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## Convention Held

The Gamma Beta Phi Society National Convention was held April 11-13, 1980, in Memphis, Tennessee. The Memphis State University chapter hosted the event, with Dr. Jack Stanford of Howard Payne University, the National President, presiding.

The Gaston College chapter was well represented with the delegation being led by O. J. Davis, chapter advisor and North Carolina State Director. The members attending the convention were Libby Snuggs, student member of the National Executive Committee; Kathy Summey, N. C. State Secretary and chapter President-elect; Debbie Hullender, treasurer; Alan Klautt, vice-president-elect; Bernice Snuggs, social co-chairperson; and Beth Freeman, new SGA treasurer. The voting delegates from the chapter on the National Senate floor were O.J. Davis and Bernice Snuggs.

Many surprises were in store for the Gaston College chapter during the convention. The Gaston College chapter scrapbook, winning the N.C. State Competition earlier in the year, placed third in the National competition. O.J. Davis received a special service award for ten years of service to the society. These special service awards were given to chapter advisors who had served the society for 10-15 years.

The highest service award of the Gamma Beta Phi Society was awarded to eight people. Recipients were: student National Executive Members Chris Bear, Steve Crozier, and Libby Snuggs; State Directors Dr. Somers Miller and Jack Henderson; National Vice President Dr. J. Norman Wells; and chapter advisors Dr. William Kerr and Mrs. Jane Dawson. The Certificate of Merit, awarded annually at the National Convention, is the most prestigious award of the society. The inscription reads, "This Highest Award of the Society is presented with gratitude in recognition

of truly outstanding service."

National officers for 1980-1981 were elected during the Sunday morning session. Dr. J. Norman Wells was elected National President; Mrs. Ursula Roden, National Vice President; Dr. Kline Johnson and Dr. Daryl Johnson, chapter advisor members on the National Executive Committee. Terry Freeman of Baylor University and Libby Snuggs of Gaston College were reelected to their positions on the National Executive Committee. Other students elected were Terry Sneed and Roland Hall.

Meanwhile, on the local level, the Gaston College chapter recently held elections for the officers for 1980-1981. Elected were Kathy Summey, President; Alan Klautt, Vice President; Donna Reinhardt, Secretary; and Debbie Hullender, Treasurer. The new officers were installed at the May 4th Induction and Installation held in Myers Center Auditorium.



**MEET THE STUDENT BODY--executive council for the 1980-81 school year. They are from L-R; Beth Freeman, Treasurer; Mike Lanning, Vice-President; Ed Pruitt, President; and Rosalynn Grissom, Secretary. The executive council was elected on April 1st and will serve the remainder of the spring quarter until elections in spring quarter of 1981. "Big Ed" says that his main goals are to have a united and strong student body, to get the college more involved with the community, to set up some sort of school-sponsored busing for students who live in outlying areas, and to revive extramural athletics at Gaston College. We wish Ed and the rest of the executive council the best of luck in the coming year.**

## Phantom Writers

Have you ever noticed how many students at Gaston College are really interested in creative writing, especially poetry? I don't have any exact figures, but the number must be astounding. If you don't believe me, just go into any rest room on campus and see for yourself.

It is shameful that so much creative ability is so mis-directed. I mean, we've been asking all year for volunteers to work on the Gaslight. While we haven't been successful in attracting writers, there is enough material in one rest room on campus to fill almost an entire issue of the paper.

These "ghost" writers show a great deal of adaptability in their subject matter, too. Just watch for some major issue to be presented in the news one day. Before the end of the next day the rest rooms will be filled with original commentary on the matter.

Nor do all of the writers agree on any particular subject. One can follow continuing debates on various issues with first one side appearing to have the upper hand and then the opposition reversing the situation. This could create some lively and stimulating reading for the students if these people worked for the Gaslight.

I would like to extend an

invitation to all of these mystery writers to come to work for the Gaslight. Instead of defacing school property, why not direct your energies to useful purpose? Print your opinions where

everyone will benefit from the enlightenment of your point of view. Don't print your material in a place where a portion of the student body is necessarily restricted from reading it.



**MEET THE CANDIDATES--one of the activities that was held in conjunction with the SGA cook-out was a "Meet the Candidates" type of affair. All candidates for both local and state elections were invited to present their views to the students. The man "on the stump" is Charlie Carstens, one of the Republican candidates for Governor.**



## Commencement Speaker

Mr. John L. Fraley, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation, has agreed to deliver our commencement address at the graduation exercises on May 22nd. The Reverend Harry T. Schutte, Pastor, First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, will give the invocation and benediction at the graduation exercises.



**O. J. DAVIS--Gaston College's Gamma Beta Phi Advisor was awarded a 10 year service award at the National Convention in Memphis.**

## You've Got To Have Heart!

At the annual banquet of the Gaston County Heart Association held on Thursday, May 1, 1980, Gaston College was awarded a special plaque and award. Norma Alexander accepted this award on the behalf of the college. The award was presented by Dr. Ronald Digby. The speaker at the annual banquet was Dr. Francis Robicsek, noted heart specialist from Charlotte.

## Office Hours Extended

Several offices on campus have begun to stay open longer to accommodate the night students. Very often night students feel left out of all college activities because everything on campus is closed at night. They usually have to make a special trip to school in order to visit the Veteran's Office or any other on campus. These changes in office hours should help out a great deal. The following offices are now operating under an extended schedule:

Office	Extended Hours
Admissions	Open till 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays/Wednesday
Financial Aid	Open till 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday/Wednesday
Veteran's Office	Open till 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday
Academic Advisement	Open till 9:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs
Registrar	Open till 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday/Wednesday
Dean of Students	Open till 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Open till 9:00 p.m. on Thursday

**AT AWARDS DAY--on May 6th, Saul Goldman was named Educator of the Year by the Gamma Beta Phi Society.**

### Calendar of Events

May 21	Nurses' Pinning
May 22	Graduation
May 27	New York Trip
June 2	Registration
June 3	Workday
June 4	1st Day of Classes
June 11	Gen. William C. Westmoreland [USA, Ret.] Will Speak on Foreign Affairs
July 4	Legal Holiday
August 20	Last Day of Classes
August 24	Graduation