

Lack of Class Unity

"Now that Gardner-Webb is a four year school" is becoming almost an overworked phrase around here. Yet, it remains true that as a four year school it is time for the Gardner-Webb student body to act and feel like one. There are many stereotypical characteristics of a senior college, distinguishing it from a junior college, but one obvious characteristic is a junior and senior class.

Gardner-Webb now has four separate classes, yet it is difficult for a student to feel he really belongs to the "Class of '72-73," etc. This feeling of class unity must begin in the freshman year. So why not have freshmen dorms, for both men and women? They're freshmen would start out together, perhaps feel less bewildered, get to know their fellow classmates, and learn the many rules of a class, especially since freshmen rules are more strict for girls. It would be simpler to have separate Freshman dorms with upperclassman as dorm officers and hall counselors. This would help the "upper classmen" feel "upper" and strengthen class unity from the beginning. Perhaps joining them with their sister brother class, taking over as class officers until freshmen are elected, hosting the freshmen when they first come, and guiding them as new students here.

Class unity could be further strengthened by having one class order their college ring together. As it is, even a freshman can order a class ring. Other projects such as class-sponsored events could become traditional. Also, class blazers or jackets could become a big thing, with each class a different color.

As of this year, the classes have met as a body very few times. A change can't come altogether by the class officers but they are in a good position to start the program. What are your class officers doing? Students have some power to make this school socially worth attending. Now is a good time to begin.

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A forthcoming issue of *Wildlife in North Carolina* will include two 800 word articles written by Gardner-Webb's College biology majors, Darryl Corley of Bolling Springs and Ronnie Thomas of Blacksburg, South Carolina. Corley is a senior and Thomas a junior.

The articles are based on practical experience of the students and were written as projects for their invertebrate zoology class under Mr. James Fite. These articles were later submitted by Mr. Fite for publication to the magazine, "Fish Bate Galore" is the title of Corley's article and Thomas's entitled "Fantastic Heligermite."

Senate Absentees

Call - Meeting January 25, 1972
 Henry Allen
 Rick Barker
 Suzi Conner
 Phil Hopkins
 Tommy Way

A Look At The State of The Union

"An eloquent, statesmanlike and moving appeal," Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke called it. "Clearly a challenge to the Congress and to the country," said Senator Howard Baker from Tennessee. "A basically sound approach to today's problems," Texas Senator Jody Town.

All three Republicans were referring to President Nixon's third State of the Union Address. What was in the 4,000 word speech before Congress for college students?

"I have found that college students respond to practically the same issues as their parents and others," Senator Town said. "The President's message contains a sound set of constructive programs that respond to and act on the social and environmental problems facing us today."

Tower also emphasized that the President's program can be accepted on a bipartisan basis. "He has thrown down the challenge to attack these problems. It is now up to Congress to act on these proposals which have been pending for a year or more."

The President gave his annual report a new dimension in a 15,000 word written message of past achievements and plans for 1972—primarily an amplification of his intentions in domestic fields.

The President's judgment on two issues important to students illustrates the scope of the written report. (A "State of the World" message comes out February 8.)

Environment. The President pointed out to Congress the achievements during his Administration so far: establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency, new air quality standards, and a beefed up Refuse Act to stop water pollution—with more than 160 civil suits and 320 criminal actions filed in 1971.

"The most striking fact about environmental legislation in the Congress," he said, "is how much has been proposed and how little has been enacted. . . . The need for action in these areas is obvious. The forces which threaten our environment will not wait while we procrastinate." He pledged to include new provisions in his environment message, due the first week in February, and more than triple the 1973 environment budget over 1969's level.

Education. President Nixon recalled his two-year old proposals related to higher education. "Steps related to include new measures to ensure that no qualified person would be barred from college by a lack of money, a National Institute of Education to bring new energy and new direction to educational research, and a National Foundation for Higher Education to encourage innovation in learning beyond high school. These initiatives are still awaiting final action by the Congress. They deserve prompt approval."

He also pointed toward new directions in career and vocational education. "Too often vocational education is foolishly stigmatized as being less desirable than academically-oriented education. And too often the academic curriculum offers very little preparation for viable careers. . . . The unhappy result is high numbers of able people who are unemployed, underemployed, or unhappily employed on the one hand—while equally challenging jobs go begging on the other." The President promised to propose "an intensified federal effort to develop model programs which apply and test the best ideas in this field."

—Washington Campus News Service

In My Opinion . . .

Dear Editor:
 Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Victor and I'm Gardner-Webb's mascot. For a long time, I've noticed that you humans who inhabit the campus have only reported some of the news that was fit to print while passing over some very interesting events. As my canine friends and I travel across the campus, we are aware of many things that escape your attention.

