



The Gas Light



"THE STUDENT VOICE AT GASTON COLLEGE"

Vol. VI No. 1

Gaston College, Dallas, N. C.

September, 1969

Student Rights Code Adopted

Joint Statement Of Rights & Freedom Of Students

During the spring session of 1969 work was started at Gaston College to form a Joint Statement of Rights and Freedoms of students. The student senate selected two senators, one to be the chairman of the committee and the other to act as a member of the committee. Pamela Ray was chosen as chairman and John Truesdale was the other senator. These two then selected the other members of the committee and submitted their names for approval to the S. G. A.

Dr. Robert Howard represented the Administration; Mr. Don Killian and Mr. Claude Davis were the faculty representatives; and the students were represented by Pamela Ray, John Truesdale, Bobbie Lewis, Allen Grooms, and Larry Reid.

The committee worked extensively on the statement and on August 21 the statement was submitted to the S. G. A. for approval. Approval was given on August 22. Copies of the statement will be available to all students at the opening of the fall session. Some of the major points of student's rights are:

The professor in the classroom and in conference should encourage free discussion, inquiry, and expression. Student performance should be evaluated on an academic basis.

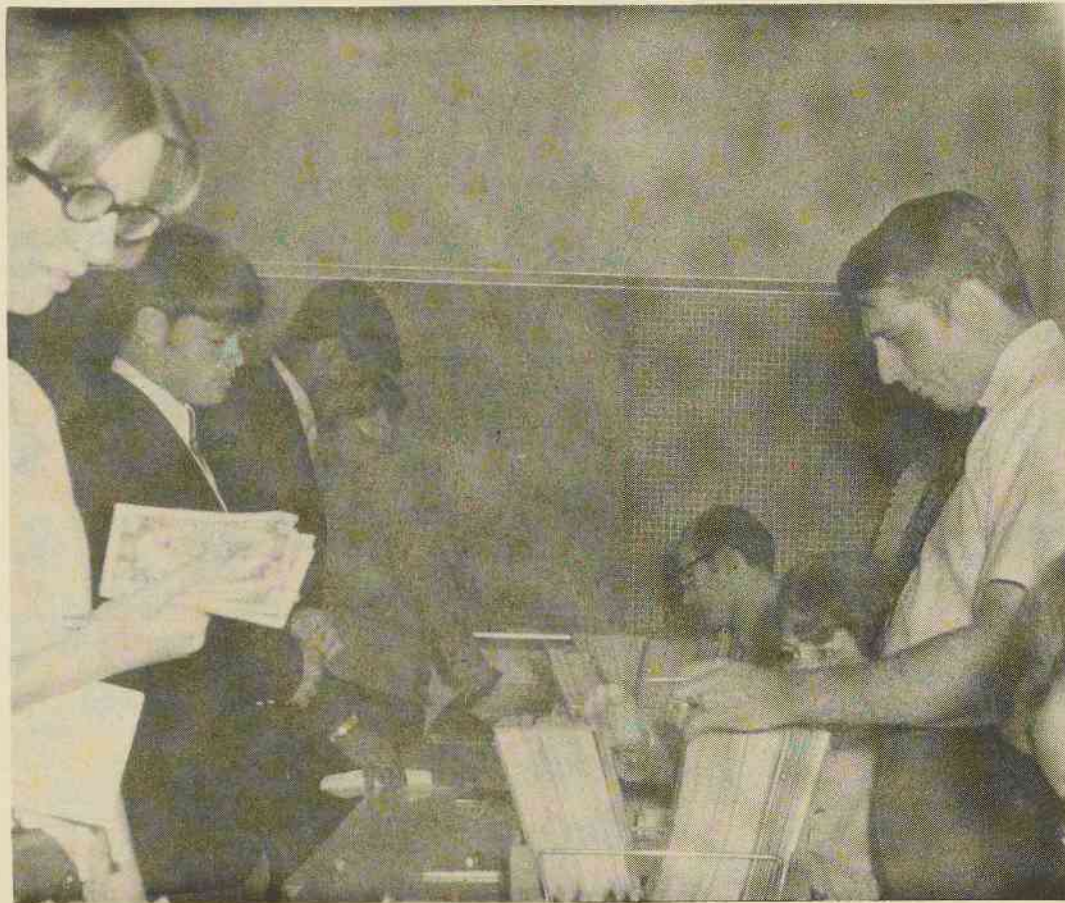
Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled.

Students should have protection through orderly procedures against "prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation."

Information about student views, beliefs, and political associations which professors acquire in the course of their work as instructors, advisors, and counselors, should be considered confidential.

Each professor, on the first day of each quarter, is required to give a written statement of the policies of the classroom, including grading procedures, number and types of term papers, etc.

