

ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE
Montgomery, Alabama

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

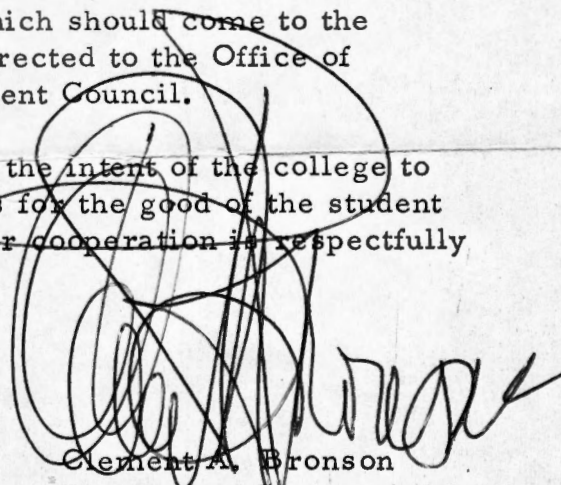
April 2, 1965

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

This is official notice that no student is authorized to perform acts of disobedience to the rules and regulations of the college and to engage in conduct prejudicial to the college and unbecoming a student or future teacher, or conduct which is insubordinating and insurrectional and which may incite other students to like conduct.

Any grievance or matter which should come to the attention of the college may be directed to the Office of Student Affairs and/or to the Student Council.

Please be advised that it is the intent of the college to maintain its rules and regulations for the good of the student body as a whole. To this end your cooperation is respectfully solicited.



Clement A. Bronson
Director of Student Affairs

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE
Montgomery, Alabama

April 9, 1965

TO THE LOYAL STUDENTS OF ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE:

The past two evenings we had the pleasure of fellowship at Friendship Manor with seventy-one nonor students. We wished very much that we could have had all of you. We would have personally expressed appreciation for the loyalty you give to yourself and to the College. Since that is not possible, we write this brief note to you.

First, we commend you for the dignity and the beauty of your march to the Capitol. It stands as a fine tribute to our College's identification with the hopes and aspirations of our people. We are proud for the cooperation of the Student Council and the role the College played in that march, as well as in the "Mass March." Alabama State stood alone--among colleges--in suspending classes (time made up on Saturday, April 3) so that any student or faculty member could share in the "Mass March," in keeping with the dictates of his conscience.

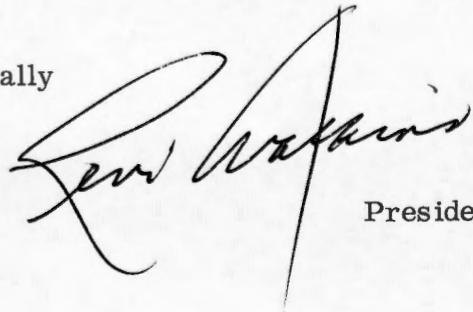
It is well that you, the loyal, remember that the primary purpose of Alabama State is to offer for those who wish to study here the opportunity for higher education. It is commendable that you continue to pursue that personal objective, that you still keep faith with your parents and loved ones who perhaps sacrifice to send you here, and that you are not unduly distracted by others who apparently have here no such purpose. Obviously, there are a few other students, and persons who inspire them with fiction and high sounding slogans, who have no valid concern for your education, their own education, or the good of the College. These few other students create much distraction. The Office of Student Affairs is seeking to help them in any way it can.

We urge you to try to understand, and to evaluate for yourselves what is happening and why. We believe you will find an unselfish, honestly interested teacher, or staff member, who will help you and appreciate your confidence. We also invite you to seek any help, or the verification, you may need through the President's Office.

It is no accident that Alabama State, now in its ninety-first year, is without accreditation. It will become accredited when quality education becomes the first concern of students and faculty. It can never become accredited unless the loyal students and faculty here make quality education their first concern. There is a job to be done and a part for each one of us to do. We must take action now. Action is urgently needed by loyal students (and faculty members, too) who care about themselves and the College.

