This notice, bringing charges against the Student Council, appeared on the Hilltop News Bulletin boards this morning:

To: Student Government

From: Iconoclast (Note: Iconoclast means, according to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, "one who attacks cherished beliefs or things.")

It is interesting to note that since this "Student Government" has taken office, so to speak, that the most controversial rule of all, the DRINKING RULE, has been changed twice. What is the reason for this? Is it for the sake of convenience? Then I say convenience I mean to satisfy the men of the school and the faculty. I always thought that the student government was governed by the students—at least that's what the handbook says. It looks like the whole student government would be embarrassed by the fact that they can't do something right the first time.

Going back to last year, the rule was changed by read "while under the jurisdiction of the school" without the knowledge of the entire student government. Since the last change in the rule which halts a great many of us, I am very curious as to whether or not the entire student government voted on that change and when the next change will take place.

NEW STORY

During rating activities on Friday, October 6, 1966, a male town student, who was on campus, was suspected of drinking alcoholic beverages. The suspicion was raised in the minds of several student government council members because of the smell of an alcoholic beverage on the breath of the person. This suspicion was reported to the Dean of Students. The student was asked if he had been drinking. The student replied that he had. He was requested to meet the Dean of Students Saturday, October 8. In this meeting he said that he had been drinking at home to celebrate his marriage on October 1. He also stated that he felt that he was under the influence of alcohol. The president of the Student Government Association told the person on October 7, (after he had spoken with the Dean of Students) that he would have the case come before the S. G. A. council meeting Tuesday, October 11. The student appeared and stated his case. This time his statement conflicted with those which he made to the Dean of Students.

The S. G. A. council, when considering this case, took into consideration a loophole in the drinking regulation as stated in the handbook. The student was given a two week social probation. When a day student is on social probation, he is allowed to come on campus for classes only.

Ann Gower, Student Government president, says, "Concerning the anonymous letter to the Student Government that is posted on several bulletin boards, I would like to express a few of my feelings, especially since this person so readily did. At S. G. A. retreat there was much discussion concerning the drinking rule about ways in which it could be altered to cover all loopholes. We found that although it was clear to us, and had been explained thoroughly to the student body, some still did not think it as clear as it should be. Therefore, last Tuesday it was changed again to clarify it. And I might add, if the case arises when this rule or any other rule needs changing, we will not hesitate to do so.

In reply to the charter that the entire student government was not present for the changing of the rule, I would like to state that according to the rules of order, business may be carried on when a quorum is present. The student body votes only an amendment to the constitution.

The writer of this letter stated that the new wording of the rule "halts" many of the students. I take this to mean that the rule has hurt their chances of drinking while on campus, at school function or under the jurisdiction of the school. Emory College is a Methodist school. It is against drinking and will remain so. This school didn't pay you to come to it, you paid to come here. Therefore, if you find yourself unable to abide by this rule or any other, I would suggest that you find another school.

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EDITORIAL

The anonymous charges against the Student Council posted on campus bulletin boards this morning are partially justified but only partially.

It is unfortunate that certain members of the council conducted their defense of the person in question on a basis of membership in a social group (such as fraternity, et cetera), or on personal acquaintance. The entire membership of the council cannot be counted as being objective about this matter.

The central problem, however, is that the previous drinking rule had a big, fat loophole through which many persons might squeeze. The rule was changed to close up this loophole. This action had nothing to do with "satisfying the heads of the school and the faculty," but came from the council itself.

Because of the loophole in the rule, the person in question could not be given a more appropriate punishment than a two-week social probation. The council then acted as to clear up the loophole.

This situation is unfortunate for all concerned. With the change in the rule on drinking, we hope that further occurrences of this nature will be avoided.

SPORTS BRIEF

New eligibility rules for the Intra-mural football season have gone into effect this year. The rules now state that all first quarter freshmen are eligible to participate in this area of the intra-mural program. However, transfer students who came to L.C. on scholarship probation are not eligible to participate. All others may take part in this sports event.

NEWS BRIEF

Marianne Whelchel, Harriet Kuhr, and Ed Nelson have been elected as members of the Faculty-Student Chapel Committee. We are proud of the student representation on this vital committee.

EDITORIAL BRIEF

We feel that thus far this school year that the chapel program have been of good quality. ***

There is an inadequate supply of soft drink and milk machines in Turner Hall. We hope that the administration will consider this need and see if more machines can be added.

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