

Across the Editor's Desk

Roberta L. Borden

It seems as though this issue of the *Pilot*, and almost every conversation on campus, has turned once again to the neverending statement—"There's never anything to do on campus." I, myself, have been guilty of this hopeless whine. What we need to ask ourselves is if this is really true. Granted, a lot of you believe there is nothing to do besides getting drunk or rolling the campus. Somehow I don't buy this. If you expect Gardner-Webb to sponsor school-related beer-fests, like Appalachian or Carolina, then you are crazy. You might as well mail your transfer forms out right now.

Social life does have its place in a college community and G-W tries (they really do) to provide things that you will enjoy participating in. They are not; however, your own personal babysitter. You are big boys and girls now and ought to be able to productively passify yourselves. Boiling Springs is a virtual desert; culturally, but how many sizeable towns and cities border it in all directions? How many movie theatres are in Shelby?

A thought that you may want to consider is that responsibility and/or academics can be interesting. Talk to your friends about something newsworthy. Read a book. Go out and jog. Do something that will be beneficial to you in some way.

I have heard about a group of men on this campus who often stage elaborate war games. I assure you, this does not appeal to me, but at least they are using a little ingenuity and creativity. They should be commended for this.

When clubs are left unattended, plays left unseen and unparticipated in and recitals left unheard of, I know you are severely limiting yourselves. Try something new, get involved, and stop feeling sorry for yourselves! You'd really be surprised at how trivial your problems seem when you accurately see how your life is related to others. Focus upon the great opportunities which are available to you and all that you should be grateful for in your life. Don't waste your time but rather carefully invest it and you will see the profits reaped from even a minimal amount of effort.

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Disaster Editorial Draws Fire

Letters To The Editor

. . . it is very sad to think someone could put such a slam on the volunteers who put their life on the line everytime the tone sounds.

I would just like to say to the writer of the article on the mock disaster, God help you if you are ever in need of help. After all, you might need to call on someone. Just pray that if you do, someone will be able to hear your cry. God help me that I might be close by to assist my rescue unit in helping to save you from pain. A big majority of our volunteers are also employed by Gardner-Webb, they have in the past laid their life on the line not only for Gardner-Webb but for all of Boiling Springs

The students were not pressured into being patients, they were volunteers. I'm very sorry they were injured that night.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Justice
A member of Boiling Springs Resuce Unit

Dear Editor,

Your paper showed ignorance in printing this article. I don't think you know anything about the group you are "putting down"; allow me to tell you a few facts about these people. All these people are volunteers, none of them are paid for this job which they do out of love and concern for others. Do you know how many times they leave their families to do a volunteer service? They don't ask for money or even thanks. They just wish people who don't know what they are talking about wouldn't put them down.

First of all, the first patient of the night was hurt before any ambulance or fire truck arrived on the scene. The second patient might have been hurt because of the simulation, but don't accidents happen every day?

Second, the two, not one, patient in the basement was located in much less than an hour. However, it might have been more than an hour before these students were moved, that is the way it should have been, they were marked dead. The dead people in a disaster are the last to be moved.

Third, the disaster was handled in a very coordinated and professional manner. Concern-

ing these small groups of disaster workers your paper said were moving about without direction; did it occur to you they may have been assigned to assess the situation. Sometimes you must decide what needs to be done next and where more help needs to be placed.

where more help needs to be placed.

If we ever do have a "REAL" disaster at Gardner-Webb, I pray God will help us all. I also thank God now for the fine volunteers we have in this area and pray they never have to use the training they received in this disaster. I am proud to say I am one of those volunteers. It is our feeling that this paper owes us an apology for the grave misjustice done us. This experience was for us to practice our skills and in our opinion we didn't do bad.

Think about it next time you call the rescue squad or fire department. When was the last time you volunteer your time?

Debrah Hope Boiling Springs Rescue

I know this won't be printed in you paper, but at least I got my say.

Dear Editor:

I was appalled at the description and criticism given to the personnel involved. I helped the Boiling Springs Rescue Squad and was involved in the mock disaster.

I would like to emphasize to the Gardner-Webb student and faculty that all the personnel which responded to the disaster VOLUNTEERS. We volunteer our time to take the training to help aid the needs of others. This mock disaster was part of our training. The author of the article (which was not signed) described he observed workers moving about without direction and appearing rather confused, did he expect everyone to know exactly what to do at all times? I ask you, does your athletic teams go out to play a game without practice? NO! I graduated from G-W in 1981 and was womens basketball manager for four year. I realize the hard work and practice which goes into preparing for a game. Well the same is true for this practice mock disaster. We must practice for the real thing which we all pray will never happen.

Renee Blanton Walker

Professional Wrestling: Fact or Fiction

by Ronnie Warrick

In the last year and a half, professional wrestling has headways towards becoming the country's most popular and watched "sport". Not since the days featuring wrestlers such as Lou Thesz, Buddy Rogers, and Gorgeous George has wrestling enjoyed such popularity as it does now in areas throughout the world. Avid fans can feel the pain their favorite grapplers suffer in the ring, but the majority of people contend that the sport pre-staged and in simple terms - fake.

To support the accusations of wrestling's untruthfulness, ABC's top-ranked program "20/20" recently sent report John Stossel to interview wrestlers Eddy Mansfield and "Dr. D" David Schultz. In the case of Mansfield, he publicly denounced wrestling as being a put-on. Mansfield was more than willing to tell the viewing audience his truth, for he had been "Blackballed" by many promoters around the country and was thus unable to wrestle

professionally. In the interview he showed Stossel that fleshwounds obtained in a match result from tiny razor plades taped to a wrestler's wrists. He stated that one wipe of the forehead produces what many fans come to see, this being blood. On cable television shows such as "Regis Philbern", Mansfield demonstrated the correct procedures for executing harmless suplexes, body slams, and the death-defying leaps from the top of the turnbuckles.

Upon Stossel's interviewing Schultz, the reporter suffered permanent hearing loss from a slap from the 285 pound wrestler. According to many, Stossel provoked the wrestler by asking if the sport was indeed fake. Due to the pain and loss that Stossel suffered, a six-digit lawsuit was presented against Schultz.

On the other hand, many people are steadfast in their opinions that wrestling is genuine. Accidents have occurred inside the squared circle

that can support the theories of these people. The most recent accident resulted in the death of a former tag-team wrestling champion, Jay Youngblood. Youngblood died in a hospital in Australia from heart failure which followed a match in which he suffered a brutal beating from his opponent. Several cases surround wrestler Ox Baker who traditionally defeats his opponents with his famed "Heart punch". Baker has killed two young mat stars with this fatal blow.

While the issue of wrestling being real or fake wages on, promoter like Jim Crockett in Charlotte and Vince McMahon in New York are collecting heavily at the box offices. As long as heroes such as Hulk Hogan and Magnum T.A. are battling villains Ric Flair and Roddy Piper wrestling will survive in the United States and will eventually will become the number one sport in the nation.