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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

On October 5 - 7 the executive committee met at Wheaton College to conduct their bi-annual business meeting. The two-and-one-half days were a time of vision, planning, and sharing.

Considerable thought and discussion during the business meeting was given to the future of ACSD and means by which the organization might provide support for the student affairs professional. The major emphasis for the future will be the continual development of task forces which will concentrate on specific areas related to Student Affairs.

Each task force will concern itself with the awareness of current research, literature and examples of theory application at member institutions. They will also propose topics and speakers to the executive committee that they feel would provide valuable insight for the membership at large. It is also hoped that the task force will develop a communication and support network among members. Some areas in which task forces may be formed: i.e. counseling and health services, christian professional on the secular campus, residence life, professional development, campus chapel programming, integration of academics, faith and student development theory. If you have a particular area of interest and would like to see a task force developed, please contact Ruth Bamford.

On Friday the executive committee held an open forum for all members addressing future issues regarding ACSD. Twenty members from numerous institutions were there, and contributed in a very productive time. Issues of discussion were membership and membership drives, development of regions, future trends in higher education, students and the needs of the professional, potential speakers and the need for net-working among member schools. This was a very special time for the executive committee to see the interest, support, and dedication that the membership has in the Association of Christians in Student Development. The executive committee greatly appreciates your participation as we endeavor to create an organization that is dedicated to serving you as you serve Jesus Christ, in your life, and in your profession.

No executive committee business would be complete without planning for the National Conference, this meeting was no exception. The National Conference will be held at John Brown University, June 4 - 7, 1984. The theme of the conference is The Campus and Beyond, “Student Development that will impact our society for Christ.” Tony Campolo will be one of the keynote speakers. Dr. Campolo’s interest and awareness of social issues both here and abroad will challenge us to look beyond our campus. Rebecca Manley Pippert was also scheduled to be with us, but has had to decline. The executive
Dean Merrill
ANOTHER CHANCE

Merrill believes in the God of the second chance. He uses Scripture, poetry and present day profiles to illustrate his point. There are sections on confidence, confrontation, confession and the last, moving on to joy. This book offers hope and encouragement to those suffering from failure, guilt and tragedy in their lives. All of these things come to us sooner or later in life. What a joy to assure others of the forgiveness of God.

Kirby Anderson
GENETIC ENGINEERING

This book is an eye-opener. Genetic engineering is an awesome matter. Anderson challenges Christians to participate in, be involved in, the policy making process of our government to have limits on genetic technology. His section on the sanctity of life is especially excellent. Other topics include Artificial Reproduction, Genetic Manipulation and Genetics and the Christian. A vital book for today in supplying answers to the questions on genetics that our students are asking.

G. Egan
FACE TO FACE

A non-technical description and illustration of the theory underlying the small group as a means of facilitating personal growth. This book will assist the reader in understanding the kinds of behavior that facilitates growth in a face-to-face group. Also, this work concentrates on groups formed for the purpose of working out personal development and problems of social and mental health.

Oswald Sanders
ENJOYING INTIMACY WITH GOD

Oswald Sanders communicates in a new, fresh way the age-old message of how to enjoy intimate fellowship with God. Everything in our Christian life and service flows from our relationship with God. Sanders says if this relationship is not right, and we are not in vital fellowship with Him, everything else will be out of gear.

Charles Swindoll
HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK

This book uses the well known book of Nehemiah as the basis for teaching principles of leadership. Topics discussed are: overcoming discouragement, interpersonal relations with employee, financial responsibility, self-control, and preparing for success.

William Armstrong
STUDY TIPS: HOW TO STUDY EFFECTIVELY AND GET BETTER GRADES

As Student Development professionals we are often in counseling situations that center around academic achievement. Armstrong's book is an excellent resource to provide students with practical ways to develop schedules, note outlining, reading skills, and to developing an effective writing style.

