

Editorial

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We, the students, walk our campus in a time of sweeping change and tremendous importance. Our school has presented a stirring challenge to the people of Gaston County. It is asking the local community to help raise over two million dollars to enable the college to provide additional facilities in order that present programs can be expanded and new programs instituted to help this area keep pace with the economic and social growth of our nation.

The challenge is issued not only to the county, but to the students and faculty of Gaston College as well. We owe it to ourselves to be among the first to support this call for assistance. I know that when we dig into our pockets, our financial contributions will be far from staggering in comparison to the generous pledges of business. However, we will make our contribution, and coupled with our many voices in support of the school, make known to the public at large our interest in its' needed development.

In speaking of "education" John F. Kennedy said: "For education is both the foundation and the unifying force of our democratic way of life...it is the mainspring of our economic and social progress...it is the highest expression of achievement in our society, ennobling and enriching human life. In short, it is at the same time the most profitable investment society can make and the richest reward it can confer."

The Gas Light now sends out the call for all its' readers. Let it be known that we shall make that investment; not only for ourselves, but for our children to come, so that they too may someday share in the educational, cultural, and spiritual enrichment that our school has to offer.

APATHY? You're Wrong!

"LACK OF INTEREST IN THINGS WHICH OTHERS FIND MOVING OR EXCITING. . ." Again sadly pertinent. Carolina, Duke, Wake Forest, Western Carolina, Appalachian, East Carolina, N. C. State, and even a majority of high schools find government, tradition, activities, athletics, and other functions highly interesting. Students from these, and many other schools and colleges, get involved in student life. They contribute and participate and improve. They work and support, commend and criticize, devote and discuss. And most important of all, they THINK.

So what is our problem? We are a community college you might reply. Sure we are a community college. But we are the number ONE community college in the state of North Carolina. We are the most progressive, fastest growing and closest to accreditation to the whole lot. We exemplify one of the most amazing success stories ever written in state educational history. We have all the characteristics of an outstanding college except one small element. . . life.

We are new. Sure we are new. But, at the same time, we are setting up campus traditions and examples for others to follow in years to come. WE are the ones who must get the basketball team on the gym floor, the newspaper off the printing press, the constitution in final form and the annual published. WE are the ones who have to get the ball bouncing, the wheels rolling, the horse trotting. It's up to US.

The Students Speak Out

Gaston College
Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to issue a complaint concerning the LACK of enforcement of the parking regulations currently in existence at Gaston College. Three times so far this quarter I have been unable to move my car from its parking space in order to leave this college. Subsequently, I have thrice been reprimanded at work and have missed two very important appointments.

The parking lots here have become a den of anarchy. Cars park in such a manner as to block the entrance and exit ways with no concern for the people already there. They also park diagonally in a horizontal parking space and in the driveways between the regulated parkings spaces.

WHAT IS THE USE OF HAVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS IF THEY ARE NOT OBSERVED BY THE STUDENTS OR ENFORCED BY THE COLLEGE OFFICIALS?

Signed,
H.C.M.

THE RECORD

It seems that the world recognizes proof of success as the ability to deliver the goods.

Reserved
For
Student
Opinions.
If They
Have
Any.

MODERN MIRACLE

Happy is the family that occupies a home where there is no room for doubt.

Down The Halls

THE GREAT EXPERIMENT: The California Tomato Growers Association can now rest easy. Biliology 101's attempt to corner the tomato industry is reported a failure. The chief engineer of the project, Tim Stuart, says stumidity, (oops) humidity was to blame.

Spiro Who??? Vice-President elect, thats who!!!!!!

On Registration Day, a freshman student was overheard asking, "Who is Dr. Hartung?" A wiser sophomore answered, "He's kin to math."

While we're on the subject of "mystery people" who the heck is Winkler Kling Dinger?????

Time and time again the Gas Light, students and faculty have made barbed comments about the mess in the student lounge. Unfortunately, the pleas, warnings and urgings still go completely unnoticed. Dodge City had a Marshall to clean up the town...mabey we need one to clean up the lounge.

Tech instructor Porter McAteer was reported saying that we have no "Hippies" at Gaston College. We have some, only ours take a bath more often and have the good sense to know what college is really for...Education.

Samson lost his hair when he fell asleep with his head on Delilah's lap. Our Mr. Sampson lost the hair on his face because his tonsils are coming out. It's a weak analogy but it's all we could come up with at the time.

According to the night watchman in the college parallel building, certain students and a few members of the faculty were working diligently at two and three A.M. in the morning during exam week. Now thats what I'd call a REAL night school!

One day during the above mentioned exam week (who can remember what day!) a shapely coed strolled down the halls in black boots and a leopard skin coat. The Gas Light received several requests as to the identity of the young lady but we're completely in the dark. Who are you mystery leopard lady?????

Perhaps Winkler Kling Dinger is the son of J. Alfred Prufrock?!?!?

Some people (keep reading faculty, this involves some of you, too) doubt the possibility of getting real spirit at a community college. Their argument is that the students don't live here and they are constantly coming and going, hence spirit remains low. "Down the Halls" says that if high schools can get it, so can community colleges! Of course, a defeatist's attitude never prevailed in the camps of great generals.....

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"WAIT a minute! Isn't that a protest carol?"



"Mine's purely for defense. YOURS is an offensive weapon!"