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Christmas Images

It is hard to believe that this semester is coming to an end and that Christmas is just a breath away.

Applications for graduation are already in, resumes are being prepared, studying for exams is underway . . .

Shopping malls decked in greenery and bows, full of shoppers, children lined up to tell their secret desires to a plump man in a red suit, nativity scenes depicting the true nature of Christmas . . .

People are already searching for that special Christmas gift for that special someone, *It's A Wonderful Life* is on the tube, your breath crystallizes in the air, and throw another log on the fire because it's getting cold out there . . .

Picking out the perfect cards, matching each card to a name, leaving a gift in the box for the mailman . . .

The Salvation Army man ringing his bell while wishing a merry Christmas to all, coins clanking against the iron pot, the gift of giving to those less fortunate . . .

Singing Christmas trees and choral ensembles proclaiming the birth of Christ, cantatas and candlelight services at midnight, poinsettias lining the aisles and filling the air with their perfume. . .

Stringing popcorn for the tree and lights around the porch, the delicious smell of Christmas cookies baking - maybe it will be a white Christmas this year . . .

Picking out the perfect tree, finding out it isn't so perfect in the light, decorating it with homemade and store bought ornaments to make it beautiful, competition for the highest ornament . . .

Placing the angel on top of the tree, going to Grandma's on Christmas eve, then going to bed early so Santa will come . . .

Merry Christmas from *The Pilot* staff, and have a wonderful New Year.

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Forum

Supporting G-W through good and bad

You do not have to be a rocket scientist to know that the Gardner-Webb football team is experiencing a horrible football season, but I don't think it is from a lack of effort.

Losing is not fun, and it doesn't help when everyone wants to blast you out of the water because you are not winning.

It is extremely difficult to repeat a great season such as the one experienced by Gardner-Webb last year. This is true at any college level.

Coach Fish, I'm sure you and your staff are trying everything possible to win. On paper we have one of the best teams in the conference. I'm sure you'll find a way to use it properly.

To the football team, I hope you will see this season as a learning experience. Just remember players such as Raymond Jennings, Gabriel Wilkins, Roderick Jeter, Brian Allen, John Jennings all experienced a dismal 2-8 season their first year playing for GW. Last year, we all witnessed the result of their desire to win. As long as you maintain a desire to win, you will reach that level of success.

To the fans, Coach Fish and his staff are paid to do what they do so leave it to them. Our job as fans is to support the team through win, lose, or draw. If you decide you don't want to support GW because of their record, we don't need you anyway!

Garrick Scott

GWU is not segregated

After reading about how many of you have seen racism on campus I just had to respond. First, the cafeteria is not segregated and neither is GWU. The reason why the cafeteria is "divided" isn't because of racism, but it's because of preference. Claiming that the cafeteria is segregated is not fair to the people who sit on either side of the salad bar. The next thing that bothered me was the comment about the foreign students not being accepted. I don't think the reason why they are not accepted is because of their race. The reason could be based on personality. That should not have been titled racism but freedom of choice.

Gardner-Webb is not full of racism; it's full of misconceptions. People here are all too quick to label something as racism. We are in college now and we must be mature enough to respect the opinions of others and mature enough not to prejudge anyone or action. I am not blind to the fact that racism is around, I am just pointing out alternatives.

Although racism is a six letter word, the meaning is far bigger. For those who do not know the definition of racism, racism is defined as: a belief that race is the primary determination of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race (Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary 1983). Now that you know the definition for racism maybe you

will know it when you see it.

Saville Williams

Don't you know that I'm loco?

Well, well, well. Looks as though we have two people on the GWU campus who don't like what the catalyst has to say. I'm talking about Michael Owens and Andrew (Junior) Minneman.

Let us start with you Mr. Minneman. First of all, you tell me to stop wasting trees by writing my articles. So what did you do? Send yours in on a stone tablet? I didn't think so. Secondly, you say that all I do is sit around, whine, and complain. Well Mr. M., you must be one of two things, a freshman, or just plain blind to the treks of the Catalyst. It's obvious that you have never heard of Senate Bill #1 or the GWU debate team, of which I happen to be the assistant coach. I've even been a catalyst for higher learning because when I write, most of you have to call on our old friend the Webster's dictionary. So please have something to say when you open your mouth. OK Jr.? You have a lot of verve to talk about laziness. Let's talk about how you goof off in Myer's lobby when you should be out patrolling, Mr. Officer Man. As for me hiding, I've signed my name to everything I've ever had printed in *The Pilot*. Heck, I've even started eating in the cafeteria so that I can be readily available to anyone wishing to talk (although I must say that I am scared of the food). I live in Spangler room 317, my phone # is 4594 and you may find me in the cafeteria doing battle with that stuff that they like to call food. So please give me a call, because I am always looking forward to engaging in dialect.

Mr. Owens, who are you trying to get crazy with ese? Don't you know I'm loco? I found you letter funny yet hypocritical. First, you blasted the young Jimmy Swaggart for calling me names and then you turn around and do so yourself. Come now Skippy, you too must choose one side of the fence. You also talked about my misdirected intelligence. Well, if I wanted misdirection, I would follow your direction. Andy, I realize that you are just a squirrel trying to get a nut. However, judging by your writing skills, it's obvious that you wandered into the wrong forest. So, like Ice Cube said, you better run a check. You people have the nerve to question my faith in God. My faith in God is very strong; it has to be to put up with the crap that I put up with here. These are the words of one such as I. Oh yeah, how long did it take mommy to write that article for you Jr. (Andrew)?

Believe it or not, you two are doing exactly what I want the people of GWU to do. You're THINKING, or at least Mike and Sabrina are. It doesn't matter to me whether you agree or disagree with what I have to say, as long as you agree with my right to say it. Oh yeah Jr., your comparison of me to Hitler was totally off base. Somehow I cannot picture a black man wanting all Jews and Blacks wiped off the face of the earth.

For those of you who support me, I would like to say thank you. To those of you who are offended, I say "THESE." Andy, they say that everybody has a talent. I suggest that you look harder to find yours though because it definitely isn't writing. Don't worry though, I'm willing to accept you as my journalistic apprentice. Also, your little notice the "s" statement was nothing more but a rip-off of my artwork. Let's try and be original next time son.

Gus King