We shall do our part. We are counting on you to do your part. What we do, or not do, as in earlier years with other students, will have direct bearing upon the College for many years to come. What is more, it will have bearing upon your life because of the quality of college education you receive here.

Cordially

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. W. Atkins", is written over the word "President". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the bottom of the name.

President

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

TO: ALL STUDENTS

FROM: C. A. Bronson, Director of Student Affairs

DATE: April 10, 1965

IN RE: Demonstrations and/or Picketings

We understand that plans have been made for demonstrations and/or picketings today and perhaps other days in various areas of the city.

All Alabama State College students are expected to conduct themselves in keeping with the Rules and Regulations of the College.

Specific protests concerning affairs of the College maybe registered with either the Student Council and/or the Office of Student Affairs. A student who cares to remain in good standing is expected to make use of these open channels for registering his or her complaints.

Any student who happens to be in the area of demonstrations and/or picketing is requested to cooperate with police officers and campus security officers who are concerned solely with the protection and safety of all concerned.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Office of Student Affairs
ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE
Montgomery, Alabama

NOTICE OF CHARGE(S) AND SCHEDULED HEARING

TO: **Mr. Bobby Goodson**
Trenholm Hall

Student No. **451**

Identification No. **01207**

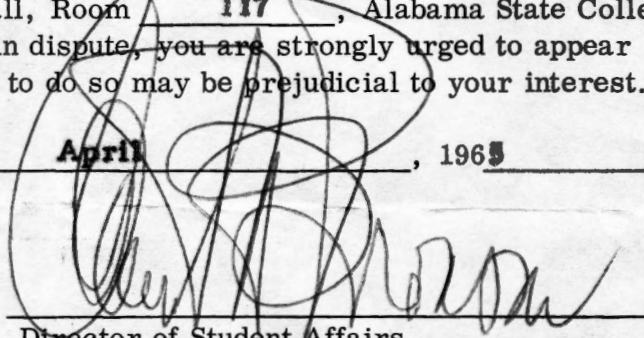
This is official notice that you are charged with violation of the rules and regulations set by the College and/or the State Board of Education for the conduct of students as follows:

Insubordination, willful defiance of authority, and conduct prejudicial to the College and unbecoming of a student or future teacher.

Such charge(s), if proven, would constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion from the College.

In the interest of "Due Process" and for the protection of the rights of all involved, the administration wishes carefully to weigh any defense you may have against the charge(s) along with the evidence which will be presented against you. You are, therefore, requested to testify and to present oral testimony or written affidavits of witnesses in your behalf to the assembled Faculty Advisory Committee which meets at 9:00 a.m., ~~pm~~, on Tuesday,
April 20, 1965, in Council Hall, Room 117, Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama. If the charge(s) is (are) in dispute, you are strongly urged to appear and present evidence in your own behalf. Failure to do so may be prejudicial to your interest.

Given this 14th day of April, 1965.


Director of Student Affairs

Personal Receipt Acknowledged: _____

Signature of Student _____

Delivery made by _____ Date _____ Time _____

Certified Mail No. _____ Registered Mail No. _____

President Watkins' Speech at College Assembly
April 26, 1965

During the past few weeks, our College has been the scene of much-publicized disturbances which have resulted in serious interferences with the educational program.

There have been numerous demonstrations in which you have heard speakers and songs more appropriate to the civil rights movement. Our College has no quarrel with the civil rights movement. You have participated in civil rights marches and protests without fear of penalty.

You must recognize, however, that institutions of higher learning do not exist for the purpose of conducting civil rights campaigns or any other such campaigns, no matter how just these campaigns may be. These institutions exist for the purpose of helping students to prepare for full participation in American life and human affairs. You, the students, the faculty, and the administration, we all have the obligation and the responsibility to see that this objective is not abandoned for any other single cause, however noble.

We realize that Alabama State College, like all colleges, perhaps more than many, has room for still more improvements. In recognition of this fact, the administration is quite willing--now as always before--to receive grievances and suggestions. You may address them to the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of the President, if you so desire. We cannot, in good faith, promise you everything. But we do pledge our best efforts to redress any legitimate grievances and to consider any suggestions. To this end, we have appointed a special committee which will be made known to you by the Director of Student Affairs during this assembly.

