

The Editor Speaks . . .

This new year is going to be one of challenge and promise for every individual concerned with Gardner-Webb College. Last year, several changes were made, involving the additional and elimination of positions in administration and faculty. Also, with each group of new students, new ideas and new actions are going to occur, thus inducing change. Time will only tell how changes are going to effect this college.

Many people have expressed varying opinions about the effect of our recent changes. The expressing of opinion is important and mandatory to the development and progress of any institution. However, opinion works best when channeled into well-researched and valid constructive criticism, and its main purpose becomes the desire for improved communication and understanding.

If there could be such a thing as a "theme" for a newspaper, I would like to see the word "communication" used for the embodiment of that theme. It is so important for us to communicate with other people in a spirit of

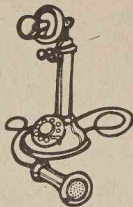
open-mindedness, and truly try to understand others thoughts and feelings.

Oftentimes, we find it much easier to close our minds. We also tend to let rumors become the main part of conversations and rather than discover what truth there may be in the rumor, we let the rumor grow tremendously out of proportion. I hope that we can realize how dangerous rumors may be and strive to find the truth.

Hopefully, The PILOT will be a vehicle to convey the theme of communication. Therefore, if any rumor springs up and begins to grow, please bring your concern to any member of the PILOT staff or myself, and we will do our best to investigate the information and present a truthful statement or analysis of our research.

Perhaps you feel that I've simply restated the editorial policy and in essence I have. My main point in writing this is to emphasize strongly the necessity of open lines of honest communication. As I wonder about this new year, let me refer to the greatest example of communication and truth I know. "And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth." (John 1:14a, The Living Bible).

YOU
Talk



WE
Listen!

Editorial Policy

A new school year brings together a new group of students and a new PILOT staff. Each new editor along with the staff and advisor must determine the policies of the newspaper. Cooperation, understanding, and a desire for open, honest communication are the necessary elements

for we, the staff, and all other members of the GWC community to keep in mind, if the newspaper is to be a comprehensive and well-balanced "voice" of Gardner-Webb College. All editorials which appear in the PILOT are written by individuals and are personal opinions which do not necessarily represent the views of the administration, faculty, newspaper staff, or student body.

Becky Bost

Impressions Of GWC

Since becoming a new student at Gardner-Webb College, I have felt many mixed emotions. This year, being away from home for the first time, I was left bewildered. The orientation committee had a big responsibility trying to help us adjust to college life. They deserve a big hand for the tremendous job they (our big brothers and sisters), did in preparing us for the big transition between high school and college. Also a big hearty thanks needs to go to Dr. Poston, the administration, and the faculty. I feel here at Gardner-Webb one can relate to professors on a one-to-one basis. The purpose of my being here is to get a good quality Christian education. I feel one can achieve that purpose here at Gardner-Webb College. In the short time I have been here I would recommend Gardner-Webb College for anyone.

-Jody Harwood

All letters and editorials must be signed in longhand, although the name may be omitted upon valid request. The editor has the right to edit any material submitted, due to the responsibility of her or his position. Editing may also be necessary due to the editor's personal integrity, or her or his complying with the standards of good journalism. Letters will be accepted from any member of the Gardner-Webb family. No more than five letters will be printed per issue and the maximum length for a letter is 100 words.

—The PILOT staff

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

Sept.
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A Man
Called
Horse



ATTENTION!

Many of last year's students have not picked up their annuals. The annuals may be picked up in Room 112 CID.

Chat With The President

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nated for faculty pay increases.

Third in importance to Dr. Poston for this year, is the campaign to build a Special Activities building. The main problem in making the dream a reality, is the tremendous cost of the building, an estimated \$2.5 million.

The upgrading of equipment and the remodeling of some buildings, is fourth of Dr. Poston's priorities list. For instance, he feels that remodeling Hamrick building would be a good start, and that Hamrick should be remodeled rather than torn down. According to architects, Hamrick is a well-built structure and just needs "face-lifting."

Dr. Poston believes the spirit of the students is stronger than it has been in a long time. He adds that the changes made last year have increased a spirit of coopera-

tion and willingness to help. Dr. Poston wants to add to this spirit of cooperation by getting more involved in student life than ever before. He will now be more available for informal "chats;" will visit more student functions, and will have more students over to his house for informal get-togethers. He also wants to visit classrooms and see what students are learning. He regrets that his presidential duties and his extra duties in the area of development have kept him away and his extra duties in the area of development have kept him away from students so long, but now feels free to become involved.

Dr. Poston states that he loves Gardner-Webb and finds great joy in working with everyone involved with the college. He looks forward to the coming years and says, "We can do whatever we want to get done."

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