

Belmont Fans Cause Stir

by Ronnie Warrick

When is a sports fan not a true sports fan at heart? To me, the answer is when the fan has to turn to shouting obscenities at the opposing team and accompanying supporters.

On Saturday night, January 18, I witnessed an unbelievable act of poor sportsmanship displayed by ten "gentlemen" at the Belmont Abbey - Gardner-Webb basketball contest. Prior to the tipoff, the ten Abbey students paraded in to Wheeler Center clad in bathrobes, cowboy hats and boots, and several were even "armed" with golf clubs. To the fellow crusader students, these guys appeared to be heroes, or better yet, defenders of the universe. After about one minute of their gestures directed toward the Gardner-Webb team and fans, I decided they weren't fans, they were jokes.

The "cheering" embarrassed the other Abbey fans who came to see the game, not "The Gong Show." When asked if Belmont Abbey was indeed a Christian school, the only reply a female Abbey student could give was an embarrassed smile.

It may be true that Gardner-Webb is not the mecca of fan enthusiasm, but those of you that complain about this fact should be glad we don't have comedians like the ones at Belmont Abbey running around the Paul Porter Arena on game nights. We should be thankful for the Christian standards upheld by Bulldog fans at all contests.

Presidential Scholars Spotlighted

by Steve Nelson

Gardner-Webb hosted some very distinguished guests on February 7, the date of the annual Presidential Scholars day. Out of almost four hundred applicants, the forty-two finalists and their parents were on campus for a luncheon featuring GW president Craven Williams as the principle speaker. In addition, each finalist was interviewed by a faculty or staff member and an alumnus of the college. These interviews will help the selection committee in their final decision as to the nine Presidential Scholars and the recipient of the Spangler Leadership Scholarship.

In order to become one of the finalists, each applicant must meet the requirements in the areas of SAT scores and academic strengths, as well as be involved in a variety of activities.

In addition, an application, complete with three letters of recommendation, must be submitted. The top applicants in these areas are then notified and invited to campus as finalists.

The nine Presidential scholarships, founded in honor of Gardner-Webb's nine former presidents, and the Spangler Leadership Scholarship are the highest academic awards given at Gardner-Webb. They are awarded for four years in the amount of \$2100 annually, commencing with the 86-87 academic year, and are adjusted accordingly with tuition rates. In order to maintain these scholarships, a cumulative QPR of 3.0 must be maintained; if a recipient's grades should slip, however, the scholarship can be reinstated when the required standard has been met.

**Happy
Valentine's Day!
THE PILOT STAFF**

Registration '86 a Breeze

by Mary Moore

The numbers are finally in for this semester, and despite the much publicized drops in national college enrollment, Gardner-Webb enrollment seems to be quite stable. This semester the overall enrollment, including auditing, GOAL, and graduate students, is 1,748, compared to 1,754 in 1985's spring term, and 1,663 in 1984's spring term. There was also a marked increase in the number of graduate student - 202 this spring as compared to 181 in 1985, and 102 in 1984.

It was the smoothest registration in years, according to registrar Lucy Wilson. Ms. Wilson attributes the success of the registration to a higher percentage of the student body preregistering this spring. There were also fewer students who went through drop and add.

Several students were also pleasantly surprised about registration. Wendy Webber, who is in her second semester here, felt it went much better than fall registration. "I just picked up my papers and went straight to the end of the line."

Becky Niketas, who is in her fourth semester agrees. "It was much better than it's been before. I walked right through."

Most of the students who did not have difficulty said that they felt that preregistration and signing their business forms before leaving for Christmas break made a big difference.

Attention Valentine's!! Kissing Constitution Promises Thrill

by Jeff Melton

A belated Happy New Year greeting to each and everyone, and welcome back to Gardner-Webb. 1986 promises to be another great year for the college, with the finding of a new president and all. We on the Pilot Staff sincerely hope that each of you have had a joyous holiday season. As we prepare to run headlong into the year, I personally wish you all the best in 1986.

Now that the days of St. Nick and bowl games are over, the next significant day on most people's calendar is Valentine's Day. This is the one day of the year when more flowers are bought and delivered, more candy is given to that special person, more commitments rings are placed on fingers, and of course, the "day of the kiss."

In keeping with the traditions of this special day, I would like to share with you a piece of witticism that I ran across while perusing an old high school yearbook. This article, whose author remained anonymous, is the first of its kind that I've ever read. It is entitled "The Kissing Constitution." Hopefully, it will add to the enjoyment of your Valentine season.

The Kissing Constitution

Preamble: We are the young hearts of America, providing the expansion of Love.

Section 1: Do not kiss when you please, but please when you kiss.

Section 2: If you want a kiss, say so. If you don't, say so anyway.

Section 3: Statements of Love and Kisses

(A) A Kiss on the head means that you are O.K.

(B) A Kiss on the cheek means friendship.

(C) A Kiss on the ear means I adore you.

(D) A Kiss on the neck means I'm crazy about you.

(E) A Kiss on the forehead means we could be friends.

(F) A Kiss on the lips means I love you.

(G) A Kiss anywhere near the heart means do not get carried away.

(H) If he puts his arms around your waist, he loves you too much to let you go.

(I) If he plays with your hair, you excite him.

(J) Staring into each other's eyes means he loves you and wants to kiss you.

(K) If he hits you on the backside, watch out!!

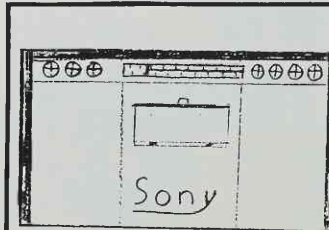
(L) When you kiss, close your eyes. It's not polite to stare.

(M) Do not ask for one kiss. Ask for 2 or 3.

(N) Practice makes perfect, so start practicing.

Section 4: After reading all the above sections of this document, the person who gave it to you, providing they are of the opposite sex, you may kiss them.

Ratified on the Day of our Lord, January 9, 1986.



No matter where
I turn the dial, all
I ever get is WGWG!
by Doodle Write