



# Illuminations

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Editor-in-Chief

What makes a person hate another person?

Many people through the years have asked this question. I don't know. I wish I did.

What I do know is this: if you must hate someone, you should be man enough to a) keep it to yourself; or b) work your problems out.

Skin color, nationality, denomination... every man is unique and special in his own way. One man's differences should not be looked on by others as handicaps. No man is exactly alike; it's time we accept this fact. To decline this notion is to be ignorant.

Yet many still continue to hate. This hatred often causes them to do stupid, immature things. Graffiti artists of the world listen: What do you gain by printing your stupidity on another man's property?

Nothing. Not only do you gain nothing, but you lose one of man's most precious possessions-- pride and dignity. It's a shame when a "man" is not man enough to speak to faces of those with whom he has differences. I would be embarrassed to be such a "man."

I believe that we can indeed reach Dr. King's oft-quoted mountain top. But to do it, we must first crawl out the pit of prejudice. Then and only then, can we pick ourselves up and begin to ascend the peak of life.

To the Editor,

There are many rules on this campus that I understand, but there is one I can not-- the rule concerning females in the guy's dorms.

This college is filled with adults and I think the staff should treat us that way. At least let us have visitors the whole weekend and not just Fridays.

A lot of students have friends from out of town who like to come and visit on the weekend. However, you can only have them in your room on one day for four hours. That's not enough time to say hello! I have a lot of people who will back me up on that.

The staff should test us for a couple of weekends, just to see how we would act with the visitation hours covering the whole weekend. If we don't go by the rules, we can go back to the open house rules we have now.

Thanks for listening.

**James Harbison**

To the Editor,

As a freshman, I know that I may not know what is wrong or right here at GWC, yet through my upbringing, I know what is rude. I feel that it is very rude and obnoxious for a certain group of "special people" to cut in front of the rest of us "low lives" in the cafeteria. Just because I don't get out and win games for the school, I still have certain rights. I'm not here on a full scholarship to play. I pay to go here! I support these people by going to games and buying spirit items. I would expect them to treat me and others with respect.

Please, if there are others who are tired of this, put an end to it. Thank you.

Signed,  
I have rights, too.

[Name withheld by request]

To the Editor,

I am writing you regarding the letter concerning athletes cutting in the dinner line. The reason why athletes are in such a rush to eat is so they can make practice, or a team meeting on time. We are working hard to do our best for this school. If we are waiting in line instead of practicing, we will look terrible when it's time to perform.

I have a solution to our problem. They should open the cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. for athletes. That way, athletes will have time to eat. Then no one will be cutting in front of others.

Signed,  
A concerned athlete

[Name withheld upon request]

To the Editor,

I am not a Resident Assistant, but it has come to my attention that a great injustice is being done to these students who are a major help on this campus-- the Resident

Assistants (RAs). I have noticed RAs being forced to do trivial things just to keep their jobs. This is not right. I know personally that the RA on my floor needs to keep her job in order to continue her education here at Gardner-Webb.

However, this student's academics are suffering because of all that is expected. Get real people! I think it is time to realize that the RAs are students first, and then RAs. There should not be a big hassle if an RA misses a meeting or something due to school work. It's not fair to the RAs.

I would also like to address pay. I've been told that each RA gets \$500 a semester, not even minimum wage! That's ridiculous! Consider how much each RA is responsible for. They are working every night on their halls just by being on their halls, not to mention being on duty several times a week. It's time the administration showed some appreciation for this hardworking group of students by respecting their duty as students and giving them a honest wage!

Signed,  
Concerned Student

[Name withheld by request]

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