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Letters to the Editor

Disturbed by Chapel Speaker

Dear Editor:

Those of us who heard Dr. George Schweitzer in Chapel on February 24th would agree that he is a dynamic, informative speaker, and a man who has many fine human qualities. This letter, therefore, is not meant to criticize Dr. Schweitzer as a speaker, man, or scholar, but merely to point out some disturbing aspects of his Chapel talk itself.

In the first place, it seemed oriented towards a pantheistic rather than a theistic outlook. Neither I nor any listener can presume to say what Dr. Schweitzer's personal feelings are about basic Christian dogma, but the entire text of the speech itself leaves one in sincere doubt as to whether the speaker believes in a personal, omnipotent God. Please note that I am not saying that Dr. Schweitzer does not believe in a personal, omnipotent God -- only that from the content of the Chapel speech itself this is left in doubt.

A second and more disturbing point is this: after listening very carefully to the speech in its entirety, I cannot be sure that the speaker accepts basic Christian truth; namely that Jesus was both true God and true man, that He was the Divine Son of God. The speech lauds Jesus as the greatest man who ever walked the earth, but does not refer to Him as the Son of God, as our Creator and Savior.

This is not meant to be an attack on Dr. Schweitzer. So the writer would welcome any clarification the learned scholar may give us on this matter.

Name Withheld By Request

Complaint Requested, Letter Answered

CC: THE PILOT
President, Student Government Association
Gardner-Webb College

Dear President,

On behalf of the Lander Student Government Association, I extend my congratulations to your student body on your team's victory tonight, February 23, 1970. I must commend your excellent ball club. This group of young men exemplified the type of students of which you would be proud.

We were very pleased to have a large number of your students at the game, but the conduct of the select few was most unbecoming to your student body. I realize, however, that this group did not represent your entire student body and that to judge all by a minority would be unfair. Yet, I find it necessary to inform you of some of the actions of this group.

Upon arriving at the game, I found your Pep Club already seated in the gymnasium. Since the select few was most unbecoming, I asked one of our students to kindly secure the tickets from your students. They told her they did not have any, and your chaprains asked to see the ticket seller (Go). I informed her that any one not directly affiliated with the Athletic Department would have to pay for admission to the game. (I assumed your Club understood they had to pay for admission as this is a common practice with most schools and we had to pay at Gardner-Webb.)

Your chaprains assured me the students would come promptly to purchase their tickets, yet only six came. (The game had not begun when all of this occurred.) I also asked one of your cheerleaders and another chaprains to ask the students to come buy their tickets.

At halftime Mrs. Finsl Home, professor of English, and Miss Julie Sneed, Assistant Business Manager of the Athletic Department, and I went to sell tickets to those who still had not purchased them. I can assure you that we treated them with every courtesy until they began using abusive language in addressing Mrs. Home, Miss Sneed, and me. It finally became necessary to ask the police to come over and aid us in selling tickets. The chief wanted to charge one young lady with disorderly conduct because of her language. Others of your number did not want to pay because it was halitane, yet, they failed to remember they were there for the full first half.

Although most paid for their tickets, a few did not. However, the money for the tickets does not disturb me as much as their attitude. When our students visit other campuses they try to respect the rules of that college and respect the authority within the college. As I recall upon visiting Gardner-Webb February 7, 1970, the Lander group purchased tickets for \$1.00 each and many bought programs at 25 cents each without the assistance of the police.

The actions of this minority most assuredly brought reproach upon your school. Many comments were made concerning their behavior not only by Lander students but also by Greenwood citizens and scouts from other colleges.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this incident, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Debbie Dennis
President, Student Government Assoc.

Dear Miss Dennis:

Regarding your letter of February 24, 1970, I feel that the statements you have made concerning our students are quite out of proportion.

I offer my apology, on behalf of the students, if you feel this is necessary.

Some of our students informed me that several unbecoming remarks were made to them in the beginning by Lander personnel.

We had considered the matter closed when the games were over.

After we returned from the game that night our adult sponsors commented to me about the good behavior of our students. I felt their behavior was quite satisfactory.

I trust this will clear the matter.

Thomas C. Poston



PILOT Editor And Associate Named

Newly-named PILOT Editor for next year is Jeff Cranford. Dan Snyder will serve as Associate Editor. Majoring in Religious Education, Jeff is a rising junior from Charlotte, N. C. Dan is a rising senior

from Hickory, N. C., and he is also a Religious Education major. The two students were chosen after being interviewed along with other applicants concerning their journalism experience and their philosophy of a college newspaper.

ONE LITTLE CANDLE Receives Plaudits

By C. ROBERT JONES

In an age when the arts enjoy only a skin-deep commitment from most Americans, it is especially noteworthy that, from this tendency towards cultural darkness, ONE LITTLE CANDLE has come along to offer its own quality of light. The fall issue of Gardner-Webb's literary "anthology," now in its second season of publication, is presented in an expanded and attractive format. For the first time, the magazine is printed and the photography and art work by Ed Ruffelt, Carolyn Bridges, and Peggy Ringer is excellent.

