

 Into the Mailbox 

I am writing in response to the letter written by Michele Owen in the February 9th issue of the *Pilot*. In her letter, she said some things about Residence Life which were false.

These are people who do care. I have a lot of respect for them as employers and friends. I'm only twenty years-old, yet they treat me as a peer - not a student. I share confidences with them that I wouldn't share with another student. So unless you've personally met them and talked to them, don't judge them and say they "... don't care."

Michele states that she has called Residence Life and has visited the offices and no one is ever there. There is someone in the office from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If the person you have called is unavailable, the call is transferred to another office in the Residence Life suite. There is always someone watching the office. That is always someone watching the office. That is procedure. I know because I'm there every day they are open because I am an RA and I chose to spend a great deal of my time there.

As far as her ID not opening her residence hall door until November 17th; I'm sorry, if you don't bring the card to Residence Life and explain the problem, it won't get fixed. You could have said something to your AD about the problem, and she would have made sure something would have been done.

If you need information after office hours, there's an AD on call twenty-four hours a day, 7 days a week. Your RA has their phone number.

She says she has "men" in her room at all hours of the morning and doesn't know what they are doing. Well, next time ask them.

Now I'm not saying GWU is perfect. I've done my share of complaining. Dean Scott has heard me voice my opinion on several topics. Every time I have spoken to him, he has appreciated my opinion. The administration can't change things if they don't know the problem.

I had to learn the hard way myself. I was quick to complain because I didn't think people would listen to me. I found out different. Now you must decide if you want to keep complaining or if you want to discuss your problems on the same level with the people who you feel are harassing, ignoring, and frustrating you.

Kevin Walter

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This letter is in response to all the past negative letters that have been written lately about GWU. We would like to take this opportunity to address more positive aspects of this university. Since our freshman year of 1990, we have seen many improvements which include, but are not limited to: express registration, increased visitation, in-room cable, better meal variety, and most recently, university status.

We remember our freshman year when registration took an average of one to two hours for every student. Now, a student can participate in express registration which lasts about five minutes, as long as the student meets their financial obligations. Some may think that meeting these financial obligations is asking too much; however, when you graduate, do you expect to have electricity and other necessities without meeting your financial obligations? We don't think so.

Another good point for those people who keep complaining about tuition is in a recent article in the Asheville Citizen Times. This article states that the average private college costs \$17,000 dollars, where ours is considerably lower.

Yes, Gardner-Webb University has its problems just like any other institution of higher learning. We should be thankful for the administration, faculty, and staff who do care and are here, willing to help students in order to make Gardner-Webb a better University. For those who spend so much time complaining, why don't you spend some time getting involved in developing some solutions to the problems? Besides, the only perfect university that we can think of would be located in Mayberry, NC.

Beverly Cooper  
Jeff Caldwell

*Thanks to the boldness of Michelle Owen and Sandi Hill [not Sandy as report in the last issue], yet another student comes "out of the closet"...*

Before applying for work study, I had made it clear that I played football and my daily hours would be filled with practice. So in order for me to work, I would love to have nights and not days. When I was given my job, I was to work for Coach Miller doing work related to baseball which could only be done in the afternoon. Since this conflicted with practice, I had to find another job, but when I notified the financial advisor, she explained to me that there were only two jobs open; the library and the theatre. The library was only open for mornings, but I had class, so that wouldn't be convenient. The theatre was my last option, so I had to take it.

The main hours for the job were in the afternoon; still conflicting with practice, but there would be some hours at night. The only problem was that there wouldn't be nearly enough to cover my contract.

I was deprived of the financial aid that I was awarded and now I am forced to come up with the difference because of their mistake.

Sam Robins



Barking

Bulldog

*The Pilot has decided to focus our attention to the cafeteria in this issue's Barking Bulldog. As always, students are very outspoken when it comes to chow time.*

*On self serve:*

"It's better; you can get the amount you want without going back - but it spreads germs [colds]."

Joan Laudle

"It's more convenient for us. We don't have to keep returning for seconds."

Sloan Smith

"I like it. There's more variety on the salad bar, but they could make better meals instead of frying everything, broil."

April Vassilou

*In general:*

"They need to stop using recycled food."

Tricia Holfedler

"They should list nutritional values for the health-conscious people who don't eat pizza everyday."

Allen Weddincamp

"They put hot-dogs, hamburgers, and pasta out. That's all they have."

Zeke Allen

"The food is old and stale. It's always the same food."

Mark Perrine

"It's a lot better. The salad bar has improved, and having two different food lines is great."

J.D.

"The food is either burnt or raw, lukewarm or cold."

Bill Bannak

"It's not like home, but the improvements have helped."

Robin Nolen

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