

-Regulations

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Dean of Instruction or the Dean of Students.

"I received information from Sam Scott, the Safety Officer and Bobby Rankin, the Security Officer, who have 15 sheets with 50 names per sheet of traffic violations of students with no student sticker. To me this presents us with a problem. I know there was one tag number that had eight violations with a total of \$67.00 for one student," stated Keck.

The Police Department is aiding Gaston College by obtaining the owners of these cars by their license plate numbers.

Any person who has repeatedly violated any traffic regulation would be advised to start saving their money because all persons



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will eventually be notified of their fines.

The area behind the

Vocational Building has been changed from student-faculty to entirely faculty parking. This

loss for students resulted in about 35 parking spaces, but the Traffic Committee made up the difference by obtaining permission from the contractor of

the Myers Center to return 50 spaces of a lot that had previously been closed. This comes to a 15 space gain for student parking. The new area

for student parking will be further West of the Vocational Building behind the newly designated faculty parking area.

"There are 89 faculty and staff members assigned to the Technical Building, and taking the parking lot behind the

Vocational Building and what we already have will only give us 85 parking spaces which is a problem. We're still short," concluded Keck.

Gaston College Receives Award

Gaston College will receive a Safety Award from the National Safety Council for the fiscal year of 1975.

"We've been practicing safety, but we've never been in competition for an award, until 1975 when we became members of the National Safety Council, and we are now active members in the participation of Safety Awards," said Sam Scott who is Director of Plant Operations, Safety Officer and Fuel Conservation Co-ordinator.

Including faculty, staff, administrators, part-time employees, and work-study students, "Gaston College has worked 489 thousand man hours without a lost time accident," reported Mr. Scott.

The Department of Labor will notify Mr. Scott when and where to receive this award.

"We were also selected to participate in a National Annual Occupational Injuries Survey," stated Scott.

Mr. Scott would like to sponsor a contest on safety posters. All clubs on campus may participate. Each club will sponsor one poster with the GASLIGHT staff sponsoring a poster for students who do not wish to submit their posters to any special club. Mr. Scott would like for the ICC to judge the posters and select a winner. Scott will then present an award to the winner.

All posters become the property of Gaston College until after the posters have been shown throughout the campus for a reasonable period of time. Posters may then be picked up at the Maintenance Department in room V-11.

Deadline for the posters to be completed would be 14 days before the end of the quarter; or in other words, May 14.

All persons wishing to submit their poster to the GASLIGHT staff may bring their poster by room T-201C, on May 13 at his or her convenience.

For Tokers Only

(CPS) -- The physical and psychological effects of marijuana smoking are still the subjects of many scientific studies, and the results of these studies are often vague and conflicting. While one study shows that pot actually causes the brain to shrink, another shows that people who have smoked the equivalent of ten joints a day for seventeen years have suffered no mental impairment. While one study concludes that marijuana is more carcinogenic than tobacco, another concludes that marijuana is useful in fighting cancer by reducing nausea in cancer patients undergoing chemical therapy.

Currently, the majority of evidence leans in the direction that marijuana causes no permanent or irreversible physical or mental damage, if it causes any at all.

Even as outspoken a pot critic as Dr. Rober DuPont, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, has recently reversed his stand and stated that "there is no question that alcohol and tobacco are causing us far more health problems than marijuana does."

As late as last October, DuPont had stated that, although he was against jailing marijuana offenders, he felt that the drug posed a greater health threat than tobacco and liquor combined. He also concluded that many people using marijuana regularly today would show evidence of permanent brain damage in the future.

There is no evidence, DuPont added in his recent change of stand, that marijuana impaired the academic performance of college students. However, said DuPont, one recent study showed that college takers "had greater difficulties than non-users in deciding career goals and were more likely to have dropped out of college to reassess their goals."

At a recent conference in New York on chronic marijuana use,

further evidence was given that marijuana does no real physical harm and does not damage the functions of the brain.

The conference, sponsored by New York Medical College, the New York Academy of Science and DuPont's National Institute on Drug Abuse, examined thirty studies of chronic pot users in Jamaica, Costa Rica and Greece. In Jamaica, the marijuana used may be as much as ten times more powerful than that available in the United States. Many users have smoked as much as twenty-five joints of this high-grade dope and hash everyday for the last seventeen years. Still, there was no brain damage found, and the ability to concentrate on work was no less than that of non-smokers.

The reports on dope, however, are not all favorable to the nation's twelve million regular users. A recent study at the University of Indiana indicates that the substances present in

marijuana are more carcinogenic than tobacco smoke. In addition, researchers at Washington University in St. Louis have found that frequent marijuana usage can depress male sex hormone levels, possibly causing impotency in some men.



Marijuana is growing increasingly popular in this country. Six states and a number of cities have already

decriminalized its use. It is estimated that twenty-nine million adults have at least tried pot. A recent report by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare indicates that for the first time, a majority of college age youth have smoked the weed. The report also said that pot is rapidly becoming the "recreational drug" for younger children as well. In a survey of teenagers by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 10 per cent of the children between the ages of twelve and seventeen said that they have not only tried marijuana, but currently use it.

With its increasing use, studies of marijuana will also continue. Whether the numerous results will be any more final or less conflicting is open to question.

Currently, there seems to be only one definite conclusion about marijuana that is supported by the results of all the various scientific studies: It does get you high.



Dwight Cline (left) and James Smith (center) of the Gaston-Carolinas Area chapter of the National Association of Accountants are shown presenting Dr. Mills, president of Gaston College, with subscription to two professional accounting publications. The publications Management Accounting and Journal of Accounting - will soon be available in the LRC. Dwight Klein is president of the area chapter. Dr. Margaret Stewart of Gaston College commented that the Gaston-Carolina Chapter has many worthwhile educational projects and programs. Dr. Stewart also stated that the local chapter consists of persons in the area of Shelby, Lincolnton, Gaston County, and as far as Rock Hill, South Carolina. The National Accounting Association consists of those persons who are actually on the job in the accounting field.

Life In Spain

For the last eleven years, summer programs have been offered to students in the U.S. and Canada to travel and study in Spain. Last summer 69 students from 28 states departed from JFK Airport in New York and flew to Malaga and then to Madrid, where the 11th summer program was held.

Plans are already in progress for the 12th Summer School in Spain, and the City of Tarragona (south of Barcelona) has been chosen as our headquarters in Spain in 1976. Tarragona is a very historical city, capital of the Old Roman Empire in Spain. It is surrounded by the most beautiful beaches on the Mediterranean Coast.

Tours are prepared to visit London, Paris, as well as Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Avila, and Valle de los Caidos.

All persons interested should write as soon as possible to: Dr. Arjibay Loreste Augustana College Rock Island, Illinois 61201 Space is very limited.