David Keirsey and Marilyn Bates
PLEASE UNDERSTAND ME: AN ESSAY ON TEMPERAMENT STYLES

Keirsey has adopted the Theory of Psychological Types of Carl Jung and the pioneering method of measuring type of Isabel Myers in 1955 and ever since has adapted his clinical practice to the perspective of Jung-Myers typology. PLEASE UNDERSTAND ME provides a useful vocabulary and phraseology for applying the Jung-Myers concepts of type.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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The executive committee is currently extending invitations for a second keynote speaker. We are looking forward to being at John Brown University and the hope that many of you will be there with us for this year's National Conference. Additional information and conference registration will be mailed after the first of the year.

Thomas Peters and Robert Waterman, Jr.
IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE: LESSONS FROM AMERICA'S BEST-RUN COMPANIES

This book is highly recommended and would provide an excellent textbook for several business related courses. It also is a rare book in that it inspires the reader to strive for excellence in a world that has seemingly adopted "sub standard" as a basis for evaluation. If you read one book from this book review list, this is the one to read.

PLEASE NOTE-
Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the new ACSD Constitution can write: Kermit Zopki
Dean of Students
Bryan College
Dayton, TN 37321

If you would be willing to prepare a workshop for the next ACSD Conference at John Brown University please present a vita, theme of workshop by February 1, 1984 to: Ruth Bamford
Associate Dean for Student Development
Wheaton College
Wheaton, IL 60187

POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS FOR THE NEXT CONFERENCE

Give and Take--Ideas that Work
The Freshman Year Experience-Orientation
Christians in a Secular Setting
Health and Fitness Concerns
Christian Ministries and Outreach
Integration of Theology and Theory
Global Concerns
Research--How to do it?
Student Activities
Preparing Leaders of the Future
Computers, Ethics, and Values
Residence Life and Learning
Student/Mentor Relationship
I stood at the door, unaware of the black soot that covered my face, hands, and jacket. “Chris, the stove’s out and the apartment’s freezing. I went through two packages of matches already…”

“Get in here! It’s 25 below outside.” I stumbled in. “What on earth have you been doing? Don’t you know it’s 2:30 a.m. Cindy, when are you going to smarten up! You’re drunk or stoned every night. And so with the rebuke of my best friend, I walked out of the apartment down. Look at you!”

And so with the rebuke of my best friend, I began to take a good hard look at my life. I tried to clean up my act on my own several times, but would inevitably come to the same conclusions every time…”The straight life was boring… and lonely!”

My memory was getting bad from smoking too much “pot”. Motivation to do anything was less than nil… the story sounds all too familiar… As I willingly surrendered my life to being a “Doper”, my fears and inhibitions disappeared, along with any self-respect I might have had. “I’m sick of life and I can’t stand ‘me’ and this elevator just keeps going down. Somebody help me get off please.”

in search of that intangible thing they call love, I would attend church and coffee house meetings and endure the unnerving conviction of the gospel and testimonies. “God, when are you going to do a miracle in my life like that?” Yet no great emotional experience came… but now as I look back, a miracle did take place. One Night in March 1975 -- another party… again the nagging in my heart… Someday I’ll go “straight” and start to live like a Christian, but just one last party -- a real good one! “Are you really there, God? Or are you just another crutch for those that can’t face the cold facts that there is no God? Jesus, if you are, I want to start over and live for You. Help me?”

And so it all began, or really just continued, for God had had His hand on my life ever since I could remember. The following year was one of great change and learning to see beyond circumstances to a trustworthy God. Day after day I would come home from work to hide myself in the solitude of my room at my grandparent’s farm, or walk back among the fields and pray and gorge myself in the Word. I had heard it may times before but now it seemed to reach to the very depths of my need… it all took on new meaning -- this was for me. It’s real! Father, you are there -- the Spirit bearing witness -- piercing my heart, yielding such joy and peace -- comfort, strength. The words sound cliche, but the God is not. I began to memorize verses to cast out fear… my faith increased as I put His Word to the test. He answers prayer! I got the taste, and it was good… where to now? Bible School?… but that was a place for stuffy old preachers -- the ones who were “called” into ministry? Here we go, off to the Wild West, the land of cowboys and oil and affluence… and people. My Bible tucked under my arm, I read it every spare minute. Here was a time of searching and testing and expectation.

Now God began to change my life through people...

