

Tuition Aid Possibility

Of direct interest to every Gardner-Webb student is the possible initiation of a tuition equalization program between private and public colleges and universities. Everyone is aware of the rising costs of education in private institutions such as ours. But are we aware of proposals to ease this trend?

In a speech before the N.C. Legislative Study Commission on Student Financial Aid, Dr. Arthur Wenger, President of the American Christian College, presented an outline of the existing problem and a possible cure.

Among significant facts presented by Dr. Wenger was the estimate that only 35 per cent of N. C. students go on to college, while the national average is 52 per cent. Another important factor cited is North Carolina's low per family income rating. N. C. ranks 9th in the number of people in the 15 to 24 age group but 45th in the percentage of this group who attend college.

The shift from private to public institutions was also pointed out as private schools had an overall drop in enrollment in 1969 while public school enrollment was up 5,000 students. By the fall of 1969, 64 per cent of students were in public schools and only 36 per cent in private institutions.

The shift was attributed to increasing costs which have forced many students from considering private schools. The average cost in a private school is 1,812 while the average cost of tuition in a public school is only \$385. In public institutions the student is paying only about 30 per cent of the tuition the rest being subsidized by the state while the students pays approximately 80 per cent of tuition costs in many private institutions.

Presently, private colleges have approximately 3,000 spaces which could be used without expansion of existing facilities. If the state does not make use of these facilities it must, according to Dr. Wenger, face additional costs of expansion of its present public facilities and meeting rising operations costs of the system.

Confidence was expressed by Dr. Wenger that the assistance of students by the state through a tuition equalization plan can solve this problem of rising costs and at the same time save the taxpayers millions of dollars.

In a Mitchell a tuition subsidy plan would allow a student to enroll in the school of his choice and receive a voucher for a set sum of money to be applied to his education expenses. This grant would be to the individual not the institution.

The Legislative Study Commission on Student Financial Aid was created by the General Assembly of the N.C. legislature to bring recommendations back to the Assembly which will convene in January.

Every student's personal interests would be served by personal contact with your state legislators expressing your interests and need for such a program as has been discussed. One letter to your congressman or personal visit may save you great expense as you pursue a college education at Gardner-Webb.

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A new magazine designed especially for the social-action oriented individual will begin publication in January, '71, SOL III, as its name implies. It will be a world affairs publication with a heavy emphasis on social problems and their solutions.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

As a former student of Gardner Webb I would like to express my opinion concerning the tearing down of the Opera House Theater. I was in the first dramatics class of Mr. C. Robert Jones at Gardner-Webb and a charter member of Delta Psi Omega, and I can tell you we all worked hard to prove ourselves and to lay a foundation for future dramatic students. Mr. Jones and that first class started with nothing and in four years that department has grown and advanced to its present state. However, if the Opera House is done away with it will mean, to a point, that our work was in vain. The drama department is so vital and it still so young that this move will only prove to set it back. I'm sure all of the students from that first dramatics relief efforts that must be done to some way to create the Opera House and it will be the tearing down of much hard work and many dreams.

Mrs. Dianne Davis '66-'67

Dear Editor:

Friday, the 13th of November 1970 was a terribly tragic day for hundreds of thousands of people in East Pakistan. The catastrophic tidal waves and the murderous cyclone that ripped through 2845 square miles and 13 off shore islands left in their wake an unofficial staggering death toll of 300,000 men, women, and children.

Massive relief efforts must be immediately forthcoming. CARE is on the scene in East Pakistan, and has been for the past ten years on a regular basis. Food, shelter, clothing, and medicines are being furnished through CARE, but much more is needed.

I earnestly solicit your cooperation in making known to your student readers the need for funds to finance the major relief efforts that must be done to some way to create the Opera House and it will be the tearing down of much hard work and many dreams.

Contributions may be sent to Pakistan Emergency Fund, CARE, Inc., 615 Forsyth Building

ing, Atlanta, Ga. 30303.
We wish you and all your student readers a very Happy Thanksgiving.

See H. Brown

Dear Editor:

One of the serious problems in college and university life today is the lack of attention to the personal needs of the students. Suicide is the second most common cause of death on college campuses, not only automobile accidents; but those who have studied the subject believe that half of the latter are "concealed suicides"; thus, suicide actually leads the list. Dr. Harold A. Rusk of the New York University Medical Center collected estimates that 90,000 students each year will be in college, and that 10% will make the attempt, and there will be 1,000 actual deaths resulting. Beyond this, he calculates that among six million students, "some 600,000 have emotional problems for which they need professional assistance." The National Institute of Mental Health states that "the factor of human isolation and withdrawal" appears to be critical in college suicides, and notes the serious problem created by these "loners" and are trying to provide help but admit (in hundreds of letters to us from deans) that they do not have adequate solutions.

This waste of some of the nation's first young people is intolerable. Since for every actual death, nearly a hundred have felt so desperate as to threaten it, much light could be thrown on the subject by learning what factors enabled the fortunate ones to work out of their difficulties and keep going.

With the help of a friend who is vitally interested in this subject, the American Institute of Family Relations is carrying out a nationwide study of what is being done and what could and should be done. We need to hear from as many students and former students as possible who have faced such a crisis. What pulled them out of it? Was it aid furnished by the college or university? community organization? or by a friend? or religion? or reading? Just how did they save themselves?

We will not publish the names of any individuals or schools; the information will be handled statistically and anonymously. If you can call the attention of your readers to this study and ask for volunteers who will write their experiences to me ("person"?) at the above address, it may contribute toward saving valuable lives.

We shall certainly be most grateful for any help you can give.

Paul Popomeo, Sr. D.



"Mas Is Not Very Meaningful..."

By Reg Alexander

Mas Parties
Mas presents
Mas dinners
Mas treads
Mas shopping
Mas crowds
Mas hysteria

The stupid cat was freezing
I was in the snow.
It was too afraid of me to
come in.
I offered bread, milk---
Love, protection,
But it had never seen me. . .
Too afraid to come in;
Stupid cat!
If only I could become a cat. . .

Well, at least to me.
What is it anyway?
Drunken celebration
Cause that's what happened
last year?

The record was blaring
mas music.

Everyone talking, laughin',
and goodtimin'.

"Hi! Joe, ain't seen ya since
last mas."
"Hey, cool mas dress Mary---
you always fit the season.
Say, what kind of mas gift...
you expectin'?"
"No thanks, babe, I'm drivin'
tonight."

Mas traffic
Mas noise
Mas mess

So Far So Good

The Pentagon reports that marine life is alive and well at the ocean-bottom resting place of the USS Arizona. The USS Arizona was sunk August 18 by the Navy with a cargo of deadly nerve gas aboard. Scientists who photographed the bulk of the Briggs the last week of October report that marine life is flourishing in the 16,000-foot depths. They report no evidence of dead or dying organisms and claim they saw fish swimming within 300 to 400 yards of the ship.

Conservationists and others believing the government of Bermuda had feared that the nerve gas might leak from its concrete containers and contaminate the surrounding ocean. The Pentagon reports that chemical tests and water samples taken in the vicinity of the Briggs showed no evidence of nerve gas.

That's it!
That's what mas is missing!
We were too dumb for God
So he became like us!
It all falls in place now!
Now there's meaning!
CHRISTmas.