

Letters to the editor...

I am appalled The Student Entertainment Association chose the film - House Party II - to represent the celebration of National Black History Month. You might as well of thrown a hundred films up in the air and the first one you caught would be the one you selected to display. What exactly does Black History Month mean to you? To me, Black History Month exhibits one of the greatest social movements this nation has ever experienced. A time where people came together for a cause - to be treated equal. Thirty years ago, (in the twentieth century), if you were black and in the south, there was a real good chance you might not live to long. Thousands of blacks were persecuted and murdered in the south only to remembered in memory of those who loved them. There was no justice, no court of law to convict, no one to empathize with about what was happening. If you were black, you used a different restroom, a different grocer, a different cafe, a different water fountain, a different school, a different everything. On the bus, you rode in the back, if the bus was full of whites, you stood up, and if there was no room, you got off - no questions asked. Did someone mention equality? - It was non - existent.

Emmitt Till was a 14 - year - old black male from Chicago, Illinois visiting his aunt in Sumner, Mississippi. He was downtown with a group of boys his own age, white and black, just hanging around; he had shown the white boys a picture of his school friends from back home, all being white and black together. Soon after, the white boys dared him to walk into a white store and talk to the white women behind the counter. Emmitt walked into the store, purchased some candy and on his way out, turned and said, "Bye baby." That night, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milome came to Mose Wright's house, where Emmitt was staying during his visit, and took him away. Three days later, Emmitt was found tied to a cotton gin fan floating in the river. He had also been shot in the head. Even with Mose Wright testifying that Bryant and Milome were the two men who came and took Emmitt away that night, it took less than one hour for a all white jury to find to two men innocent. Months later, William Bradford Huie paid the men 4,000 dollars for their story. In the article, they described how Emmitt did not know what was going on, that he did not realize he would not see dawn. Emmitt Louis Till was brutally murdered because he spoke to a white women.

Scenes like this were not uncommon in the South, there are many more with similar characteristics, just different names.

This time period represents some of the most important events in American History, and the Student Entertainment Association has chosen to mock it. I am outraged by their ignorance and stupidity. Not only has the Student Entertainment Association misinterpreted the importance of Black History Month, but they have failed at a golden opportunity to present an educational piece of material regarding the Civil Rights Movement to the students of Gardner Webb University using the material as a teaching tool to inform or just plainly, for "awareness." A most reliable source, who I wish to keep anonymous, expressed to me the answer of Aimee Stewart when questioned about the choice of illustration SEA chose to promote. The source, as I, was somewhat aggravated, nevertheless, her response to the criticism was, "They can deal with it." Racism, discrimination, prejudice - all of these concepts thrive on fear and education - in all areas of life whether you are black, white, yellow, brown, red, blue, purple - whatever color. Make a difference with your life, do not employ these characteristics into your purpose. Help one another and maybe someday "they" will help you. To the SEA, you blew this one.

The Public Broadcasting System has compiled two series of video (each contain six videos) entitled EYES ON THE PRIZE revealing excellent information about the Civil Rights Movement. If you are the least bit interested, I highly recommend it.

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On what basis? SGA had acknowledged two constitutions. The first, being ratified in 1975 is said to be the legal because of approval by GWU's Board of Trustees. The group contends that he second constitution, written to revise the '75 version, is not legal due to the fact that no documents supporting it's ratification can be found.

So what does it all mean? Reelections? Judicial action by the Appeals Board? A larger senate? For now, nobody is sure.

The Pilot will continue its coverage of these Student Senate issues as developments unfold.

I am a cynic, or so I have been told. I will be the first person to tell you that Greg Carpenter has no tolerance for human ineptness.

Recently, my hope that a shred of decency still remained among the human race was restored. In a rare lapse of lucidity, obviously in a haze, I left my wallet in a location that was not about my person.

Fortunately, the man that found my long, lost wallet was a fine, upstanding individual who placed my wallet in the care of another wonderful human being.

This tag-team then proceeded to call me at 10:25 a.m. on a Saturday, waking me up with the news that they have found my wallet.

Never before have I been glad to have been woken up.

I would like to thank the cafeteria staff for not holding a grudge against me and running off to Cabo with my money [not that there was enough to get you as far as Myrtle Beach with]. Besides, have you ever stood in line at the DMV so that they may grant you the privilege of a new license because you lost your previous one? Pray to God you don't.

I would also like to beg forgiveness from those who have suffered from my intolerable lack of tolerance.

It seems that I am somewhat human also.

Greg Carpenter, managing editor

Spring Break?

by E.J. Dolce
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MTV's Spring Break '93 captured the typical sights and sounds of spring break. While it's true that many of us flocked to Florida, some of us for different reasons than others.

Thirty-six GWU students took part in mission teams. Split into four teams, three teams served in Florida while one team worked in Tennessee.

Team A members included Stephanie Hall, Chad Harvey, Crystal Higgins, Destinee Jones, Shane Martin, Karen Mauney, Keith Scarborough, Michelle Walters, and Marla Williams who were in turn led by Buddy Freeman.

Team A led revival services at Macedonia Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Teammates shared through testimony, preaching and music which helped to edify those in attendance and team members themselves. Yet, said Michelle, "My favorite day was spent at the rest homes in the Alzheimers ward". "Many of those people didn't know their own names, but still remembered church hymns."

"I loved Florida!", said Team B member, Toby Hopper, "not because of the sun, but because I felt God's presence there". Arvle Dunn led the team comprised of Laura Brooks, Lori Champion, Dwight Easler, Charles Freeman, Dina Helderman, Brent Martin, Dana Qualls, and Crystal Timmons.

The group led worship at Cross Creek Baptist and First Baptist Churches in High Springs. While there, teammates were praised for their Christian convictions, especially by the youth. Toby stressed the emphasis the group made on close fellowship between team members and the members of the churches.

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