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Dimensions needs facelift

Seniors do not have to take Dimensions if they have attended the required 6 semesters of Dimensions programs. This is one of the few benefits of being a senior.

Now, before anyone gets offended, an explanation is needed for that statement. A dimension is defined in *Webster's* as "one of the elements or factors making up a complete personality or entity." By this definition, our current Dimensions program suffers a deficiency in dimensional quality.

Sure, we are a Baptist-supported school; nobody, not even Mr. King, can deny that. To be a well-rounded person though, spiritual life must be supplemented by art, knowledge, and life lessons.

If the sole purpose of Dimensions is to serve as a forum for religious discussion, maybe we should go back to calling it chapel.

Gardner-Webb University is a liberal arts college as so eloquently stated in our handbook: *The purpose of Gardner-Webb is to provide learning of distinction in the liberal arts and in professional studies within a caring community based on Christian principles and values.*

It seems that there is two sides to the coin here. How do you balance the two? Fortunately, Gardner-Webb has been balancing the two well for over 75 years now in classes. So, why is Dimensions not as well-rounded?

The proposal: allow students to go to programs sponsored by the Fine Arts Department for Dimensions credit, allow students to do public service work for credit, and continue to offer programs on Tuesday mornings for credit. Balance required participation between the three.

In this way, Gardner-Webb students will become truly dimensional.

Greg Carpenter

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Forum

It seems that some of you have finally decided to respond to Mr. King's numerous letters. Bravo! I was wondering if anyone was out there. Now please, do not wait to respond to Mr. King. I know a lot of you have opinions on various topics on campus other than the ones that Mr. King has raised. Feel free to share your thoughts with us. Also, let us try to keep letters to a reasonable length in order to give everyone a chance to take part in the forum. Thank you. (ed.)

More response on Gus King's Dimensions letter

When every student comes to GWU, they sign a list of agreements. One of these agreements is that we must attend a certain amount of Dimensions (notice the "s") in order to graduate. The purpose of Dimensions is to show the many dimensions of the Christian faith . . . to challenge what we believe, Christian or non-Christian. It is definitely not something to sit around and bellyache about . . . How can you strengthen your Christian beliefs if you don't hear opinions that differ from what you believe? And why should a non-Christian worry about them if they are so sure that they don't need Christ, then they have nothing to loose . . . Yes some of them (Dimensions programs) are boring, but you'll get over it.

Now, as far as this so-called "Catalyst." Well, let me say one thing. He is far from a true catalyst. A catalyst does more than just sit back and whine and complain, using big words to try and make people think he is more than what he is. . . It's just the way of a narrow minded little man, who's so caught up in himself, to gain attention. He thinks his whining and complaining are falling on ears of people who want to hear it. No, Gus King, you are not a catalyst. A real catalyst goes out and gets his hands dirty. People like Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Malcom X, Harriet Tubman, and Ghandi - they voiced their opinions, but they took it a step further . . . they even gave their whole lives to a cause. If all Harriet Tubman had done was sit around and say, "Well, slavery is a no-no," slaves would not have been free. If Abraham Lincoln had just sat around saying, "Well, the South did a bad thing," we would have the United States of America and the Confederate States of America . . . The kind of catalyst you are is embodied in Adolph Hitler. Hitler didn't get his hands dirty . . . He gave his fancy speeches. He wrote his books and articles. In the end, everyone turned their back on him, and he had several million people slaughtered, not by his hands but by those who were led astray by his pretty speeches. So, if you believe so much in what you say, get out of your little bubble of safety and security. Quit hiding behind the pages of the paper, and do something about it . . . You seem to like quotes Mr. Catalyst, well how about "Ignorance is bliss." My advice to you, and all the rest of the complainers, is: Quit being so blissful.

Andrew H. Minneman

According to Webster's, catalysis is an action or reaction between two or more persons precipitated by a separate agent (catalyst) and especially one that is essentially unaltered by the reaction. (ed.)

Blatant arrogance, misdirected intelligence, and ill-fated attempts at humor. What do they all have in common? Once coupled with a lack of respect for others, you have the finished product - our beloved "Catalyst," Gus King. He has made us fully aware of his presence by impressive displays of vocabulary and witty remarks. But let's stop for a moment and analyze his finite perspicacity.

First, "Gus on Dimensions." Such comments were made by one who apparently came to GWU completely ignorant of the school's reason for existence. Let me direct you to page seven of your 1993-94 catalog. On this page, the purpose of Gardner-Webb is stated to "provide learning of distinction in the liberal arts and in professional studies based upon Christian principles and values." If by chance the ability to communicate in flowery language has left you void of the skills necessary to understand plain English, this statement means that you will be exposed to, if not completely surrounded by, the act of, and instruction of the basic Christian principles and values upon which this institution was founded. To accomplish such a goal, the school has set aside a time whereby students hear about different dimensions (notice the "s") of the Christian faith.

In response to Gus' article, apparently one of our fellow students felt obliged to reprimand him by the use of name calling. If that were not enough, he went on to question Gus' role models. To this person, I would remind you of what Jesus said in John, chapter 8 when He said, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." We all make mistakes and do things wrong, but when confronting another brother and sister, the love of God needs to be both in our hearts and on our tongue.

Finally, let's look at the remarks made by Gus about our football coach. Such statements represent a cowardly attempt to denigrate a man who, just last year, took a team to the national championship. Instead of having the suggested "Fish" fry, let's get together and learn a new phrase and share it with our "Catalyst" - ego trip.

Michael Owens

It's funny how people always direct their derogatory comments about me through other people. Are you so spineless that you cannot even address a 5' 7", 145 lb. man face to face and express your opinions and problems with me in a clear and concise way? Come on, first you have a campus minister running around upset with my article on Dimension (notice the missing "s"). Well, I guess the truth hurts. Hey, maybe you should pray for me. There's also a student with the initials K. H. telling others she despises me and my articles, but when she sees me sucks up to me. Well unpucker those lips honey, because you won't be getting any "props" here.

Well people, it's on. People who want to know what the Catalyst wants to see happen at GWU, well here it goes:

1) I would like to see an end to that constant lie called Dimensions. Yes Sabrina Barnes, this is a Forum continued on next page