

Opinions

Top 10 list a convenient topic for this column

By Blake DuDonis
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To be honest with you, when I was told that I got to write my own column for every edition of The Pilot, I thought it would be simple and I would have to choose one thing to write about when there were hundreds that I wanted to put in.

Well, I was wrong. There are things I think of but they don't have enough substance to make a good article, or it is something that only a small number of people would enjoy.

For this edition, I thought of something at the last second; I thought it would be fun to do a list of sorts.

My girlfriend's favorite movie is "How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days," so I thought the list should have 10 things in it.

My list is one that all of us can relate with: 10 ways you know that you go to Gardner-Webb University.

I know that variations of this have been used and that there is even a Facebook group that has things in it, but I'm doing

this one off the top of my head (and some last minute help from Stephanie Richey).

Anyways, here we go:
10. You have been, or at least almost have been, attacked by a goose.

9. You seriously consider driving to class even although you live in a dorm and your class is in Craig Hall.

8. The scoreboard for the basketball games is older than almost every building on campus.

7. Your campus is "tobacco free" but you see some of the

university's staff members walking around daily with chewing tobacco in their mouths.

6. You have to yell "flush" before flushing the toilet in case someone is in the shower.

5. The food in the Caf looks exactly the same going in as it does coming out.

4. Climbing buildings is a regular occurrence.

3. You miss class and your professor e-mails you asking where you were.

2. There are more televisions in the Caf than there are freshmen.

1. You get a front row seat at any sporting event against any team, even if you get to the game 5 minutes after it started.

So there you have it. By the way, in case Chuck Burch, athletic director of GWU is reading this: I don't know if you have heard, but our woman's swim team is going for its fifth conference championship in six years, and the pool is a joke.

I don't think it is insane to provide arguably the best athletic team at Gardner-Webb with some slightly better facilities. Just a thought.

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Time for change: End Black History Month

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Black historian Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week in 1926, seeking to build self-worth in an oppressed people.

Woodson chose February because it contains the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass (which should kill jokes about February being Black History Month because its the shortest month).

Woodson's organization, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, expanded the observance to a full month in 1976.

Black History Month was founded to preserve African American culture, and teach-

ing those who aren't African American about our heritage. In a lot of black people's minds, Black History Month is only for black people, and therefore fails to educate non-blacks.

This negates the event's original idea.

I believe that instead of celebrating black history one month out of the year, it should be in the curriculum in history classes in U.S. high schools.

I think it's time to start preserving more than just black culture, and start embracing our ever-growing Hispanic community.

I propose that, from this day forward, we stop telling the tale of two Americas, and instead document and celebrate the multicultural and multidimensional story that is America - in all of its colors,

geographies and passions, in all of its ups and downs.

I also propose that, for the first time in American history, this country has reached a point where we can stop celebrating separately, stop learning separately, stop being American separately.

We have reached a point where most Americans want to gain a larger understanding of the peoples, customs and traditions they have not known.

I propose that each February we become not an America of black or white or Hispanic or Asian, but an America of black and white and Hispanic and Asian, an America where each of those heritages is a mandatory part of school curriculums.

We don't need more amendments to the U.S. Con-

stitution to make this happen; we need more amendments to our own personal behaviors, beginning with changing how we treat one another.

We shouldn't complain about how others outside of America treat us, when we treat each other worse within our own borders.

It's been 73 years since Woodson created Negro History Week.

It is now time that American history be American history every day, that Americans be Americans all the time and that we stop learning and living and celebrating separately.

Today, in honor of black history, which is American history, I propose that Black History Month be no more.

Sean Barrett is an American who happens to be black.

Letter to the Editor

University Police do us all a service with crossing flags

I want to thank the Gardner-Webb University Police for making the orange flags available for pedestrians to use

when crossing the city streets that adjoin campus.

I was hit in broad daylight by a pickup truck in October because the driver did not see me as I crossed Main Street. I ended up in the hospital and then a rehabilitation

center because of my injuries.

The flags will make it safer for everyone to cross the street, so I urge you all, not just students, to use them.

Joyce Melton
Boiling Springs

Arts & Entertainment

'He's Just Not That Into You' doesn't inspire commitment

By Christopher Shaver
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There are some movies that can change your life forever, and then there is "He's Just Not That Into You."

