



Across the Editor's Desk

Roberta L. Borden

The Christmas season is a time for reflection and thanksgiving. Whereas, we all get caught up in the hub-bub of holiday shopping and the oppressive crowds and lines at the mall, it is important that we take time to pause and think about the joy in our lives and the lack of it in other's.

Too often we are so caught up in the thought of our next exam or what we're going to get Mom for Christmas, we so easily and conveniently forget those who are constantly in our midst. Those who perhaps don't who have a home or a family in which or with whom to gather for the holiday or those who have failed in life and have retreated to living in the alleys and clinics of our cities and towns. Too often, we are so content with our own material and spiritual wealth, we forget that there are others who are not so fortunate. Even the smallest gesture may mean so very much to a person who feels that no one cares. Think before you throw away the Christmas tree which has brought warmth to your dormroom, however, small it may be, it may be much more than a poor family could afford. Think about volunteering to work in a soup kitchen or shelter for an hour on Christmas eve or day. Think about reaching beyond the the limits of your own family. And most importantly, don't just think about doing something. Instead, actually give something of yourself to another who is not as lucky.

Revel in the blessings which have been bestowed upon you, but also learn to share and you will be continually blessed.

Have a safe, blessed and joyous holiday.



May the blessings of the season be yours.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We Get Letters, Stacks And Stacks . . .

"THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE . . ."

Dear Editor;

As we come to the end of another semester, let us prepare ourselves for the Christmas holidays. There are many of us who are disappointed, frustrated, depressed, and under a lot of pressure. It is because of this fact that I would like to offer a message of hope to Christians and nonChristians. One of the greatest messages that has ever been proclaimed has come from the Bible. It is a message of hope for everyone. We read in St. Luke 2:8-11:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

This is a message of hope to all. Jesus came so that we might be saved. He came to take our sins upon himself. We

Another View: Guest Editorial

PERILS OF AN ADJECTIVE FAITH

by Rick Wilson

"For God so loved the world He gave His only Son that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have eternal life." I read the familiar passage in an unfamiliar context. To the left and right, above and below were scrawled a variety of efforts to describe or depict body parts and functions. On the same wall there were vigorous encouragements to faculty and administrators which should not be published here - or anywhere else.

Can graffiti be "Christian?" Apparently the self-appointed prophet who visited the second floor Lindsay Men's Room thought so. Let me pose the question in another way: Did adding what Luther called "the gospel in miniature" to the other expressions on that wall redeem the filth and perversion? Probably not. In fact, a case could be made suggesting that the Gospel of John had been tarnished through misuse.

What is graffiti? Some would call it a modern art form; others might deem it a constitutionally guaranteed free expression. By definition, however, graffiti is vandalism, the willful defacing of the property of others. "Christian graffiti" is just as destructive and irresponsible as any other graffiti. No amount of pure and passionately-held content is able to transform a singularly sordid form of self-expression.

The question of "Christian graffiti" raises what I consider to be an important issue: the perils of an adjective faith. We live in a time bent on co-opting my identity as Christian and pressing the word, "christian," into adjectival service. And so we have Christian Bookstores, Christian music, Christian health spas, Christian politicians, and even Christian schools. My fear is that an adjective faith will erode the substance of authentic faith. Adjective faith is at least one step removed from substantive (noun) faith. Adjectives are always dependent upon nouns for their content.

here at Gardner-Webb need to take this message to all people. We need to do more than just sit down. We need to tell the world about Jesus. There is no need for sorrows because Jesus came that we might have peace. This

includes peace of mind. When Jesus comes into our hearts there is a peace that is indescribable. This is a season where the emphasis should not be on what kind of gift we are getting, but on the gift that was and is given.

We as Christians need to shape up. We come into the cafeteria and we sit with our clique groups. How can we spread this good news if we are not practicing it? Not only must we practice it, but we must live it. We need to live as if we are serving

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