

From The Fish Tank



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With the coming of a new decade and the year 2000 only 10 years away, everyone is taking a turn at predicting the course of the events for the world. So, why should I be different? Here's a list of my predictions for what won't happen in the '90s:

Elvis will come back from the dead in order to perform at Webb Jam II.

Gardner-Webb students will actually be happy about something (this one isn't scheduled to happen until 2017, when Elvis does come back to play in Webb Jam XXVII).

WGWG will abandon its "beautiful music" hours, in favor of an all rock-n-roll format.

Required Convocation will be dropped and replaced by required Thursday night attendance at the Pterodactyl and J-Tracks.

Opposite sex visitation will be extended to 24-hours, 7 days a week (need I say more?).

Domino's Pizza will replace American Food Management as the cafeteria's main supplier (Ray Cooper stays, though).

Dr. William B. Stowe will be named successor to the throne of Gardner-Webb, leaving the Fishman in charge of the Communications Studies department.

Everyone passes Dr. Tom Jones' Biology 101 class (only in your dreams!).

On a more serious note, this is our decade to make or break. Several issues loom heavy on the future of the world: the environment, discrimination, nuclear power, just to name a few. The choice is ours to deal with these issues before they deal with us.

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To the Editor,

I agree with the letter to the Editor regarding employee parking (Letters, Nov. 4). It is time for the lower end of the totem pole to get a little more respect. I sympathize with the employees problem of parking. After all, they should be provided with decent parking somewhere in the vicinity of the building in which they work. But let's look a little further down the totem pole. Sure the employees work 8 hours a day, but they don't have to put up with the problem of living on campus 24 hours a day and not being able to find a parking space near their dorm. This may not seem like such a big problem to the employees; however, for those students who live in the dorms, coming in after dark and having to walk halfway across campus from car to dorm is not only inconvenient, but can also be dangerous.

The letter from the employee said that for the pay they receive, they a least need to be able to have decent parking. Well, take into consideration that the price we the students are paying to come to this school is not allowing us any more decent parking than they are receiving. In fact, this year, the parking spaces for students have been reduced and place farther away from the women's dorms than ever.

It is a disgrace for the students of Gardner-Webb College to have to put up with such a problem. What is even more disturbing, though, is that an employee would have the nerve to write such things as were in that editorial when the students have had parking places cut in order to accommodate such employees. We the students get tickets when we park in a staff parking place, but employees do not get tickets when they park in student parking spaces.

This is a problem all of us must deal with both the students and staff of Gardner-Webb College. I don't think it will be resolved any time soon. However, until it is I think it would be a good suggestion for everyone to remember that we all have to work or go to school here and a little exercise never hurt anyone. So take a couple extra steps, employees. We the students have to everyday.

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To the Editor,

This is a formal letter of protest against discrimination at Gardner-Webb College. Wednesday, December 6, a dinner was held in the cafeteria requiring formal attire (dress pants and a tie for men and a dress or dress slacks for women; no jeans were allowed). If you did not wear the "appropriate" attire, you had to eat your dinner in the DCC lobby or the commuter lounge. That may be fine for some people, but what about the people who didn't have the "correct attire?" What about those students who can't afford the "correct attire?" Those students were made to eat apart from the rest of their friends and peers just because they didn't dress the right way. They were treated like servants. Is that anyway to treat people at a college that believes, (and I quote for the Gardner-Webb College handbook, p.8) "We [Gardner-Webb recognize the unique importance of the family [of Gardner-Webb College]." Would you treat a member of your own immediate family this way? Discriminating against them because they didn't have the money to buy nice clothes?

What it boils down to is this: WE SHOULD TREAT OTHER PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE AND NOT FOR WHAT THEY WEAR OR HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE. If this is the way students are treated at Gardner-Webb, then I want nothing to do with this college or its "appropriate attire" functions. To see a principle that this college is built upon, the principle of equality, so blatantly ignored makes me furious. I hope that someone will take action against this matter before it happens again!

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