

Views From The Editor's Desk

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It's pretty easy for us, as college students, to get wrapped up in our own lives and forget that there's a whole world outside the walls of Gardner-Webb. We realize that we have responsibilities to ourselves, our friends, and our families, but we often forget that we have responsibilities to our country and to our world--for our sake and the sake of the future generations.

Many of you probably think that what you do only affects you. Well you are wrong. You may also think that if you don't do anything, you are not hurting anyone. Wrong again! You can do just as much damage by simply not caring.

Take the environment for example. Every aluminum can that you throw away could be recycled. Every Sunday newspaper that you carelessly toss into the trash can help save a tree. It doesn't take much effort to be a recycler. Does your residence hall recycle? If you don't know, find out. If your dorm isn't recycling, talk to your RA or RD about setting up a can box in the lobby.

Okay, the environment is one responsibility. Are there others? Yes. Election Day is coming up at the first of next month. Are you planning on voting? We have an opportunity to make a statement about what we think our government should be doing. Are we going to sit by quietly and let others make all the decisions? You may be saying "My vote won't make a difference anyway." Wrong!! If everybody had that attitude, who would vote?? The politicians--and they're already making too many decisions for us!

We have a lot of freedoms as Americans that we take for granted. Do you neglect your freedoms? Do you take them for granted? I've written two editorials so far this year, and, in both, I encouraged you to write letters to the editor concerning your feelings about Gardner-Webb or life in general. Well, the only letters I've received were from an assignment Dr. Dennis Quinn gave his freshman English classes. While I thank Dr. Quinn and his students, I wonder about the rest of you out there. Do you really not care about what's going on? Are you really so busy that you can't find a few minutes to write a short letter? This page is for you!! I would love to hear from you, and so would Gardner-Webb!! Let us all know how you feel! A lot of people have died trying to gain and trying to protect our freedoms. Shouldn't we at least use these freedoms? Or do we want the '90's to be known as a decade of apathy??

Do me a favor. Whether you ever write an editorial for The Pilot or not, take time out and think about your freedoms. Don't live your life as a passive citizen. You don't have to protest, but you do have a responsibility to vote. Don't let America down.

PILOT EDITORIAL POLICY

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The Pilot reserves the right not to publish articles which are defamatory in nature. Views expressed in editorials are not necessarily those of The Pilot. We also reserve the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity.

Letters from students, faculty, and staff of Gardner-Webb College are welcome.

Into the Mailbox

Lawn Care

Hello, I am a freshman here at Gardner-Webb and I am writing with concern about lawn care. My concern is about a particular tree. There is a tree next to the music building which has a limb that hangs over the sidewalk. This makes it very difficult for some people, for you see, the limb hangs down almost to the ground. I have noticed that some blind people have trouble with this. I am in a wheelchair and its also difficult for me. This is a problem which concerns everyone. I hope this problem can be resolved real soon. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,
Elaine Guthrie

Equal Rights

Are there equal rights for all students at GWC? The girls that live in Decker would say no. In the handbook it says that a visitor of the opposite sex may enter the main lobby of each residence hall during the hours of 12 (noon) and 12 (midnight) Monday-Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 12 (midnight) on Sundays. If the handbook is true, then why are Decker hours 6 p.m. to 12:00 (midnight).

Sincerely,
Tracey May

Teachers

I would like to commend the teachers of GWC. They are great! They are very helpful and do all they can to help a student pass.

Teachers are way under paid so you figure they would teach for the love of it. These teachers do that and also teach in a way that they want to make a difference in the world.

I do not know they can be thanked any better than to just tell them. In your next edition, just say something about how the teachers are at GWC.

Sincerely,
Jody Wright
(Jody, You just did.--Editor)

The President's Corner

By Johnny McDaniel

Please allow me to use this article to encourage you to participate in some of the upcoming events.

Oct. 13-14--Parents' Weekend. Thank you Mom and Dad for all the opportunities that you give us and for the love you show us.

Oct. 15--Audrey Sloan and Ben Davis have been working hard to make "Alcohol Awareness Day" a big success. Please make plans to go by the LYCC concourse on this day between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. You will not regret the opportunity.

Oct. 16--During the Dimensions program, the candidates for Homecoming attendants and queen will be presented. Congratulations to all those running.

Oct. 16-17--Homecoming court elections will be held from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Oct. 27--Homecoming Day!!! What a day this will be with the parade beginning at 1:15 p.m. and the game starting at 2:00 p.m. Please make this day the best by showing your school spirit. Come and support our Runnin' Bulldogs, who will be playing the Christians of Elon.

Oct. 31--On this day, you have the opportunity to give the gift of life by donation blood to the Red Cross. During the weeks of Oct. 8-12 and 24-26, you will be able to sign up for a time in which you can donate blood. Please remember that those men and women overseas may end up needing your blood.

Whatever happens at GWC, please make it better by being there yourself. Have a wonderful Fall Break!

Have a Great Fall Break!! October 19 (after classes) -23

