



Illuminations

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Those of you who are veterans of Gardner-Webb may have noticed several changes in The Pilot from years past. For one, The Pilot now comes out on a regular basis, once every two weeks. Several regular features, i.e. Tidal Waves, Oval Office Memoirs, etc., have been established in order to provide a more informative, entertaining publication for you, the student body. On the horizon, a Club page, an upbeat Sport Section, a Resident Life column, and continued attempts at creating a more professional-looking newspaper (layout, style, pictures) are in the works.

In order to accomplish all of these tasks, The Pilot needs more help from you, the student body. This help can come in the form of suggestions, submissions, and submergence. Any time you have a suggestion for a story, column, etc., take the initiative to let me know. My box number is 520 and my humble abode is Lutz-Yelton 305.

Submissions may be made in the form of editorials, stories, or even humorous anecdotes (no limericks, please). You have a right to express your opinion in The Pilot; exercise this right.

Finally, submerge yourself into the campus surrounding you. Join a club, team, or even The Pilot staff. We can never get enough writers and who knows, you may even discover your true calling in life. So, if you feel the urge help us light the campus, let me know.

Just one more thing before I go: The Pilot is expensive to print and you are receiving it "free". Please do not dispose of this paper improperly. All the world may be a stage, but it is not a garbage can. Help keep the Gardner-Webb College community clean by properly disposing of items you are finished with. Thanks.

PILOT Editorial Policy

The Pilot's policy for letters to the editor remains that the letter must be signed by the student in order for it to be published. The name may be held by request.

We reserve the right not to publish articles which are defamatory in nature. Views expressed in the editorials are not necessarily those of The Pilot. We also reserve the right to edit any letters submitted.

All letters are welcome. Please place letters in the box outside the publications office located in the Reception Center.

Oval Office Memoirs

Chris C. Vaughn, SGA President

You may feel October is a long, boring month with no historical or cultural value. But, if you do hold this opinion, you are very wrong. October is a vital month. If all of the Octobers in history were removed from the records of mankind, our lives would be drastically changed. Consider the importance of these dates to our lives:

OCTOBER 1, 1924 JIMMY CARTER'S BIRTHDAY-- our 39th President was born on this date. Even if you have no political ideologies or leanings, wouldn't your life have been a little more empty with all the jokes about his teeth and brother Billy?

OCTOBER 6 DANIEL BOONE FESTIVAL-- this nationally-acclaimed festival has taken place in Barboursville, Kentucky every year since 1948. The activities include a gigantic pancake breakfast, the Miss Daniel Boone Festival (Miss Kentucky Rifle Queen is crowned here), an old-fashioned barbecue and venison feast, the smoking of the peace pipes, the Long Rifle Shoot, a two-mile long Daniel Boone parade, and the annual square dance concludes the day.

OCTOBER 9, 1871 THE CHICAGO FIRE-- this famous fire resulted in 300 fatalities. 90,000 out of a population of about 300,000 were left home- less. The fire started in Patrick O'Leary's barn. Mrs. O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp and set the straw in the barn on fire. Ironically, the O'Leary house suffered only minor damage. (Did any of you ever sing "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"? I learned it in Girl Scouts, but I never knew it was a true account of Mrs. O'Leary's cow setting fire to the town!)

OCTOBER 10 GEUGA COUNTY APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL-- this festival takes place in Burton, Ohio. If you would get a kick out of dressing like the Ingles family and making apple butter and eating ox, you ought to go.

OCTOBER 12, 1492 COLUMBUS DAY-- on this day, Columbus "discovered" America, although he believed he had hit the East Indies.

OCTOBER 13, 1792 WHITE HOUSE CORNERSTONE LAID-- this is an important date for me, because if it had never happened, I would not have a name for my article in The Pilot.

OCTOBER 16, 1758 NOAH WEBSTER'S BIRTHDAY-- fellow college students, where would we be today if Mr. Webster had not been born? He spent 20 years completing his American Dictionary of the English Language so that we Americans could be cultured, intelligent citizens.

OCTOBER 17 BRITISH SURRENDER AT SARATOGA-- this was a major turning point in American history. Dr. Tony Eastman will be glad to give you a more detailed description of this day.

OCTOBER 21, 1879 ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB PERFECTED-- Thomas Edison

introduced the beginning of a new era with his incandescent light bulb which burned for 13 1/2 hours. Thank you, Tommy!

OCTOBER 28, 1886 STATUE OF LIBERTY DEDICATED-- for over 100 years, the Statue of Liberty has welcomed millions of immigrants, foreign visitors, and returning U.S. citizens. The French people gave this memorial to the United States to symbolize a lasting friendship between the two republican governments. I wonder how the French felt when David Copperfield made the statue disappear?

OCTOBER 29, 1929 THE PANIC OF 1929-- otherwise known as "Black Tuesday", this day is remember for the stock market crash which announced the Great Depression.

OCTOBER 31 NEVADA DAY-- Nevada was admitted to the Union as the 36 state in 1864. Celebrations include the Miss Nevada Day contest, an 1864 costume ball, a pancake breakfast, and a huge parade.

Of course I realize that October 31 is better known as Halloween, a day where people are rewarded with candy for looking wierd, but don't you feel more intelligent now that you know it is also Nevada Day?

Enjoy the remainder of this important month of October and remember, each day is an important day (even if it's only because of the Geauga County Apple Butter Festival).



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