

Leadership Key To Student Power

Gardner-Webb students have more power than ever before. Students have been placed on all faculty committees and with the active Student Senate, students are being seen and heard. The new Student Government Constitution gave the students some rope to work with. It is apparent that the key to an effective SGA is concerned and alert student leaders.

We need to plan now for next year! An assistantship as a work-study program for the five executive officers would enhance the position and give more students an opportunity to consider running for election. The SGA officers spend more than the fifteen hours per week attending committee meetings and fulfilling other responsibilities. Most students must work to pay their way to Gardner-Webb and do not have the free-time to be an all-involved SGA officer. The money would not be sufficient to equal the time and work required, certainly an assistantship program is worth considering if the executive officers can be expected to be leaders giving their all.

The student's application of his theorized power could and is becoming a reality. Success and progress depends on the SGA leaders and every student's support of his elected leaders. We need to start now to plan for next year. Who on campus are capable of fulfilling the executive positions next year?

S. A. H.

For What It's Worth

A petition has been distributed around campus stating that "We the undersigned, give our support to the traditional May Day activities and are opposed to it being replaced by 'Spring Carnival.'" In an attempt to secure signatures supporting the plea it was found that many students "could care less." It is the existing attitude then maybe May Day or Spring Jubilee in any form has lost its meaning and purpose. Many students are indifferent and oblivious, so why should a student and faculty members knock themselves out planning, decorating, and directing? Would students object if there was no Spring activity? In essence, is May Day still relevant and applicable to the Gardner-Webb student today?

"Emphasis on responsible involvement in solving the problems of the world and the individual" was the publicized purpose of our Spring Religious Emphasis Week. The week proved that involvement and concern cannot be forced on any person. Seminar sessions were made available to students during the week and the conferences that were most attended included: Facing Honest Doubt About Doing the Will of God, Moral Issues Confronting Christian Students, Poverty and Hunger in the World, and Christian Marxism. (This response may indicate the concerns of students today.) The session which was attended by the least number of students was Now that You Are 18 and Have the Vote and this may reflect the apathy of adults in youth. The conferences were available to each student, and not requiring such student attendance to attend the seminar sessions was beneficial. Any person will benefit more from attending a conference of his own choice, and being there because he wants to be there, than if he is forced to attend. In the overall attendance was not surprising that there was no disappointing in the students who wanted to participate. The week proved that if the sessions are worth attending and are appealing, then students will be responsive.

Choral Ensemble On Tour

The Gardner-Webb Choral Ensemble will begin their annual spring tour on Saturday, March 4 with a concert at the Calvary Heights Baptist Church in Morganton. The Ensemble will be touring at churches and high schools in North Carolina and Virginia from March 4-9.

The performances on March 5 will be at College Avenue Baptist Church in Lenoir, Greenway Baptist Church in Boone, and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Elkin.

On March 6 the three performances will be at North Spury High School in Mt. Airy, Stoneville High School in Stoneville, and First Baptist Church in Troy.

Tuesday, March 7 will include concerts at Forest Hills High

School in Marshville, Bowman High School in Wadesboro, and Elizabethown Baptist Church.

Programs will be presented at North Pitt High School in Bethel and Norview Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia on March 8.

The final performances will be on March 9 at Chowan College in Murfreesboro and Southside Baptist Church in Greensboro.

The College Ensemble is the official Touring Church of the college. It is composed of thirty voices.

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The Ensemble is directed by Dr. George Cribb.

FRANKLY SPEAKING by Phil Frank



Senate Absentees

FEBRUARY 8, 1972
Jim Aaron
Stephanie Anglo
Joe Bennett
Steve Carswell

Daryl Corley
Gail Davis
Sam Matison
Dick Smith
Jack Stewart

In My Opinion . . .

Editor:
During February 7-11, the students and staff of Gardner-Webb College were "participants" in Religious Emphasis Week. Or at least that was the intention. Yet once again, our school has failed to grasp the necessity of making Religious Emphasis Week, Fall Revival, and weekly chapel real engagements with God. We have been herded and captured by college policies into that hot, uncomfortable room so that we are able to hear lectures about communism, eye banks or ways of living that are only talked about and not lived. Because of this, many students are forced to escape this coercive atmosphere by reading or day-dreaming or some other mental exercise while some of us have been able to find insight and blessing from the services, a greater number has been bored and discouraged by the attitude which is present.

