

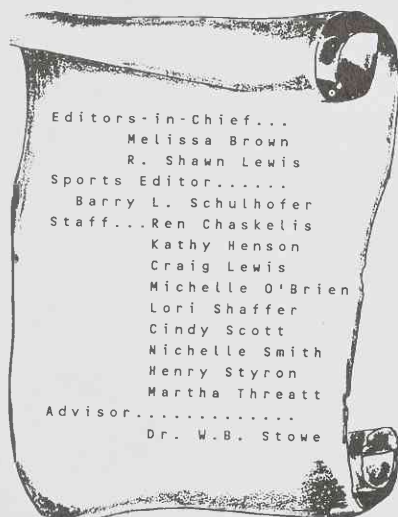
From Your Editors

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When we are out and about on the campus of GWC not acting as editors, we hear many various opinions concerning the school. Of course, when we discover the many potential editorials waiting to be written, our journalistic instincts are rekindled and we pull out our old phrase "Write an editorial!"

Well, this is your annual plea for editorials. If your opinions about the school are strong enough to sit in the cafeteria for an hour debating, complaining, and getting worked up over in front of a few people, then it does not seem to be an impossible feat to take a half an hour to write a letter and debate, complain, and get worked up over in front of a whole bunch of people.

With this in mind, we sincerely hope that you will consider submitting your utmost concerns to us at The Pilot.



PILOT Editorial Policy

The Pilot's policy for letters to the editor remains that the letter must be signed by the student in order for it to be published. The name may be held by request.

We reserve the right not to publish articles which are defamatory in nature. Views expressed in the editorials are not necessarily those of The Pilot. We also reserve the right to edit any letters submitted.

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Student Editorial

To the editors,

The November 8th election is here, and Americans are going to the voting booth to choose our next president. But, this election has been unlike any other. Former Presidents are calling it a "farce" and a "joke". The American people seem to be uninterested.

One of the foremost reasons people are not taking this election seriously is the media coverage the election has been given. All of the candidates have taken a pounding. Dan Quayle has taken criticism from the Democrats, but if you look closely, you'll see that most of the flack he took was from the newspapers (editorials, political cartoons, etc.) and from television.

Another annoying plight of the news media is their problem during televised debates. The panels of journalists that were used for the televised debates were awful. The questions asked and the hypothetical situations that these journalists, who are supposed to be professionals, presented were outlandish and ignorant. Vice-President Bush was asked: "In the situation that you do become the next president, if you are killed during the time you are President-elect, how would you feel about Dan Quayle becoming president?" Governor Dukakis was asked an even more ignorant question, "would he support the death penalty if his wife, Kitty, were raped and murdered?"

Mr. Bush certainly had an unpleasing question, and the one offered to Gov. Dukakis was sick and morbid. I cannot understand how the media expected the candidates to discuss the issues when they asked them stupid questions.

Another very troubling issue of this campaign is Vice-President Bush's use of the Willie Horton case as an issue. Bush's commercials carried Horton's picture, and Bush advertising blames Gov. Dukakis for the Horton rampage in Maryland. Bush also contends that Gov. Dukakis routinely turns convicted murderers free to prey on the innocent people of America. Bush even pays for the couple from Maryland that was attacked, to tour the nation denouncing Michael Dukakis as soft on crime. Millions of Americans soaked up the message, unaware that Massachusetts has the lowest crime rate of any industrial state. They were unaware that sixteen states have furlough programs identical to that of the one in Massachusetts. Even Bush's hero, Ronald Reagan, as governor of California, had a program just like the one in Massachusetts. Reagan had two killers that were out on furlough passes that killed again.

You can be sure that George Bush and Willie Horton will never campaign together, but

we saw their faces on television almost every night. Bush supporters used this as their claim to denounce Dukakis. So it seems that George Bush used Willie Horton to terrorize the voters to support him, and to vote for him today. Yes, Horton is a terrorizing person, and should be locked away for life. George Bush terrorized voters into supporting him; what punishment should he be given?

This election has come down to what each candidate believes is more important to the American people.

Vice-President Bush told us on television, in speeches, and in the debates that national security is what we are most worried about, and that he will continue to make it government's primary concern.

Governor Dukakis believes in good jobs at good wages, bringing down the national debt, helping and training people to support themselves without welfare, and dealing with the Soviets from a position of power with a credible nuclear deterrent. This is what he wants for the American people and nation.

The issues are what matter in any election, this one is no different. A controversial vice-presidential candidate (Quayle), an isolated killer from a candidate's home state (Horton), or the Pledge of Allegiance should not blind us to the real issues. I can only hope that more people use the pertinent issues in their personal decision for our next president.

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 GWC Student

Alcohol:

A Special Report

Tuesday, October 18th, Gardner-Webb College took part in a nationally televised conference on alcohol abuse on college campuses. "Alcohol: A Special Report" was a nationwide satellite broadcast that featured panelists, celebrities, and college students fielding questions dealing with college alcohol abuse.

To compliment the national show, Gardner-Webb College students and Ben Davis, director of counseling at the college, filmed a smaller-scale panel discussion that dealt with regional and local alcohol problems. The panel included Tracy Jessup, Kim Freeman, Davis, and several local personalities. R. Shawn Lewis moderated the program, which was broadcast on cable channel 22 prior to the national hook-up.

The highlight of the national conference came when Gardner-Webb got through to the national hook-up with a question (participating colleges were asked to call in questions for the panelists). Thus, the name of Gardner-Webb College was heard throughout the land.