We do not expect our College to be shut down or to become part of any boycott. We want you who are seniors to graduate next month and be ready for jobs next fall. We want everyone of you to complete a full year of academic credits and also to graduate on schedule. We want the faculty and other employees to have job stability. To make this possible, we have tried to maintain peace and order. We have even made arrangements and invited visiting, trained officers to volunteer and to leave their jobs, families, and homes to come here to help our College Security Department. We have tried hard to make it totally unnecessary for the State Department of Public Safety to assume responsibility for the maintenance of law and order on our campus.

As of now, we have made little progress toward ending the disturbances. If you insist on continuing the disturbances, we must confess to you that we will not be able to attain the peace and order necessary for normal academic activities without assistance from the State.

It is now time for calm, constructive action. The choice is yours.

Areas of agreement entered into between CHARLES S. CONLEY, Attorney for all students dismissed from Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama, and President LEVI WATKINS, and DR. CLEMENT A. BRONSON, Director of Student Affairs, which was filed in the United States District Court as a basis for the complete reinstatement of all students previously dismissed on April 21, 1965, and which agreement, by order of the Court, was sealed by the Clerk of the Federal Court, as an appendix to the Court's original order, and of which the Court "expressly retained" jurisdiction of the entire matter submitted for decision.

1. These students must show genuine interest in furthering their education by regular and punctual attendance at all courses for which they are individually registered.
2. They recognize the rights of other students to further their own education through the orderly academic and cultural activities of the College, both class and non-class activities. We believe this recognition of the rights of other students must be shown by:
 - a. Refraining from any activities which disturb and/or interrupt classes and any other programs conducted at the College.
 - b. Respect for the duly constituted and delegated authority of the College.
 - c. The presentation of grievances to the proper officers of the College through the regularly established channels and with allowance of reasonable time for redress. The College considers that any demonstration, beyond those constitutionally protected which are in protest of grievances, prior to formal presentation of such grievances and the opportunity to consider redress to be acts void of respect for the rights of others.
 - d. While the college recognizes the right of students to engage in constitutionally protected demonstrations, it expects each student to respect the right of students who choose not to demonstrate and in so doing to have freedom from intimidation, harrassment and other interferences with their regular college and personal activities.
3. These student leaders are expected to encourage their followers to refrain from further acts of disturbances. The College does not wish to become victim of a discipline breakdown.
4. That students of Alabama State College will not disrupt classes under any conditions.
5. That they will seek to obtain permission from College officials regarding further demonstrations.
6. They will seek to obtain permission from appropriate State and local agencies for any and all off-campus demonstrations.
7. That the College administration will not prohibit orderly demonstrations
which are not disruptive of school activities.

8. That the Administration and faculty will encourage the cooperation of students in an effort to maintain a free academic community.
9. That the administration agrees to permit student groups or organizations to recommend their own faculty advisors.
10. That the administration agrees to permit student and faculty to select speakers of their own choice and arrange meetings, provided that reasonable notice is given to school officials of such proposed meetings and that the administration, as well as the student-faculty sponsoring groups, will have the right to state that they neither approve nor disapprove of the views of the speaker.
11. That the administration will not restrict the rights of students to distribute pamphlets and leaflets, except to the extent that an effort is made to distribute them in the classrooms or study halls and responsibility for same is indicated.
12. That the administration will encourage and protect the rights of students to publish student publications unfettered by unreasonable faculty or administrative supervision.

/s/ Clement A. Bronson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

/s/ Charles S. Conley
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

NOTE

The above agreement was entered into after a four hours conference ~~between counsel for the plaintiffs and the present defendants in~~ DIANE L. P. DICKERSON, et al. VS. WATKINS and ANOTHER. An answer to the Complaint previously filed was served on counsel for the plaintiffs on the 17th day of May, 1965.