

## Letters To The Editor

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a live Lord. Let us rejoice and let us spread the good news (that Jesus Christ came that we might have eternal life) with rejoicing. Wake up Gardner-Webb and begin to live for Jesus. We can make an impact upon the world, but only if we begin to surrender our all to Jesus. Let's stop the clique groups and begin to talk to everyone around campus. The message those angels gave over 2000 years ago applies to everyone on campus but it won't help others if we don't spread it. Let's start working!

Yours In Christ,  
Rev. Elton J.  
Williams

Dear Students,

I would like to bring up some problems that have been preying on my mind; the first of which YOU can do something about. First, let me apologize to the freshmen class because this letter will be a generalization of some of the students in it's class. The problem is what I call the "Warm Body Syndrome." The Warm Body Syndrome is brought about by policies of Gardner-Webb College, which is to accept the students who they (the administrators, trustees) know will not finish their college degree. They are looking for the approximately seven thousand dollars that the individual will pay their first year at G-W before they drop out or fail out. It is not fair for this college to build up the hopes of an individual by promising him a college education that he or she will probably never complete. I find this situation both totally

unacceptable and laden with a absolute disregard to any sense of ethics or honor.

I think we as student should demand a reasonable SAT requirement or QPR from high school. I suggest a minimum 700 SAT score or 2.3 high school QPR. Some might say these requirements are too high, but the SAC Eight's requirement for a freshman football players is a minimum SAT score of 700. These requirements would protect our degrees in the future by minimizing the detrimental effects of Gardner-Webb's quest for capital.

I would like to talk about the student population that exists off the Gardner-Webb campus in the form of GOAL Students. These "college students" are receiving the same degree as you and I with a fraction of the work, training, and intelligence. Talk about an area which needs admissions standards (AND NOT THE FALSE, UNENFORCED ONES ALREADY IN EFFECT). There are requirements which the administration will rattle off in argument but at the same time they argue for the need to force teachers to travel long distances to teach these GOAL classes. They say it is a matter of money and being able to keep faculty members on staff.

Yes, a simple matter of economics which makes our blood and tears worth less than a piece of paper with the Gardner-Webb High School name on it (no, not a typing mistake). I suggested that a petition is started with the first blank sheet of paper available. This petition should demand for a written revision to the admission policies. It is up to you; unless you like paying between 27-30

thousand dollars for tissue paper.

David Delafield

To Gardner-Webb College,

As a member of the student body, I want to say that I am thankful for the privilege to be here at this school. I love this school and I appreciate the privilege I have being a student here. I was led by the Lord to Gardner-Webb in the fall of 1984. I have never regretted making this my home. This place has been my home away from home.

I want to address a need that is very great at this school. There should be more emphasis put upon the spiritual value and aspect of our college activities than what is shown. Christian value is one item that has been neglected in the planning of student body activities. There is a spiritual need on this campus. There is a spiritual need on this campus. Students are hungry for spiritual fulfillment. The secular entertainment of this world will not fulfill this need. I want to issue a challenge to all Christians that we seek and pray for revival upon the Gardner-Webb campus. There needs to be a Return to Bethel. The Bible states in II Chronicles 7:14,15 that "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."

I am not speaking out of judgement, but out of love and concern for this school. I want to ask all students to join with me in

# Student Editorial

by Pam Sharts

The use of drugs by young people is one of our country's greatest problems. Drugs are ruining the minds and bodies of young adults, teenagers, and amazingly, even some elementary children. Our nation must continue to search for ways to combat this problem.

Drug abuse has reached into all areas of society. It knows no social or economic boundaries. It is our most democratic problem. Whether rich or poor, educated or uneducated, black or white, living in urban or rural areas, all are equally affected.

No child is safe from the threat of drug abuse. Drugs are available virtually everywhere. They have spread from college and high school, to even lower levels, affecting countless numbers of people.

The world of drugs has been glamorized in movies, music, and television. Often youths move into the fast lane of life with no thought of the dead end that awaits them. For many it is peer pressure that pushes adolescents into involvement with drugs. Stress, failure to achieve, and other personal problems may also contribute to one's decision to turn to mind-altering substances.

These substances provide a quick and simple escape from the stresses that are a normal part of growing up. Youths who continually blot out pain, boredom or frustration never learn to cope with them. Teenagers who continually "get high" may grow up believing that getting high is the only way to enjoy anything. Youths who do not experience and grow out of adolescence because of regular drug use may become chemically-dependent adults.

How can our nation send an anti-drug message? Parents must play a major role in protecting their children from the threat of drug abuse by becoming more involved in their children's lives. Parents must now, more than ever, bridge the generation gap and keep the lines of communication open between their children and themselves. Parents should have strong values, and convey them to their children. Being a proper role model for a parent doesn't include abusing drugs-prescription or otherwise.

Children, parents, and communities need to become more knowledgeable about the problem of drug abuse. The greater knowledge we have, the better equipped for dealing with the problem.

Schools can play an important part by drug prevention, beginning classes as early as third or fourth grades. Helping to build character in children early is an important step in making them strong enough to resist the temptation of drugs.

Another way schools can reinforce the anti-drug message is by inviting speakers knowledgeable about the problem to address schoolchildren. A local police officer could describe experiences with drug users and the personal tragedies that result from drug use. A health professional could discuss the physical and psychological harm drugs cause. A former drug user could deliver a powerful message about

an effort to better the spiritual aspect of this school for our generation and the ones that are to come.

In His service,  
Daniel Black

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