

# The Right To Dissent

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*The right to disagree publicly is one of the privileges of a free society. Many a wise and articulate dissenter has changed an unfair law into a fair law. Science, medicine, politics, business, the most personal of human relationships are propelled into forward progress by restless dissenters. But when you take to the soap box of minority opinion, remember that any new idea is easy to talk about but hard to sell. The decibels of your voice and the theatrics of your behavior are poor substitutes for the logic of your persuasion and the soundness of your arguments.*

# Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I think it is a terrible shame that a certain professor in the music department has such little esteem for his students as to ask excessive feats and requirements that, at times, become impossible to meet. It is my opinion (and the opinion of others), that it is ridiculous for a professor to be so unfeeling that he cannot bend, even a little, to empathize with the other needs the students may have. Can this man not realize that some of his students are carrying 18 hours or more? At this writing, it is the work of the choral clinic and this man feels he has the right to snatch students from their various other class attendance time, so they can meet his rehearsal schedule. What will happen if these same students must miss his class for any other class requirements? Their grade will be dropped. To illustrate this point, one young lady could not possibly meet the Wednesday afternoon rehearsal. She had not taken her allowed number of three cuts. She took one of her cuts on the Wednesday afternoon. She did meet all other rehearsals for the clinic. What did this understanding father-figure do? He dropped her semester-average one entire letter-grade for missing the one rehearsal. There is such a thing as compassion and empathy mixed with the discipline required for a good group. Go on a tour with this man, and one will find that he is attentive only to his own needs. Someone on the bus may be dying to stop at a restroom and he will not stop. It is ridiculous that one should have such little regard for the comfort of others. He pushes for perfection in the musical abilities of this group and nothing can stand in the way of it. The requirements of this course are too much. If he is going to require this much extra time, three hours of credit should be given, if not he should require less and people would feel less ill will toward this man. A little extra time is not too much to require; however, it becomes too much when it takes one away from his other responsibilities-especially other required class attendance time. These things he does and the way he treats students leaves no room for respect for such a man. It is our belief that this man needs to take a look at himself. When he requires things of students, he should take an overall look at other things they have pressing on them, before he so quickly cuts their grade. Grades were meant to be a reflection of what we do, not something to hold our heads so we will be forced to do what they want.

Sincerely yours,  
Concerned students

P.S. We would sign our names, but we are afraid our grades will be lowered for speaking out.

# The Star Spangled Washboard Band Entertained Homecoming Night



## Governor Commends Rash

Governor Jim Hunt has commended Art Instructor James H. Rash, associate professor of art at Gardner-Webb College. Prof. Rash has been working to brighten the lives of some of the patients at the Broughton mental hospital, in Morganton. He and some members of his church, Boiling Springs Baptist, have been inviting about 20 students every month or so for

supper and entertainment.

In addition, several groups at the church have been helping Prof. Rash get up cookies and coffee to send, growing potted plants, and making pottery and drapes for various wards.

Prof. Rash has also been bringing a group of patients to the football games and seeing that they had a good time.

The Boiling Springs Rest Home also receives some attention from Prof. Rash and a group of religious education students. Every Tuesday they present a singing program there. Occasionally Prof. Rash and his students work with patients in arts and crafts and with other forms of art therapy.

In his letter to Prof. Rash, Gov. Hunt said, "I wanted to personally commend you for the time you so freely give to the patients . . . One of my efforts is to double the number of volunteers working in our state; and I need your help to make this goal a reality."

## Faculty Members Excel

Congratulations to James K. Taylor of the Engineering Department. He has successfully defended his dissertation at the Univer-



**DR. JEFFERY CHANG**

faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics in January 1966. He earned the B.S. degree from Western Illinois University in 1965 and the M.S. degree in 1966. The University of Georgia awarded him the Ph.D. degree in 1974.

Previous positions Chang has held include teaching assistant and research assistant at the University of Georgia and graduate assistant at Western Illinois University. He has also been an executive of the Bureau of Statistics and section chief of the Food Bureau of the Government of Taiwan.



**JAMES K. TAYLOR**

city of Indiana of Pennsylvania, thus completing the requirements for his Ph.D.

Good work Dr. Taylor. Dr. Jeffery Chang, associate professor of mathematics at Gardner-Webb College, will be included in the 18th Edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Two basic criteria are used for selection for inclusion in the reference work: achievement and position. Dr. Chang, born in Canton, China, joined the G-W

### THE PILOT

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## FOCUS

Dr. Bob Morgan held a FOCUS trip to Naples, Florida during the Fall Break. The students participating in music, testimony, preaching and fellowships were: Kevin Moen, James Pilkenton, Mark McMasters, Mike Landrum, Trash Mitchell, Bob Moncrief, Malinda Dunlap, Rick Sain, Worth Carson, Sherrie Diehl, Rick Beaty and Teresa Yingling. The group also sang on a float in the annual Swamp Buggy Parade in Naples, with Mark McMasters being filmed on television for his mimic act.

## REFLECTIONS

Reflections is the Gardner-Webb literary magazine. It consists of poetry and short stories written by students, faculty members, and people of the community. The purpose of Reflections is to promote interest in creative writing.

The editor of Reflections is David Joyce and the co-advisors are Dr. Putnam Brown and Mr. Blankenship. Student workers are needed and especially students who are interested in artwork.

If you enjoy writing poetry or short stories, write for Reflections! And submit them to Mr. Blankenship or Dr. Brown.

The magazine will be published in April. It will be sold on campus and in the bookstore for one dollar.