

# Editorial

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Elsewhere on this page you will find a general statement of the editorial policies of the GASLIGHT. There are a few other considerations that should be made at this time.

First, a college education does not merely consist of an ocean of factual information. A college education is a systematic development of the powers of reason and logic. It is the duty and the responsibility of the college to present thought provoking and essential questions to the student and then help the student to form responsible and logical opinions. College is a place for maturing—a place to cast aside and outgrow childish and adolescent ways of thinking. It is the responsibility of the faculty (and the Gaslight) to help and insure the maturing of Gaston College students. Anytime that a student spends two or three years at a school and refuses to "grow up", then the school has failed him—or more correctly—HE has failed the school.

Second, a high standard must be maintained by the school and the students that attend. Goals must be set and every effort should be made to achieve these goals. The school should decide what level of education they want to present to the students and then devote its every action and decision to maintaining this level of education. The faculty should then decide just how good and how effective they want to be, and then expend the last ounce of their energy and their talents to become the most effective instructor that the students can get. Then the students, the ones that this whole educational system is for, have to decide just how much they want to learn, how much they want to sacrifice, and how much they want to grow. Then if everyone decides to work toward producing essential, productive INDIVIDUALS, we can have a "college."

In each area mentioned the college newspaper has a duty, privilege, and a right. Every year we hear the same gripe that we should have a better paper, and we agree. We offer a platform for the students and the faculty to air any responsible views; we request aid from the students in helping us make the paper a better and more meaningful forum, and to give us the benefit of their insight and positive views.

But we do not and can not apologize for our paper. With a half dozen interested and hardworking students we manage to produce a newspaper that is second to no other community college in this section and whole lot better than most four year college papers. The only thing that we apologize for is that our paper could be a lot better if some of these Monday morning quarterbacks would get in the real game.

Also we hear the constant gripe that we should have more student news. We agree. We cover sports, academic matters, student government, and general campus news as well as our diminutive and overworked staff can do in less-than-infinite time allotted.

If, in THE GASLIGHT, you are looking for a list of who's dating whom, record dedications, personality lists of favorite foods, colors, cars, or stars, we are sorry—we are a college newspaper. We cannot be true to our college ideals and deal with high school materials. And if you are wanting high school materials you have no business being in college. Anytime that a student or student group becomes news worthy, let us know, we will be glad to devote the proper space and coverage to important news items. We can not be an effective newspaper without the help and co-operation of the students. And besides, it is impossible to say anything witty, provocative or factual about a sponge that just lies there no matter how much gravy it absorbs.

## Ciruna

CIRUNA is a group on the move. Members of Gaston College CIRUNA traveled a total of 20,000 miles during the '68-69 year, including model United Nations and National Student Leadership Institute. Areas visited included New York and Lake Junaluska. We expect to travel at least twice that during this coming year.

CIRUNA is the organization through which students can actively participate in international programs. Its purpose is to stimulate on the campus and in the community, greater interest in and understanding of international affairs, particularly the aims, functions and accomplishments of the UN and its related agencies. It encourages students to discuss the US international policies, examining them in the light of our own

national interest and our role in the international community. CIRUNA endeavors to develop an informed student public which takes action upon its beliefs.

CIRUNA is an organization that opens membership to students of all majors, of all interests, of all political ideologies.

CIRUNA, the COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS, is the organization for students interested in international affairs and who wish to translate concern into CONCRETE ACTION. Liberals bring your ideas. Radicals bring your energies. Conservatives bring your stability... Y-O-U can do something about the world in which you live, and CIRUNA is one of the things you can do.

## Letters To The Editor

*This space is the voice of the students at Gaston College.*

*If you want the voice to be heard—write to the editor.*

## Veteran's Association

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challenge that it wouldn't hold together and that it couldn't be done.

The club had many outstanding projects; helping judge events at the Boy Scout Camporees; Obtaining a car to raffle off and use to proceeds for the building fund; sponsoring a dance with WLON at Lake Norman with the proceeds for the building fund; helping to serve watermelons to the patients at the Veterans Hospital in Gastonia; operating the concession stand at the baseball games; raising the United States flag on campus each morning; serving coffee and doughnuts to the local policemen's seminar; presenting the school with a plaque on which the names of all former Gaston College students killed in Vietnam will be recorded. The latest project is the building of a small park adjacent to the parking lot for the students to use while they are attending school. Students can use the park to study or talk instead of using the student center all the time, hopefully the park will be completed by the fall quarter.

A membership will be in effect during the fall quarter. Information for prospective members can be obtained from any Veterans Association officer: Richard Chucci, president; Jim Holland, first vice-president; Chuck Brawley, second vice-president; Jerry Falls, secretary; Nick Lyons, treasurer. An information desk will be set up in room C202 during orientation for any students interested in becoming a member of the club.

## Statement Of Editorial Policy "The Gas Light"

"The Gas Light" is a student-operated publication published for the Gaston College student body.

Editorial opinions, clearly identified and centrally located, represent the official opinion of this publication as determined by the editor. Other opinions such as news analyses, opinionated columns, and certain features represent the views of indicated individual members of "The Gas Light" staff. Columns not by-lined represent a collective opinion of the entire staff or individual contributors.

Under no circumstances does an article or opinion not clearly marked as being from non-student sources represent the opinions, views, or beliefs of the administration, the board of trustees, the faculty, or the faculty advisor.

This newspaper has as its self-imposed editorial objective the responsible and constructive criticism of various campus and student-related areas. In addition, "The Gas Light" seeks to enlighten its readers as to points of view concerning various campus and student-related areas that are not generally considered and not necessarily popular. In certain cases, "The Gas Light" will utilize its editorial space to praise and commend events and persons deemed worthy of the same.

This publication, with regard to editorial opinion, is independent of any particular group, institution, or organization. A high ethical code and a strong sense of responsibility guide the entire staff in its news gathering and editorial activities.

Individual non-staff opinions will be printed in the form of letters to the editor providing the letters are signed, legally responsible and pertinent to Gaston College, its students, or events of interest to the same. Names will be withheld upon request if reasonable justification for such can be submitted.

## Honor Code Under Study

### Special Committee To Be Assigned Development of Honor Code

In mid-August a committee consisting of Gaston College President Woody Sugg, Dr. David Layton, and others met to develop an honor code designed to help deal with student conduct on campus. The purpose of the committee was to present to all Gaston College students an acceptable standard of conduct by which the students could govern themselves.

Also included in the discussions were procedures which were for the purpose of safeguarding student rights.

Under expected conditions each student who violates the honor code will be notified formally in writing of any charges against him. He will then be given a fair and impartial hearing before a combined board of students and faculty members. If found guilty, the student will then be able to appeal to the President of the college.

Judicial bodies will be formed to judge each type of offense. At present, however, these bodies have not been formed. It is expected that a committee will be

set up to judge students charged with cheating, drinking, and other similar offenses.

At present, plans include two distinct components of the honor code. One of these is the Campus Code, which will define all types of misbehavior arising on the campus other than those handled by the honor code. The other division, the Honor Code, will deal with such offenses as plagiarism, lying, cheating, etc.

During the orientation sessions for the fall quarter, students will be informed of the details and procedures that will be set up to protect their rights. In addition, the particulars of the code of student behavior will be presented in full.

The Gaston College administration is concerned with the protections of students' rights, and also that the students understand their rights. The work on the Honor Code has been done in an effort to give students the best possible protection in all instances concerning their rights as individuals on the college campus.