“You came to visit me one day when I was sick, and placed an orange in my hand and said ‘I care’. You care?... for me?? But why? I’m not pretty or popular or confident or especially smart. Most of the time my jokes are bad. And I’m scared to tell you what I really think. For fear you would just leave me all alone. But you came across the hall and said ‘I’d like to be your friend.’”

“Lord, my teachers, my RA, my Deans, They take the time to stop and talk. They listen and they give advice, But most of all I think they really care! They remember what I dared to tell them yesterday And today they’re asking me if I would like To share the task and serve as an RA. They really do believe I can? You mean that ‘I’ can lift another up? ... I will!”

And so was born the desire to work in Student Development, through time it swelled to want my life. I came to know the power of “love believes all things”. Love believes and hopes in people… and even a nobody like me could aim for a dream and actually see it produced before my very eyes… not exactly in the way I anticipated, but nonetheless fulfilled.

“Oh Lord how far we’ve come! Not so long ago I walked the streets in faded jeans and army jacket, rawhide headband on my brow… now I walk the dorm to search for one, who so like me, will need an ear to hear, a hand to clasps, and someone to believe in them. All they can become is hid behind a hurting heart, a searching mind, an independant will. They question Your direction, as did I, and long to make their mark for time eternal. Lord, let me help them catch the vision, build a dream and reap the joy of blessing other people’s lives.”

Grateful to the ones who saw what I could not, in me.

Cindy MacClure
Dean of Women
Peace River River Bible Institute
REFLECTIONS of a DORM PARENT

Many have come here in the face of advice of well-meaning school guidance counselors who have never visited a Bible college campus, and do not know the quality education found here.

These young people come because they will. They follow the leading of the Lord and His purpose in their lives in spite of the objections and hurdles they must cross.

Some come with an intellectual background that is not enriched in humanities as it should be for college work. They pray and work with purpose in their lives and excel for Christ.

Some come with physical handicaps and they bring sunshine and mirth into the lives of others, for they know that God can and does use people with talents in spite of handicaps.

These young people come because the know. They know that there are goals and desires that belong to God, alone- whatever the cost. They come with true submission and purpose to learn from men and women who can challenge their minds in the highest sense of commitment. They mean to stay, to stand, to persevere, and they know that He will always help them.

Perhaps the best way to sum up the feelings of this article is in the words of one young woman, who was coming with her own money because her parents would not help her if she came to Bible college:

"Well," she said, "I just know it is the best possible education in America today, and I couldn't very well pass that by, now could I?"

Such candor, such wit, such joy they bring to all of us privileged to lead and guide them. What hands into which we give the future of the church!

by

PATSY MOORE

with

ALLEN PRYOR

from

Johnson Bible College

Knoxville, Tennessee
EDITORIAL COMMENTS

As I reflect back over my association with ACSD, I have a great sense of gratitude for this association and the encouragement I have experienced. Many of you have provided valuable suggestions, insights, and wise counsel to help me develop into a better Student Personnel professional and therefore having a greater impact on the students. But what is our mission as deans, residence directors, counselors, placement directors, student activities coordinators and others to the campus community that we serve. We must address this question before we can proceed with addressing the mission of ACSD and how this association can assist us in meeting that mission.

In my time as a student dean, I have made it a point to keep up on current professional literature (i.e. articles, dissertations, journals) to gain a grasp of the mission our secular counterparts have developed. To my amazement, and I might add disappointment, they have attempted at addressing student needs by formulating various Student Development Models. Some of these researchers have developed some very useful and innovative ideas:

K. Zirke and G. Hudson “The Effects of Residence Hall Staff Members on Maturity Development for Male Students”
E. G. Williamson “Trends in Student Personnel Work”
H. Riker “College Housing as Learning Centers”
D. L. Pierce “What Do You Teach Here: Residence Halls”
E. A. Greenleaf “A New Role Emerging”
D. A. DeCoster and P. Mable “Student Development and Education in College Residence Halls”
B. Borger and A. Lynch “University Housing: A Healthy Learning Laboratory”
H. Adelman “The Beds of Academe: A Study of the Relation of Student Residences and the University”

I mention some of these works, not to hold them up as totally acceptable ideals to be used at your college, but rather as examples of representative work being carried on at secular campuses.

