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President Sam Haynie



Vice President Glen Wiley



Secretary Bleeka Wright



Treasurer Lana Rogers

Students Elect New Student Government Leaders

Haynie-Wiley Elected By Narrow Margin

This years Student Government election was marked by several factors. First, a very poor turn-out was recorded with only 279 votes cast. Second, a run-off election was called for then cancelled in the presidential race. Third, a constitutional decision by the State was the deciding factor as to who would be the next president.

Sam Haynie and Glen Wiley were elected president and vice-president respectively. The pair defeated Richard Biggerstaff and Dewitt Youngblood by the slim margin of 135-132. In the secretary and the treasurer's race Lana Rogers was elected secretary and Bleeka Wright was elected treasurer by the fact that they had no competition in their respective catagories.

The committee chosen to count the votes decided that a run-off election was necessary in the presidential race when it was decided that a majority was not gained by either party. This decision was made by virtue of the fact that 12 votes were disqualified in the counting and the school's constitution had no provisions for whether or not to count disqualified votes in the total number cast.

The election was thrown to the senate when question was raised by Haynie and Wiley. They claimed victory in the election by virtue of the fact that the disqualified votes should not be counted in the total of votes. A call meeting of the Senate was held to decide whether or not to count the disqualified votes.

The question put before the Senate, in the form of a motion, was "the disqualified votes should not be counted in the total of votes cast." The Senate carried this motion by a 12-3 margin. With this interpretation of the school's constitution, Sam Haynie and Glen Wiley were awarded the election.

Many Countries Represented On G.C. Campus This Fall

The South was once known as the "melting pot" of the nation, because such a great number of people from so many different countries settled here.

This could also be said about the Gaston College campus. If you'll open your eyes wide enough, you'll see that everyone in your classes isn't from Gaston County, or for that matter, North Carolina or the United States.

This year Gaston College is privileged to have approximately fifteen students from other parts of the world on its campus.

We have nine students coming from India this year. These students are Beharrysingh Ragbi, Vishwabandhu H. Shah, Prahladbhia Somdos Patel, Vinod H. Doshi, Satish C. Shah, Hirer Sarabhi Patel, Vasudeu R. Patel, Manhar N. Patel, and Vasar Mehta.

Coming from West Africa we have Joseph K. Appiah and from Biafra, Andy Chukwuma.

A husband and wife team from Holland are enrolled in the evening classes, and England and Switzerland are also represented by wives of American Service

men.

The next thing that probably pops into your mind is, how did these people from these countries ever hear about Gaston College? There are various reasons for Gaston's popularity.

Mr. Dave Vance, of the Technical Division has made trips to India to help in the technical growth of the country and consequently became a "pipeline" for the students from India to Gaston College.

Many of the governments of the foreign countries are supplied with lists of all the colleges and universities in the United States. Because of the high rating of the technical division of Gaston College, the governments sponsor the students to come to this country for study.

Although these students are coming to Gaston College to further their education, we should remember that they can also be an education to us.

These are wonderful and fascinating people. When they return to their homelands, let's make the memories of Gaston College, they will take back with them pleasant ones.

Convocation Held For Servicemen

At a convocation held on Tuesday, September 16, J. Edward Stowe, chairman of the Board of Trustees, accepted a plaque in memory of the boys from Gaston College killed in Vietnam. The plaque was presented by Richard Chucci, President of the Veteran's Club.

Four names appear on the plaque which is displayed in the conference room of the Administration Building. These are Roger Dale Schuler, William Glenn Howell, Broadus Wayne Vernon, and Curtis Dwaine Smith.

Sam Haynie, president of the sophomore class and acting president of the Student

Government Association, welcomed the new freshman class. Dr. Sugg also extended his personal welcome and elaborated on the variety of students enrolled at Gaston College.

Allen Grooms spoke as a representative of Ciruna and Coach Pete Brooks encouraged more participation and student support of school-related athletic events.

Other speakers on the program include Frank Parker, Director of Adult Basic Education; Russell A. Kech, president Gaston College Faculty Association; George McSwain; and, Horace L. Cline.

G. C. Campus Active

During the summer months the Gaston College campus was the center of several special activities and programs. The college had as its guest Jonnie Ruth Clark, a national authority in the field of developmental studies and work with the disadvantaged students. Dr. Clark worked with Mr. Bruce Trammell and faculty members who are organizing the second year program in advancement studies at Gaston.

The Occupational and Extension Division of the Adult Education has been active in its services to industry in Gaston County this summer. A special blue print reading course was offered to employees of Jenkins Metal Shop. New industry training in spinning operations is being conducted at the Long Shoals Cotton Mill. On-the-job training in texturing, sinding, and knitting is now being conducted at Leslie Faye, Inc. The college is sponsoring a power sewing course at the Dallas Sports Knitting plant. Four new industry programs have been conducted at Garlock Precision Seals in inspection, trim, press mold, winding, and springers.

Forty-six police chiefs from area counties have just completed a three-day seminar in criminal investigation. Gaston College was host in June to sherriffs in surrounding counties to a seminar in jail and detention services.

Fifty-six representatives from tax offices of our western counties attended a three-day seminar in tax mapping.

Gaston College has host in July to thirty-eight high school counselors from all over North Carolina who were on workshop tour of post high-school institutions, sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. They came by bus and spent the afternoon touring the college facilities. The college acted as host for this group at dinner.

Lost Something?

Have you lost something? Apparently Gaston College is full of absent-minded students. Lost items are always showing up, but no one claims them. If you have lost anything you can go by the Student Personnel office in room C104 and see Miss Parker.

Senate Election Totals

DISTRICT 1		*Elected	
*Draughon	35	*Aldridge	35
*Milewski	33	*Grier	31
*Owens	32	McClain	25
Spearman	27	Schrum	21
Williams	16	DISTRICT 4	
DISTRICT 2		*Sullivan	47
*Holland	46	*Truesdale	44
*Ratchford	38	*Hollifield	34
*Pagan	36	Walker	33
Smith	32	DISTRICT 5	
Minter	15	*Beal	42
DISTRICT 3		*Penley	40
*Dellinger	42	*Wall	24
		Jenkins	23