With the exception of Jerry Keller's SOUNDS, the issue is made up entirely of poetry, and contributors include both students and faculty, as well as several poems from members of the community. It would be impossible to single out one entry as poet since the enjoyment of poetry is a highly personal or individual thing. Editor Stephan Rasmussen obviously has sought to balance his anthology with works that reflect life in many different moods. He has succeeded, in great measure.

Now that senior college status for Gardner-Webb is assured, it is heartening to know that the college will be represented by a literary magazine of which it can be proud. Hopefully, future issues will include other forms of creative endeavor. Surely there are some budding short-story writers, dramatists, essayists, etc. who will want to contribute works. In my case, Editor Stojanovic and his staff, faculty adviser Fred Willis, and English Department Head Betty S. Cox (whose fine efforts pioneered the project and who secured partial financial backing) deserve long and loud kudos for a significant achievement. May that ONE LITTLE CANDLE burn for many years to come.

Letters to the Pilot

Why Must We Pay To Reapply?

Dear Editor:

Gardner-Webb is once again after the students' money. We realize the cost of the "Webb" is higher than state-supported schools, because it is privately owned by the Baptist Convention. But why should we have to pay fifteen dollars simply to reapply each year?

To many students these "little" extra charges are ridiculous. One day we who are students at the "Webb" will hopefully be alumni. I, for one, will remember these extra charges when I receive a letter from Gardner-Webb College asking for donations and will reply, that "I donated plenty while I was a student at Gardner-Webb."

Tommy Moore

Dear Editor:

This letter is to offer an explanation about the \$15 application fee required of all students seeking readmission to Gardner-Webb this fall.

It has been a long-standing policy of the trustees and administration of the college to collect an application fee for each academic year a student attends Gardner-Webb. This fee is a processing fee and helps defray the expenses of handling the application, making room assignments, classifying the applicants according to classes and groups, and handling the many details involved in serving the students.

Please let us point out that the application fee does not cover the complete cost of processing the application, just as the tuition, room and board charges, and other fees do not cover the actual cost of any student's stay here. The additional cost is provided by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, an endowment, by foundations and friends of the college, and by other sources of revenue.

We very much wish that we did not have to charge a fee for readmission, but we do not see how it can be avoided at this time.

Charles Mack
Robert W. Abrams

Our Problem

Of Air Pollution

By TOBY LUTZ

Every year more Americans than ever before die from air pollution. It means to live with dirty air, so much so that the term "air pollution" has become a common household word. But just what really is air pollution and how serious is it in America? Ask an industrialist and he will play down the effects of air pollution and assure you that there is really nothing to worry about. Ask a politician who is trying to get elected and you can expect to have your blood frozen by a doomsday prophet who will tell you that the End is near. If you do get too busy and clear up the pollution problem. The truth lies somewhere between these two extremes. The industrialist is right in that there is plenty of time to get busy now to clear up the pollution. The politician is right in that we have time enough to clear up the pollution. The industrialist is right in that we have time enough to clear up the pollution. The politician is right in that we have time enough to clear up the pollution. The industrialist is right in that we have time enough to clear up the pollution. The politician is right in that we have time enough to clear up the pollution.

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How serious is air pollution? It is obvious that air pollution is not just air pollution alone but all forms of pollution, impact on the health of people, destroy natural resources, and upset the balance of nature. But this does not occur evenly across the country. It depends on the area. How mountains trap air pollution creates a more serious threat than does, say, an open plain where the pollution can be carried away (by the wind); the weather condition (the weather can trap polluted air in a windless day; a heavy mass of air can hang around a city soaking up water. Above, where it is usually cool, there may be a layer of warm air, warmer than the air close to the earth. The cooler air sits upon the cooler ground air like a lid. It boxes in the unclean mass where it stands); the amount of prime causes of air pollution in the area (if there is a heavy concentration of industrial area, then he can expect to have a more serious air pollution problem than in an area with less prime cause.)

How do we solve the problem? The obvious answer is to "stop polluting the air." Let's get down on these industries and other causes of air pollution and lay down the law. Let's stop pollution or stop functioning. . . . This is the attitude which most people adopt. But this is not the solution. For one example, the prime cause of air pollution is the automobile. So, if one follows the emotional approach to solving the problem, everyone should stop driving cars. But as you know, all those people who take the emotional approach are still driving their cars. Emotionally, it is not the way to solve air pollution. The problem of pollution is not as simple as it might seem, but it can be solved. The first requirement for doing this is to know the problem is to learn as much as one can about the problem and what is being done now. Then one can participate in an organized effort to help solve the problem.