themselves categorized under the group-name of "Beatniks." Let's ease up on these mass fun organizations, and let kids be kids on their own again. It's their only chance for creative freedom.

Jerry McHone

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"Ma, can I go out and play?"

"What, with those holes in your trousers?"

"Naw, with the kids across the street."