



Across the Editor's Desk

Roberta L. Borden

The time has come for me to say goodbye and this singular task is by far the hardest assignment I have ever faced as editor of The Pilot. For the past three years I, along with a dedicated, hardworking staff, have been churning out this newspaper. The publication and I have grown together, developing into, hopefully, something better than we were when we first started here. We both thank you all for your support and the challenges you have placed before us.

It is my hope that this newspaper will continue serving the Gardner-Webb community, asking difficult questions about occurrences on campus, recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of campus people, and generally keeping the populous informed. In turn, I hope that the campus community will challenge the staff of the Pilot to reach beyond ordinary expectations and question what you see in print if it is contrary to what you believe. Involvement is the lifeblood of this operation; if you do not see something in The Pilot that you think is important let the editor know (again and again if necessary). To the new editor, who has not yet been selected, I issue a challenge: write about those things which you know may be controversial, do not be afraid to ask questions about potentially sensitive issues, be aware of what is going on all around campus (Webb building, dorms, student services, athletics, etc.), be compassionate and always be ethical, responsible, and analytical. The job is tough and time consuming but the rewards are immeasurable.

Finally, I want to thank everyone, those who made my job easier and harder, who guided me through the trials and successes of my college career. I only wish I had more time to write about more things and thank more people, but my time is up. This paper is yours Gardner-Webb, be wise and use it to its fullest potential.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We Get Letters, Stacks And Stacks . . .

To the Editor,
 I know sometimes hearing people think the deaf can't succeed at anything. The hearing people think deaf people are stupid, but deaf people can succeed at anything. Deaf people can even be actresses and actors.

Marlie Matlin won the Academy Award for best actress. She starred in "Children of a Lesser God."

I am proud of Marlie Matlin because she is a deaf person and also because she received this award for acting. She proved that deaf people can succeed at anything and she was proud of herself.

Sincerely,
 Kim Wise

Seniors Make Post Grad Plans

Here what a few of our seniors plan to do after graduation:

Robin Adams plans to work at home for a year, then go to graduate school.
 Eddie Andrews plans to farm in South Carolina.
 Eric Barnes has a job at a summer camp. Wants to get a job with the Secret Service.

Roberta Borden has a job with a newspaper in Lincolnton and plans to attend graduate school in a year.
 Glenda Byrd plans to attend law school at either Campbell or UNC.
 Teresa Cannon-

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Student Editorial

by Janet Curry

What's Next

Soon, the day will arrive when black-robed students will march.

We will not march in protest, although there are probably some who would like to show an objection toward a few neglected campus issues.

The march, however, that I refer to is the most famous walk which includes receiving a hard-earned diploma as one exits the gates of a learning institution in search of fame, fortune, success and happiness.

Graduation day will be filled with moments of celebration with family, friends, and faculty. There will be great big hugs, firm handshakes, frivolous laughter, posed picture-taking, and the shedding of glad and sad tears.

However, after graduation what's next?

What about those who are left behind? What will they have to look forward to?

Is there anything to look forward to in the future? For some, there is no hope, but for others, who have as much faith as a mustard seed, they will see great things and be a part of a promising future.

There are many soon-to-be graduates that have had successful job interviews and will be gainfully employed in a matter of weeks. There are others who are planning to further their education in various pursuits down many a winding road. Then, of course, there are those who are in a state of panic, not knowing what they will do with the rest of their lives, but feeling the urgency to make a decision quickly.

Not so fast! Hold everything! What follows applies to "everyone" who will be left behind and those who will be graduating.

What happens after graduation depends on only one factor, and it is a matter of life and death. "What could that be?" you ask.

Paul, in a letter to the Romans, said it plain and simple. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) One who has never heard this before may be shocked and may think it is not true, but see, in the New Testament of the Bible, the words that Jesus speaks, "Truly, truly I say unto you, he who believes has eternal life." (John 6:47) "I say emphatically that anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life, and will never be damned for his sins, but has already passed out of death into life." (John 5:24)

Jesus, himself, confirms this in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me shall live even if he dies."

So, you see, if you venture out into the world without believing in Jesus Christ, there is no hope of life after death. However, you are guaranteed the punishment of death and a life of torment eternally in Hell, separated from God in Heaven.

It does not matter if you have all the money or material possessions in the world. It is not important that you are a good person and are living a good life. Getting all the degrees you can will not save you either. This is an additional reason why one should believe in Jesus Christ and get to know Him as a

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