



We the undersigned are seriously concerned about the differences between the theoretical and actual policies of Beaver College, as quoted in the Beaver College Bulletin: "Most of all, a student will need the ability to think for herself, and the desire and the will to continue to learn throughout her life. Our primary objective at Beaver College, therefore, is not so much knowledge as power of independent thought and constructive action." We see that the action of the authorities on those issues which most closely follow the above aims is contrary and detrimental to our lives' objectives.

The purpose of this petition is to demonstrate that the student body is dissatisfied with present conditions concerning the lack of student voice in our college community. As students we feel that there must be a correlation between the student body, administration, and faculty in working towards our common goal.

We commend the progress which Beaver College is making to elevate the level of education—in independent studies and also in raising the calibre of the faculty and the students. Such academic advancements also necessitate fuller development of individual growth and responsibility.

As students, we feel that in order to correct the prevailing attitude of student disinterest in the college community as a whole, certain grievances require attention:

1. Whereas; the faculty has taken action on class attendance without the knowledge and/or consent of the student body, the student body finds this to be a deliberate denial of the student voice and a regression from the originally stated aims of progress.

2. Whereas; the administration tabled without further discussion the consenting vote concerning smoking in the rooms. We find this expressed disregard of 277 against and 324 in favor to be an unnecessary subjugation of student opinion.

3. Whereas; a concerted effort has been made on the part of the student body to grant blanket permission to second semester Freshmen, little constructive attention has been given to this proposal which was supported by a majority of the student body.

These are only examples of a dissatisfaction with prevailing conditions; behind them lies the more important issue of the treatment of the student body. If these problems can be dealt with through responsible action on the part of the administration and the student body, this will be an indication to both that the college climate can be improved.

A meeting will be held by the student body on Tuesday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m. in Murphy. There will then be a meeting open to discussion of the heretofore stated. If this meeting is unsuccessful in terms of communication between the administration and the student body, we feel compelled to take further action.

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