The movie follows multiple characters' love lives that are not going well. Although the star-studded cast - including Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Connelly - tried to create an effective romantic comedy on the insights to dating, the film failed to give a quality story line.

It starts by showing a 5-year-old girl being bullied by a boy on a playground. After the distraught child goes to her mother, the parent lets her daughter in on a secret: "He likes you."

That sets up the audience to meet Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) 20-something years later. She is attracted to people who are interested in one-night stands and is desperate for a man's attention.

Gigi later meets Alex (Justin Long) - also known as the "Mac Guy" - who happens to know everything a man thinks when it comes to dating. As the relationship blooms, we meet Gigi's coworkers and friends, who have their own relationship issues.

Unfortunately, their stories run together and create an incoherent mess that fails to redeem itself. There were too many characters to get down to the true human aspects of the film.

The acting was not convincing and the storyline was full of shal-

low insights that made you wonder if the movie really was based on a self-help book.

The movie was choppy edited, including dividing it up as a series of chapters with titles like, "When he's sleeping with someone else..." These interruptions are always followed by side characters talking about their dating experiences, and never being seen again.

After finding a few cheap laughs on homosexual stereotypes and overplayed jokes from other romantic comedies, "He's Just Not That Into You" carried no weight. The film went on 30 minutes too long and seemingly tried to mimic "Closer" for a popular audience.

"He's Just Not That Into You" had potential. Skip the theater and rent it when it comes out on DVD.

At last, an IKEA to bring style to student housing

By Jessica Caramenico
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IKEA has finally graced our region of North Carolina, with the opening of the University City location in Charlotte today.

IKEA is definitely worth considering when planning the décor of your living space.

It is an amazing store for anyone on a budget. Yes, it has expensive product lines, but it also has incredible deals on small, exciting items that can change a dorm room or apartment from dull and drab to rejuvenated and chic.

The chic, innovative furniture and house wares company was started in Sweden in 1943, and is headquartered in The Netherlands.

According to its Web site, IKEA has 36 locations across the United States, including the new Charlotte store.

As a Pennsylvania native who grew up with two IKEAs within easy traveling distance of home, I was quite excited to learn of the new location in Charlotte.

If you do not have time to visit Charlotte, just a few clicks around IKEA.com will bring an overwhelming number of options to you.

Items range from futons with different styles of mattresses and fresh,

modern covers, to table lamps that range in colors of clear glass with cherry blossoms to nearly every color of the rainbow.

A great idea for dorm room rejuvenation would be one of many duvet covers that IKEA has in stock. The covers slip onto the comforter you already have, and come with two pillow cases, and start at around \$15.

With the extensive selections in patterns, colors and prices, there is a new look for everyone.

Another dorm room staple is a rug. It is a must-have, even if the room is carpeted, and IKEA has that covered - at affordable prices. They range in styles from shag, modern and geometric to earthy, woven rugs.

The least expensive rug I found was a hand-woven rug for a little over \$2.

Another feature worth taking advantage of is the e-mailing list. IKEA sends e-mails packed with discounts and deals that are only sent by newsletter.

As students with budgets, deals can be the difference between buying something and waiting to find a cheaper item.

Something to note about IKEA, though, is that all the furniture is assembly required. So before you order, make sure that you have access to tools and help to put it together.

SGA meeting open to students

SGA is meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in Ritch Banquet Hall in Dover Campus Center. All students are welcome to attend.

Rock 'n' roll royalty

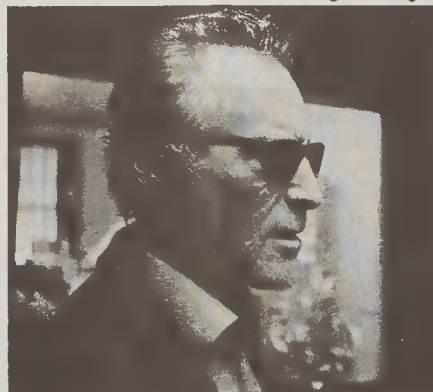


Photo by Tyler Kucifer

Noted singer/songwriter JD Souther is pictured here in the WGWG studio Saturday, where he gave an interview before a show he did in Charlotte that night. Souther has worked with recording artists including the Eagles, Linda Ronstadt and James Taylor. He is on tour now supporting his CD "If the World Was You," which is his first recording he has released since 1984.