

Presidents 1972-73 Challenge Students

Gardner-Webb College has begun what I consider a very crucial year. The following SFT program merits deep consideration, I believe. Students—The reason for the existence of the college.

Faculty—Includes teachers, staff, and administrators.

Trustees—Involves advisors and associates, as well as trustees. The groups listed above will determine, this year whether or not Gardner-Webb College becomes a first-rate Christian Senior College. Christian unity must be the heart of the college.

Gardner-Webb has set an image of Free Enterprise and Christian Commitment. The college does not seek nor accept government grants or loans. The school is proud of her owners—The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Two major problems face the college: (1) maintaining and improving the purpose and (2) becoming financially secure. I believe that when the SFT truly experiences the CCC, (Contact, Cooperation, Communication), Gardner-Webb College will live and make great Christian contributions to the Nation and the World.

We'll know more about the future of the college in May of 1973—Should God allow the world to stand that long.

E. Eugene Poston
College President

As our college continues to grow the necessity to communicate will continue to grow just as quickly or even more so. I hope this year creates a larger step than ever before to the goal of complete communication between all members. This concept will become more important as students become better informed of their student rights.

Far in the advance of the communication factor lies the concept of contact. Contact must be made before any positive steps can be taken toward any decision-making process involving more than one person. Whenever appropriate, meaningful contact is made let us make to have an open mind to each other's rights and responsibilities as unique individuals.

Cooperation cannot come about without everyone pledging themselves to understanding each other's opinions. No one part of the college can function to a sound degree without the cooperation of everyone being concerned.

Taking these three into scope at once I hope you see that they are somewhat synonymous. For us to obtain the positive aspect of all three there needs to be a working unity between all of them. In our willingness to contact, hopefully we will strive for cooperation. Cooperate, but be eager to stress your own ideology. From this contact and cooperation, the goal of communication can be reached.

Throughout the summer months much thought and consideration was given by the Student Government Executive Officers and advisors concerning the many possible SGA related activities for this year. We are in complete agreement that with our present student body's creative, positive thinking we can make this year a success to be proud of.

The Executive Officers have chosen the SGA theme for the fall and spring semesters to be the three important concepts: CONTACT - COOPERATION - COMMUNICATION. Throughout every phase of life all students have come into contact with these or they would have given up their educational future a long time ago.

I would like for all of us to give some personal thoughts to these, and for all of us to make it a part of our thinking just as the SGA has committed itself to do this.

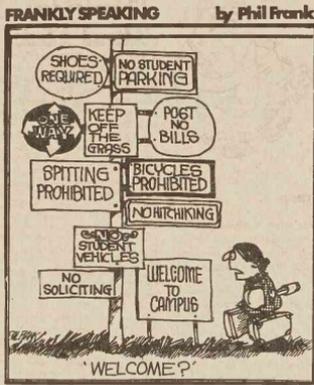
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Beginnings...

College begins,

a time when the hot sun beams down on freshmen in a registration line excitement, anticipation, uncertainty fills the air and you are thankful. Classes begin.

a time when the campus hums with the rush of students finding classes laughter, embarrassment, uneasiness, hope are prevalent upon meeting your professors and they you

and you are thankful.

Meetings begin,

a time when freshmen meet upper classmen, some who are helpful, some who aren't, and the search for friends is started slight apprehension at first, then personal acquaintance which develops

into a growing, trusting confidence with certain personalities and you are thankful.

Involvement begins,

a time for hurting when the other fellow does sharing, honesty together, both happy and sad, facing reality understanding, support, confusion, fear, determination, faith are present and you are thankful.

a time for a new beginning, and a continuation of fulfillment of goals restlessness, sleeplessness, uneasiness prevent but not restlessness support and understanding are there

and you are thankful.

Struggles begin,

a time when problems seem too great to handle, you wonder and question

discouragement, despair, fear loneliness, unhappiness exist

yet there are those who care

and you are thankful.

Thankful,

because it's going to be a growing, learning experience because there are those special people who will strive to back you up, understand when understanding is difficult, show concern, and take the courage to become involved.

because you've been given the opportunity to share in the life-styles of many people whose influences will leave lasting impressions upon your life.

because in reflecting upon events that occur during the semester you have the privilege to weed out the bad, dwell a little good, and go on from there.

because you've met the Master who will make the way bearable and the reaching of the end possible.

by Lou Clontz

Editorial Policy

A new school year brings a new batch of students and a new PILOT staff together. Each new editor along with the staff and advisor must determine the policies of the newspaper. Cooperation and understanding from the beginning will lessen the plague of poor communication and extreme diversification. It must be understood that all editorials and opinions which appear in the PILOT are written by individuals and are personal opinions which do not represent the views of the newspaper staff, the student body, administration, or faculty.

The PILOT intends to be a mirror of the interests, activities and projects of the student body and is the principle medium by which student views and opinions are exchanged. It is an expressive outlet and not a "one-man-show" group sheet. Reactions and responsible comments to issues presented in the PILOT are always welcomed. All letters and editorials must be signed in longhand, although the name may be omitted upon valid request. By virtue of the position, any editor is responsible for all printed articles and has the right to edit any material submitted for publication. Letters will be accepted from members of Gardner-Webb's faculty, staff, administration, or student body, and all are subject to editing according to the standards of good journalism and the personal interest of the editor. No more than five letters will be printed per issue and the maximum length for a letter is 30 words.

Our PILOT is the chief means of presenting a picture to the public and to the students of representative life at Gardner-Webb. A "pilot" is one who steers the way and our pledge for the 1972-73 school year is to create a newspaper that contacts, cooperates, communicates, and above all challenges.

—THE PILOT staff

'Job Well Done'

Dear Editor,

Upon looking back on last week I must say that Gardner-Webb excelled in its orientation program. The continuity and efficiency with which it was carried out was almost to perfection. As a member of the orientation committee I was able to witness from the inside the workings of the week, and I must say I was quite pleased.

The Freshmen and transfer students were given numerous opportunities to acquaint themselves with the college, students, and administration. The many activities were of great help to me. I think that Gardner-Webb owes a debt of gratitude to John Fowler for the tremendous effort put forth by him as Orientation Committee Chairman. He has put in the majority of his time in the planning of the orientation week and it has turned out to be time well spent.

I know that many students join with me in offering congratulations and a "job well done" to John. He has shown that with planning and co-operation between students and administration what a debt of gratitude is a time of confusion and frustration can come out rewarding. Again, thank you John.

Sincerely yours
Bud Thomas