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New Class Officers

By Karen Shroyer

On Friday, October 21, the freshman class held its election of officers who will serve on the student council for 1966-67.

Elected president is Terry Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Childress of Statesville, North Carolina. Terry graduated from Statesville Senior High School, where he was a member of Spanish Club I and II. He is majoring in chemical engineering at the college parallel division here at Gaston and plans to transfer to N.C. State University to continue his education.

Ann Karen Cox, graduated from Ashley High School, will serve as vice-president. Karen's parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Cox, of 417 South Columbia Street, Gastonia. In high school, she was secretary of the National Honor Society, a monitor, and marshal at the 1965 graduation exercises. A member of Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church she is a member of the choir and Young People's Christian Union. Karen is a French major and plans to transfer to Appalachian State Teachers College and later teach French.

Night Classes In Full Swing

By Linda McClinton

Evening classes at Gaston College are in full swing. These classes provide an opportunity for anyone who is 18 years old or older to continue their education in many areas of knowledge or skills. These classes complete an educational program which makes Gaston College a comprehensive community college in the fullest meaning of the term. Courses are offered for college parallel, vocational training, and adult education. The evening program, like the day program, is concerned equally with the individuals and the needs of the community. In fact, the evening classes are but an extension of the total college program from the daytime hours into the evening hours.

Our Name — —Our Policy

You say there is no spirit at Gaston College? Just you try to change the name of the student newspaper! Alumni and Sophomores alike rushed to the defense of the paper which, bearing the name GAS LIGHT, had served and publicized the college well.

Over thirty-five entries were submitted in the recent contest but none, in the opinion of the staff, surpassed its original name. So proudly we continue GAS LIGHT and, as has been done in past editions, dedicate our journalistic efforts toward furthering the outstanding image the college is building in the state and nation. True, criticism may be expressed from time to time but it too will be written in a spirit of friendliness in hopes of strengthening academic and student life on the campus.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Auten of Gastonia, Linda Auten will represent the freshman class as secretary. Linda graduated from Mt. Holly High School, where she was a member of Beta Club, Dramatics, FTA, and Latin Club. She is an English major and hopes to transfer to Appalachian after two years here.

Elected as treasurer is Chris Heaton. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Heaton of South Carolina. In high school, Chris was a member of the Debate Team, president of the March-

ing Band, a member of the annual staff, paper staff, Pep Club, and Hi-Y Club. He was also in a dance band in his senior year. Chris plans to transfer to Appalachian or East Carolina and major in music. Later he hopes to earn his M.A. degree at William & Mary College.

The freshman representatives to the student council will be Barbara Faire and Betty High of the college parallel division, and Carol Furber of the technical division.

G. C. Granted Accreditation

Full Junior College accreditation to the college parallel program was granted Thursday to Gaston College by the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities. This approval by their standards committee is a goal toward which the college has been working since its beginning and represents one more success story in the brief history of this rapidly growing institution. According to President C. Robert Benson this accreditation should erase any problems of transfer to any senior institution in North Carolina and should also enable students to transfer without difficulty to neighboring states.

The next step in accreditation is to be accepted into full membership by the Southern Association of College and Universities. The earliest date this can be achieved is December, 1967, but the fact that Gaston College is now listed as a candidate for membership indicates the Association standards are being met.

Paper Applies To Service

The Gaston College Student Newspaper has applied for membership with the Collegiate Press Service. If accepted, the newspaper will not only be eligible to use its many services but will also be able to submit editions for judging in national college newspaper contests.

Tech Building Near Completion

By Jim Moore
Tech Editor

When do we move to our new campus? If all goes well, our New Years will bring quite a change of face, but by no means a change in pace. After the halls of our old building have lost their usual rumble, clatter of slide rules and T-squares Friday, December 16, we will walk from our old campus to return the following year to new classrooms, laboratories, and equipment.

During our Christmas holidays, everything will be boxed, packed, and stacked for shipment. The old building will be placed in the hands of its former owner, Firestone Mills, as stated in contract.

All employees including maintenance workers will resume jobs at the new campus. All our present equipment will be placed in the laboratory sec-

tion of the new technical building. The new tech building will be divided into two main sections:

The front section, being the classroom accommodations and the rear section containing all the laboratory facilities.

Everyone will be looking forward to residing in our new accommodations to see our "already fine outstanding record" as a technical division strengthen as it surely will; and also, from none other than sheer curiosity, to see how the parking problem will resolve.

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CAMPUS LEADERS

Gaston Units Expand

By BARRY CHRISTOPHER

Everyone look around. What do you see on our campus? We see a great plan to help the community and a group of buildings with a sign of learning. But is this our whole campus?

To my surprise, I found that this wasn't our only unity. As a matter of fact, we have many units. These are located not only in Gaston County but also in Shelby and Lincolnton. We even have a whole new campus in Shelby.

"Beginning with the Community College Act of 1963, which makes available to every person 18 years of age and older an education opportunity in terms of cost and distance, the Cleveland County Unit of Gaston College was established in Shelby," stated Mr. Jimmy Babb, Dean of Adult Education. This branch of Gaston is located in lease facilities on North Morgan Street. This unit is an integral part of Gaston College.

Three full-time classes are presently being taught here. These vocational programs consist of License Practical Nurse Program, Auto Mechanics, and Welding. I found it surprising to note that there is an enrollment of 500, of which 68 are full-time students. Some of the part-time adult education classes include small engine repair, bricklaying, pharmacology, speedreading, and dressmaking. There is also a learning lab consisting of an enrollment of 135 students.

Mr. James Petty is the director of the unit, and Mr. Babb is over the operation.

So, as you can see, Gaston doesn't just consist of our own campus but as the name, Gaston Community College, suggests, it is made up of many units striving to help the community.

PSYCHOLOGY CLASSES PLAN TRIP

Dr. Fischel's two psychology sections are planning a visit to Broughton Hospital at Morganton during the early to mid part of November. The students will study abnormal psychology as they tour the hospital.

The activity bus has been secured for the trip, and cars will be provided if necessary.

College Group Elects Benson

Dr. Robert Benson has been elected to the executive committee of the North Carolina Association of Junior Colleges.

Gaston College's president served on the board of directors last year. Dr. Benson will serve with Dr. Richard H. Hagemeyer, president of Central Piedmont Community College of Charlotte, president; Dr. Emmett McLarty, president of Brevard College, vice president; and Dr. Herbert E. Stallworth, president of Western Piedmont Community College, secretary - treasurer.

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