As examples, have you noticed a former G-W basketball player working on the construction crew at the new chapel? Or, were you around the day our maintenance crew dug a large hole under the side of the CID? According to a supervisor at the scene, they were trying to find a leak in a drain that flowed under the creek. While trying to locate the faulty unit, one of the men on the crew used a pair of bent iron rods and walked across the lawn until the rods went in opposite directions. All this I find a leaky pipe. All I saw in my entire time there was a rat's nest and a few old bones (probably buried by my grandfather Victor the Great).

Since most of you aren't here over the weekend, you are probably unaware of some of the campus life. Have you noticed that the cafeteria was open for brunch on Saturday. Whether or not this new schedule worked is to be seen, but it was one of many attempts by the cafeteria staff to fill your needs and desires. While I may be prejudiced because the head of the cafeteria staff is my good friend Jack Greene, your meals must be getting better. I know, because the garbage cans are getting emptier, but what's left is tasting better.

Another group trying to please you are the members of our nationally-ranked basketball team. It is rare that skills and a desire to win are combined and this combination is a tribute to Coach Woodcock's organization and leadership.

GO GET 'EM, DOGS!!!
 Victor
 P.S. If you see anything which you feel would be of use to this column, please write to me, Victor, in care of the Pilot.

Dear Editor:
 It seems that Gardner-Webb College will do almost anything to save a few pennies relative to the operating costs of the institution, even if the students are short-changed in the process. A case in point was evidenced on Sunday evening, January 30, 1972. At this

time there were seven students using the facilities in the Campus Center; it was 8:15 p.m. One of the c a m p u s security guards promptly entered the building enroute of his appointed rounds and announced that he was locking up because there weren't "enough" students in the building. Just exactly how many students are "enough" to keep one building open until its regular time of closing? Is one security guard the ultimate judge of how many is the proper number?

This writer has personal knowledge of one professor who wished to do some work in his office this particular evening, but he was locked out.

The Student Handbook states that the CID is supposed to remain open until at least 10:00 p.m., and

recently the Student Government has arranged for the time to be 11:00 p.m.

It seems that regardless of the rules, things at Gardner-Webb will be run just the way anyone pleases, anyone except the students.

Thank you,
 Burton Skinner '73

(Editor's note: Mr. Skinner has quite a valid point. This same situation has occurred at other times in the year. Students returning on Sundays from home need to get in the CID to check their mail. Also with the pinball machines in operation, the student center should remain open for this activity, not to mention the use of the library for study and socializing. It is hoped that this situation will be investigated and cleared up immediately.)

For What It's Worth

EXTRA . . . EXTRA . . . "Girls leaving the campus at any time must have a faculty chaperone or a written permission from parents sent directly to the Dean of Women. Girls must wear dress-up dresses and hose whenever they date or when they leave the campus. If they leave before 6:00 p.m. they must wear hats. Dinner dates always require hats. Walking with dates on the campus at night is STRICTLY UNLAWFUL. Smoking is prohibited for the girls. Violation of this rule will mean probation or expulsion from the school. There will be no visiting in parked cars at ANY TIME with ANYONE.—Boys are not to walk girls to the dormitory after 2:00 P.M. and are not to wear suits, dress shirts, and ties on dates, at church, and at Sunday dinner." — Relax; these are the social regulations that were in existence for Gardner-Webb students in 1950. Today these rules are just plain funny. They were so ridiculous, but they governed the generation before us. We complain about the rules today—at least progress has been made since 1950. Just think how it once was!!!

In connection with Religious Emphasis Week optional seminars will be held in the evenings. In order to receive the full benefit of attending these sessions it would help if the professors would not give many tests or heavy assignments during the week. It is understandable that each class has a syllabus to follow. However, if Religious Emphasis Week is worth having then it must be worth the preparation before us. We complain about the rules today—at least progress has been made since 1950. Just think how it once was!!!

Where do Gardner-Webb boarding students spend a great deal of their time? Of course, the cafeteria. It seems that during the rush hour a nonmaker would feel differently from a smoker. However, never for an empty table. Could additional tables possibly be placed at the back of the cafeteria to accommodate the rush-hour crowd? Also at the back of the cafeteria there is a tiny table on which sign says "No Smoking." Maybe because of the size of the sign many students have failed to abide by this rule. Who can relax and eat with the smell and nuisance of smoke from someone at the next table? Of course, a nonmaker would feel differently from a smoker. However, never "No Smoking" sign is not just a decoration for the wall. A Saturday brunch was a change of pace for the students who remained on campus the last weekend in January. At most households with children, Saturday is the time for television cartoons. At the house of Gardner-Webb students were entertained by the antics of Mr. Magoo and the adventures of Roadrunner. The brunch idea seemed to be good in theory and practice, and gave students an unusual Saturday morning.

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