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Farmer Praises New Constitution

Barry Farmer, President of the S.G.A., says the S.G.A. is all geared up to spring into action concerning the involvement of student interest in the G.C. Building Fund Drive. This is to be their main objective, Farmer stated, for the remainder of the academic year.

All plans concerning the Building Fund Drive, thus far, are tentative. However, a car raffle is being planned for the purpose of raising funds. Letters concerning this will be sent to all parents in hopes of getting their support, also.

In March, a Bridge Benefit will be held for the Fund Raising Campaign. No further details were available at this time concerning the benefit.

The S.G.A. is also planning "May-Week-End". Tentative plans are for the first week-end in May. A concert and a formal dance are included in the plans.

Farmer praised the new constitution of the Student Government Association. He said it is a unique constitution by virtue of the fact that it is based upon the United States Constitution. Farmer added to this that Gaston is probably the only school in this area with this type of constitution.

The executive branch consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These offices are held by Barry Farmer, Larry Stiles, Jerry Galloway, and Wayne Hamilton, respectively. The purpose of this branch of the government is to promote legislative bills, which are brought before the student senate.

There are thirty-three districts and each district is represented by one student senator, elected by the student body. A bill is introduced in the Senate, then sent to the President for ratification. The President exercises the power of Veto. This veto can be annulled if there is a 2/3 majority vote in the Senate against the veto.

Farmer said that he had no serious criticism of the S.G.A. or the new Constitution. "We have a good line of communication with the students," Farmer added.

"The office of President of the Student Government Association is a big responsibility to the school and it is not a job to be taken lightly. There is a lot of work involved, and it is a very challenging position". This was the response given by Farmer when asked his reactions upon being elected.

Farmer attended Lees-McRae College before entering Gaston. At Lees-McRae he was a member of Zeta Pi Alpha Fraternity, Monogram Club, and the Varsity Football Squad.

Farmer is married to the former Patricia Lezenby of Darlington, S. C. He and his wife reside in Belmont, N. C. with their month old daughter.

The S.G.A. meets every Thursday in room S-203 at 11:00. "We encourage the students and faculty members to attend these meetings. They are open and anyone can attend," Farmer concluded.



"Santa Claus is coming to town!" And he came courtesy of the Gaston College chapter of the Rotoract Club. For the Orthopedic Hospital Boy Scout Troop, it looked to be a real "Charlie Brown Christmas."

Klingdinger Writes Prufrock

In the last issue of the Gas-Light, a reference was made to mystery people. One of the persons mentioned was Wrinkler Kling Dinger. In January, the following letter was received from Orethema Cuthbertson Klingdinger, cousin of "Winkie" Klingdinger of Statesville, N. C. This letter is no fake! It was mailed to a member of our staff, J. Alfred Prufrock, C/O The Gaston College Newspaper. The return address is for real and the

post mark date is January 3, 1969 from Statesville, N. C. This letter is complete as it was received from Mr. Klingdinger and we thank him for taking the time to enlighten us.

Rt. No. 1, Box 53
Statesville, N. C.

Dear J. Alfred:
Your story of the dying western sage heros brought nostalgic tears to my eyes. Many

Saturday afternoons I have sat entranced in the long gone Victory Theater in Salisbury thrilled speechless by the old western heros you mentioned in the article. For years I feared that I alone mourned their passing. The new breed of cowboy disgustingly reflects the 20th century sacrilege of clean shaven faces, perfumed bodies, and well groomed clothes and horses. These "cowboys" have certainly lost their air of authenticity. As Grizzly Adams would say, "No self respectin' bar would live with any man what smelled better'n him."

One point in your article needs some questioning. The Charles Barnett mentioned should, I believe, be Charles Burnett alias "Smiley" Burnett alias "Frog". Until his death he appeared on the PETTICOAT JUNCTION TV show. Please check on this point.

A few more names to add to your list would have to include Monty Hale, Bob Steele, Tom Mix, Lasso Lane, Ken Curtis, (Festus of GUNSMOKE), Ken Maynard, The Cisco Kid, Hopalong Cassidy, and two famous sidekicks, "Gabby" Hayes and "Cannonball", who was ever faithful to Wild Bill Elliot. Ken Curtis was also with the SONS OF THE PIONEERS when they were with Roy Rogers. And last but not least there is the ever popular Fenwick Babbot and his horse Ingersol.

My thanks to you for bringing these few moments of pleasure to me and for remembering a few unsung greats of the movies.

Committee Meets Over 'Nickname'

A Student Relations Committee met Friday, January 25th, to discuss the possibilities of changing the nickname of Gaston College.

The committee, composed of two faculty members and five members of the student body, reviewed the suggestion that the term "The Rebels" be replaced with a more cosmopolitan, rather than regional, nickname.

One committeeman noted that the term "Rebels" had played a significant part in the early days of Gaston College. The very concept of the college was, in fact, a revolution in education for Gaston County.

However, the question was raised as to whether or not the original name was still befitting to the college in light of its recent growth and progress. Many of the students are from out of state and of some foreign countries as well.

It was said that the school needed a new name which all the students could identify with in matters of sports and school spirit.

One committee member was quick to note that no changes have been made as yet. The meeting Friday was held to look at the various aspects of the situation.

The entire committee itself agreed that any changes made in reference to a school nickname should be up to the student body in general.

A representative who sat on the committee said that the Senators would be conducting a meeting in the immediate future to discuss the issue.

The representatives of the committee are: Kelly Childers, Alfred Cloud, Jackie Winkfield, Miles Weathers, Ronnie Smith, Mary Ann Nichols, Barry Farmer, and Kenneth Adams.

Services Held For Shuler

Gaston College campus was saddened Friday, January 24th, by a memorial service for Roger Dale Shuler, 22, first graduate of Gaston College to be killed in action in Viet Nam.

Roger, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shuler, who live at 4233 Grier Street in Gastonia. He was an active member of the young peoples' department of Ridge Baptist Church. He had summer employment at Ridge Mill.

He attended Gaston College from September of 1966 until August 1967. He took auto mechanics in the vocational division. Shuler received his diploma in June of 1968.

The service began with a flag raising with Sam Haynie, Algie B. Warren, and Glenn Wiley participating. Dr. Woodrow B. Sugg gave a few remarks followed by prayer by Reverend Westle Johnson of Ridge Baptist Church. Tim Ellis and John Floyd concluded the service with Taps.

Appreciation Is Expressed

The members of the Gaston College Faculty Association wish to express their appreciation to the students who participated in the open house held December 8. Your cooperation and assistance was necessary for the success of the event and we want you to be aware not only of our gratitude but of the image you present to the public on such an occasion.

The public was impressed with you.

So are we.
Happy 1969

Open Letter To Students

Dear Students:
There has been a marked improvement in the cleanliness of the student center. On behalf of Mr. Hagen, the S.G.A., and myself we would like to commend you on your efforts and ask that you do everything possible to keep our student center clean.

If these efforts continue to improve I can assure you the card room will be reopened in the near future.

Barry Farmer
President, S.G.A.

Sincerely,
Orethema Cuthbertson Klingdinger

P.S. In "Down the Halls" you mentioned the name Winkler Kling Dinger. Could you have possibly been referring to my uncle Thurgood Klingdinger boy, "Winkie"? They call him Winkie because of his bad tic.