

Letters To The Editor

Dress Codes And Curfews

YOU
Talk



Dear Editor:
I feel that some changes should take place in order for Gardner-Webb to grow and prosper as a four year institution. I am not advocating any drastic changes in the rules, but Gardner-Webb will never become a university unless it makes some changes.

First, I feel that the girls' dress code for Sunday lunch should be discontinued. It's not fair that girls should have to wear a dress to the cafeteria if they do not go to church. It's really a hassle to have to get up and put on a dress to go eat. What is worse than that is the fact that the guys come to the cafeteria wearing their holey T-shirts and jeans. The rules should either be discontinued or enforced for both sexes.

Secondly, I don't feel that the girls should have curfews on the weekend. The weekend is the only time a student can call his or her own. Why should a girl have to be in at 12 or 1 when studies don't really demand her time? If she had chosen to go home for the weekend, she could choose her own timetable. When a girl has 12 o'clock permission, she



Dear Editor:

I feel that it is high time for someone in this school to take up for probably the most ignored and mistreated group on campus—the day students. Before you laugh this statement off, bear with me for just a few minutes. Most of you reading this will be boarding students who are preoccupied with the problems of living on campus, and facing up to and learning to live with such things as required chapel, curfew hours, the dress code (particularly hair for men), and even cafeteria food. However, the day student "organization" (as it is called on paper) is the largest so called organization at Gardner-Webb, and it not only has to face most of what a boarding student must face, but it has to literally put up with no campus communication, no structural leaders help and next to no parking! I shall take these one at a time.

First, over a year ago the administration took the post office boxes assigned to day students in the CID building away from then and used the boxes for boarding students. The reason: so no one would have to share a post office box with anyone else. For those of us who can remember sharing a box, it was no big deal, but evidently someone thought it was. The result: all day students lost their post office boxes. This effectively shut down any communications the day students might have with anyone and crippled the day student "organization." How can the day students receive information, you ask? Well, when the day students needs to be contacted by the school he is mailed a letter, naturally costing the

Day Students

college money. If the day students are rounded off to 600 students, then it costs the college 60 dollars just to contact them. A flagrant waste when it could be done free! What is being done? Last year the Student Government Association installed a little rack in the post office for day student letters. The complaint was that it was never used. The day students are not aware it's there. An announcement has never been made. What to do? There are a number of solutions. One would be to return to the old way of distributing mail with two people to a box, or another would be to distribute mail by dorms. This is done in all large colleges, why won't it work here? There are more but let's move on.

Next, there is no structural leadership. Even though last year the day student organization had a president, etc., to my knowledge not one meeting was ever called. If one was, no one knew about it. I don't know if officers have been elected this year or not, but unless communications are improved there probably won't be a meeting this year either.

Finally, parking for day students is absolutely ridiculous! They pay 15 dollars for the right to park on campus and unless they arrive by 7:45 they can't. There are just no parking places. One has to look behind Stroup dorm on the highway for a prime example. Cars are parked on the shoulders down the road. The day students will arrive at their area only to find first, that it is half occupied by dormitory parking and the rest were lucky. He has to park off campus and face the possibility of a parking

fine on top of his 15 dollars already paid. Parking places must be made available! If not the college should pay for all tickets received. The administration is screaming about building new buildings, how about some of that 10 million for a new parking lot! Before you provide for the students not yet here, how about providing for the ones that are here! Thank you for listening.

Robert Cribb

"Concerned Female"

Dear Editor,

Having carefully read my very worthy opponent's—"Concerned Male"—viewpoints, I am compelled to point out one or two fallacies in his logic.

Firstly, it is irrelevant to bring other problems like the "hair rules" into a discussion about curfew rules. The only similarities are surface ones, in that both regulations are discriminatory. "Concerned Male," the length of your hair does not infringe on your mobility. Short hair or not, you may go anywhere you please at any time with no one hanging over you to make sure you follow the rules. The length of your hair does not inhibit your freedom.

Also, you describe GW as "a Christian school." Ideally, it is. But it is in rather poor taste to use "Christianity" as an excuse for discrimination.

This letter is not a vendetta against you—"Concerned Male"—it is a request to use clear logic instead of slogans and rhetoric.

Sincerely,
"Concerned Female"

Debating Team Organized Here

Gardner-Webb is in the process of organizing a debating team. The team will travel to different colleges throughout the year to participate in inter-collegiate debating tournaments. Anyone interested in participating on the team is asked to contact Jeff Osborne, Portek Trailers, D-2, or drop a note to him in P.O. Box 837. A faculty advisor is also needed to sponsor the debating team. Volunteers, anyone? If so, please contact Jeff Osborne.

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required for a school to provide access to men's teams if it furnishes women separate opportunities to participate in the same type of sports on the same level.

The regulation permits separate housing based on sex as well as separate locker rooms, toilets and showers. Concerning housing, the regulation requires comparability as to the facilities, and nondiscrimination as to their availability and as to the rules under which they are operated, including fees, hours, and requirements for off-campus housing.

Curfew hours will be the major concern for most college campuses and especially Gardner-Webb. The Members of the Association of College and University Housing Offices, welcome and endorse the intent and the spirit of Title IX. However, the Association has a few questions they need answered by HEW. The terms "comparable", "equal", "reasonable", and "proportionate" all of which appear throughout the proposed regulations, need to be defined.

The representatives of the fifty-three colleges and universities who are members of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools have already discussed Title IX and the problems which might appear in the interpretation of the terms used, and have made a resolution encouraging HEW to define the terms precisely.

The Association of Southern Baptist schools have also committed on how some of the provisions violate the spirit of positive Christian commitment, thus creating moral and Christian conflict, as it relates to the basic health, safety, honor, respect and position of all persons.

Title IX is a part of Education Amendments Act of 1972 and that Act amends the Higher Education of 1965 which states, "nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any department, agency, officer or employee of the United States to exercise any direction, supervision, or control over the curriculum, programs of instruc-

tion, administration or personnel of any educational institution, or over the selection of library resources by any education institution." This is where most of the controversy comes from is the inconsistency between the two amendments.

Precisely how Title IX is going to affect church related schools such as Gardner-Webb is hard to tell as of now, but it is a safe presumption that this will bring much discussion.

However Mr. Briggs, Director of Financial Aid, has pointed out that there are several things that could change. Gardner-Webb would lose our identity and uniqueness if we had to comply with the rules as written now," states Mr. Briggs. "Another important factor is the loss of autonomy in our higher education and the complete loss of freedom to govern our own institutions."

The Pilot plans to continue further articles on Title IX, especially interviewing administrators on their observation and projections.

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