To minimize the risk of improper disclosure, academic and disciplinary records should be separate, and the conditions of access to each should be set forth in an explicit written policy statement. Transcripts of academic records should contain



Students endure ordeal of Registration.

only information about academic status.

Students should be free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests.

The membership, policies, and actions of a student organization usually will be determined by vote of only those persons who hold bona fide membership in the college or university community.

Each organization should be free to choose its own advisor, and institutional recognition should not be withheld or withdrawn solely because of the inability of a student organization to secure an advisor.

Student organizations should not be required to submit a membership list as a condition of institutional recognition.

Campus organizations should be open to all students without respect to race, creed, or national origin, except for religious qualifications which may be required by organizations whose aims are primarily sectarian.

Students and student organizations should always be free to support causes by orderly means which do not disrupt the regular and essential operation of the institution.

Students should be allowed to

invite and to hear any person of their own choosing. The institutional control of campus facilities should not be used as a device of censorship.

Students should be free to express their views on issues or institutional policy and on matters of general interest to the student body.

Institutional authorities have a responsibility to provide written clarification of the role of the student publications, the standards to be used in their evaluation, and the limitations on external control of their operation.

The student press should be free of censorship and advance approval of copy, and its editors and managers should be free to develop their own editorial policies and news coverage.

Editors and managers of student publications should be protected from arbitrary suspension and removal because of student, faculty, administrative, or public disapproval of editorial policy or content.

All university published and financed student publications should explicitly state on the editorial page that the opinions

there expressed are not necessarily those of the college, university, or student body.

College and university students as students should enjoy the same freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, right of petition and due process that any other citizens enjoy and, as members of the academic community, they are subject to the obligations which accrue to them by virtue of this membership.

Activities of students may upon occasion result in violation of law. In such cases, institutional officials should be prepared to apprise students of sources of legal counsel and may offer other assistance, institutional authority should never be used merely to duplicate the function of general laws.

Other specifics of the statement of rights and freedoms of students should be obtained and studied by each student. Prior to this time nothing substantial had been done to help the student government or the students to recognize their rights. This document helps establish Gaston College as a front-runner among colleges in regards to judicial matters.

Enrollment To Reach New High

Do students at Gaston Community College really know about their school? There are many interesting facts and opportunities unknown to the majority of students. Some of these are enrollment and the unusual courses available.

This is the enrollment of the Fall Quarter curricular programs:

- College Parallel-Day-964
- Evening-224
- Vocational-Day-291
- Technical-Day-183
- Total-1662

In adult education, new industrial training, and adult basic education we had an excess of five thousand last year. This year will probably exceed that figure. Some of these courses are: Slide Rule, Techniques for Communicating With the Deaf, Football Watching for Ladies (and Men), Cake Decoration, Upholstery, and Fundamentals of Farriering (shoeing horses).

Any adult eighteen years old or over who did not finish high school and receive a diploma can now do so in the Learning Lab. This room is located in the Vocational Building. Since students may enroll at any time and will also finish at different times, the approximate enrollment cannot be determined.

Approximately seven thousand students will have enrolled at Gaston before four quarters are finished. Compare this figure with the approximate enrollment of other colleges in North Carolina:

- Lenoir Rhyne-1100
- Belmont Abbey-800
- Appalachian-500
- Gardner Webb-1400
- Davidson-1022 (Oct. 1968)
- Duke-8000 (Oct. 1968)

Another interesting fact about Gaston is that it is the second largest Community College in North Carolina.

We hope the students at Gaston will be a little prouder of their school now and understand that it is not just a little community college on Highway 321.

Veteran's Association

In July of 1968, an idea popped into the head of our friend and counselor, O. J. Davis: organize a Veterans Association at Gaston College! He started to work, talked with some veterans, and brought his idea into the open. Immediately everyone said, "O. J., you can't organize a Veterans Association, it will not hold together, you can't make a go of it." Less than one year later, in May of 1969, Gaston College presented the CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD to the Veterans Association. He couldn't make a go of it, but in one year it was the best club on campus.

How did the Veterans Association win this award? Through hard work and dedicated members who took up the

(Continued on Page 2)

Freshmen Dance

The Sophomore Class of Gaston College will sponsor a dance for the freshmen September 19 at 8 o'clock in the student center. The Rivieras will be playing for this dance.

This will be the first opportunity for the incoming freshmen to participate in Gaston College's activities, and everyone is urged to attend. Dress casually and come prepared for an evening of music, dancing and fun.

PARKING REGULATIONS

- Reserved zones (no parking for students)
1. yellow areas
 2. any space marked reserved or no parking
 3. visitors parking area

- No parking areas (faculty and students)
1. driveways
 2. grass areas
 3. loading zones

Citations will be issued to all violators. Fines must be paid within three days. All students must have a Gaston College parking permit affixed to the left rear bumper of their car.