Religious Emphasis Week points to the need to improve and vitalize the Christian spirit on our campus. Jesus Christ was followed by men. Throughout history, His people have followed Him. While He sought Man and came to be the cure of our spiritual and physical ills, he does not force men to come to Him. Rather, they are compelled to be with Him because they have recognized for themselves the love and mercy which He is witness to. Men were attracted to Him, not pushed by others to His feet.

Further, Jesus treated each man as individual. He did not group them together and approach them in the same way. Throughout His history, He treated people as separate creations, unfulfilled and needing Him in their lives.

At Gardner-Webb, we need a realization of God as He is seen in the Bible. It will never happen through chapel or revivals or any other similar activity. While many improvements and creative ideas have been implemented to make these times more worshipful, the spirit which exists when students are required to attend chapel makes it difficult to succeed in doing so. To realize Gardner-Webb's purpose of "developing quality Christian students who think for themselves," these students must be allowed, after viewing the testimony of Christian lives and not hearing the words of what some believe to be hypothetical messages, to think for themselves and decide to follow

Victor Back From Mexico

My, amigo! I just got back from Mexico where our Bulldogs proved once again their superiority on the hardwood court.

The trip was extremely exciting. While the Dogs were battling the University of Guadalajara and Montecrey, Tex. I was exploring the sights of Mexico City. After dining on enchiladas and tortillas I took an afternoon siesta in a sun-baked corner of the town plaza. That evening I entertained a little chihuahua in a quiet spot off the beaten track. Traveling about town a local taxi, I saw many of the sights which most tourists miss. While I became well acquainted with lesser-visited slums and shopping areas, I still went to the "tourist traps" where I was encouraged to buy souvenirs and gifts by the local merchants. While I was reluctant to part with my American dollars, I understand other members of the group gave up their cash in a few shiny blades and a couple of pesos change. In fact, customs officers at the airport were quite impressed with their purchases.

Be sure to look for my letter in the next PILOT. Until then,
Adios amigos,
Victor

College has become known as a cheating school. Now is the time to change that. We can only lead others to follow Him by the examples of our lives.

Students speak louder than words, especially those words which are hidden in coercion and requirements.

—Bill Kelley

Editor:
The Pacific, Gas and Electric were told they could not perform at Gardner-Webb College on Thursday, February 17, 1972.

By contract, P. G. & E. were to give an hour concert beginning at 9:00 p.m. in Best Physical Education (furnishing their own sound system).

P. G. & E. stated their sound system was on a truck, broken down, sixty miles from Columbia, S. C. WARM, the opening act, was asked if P. G. & E. could use their sound system. WARM refused.

These conditions made a concert impossible. The assembled group was told that because of the existing conditions a ticket would be passed out at the door for those attending concert other than Gardner-Webb students for the February 19, 1972.

P. G. & E. came into the gymnasium, talked to WARM about the concert and refused to perform. It was announced that the concert was terminated and that P. G. & E. would not perform.

This interpreted by me as a breach of contract and no payment was made to P. G. & E.
Tom Poston

EDITOR'S NOTE

On February 7, 1972, the PILOT received a letter from some students in Spangler and Myers dorms, signed "Complaint Unlimited." It is a policy of this paper to only print those letters which are signed. If the writer wishes, his name may be withheld at request, but the editor must know who wrote it. This policy and others were stated in the first edition of the PILOT, September 14, 1971. It is regrettable that the letter was not printed, since it contained some valuable remarks. These remarks concerned the absence of sidewalks near the dorms.

When it rains, the men have to walk in mud or on the road and get their feet soaked in the puddles. The students complained about the repulsive odor and stagnant water outside the back of the cafeteria, that they have to walk by their way to eat.

It is suggested that "Complaints Unlimited" see their senators about some action. In fact, action has reportedly already been taken by the senators.

The PILOT also welcomes further letters on the subject, provided they are signed.

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