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Eventually there will be nine two story dormitories that will hold a total of 144 students. If necessary a third story will be added to each dormitory so that they will hold 216 students. There will also be a student lounge built after the first two or three dorms go up. The lounge will be built to supply the needs of the ultimate number of students so that space or availability will be no problem in the future.

The lot on which the dorms are to be built will have ample space for parking and grassy and shady areas for sports or relaxation.

Student demand for dormitory space is really no problem since it only takes forty-five days to construct one of these dorms.

The first dormitory will be all male but the editor of the Gas Light has talked with representatives of Mar-Sel, Inc. concerning female forms and, if the demand warrants it, the all-girl dorms will be available.

G.C. of The Good Old Days

The original Gaston College existed in nearby Dallas in the 1880's. The college opened in the fall of 1886 with 412 students. The tuition for a term of four and a half months was 120 dollars. This included room, board, water, fuel, washing and ironing.

Students had to be in bed by 10 o'clock p.m. each day and up by 6 o'clock a.m. Students were required to attend devotional services each morning and evening and church services twice on Sunday.

The dress of the students was plain. Extravagance in dress or jewelry was not permitted.

The old college was one of the first co-educational schools, a practice frowned upon at the time. However, professor Marcus Lafayette Little, the colleges first president, held his ground.

The school was forced to close in 1905, due to lack of funds. The old building burned to the ground in 1927 after serving for a while as a grammar school, a high school, and as a cite for mercantile stores.

Now, only a state historical marker is left of the old college.

The Beat Goes On

The enrollment at G. C. as compared with the enrollment of last year seems to have pleased the administration. Although there has been a decrease in certain areas this is coupled with a much sharper increase in other departments. For example the C. P. figures stand as;

1967 C. P.	1,002
1968 C. P.	1,034

The increase of thirty two students over last year by the C. P. may be explained by the rise in student population. The Technical division; however, had a considerable decrease. It has been suggested that the cause may be from the tight job market situation. Many, many students are foregoing their education for two or possibly three years in order to satisfy the labor market.

The more outstanding increase is sought by the Vocational Department at G. C. The figures stand as follows:

1967 Voc.	246
1968 Voc.	264

This increase of seven per cent may be deducted also by the rise in student population, but others seem to think this seven per cent rise coupled by last years of six or seven per cent and the speculated seven per cent of the coming year is the cause of a more popular course at Gaston College. The Vocational program may be completed in twelve months as compared to a possible four years in College Parallel. This allows a student to work only at what interest him as; air conditioning or refrigeration. This teaches the student a skill in a comparatively short time in order for him to go out and start work immediately. There are other reasons for this favored course along which the money making potetialties can not be deflected. So, heres to the speculation of an annually six or seven per cent increase student population.

Library Club News

The Library Club met at 11:00 September 24, 1968 to introduce new members and to elect officers for the '68-'69 school year. The officers are as follows: President, Alfred Cloud; Vice-President, Mary Ann Nichols; Secretary, Tucky Brad-

shaw; Treasurer, Audrey Hight; Student Government Representative, Bill Cottingham; and Reporter, Kenneth Fulbright.

The club is now in the process of preparing a project for the annual Halloween Carnival.

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