

Letters to the Editor

By Ronnie Warrick, special to The Pilot

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) here at Gardner-Webb had many great moments during the first semester, featuring several guest speakers, many new members, and lots of good Christian fun. The year 1989 holds new hopes and visions and a desire to make FCA as successful as ever. However, for this to happen, you the student body need to get involved.

We come into the new year with the addition of FCA council members Chris Ruppe, Burt Loftis, James Rowe, and Doug Little. Along with veterans Paul Crews, Doug Justice, Donna Pritchard, MaryBeth Searcy, Michele Philemon, and myself, look for Tuesday nights to be entertaining and a real blessing for all who attend. Once again, Brian Ferree and Tony Setzer will serve as the official sponsors for FCA.

Already scheduled for the coming months are guest speakers Rich Hardee, the Second Annual FCA/Faculty basketball game (Feb. 23), and the annual trip to Carowinds. If you would like to sing, testify, or contribute to our meetings in any way, please let me or one of the council members know.

Show your support for our athletes by attending both the men's and women's basketball games-- and show your support for FCA by getting involved in our meetings. Let us all work to make 1989 a great year for our Lord Jesus Christ! See you on Tuesday nights at 9:00 p.m.

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my outrage at the recent outbreak of waterballoon attacks. Many innocent bystanders have been bombarded without warning. Some "misguided individuals" on this campus have not outgrown their junior high pranks. Now the third floor of Lutz-Yelton dormitory is their playground.

Ordinarily happy people are quickly becoming upset by these pranksters. Those people who must go near Lutz should do so with extreme caution. Those people participating in this immaturity should realize that we are not amused!

Sincerely,
Dawn Camp

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To the Editors,

During exam week last semester, the library encountered some problems with its schedule. The students who had Saturday exams were not able to study in the library since it closed at 9:00 p.m. Also, during the week, the library did not stay open later, as it had done in the past.

On the Friday night before Saturday exams, 60 people joined me in the library to protest the early closing. The librarian, Valerie Parry, explained that the library usually closed at 5:00 p.m., and that we should be grateful that it was open until 9:00 p.m. I told her that we usually don't have Saturday exams!

When the library closes at 11:00 p.m. most nights, there are no other places to study (unless we go to all-night restaurants in Shelby) and this is wrong. The students should not have to go somewhere other than this campus to study!

Security was called in, as was Doug Lewis and Randy Kilby. After explaining our complaint to Mr. Lewis, he kindly opened up the Lindsay Building for the students until midnight. Those of us who remained to study there were grateful for his generosity; however, we as students would not like this to have to happen again.

We now have a study place in the Student Center until 2:00 a.m.-- but why not the library? The dorm lobbies close at midnight, so we can't really study there. We've no place to go to study after 2:00 a.m., unless we're willing to drive to Shelby, which we shouldn't have to do.

One proposition is to extend the library hours. Libraries on larger campuses stay open to 3 a.m. year round! I'm not asking for that, but instead I would like to see the library open until midnight year round and 1:00 a.m. during exams. Also, if the administration expects Saturday exams to be successful, the hours should be adjusted drastically on the Friday nights preceding them!

I would like to propose that the school allocate some funds for the construction of a 24-hour building for the students. We don't want another Student Center, we just want a good place to study! The building need only to satisfy that need.

Dr. White, Dean Bonner, and Dean Franklin, is it not important that the students at Gardner-Webb succeed academically? I should think so! But, we can't do it a hamburger joint in Shelby. Please either extend the library hours or build a study building for the students.

Sincerely,
Jane Richards

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Dear President White and others concerned,

The FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES would like to express our concern for the decision to remove the Gardner-Webb track team from competition for the Spring 1989 season. There are many athletes on this campus who have trained for the season that would have arrived very shortly, but now they find themselves having to go from person to person to find out the reason why there will be no season.

Do you not realize that these students are not asking for much, just the chance to compete and represent Gardner-Webb College. They aren't given the large scholarships that our athletes in other sports are given; they must find a way to pay for their running shoes (which are not cheap), and if uniforms are a problem, I feel confident that they would be glad to provide their own. How is it that we can not find somewhere in the Athletic Department budget enough money to provide a means of travel to and from each meet? Several of the runners are here on scholarships and if track is cancelled, then it may be that Gardner-Webb will lose some valuable students, athletes, and above all, friends.

As a leading organization on the Gardner-Webb campus, FCA represents Christian athletes and a Christ-like concern for all people. Please show some concern for our track team and their needs. Thank you.

TEAMMATES IN CHRIST,
Ronnie Warrick
President, FCA

To the Editors,

I am writing in regard to the recent dissolving of the GWC track team. I think that the entire situation was handled in a very unprofessional manner, and had absolutely no regard for the runners involved. I think that when such a drastic decision is made, individuals who will be directly affected have the right to some sort of explanation. I feel that we as runners deserved the right to some type of meeting, which would have given us prior preparation to such action. This, however, was not the case. The bombshell was dropped on me as I was in line to register for classed earlier in the semester.

With much research on my part, I have come to better understand why such decisions were made. I only hope that in the future those responsible for making such decisions will be more considerate to those affected.

James Rowe

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