Earlier in this editorial I mentioned the fact that I have been amazed and yet disappointed when reading Student Development literature. Amazed in that often our secular counterparts have sensed the vision to put careful thought and research into the formulating of Developmental Models. Shamed from the aspect that those models, although often applicable to our own situations, lack the focus we so strongly agree upon, that being the spiritual development of the student.

This brings me to the point of these comments. Does it not, therefore, present itself that we need to take the initiative to be that organization which provides direction, professional research, communication, and training opportunities that are clearly integrated with our model of Student Development. The mission of ACSD members is to assist in the development of the students in all areas of development with special emphasis in their spiritual development. This association therefore needs to provide leadership, coordination, and a means of worthwhile communication to help provide development of the membership. Please consider how you as part of this association can be instrumental in Student Development on your campus, and then assist ACSD by sharing your expertise and research with the membership.

Sincerely,
Brent Garrison
Editor ACSD

YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED
Below are publication guidelines for the 1984 ACSD Journal. Please consider how your research could help others in our association.

PUBLICATIONS GUIDELINES
for Articles Submitted for ACSD Journal

Publications Policy:

1. Research articles should show relevance to the Student Personnel area of college administration (e.g. residence life, counseling, admissions, health service, leadership/management, placement/guidance.

2. Reactions to current or past journal articles.

3. Reviews of relevant books that relate to the areas of Student Personnel work.

Authors submitting a manuscript should:

1. Send four copies (typewritten & double-spaced) to Brent Garrison, Editor, ACSD, LeTourneau College, 2100 S. Mobberly Avenue, Longview, Texas 75602. Three of the four copies should delete the author's name on the title page, etc., for purpose of blind review. Deadline for submission is February 15, 1984.


3. Send a print quality figure or table that is to be used in the body of the article, if applicable.

4. Limit article to 10-15 double-spaced pages, including tables, figures, and references.

5. Include the following current vital information for each author: address, title, degree(s), and institution where earned, and specialization(s).

All submitted articles will be acknowledged promptly and processed as quickly as possible. Author will be notified within one month of submission as to acceptance or rejection. Editorial liberty will be taken by editorial staff in areas of grammar, format, or style.
CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

September 16-17 at Mid-America Nazarene College
Theme: “Student Development Professionals as Kenotic Style Leaders”

About 50-60 people attended the conference representing seven different colleges from the central region. Dr. Harold J. Westing, Dean of Students at Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary in Denver, Colorado led the conference. His theme was that of the Kenotic Style Leader.

SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

“Success and the Pursuit of Excellence” was the theme for this year’s South-Central regional conference, held on November 6-7 at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Held in conjunction with their SGA’s leadership conference, the event drew over 150 people from John Brown University, LeTourneau College, and Harding and Phillips Universities. Russ Rogers, who recently earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State University (Congratulations, Russ! We’re proud of you) was the keynote speaker, and workshops were led by Russ, Scott Makin of LeTourneau, Kevin Harris of John Brown, and selected John Brown University faculty members. Response was enthusiastic to such topics as Personal Integrity, Creative Caring, Community-Based Residence Halls and others. An extra treat was a workshop on Affection, led by Russ on Sunday evening.

John Brown University is now looking forward to this June’s national conference, and hopes everyone will make an effort to attend.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

November 3-5 at Cedione Bible Mission (located near Bryan College)
Theme: “Equipping the Resident Assistant”

The ACSD Regional Director of the Appalachian Region, John Baker, did a great job involving many ACSD members from area schools to present many of the workshops. Some of the topics presented were: ‘stress’ by Steve Bradshaw (Bryan College), “confrontation and crisis counseling” by Bill Wheeler (Liberty Baptist), “counseling techniques for RA’s” by Karen Roorback (Bryan College) “community” by Larry Pemberton (Lee College). The film, “College is Killing” was also shown, and comments are excellent. This film by Indiana State University deals with the problem of campus suicides.

NOTE –

Please let the editor know of any personnel changes or special events in your region.