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Parking Crunch Felt at GW

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The Safety and Security Department is having more trouble with campus parking this year than in the past several years. This year they do not have a part-time traffic control officer. They were unable to locate enough students to assist in enforcing traffic rules and regulations until recently.

Approximately 600 tickets were issued this year. But, according to Helton, "As students came forward and convinced us that they would comply, we voided a great number of these same tickets. We are after compliance, not money."

Another problem is the increased number of people needing parking spaces, always in short supply (see box).

	Paved Spaces	Cars Registered
Faculty/ Staff	169	250
Residents	279	391
Commuters	90	130

Note: None of these figures include the LYCC parking area.

Figures courtesy of Safety and Security

Complaints from students about tickets brought this response: "I do not know why students receive so many parking tickets other than to say that I wished we never had to write a single ticket", said David Helton, Director

of Safety and Security. "If people parked where they were supposed to, we would be able to abolish tickets."

However, improper parking may be the result of not enough spaces. According to recent research, roughly only 70% of faculty, staff, resident and commuter students can park in a paved space at any given time (LYCC and street parking not included). At peak hours, a GWC parking decal is therefore nothing but a hunting license.

Helton presented several ideas for improving the situation to the student Senate, Tuesday, October 27. He described some ideas for improving the Spangler/ Meyers area and the grass strip next to Royster. The was a lively follow-up session, indicating widespread students interest in such improvements.

Vandals Scar Homecoming

by Mark Dixon

Special to the Pilot

Gardner-Webb's Homecoming was a disappointment in many ways. Students, faculty, and staff worked diligently on the festivities surrounding the week of homecoming. Both Student Government and the Student Entertainment Association worked very hard on the parade, half-time activities, and the dance. Enthusiasm grew as Friday night approached.

This was the first year that SGA along the administration decided that the campus would not be cleaned up after the annual "rolling of the campus."

School spirit was high but some took advantage of the situation by engaging in destruction of the campus. Lights, tents, furniture, and other things were destroyed. Hours of work disappeared in minutes.

According to Larry Constine and others the actual cost of this "school spirit" can be itemized as follows:

GW toilet tissue	\$175.00
Damaged/ lost fire extinguishers	\$115.00
Tent repair and loss rental	\$1127.35
Clean-up labor and supplies	\$1468.36
Total	\$2885.71

In addition, Bost Gym, Spangler Stadium, and the DCC were vandalized.

Action was taken by both Dean Scott's office and the Department of Safety and Security. Those found guilty will be held responsible for the damages.

In Touch With the People?

by Brian Saitkowski

Staff Writer

When Denny Schaeffer spoke on October 20th, for Dimensions, he did not speak only on behalf of boasting the Sierra Club. He came to speak of "what's right". The things that he spoke of that are destroying our land and our people were hard to swallow, (especially right after breakfast), basically, that mother nature is holding a gun to her head. Mr. Schaeffer told us that the earth is a fragile place and is taking a severe beating as a result of our ignorance.

Some of the points that Mr. Schaeffer made were that "When government isn't in touch with the people, things go to hell! "If the people lead, the leaders will follow," a famous bumper-sticker said it best. When *The Pilot* questioned Mr. Schaeffer about getting the government to help he said, "The government is out of touch and when the government isn't in touch with the people. Things go to hell!" he also said "Peoples values are strange. I find it difficult in writing off a species."

During his brief visit to GW, Schaeffer made it obvious that big businesses and the government are making deals, exceptions, and

money. This means that they care very little about change. The Pentagon is the largest toxic-waste producer in the nation. There are piles of facts that show the earth is in dire need of a savior. "Population growth can, and will, do us in," Schaeffer added as he told that in 2080 A.D. there will be an estimated number of 14 billion people on the earth. If that seems far away, consider by the year 2000, 20% of the earth's species will become extinct and by 1994, half the cities in the U.S. will run out of landfills.

The Sierra Club endorses Bill Clinton, and his speech made it obvious that Schaeffer supports the Democratic side of the ticket, a fact that angered some of the members of the audience. But, Mr. Schaeffer doubts the vote will make much of a difference. He told *The Pilot* that "the government goes over our heads. When they want to break an environmental restriction, they redefine it." When asked if there was not progress and/or cooperation by the government, Schaeffer hit home once more. "Sure, it's now illegal to sell DDT, but we still produce 50 million pounds of it per year, export it, and bring it back in food that we buy from the country we sold it to."

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