

GTJ - TECH TALK

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FRESHMAN CLASS COMMENDED

Have any of you noticed the Christmas spirit that has been spread around the GTJ campus for this season? For instance, those beautiful poinsettias in Dr. Medlin's office as well as the ones in Old Main by the switchboard have really brightened things up, don't you think? Not to mention the beautifully-decorated tree up in the Library, which accompanies the music and the trimmings along the fireplace, done for the school by the Freshman Class.

The Freshman Class not only brightened up the grounds with trimmings, tinsel, and trees, but boosted the spirits of the faculty today with a Christmas Get-Together-Ing in the Faculty lounge --now wasn't that far-out?

Also to be noticed are the buttonneers and the corsages that have been distributed by the Freshman class.

These are only a few of the changes to be seen by the student body of the Freshman Class. Its president, Ken Stanley, is a hard-working, conscientious student, and is the same in his role as class president. He is well-supported by his fellow officers, who are to be commended as much as Ken. Keep up the good work!



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The Under-staff of TECH TALK

extends to everyone a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year!



Come to the Game

The GTI Green Hornets are lookin' good-- each game they play seems to put them up one more notch--you'd better come and see our guys if you haven't before now. If you don't, I hope you don't get any goodies in your stocking.

Seriously, our team has worked hard to get where it is now -- and they are going to get better before they even know it! So, please let our team know you -- the student body of GTI -- care about them. You can see them play the following technical institutes:

JANUARY '71 (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

7	Richmond	There
11	Rowan	There
18	TIA	There
21	Durham	There
28	Richmond	Home

FEBRUARY

1	Catawba Valley	There
4	Wesleyan	Home
8	Catawba Valley	Home

They need your support -- see to it they do!
P.S. Welcome, Yuzar Howard, to the Hornets.

DANCE

There will be a Christmas dance at Sedgefield Manor on Friday night, December 18, from 8 until 12 p.m.

Music will be by the Early Morning Fog, formerly known as the Emphatics.

Semi-formal attire. Don't bring any beer, set-ups have been arranged.

Get ready for a real exciting night with a really swinging group.

FROM OLE TEDDIE:

An early Happy Birthday to Miss M. K. Bailey!

HELP is HERE

If you see something or a situation which you think should be referred to the SGA, contact one of these Student Government Association representatives. They will do all they can to help you -- and do not forget, IT'S YOUR SGA! They can't do anything about it unless you tell them!

Richard Cranford
George Hale
Donna Tilley
Barbara Ownbgy
Ken McDonald
David Benninger
Michael Bush
Thomas Collicutt (alt.)
Sylvia Hair
Micky Tavinner
Harriett Donnell
Doris Hipps (alt.)
Charles Graham
Florence McLeod
Bill Bean
Tom Carawan
Bruce Harrison
Sonny Patton (alt.)
Peggy Walters
Clifton Cox
Elizabeth Elliott
Bill Guill
Carolyn Woods
Debby Wingard
Ken Stanley - New SGA Vice-President

Out of Whose Tree?

For those of you who wondered what the mad scramble to decorate Christmas trees on Campus was all about -- GTI had a contest to see which department had the best tree. (I could laughingly tell you a few departments that make one think they are OUT of their tree - Ed.) Due to lack of Tech Talk staff, we can only supply to you, the people, the winning department -- THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT. The prize was that the winning tree got it's picture in the Greensboro Record -- not bad for a little bitty technical institute, eh?

SGA SECRETARY SOUNDS OFF

Dear Students:

The Student Government Association of GTI means just what it says. It is the students' government. Four officers are elected each May by the student body. These four officers are a government body, which is a go-between for the Administration and the students.

Monthly SGA meetings are held to discuss the problems or activities of the school. The students are represented at these meetings by representatives from each curriculum. There is one representative for every 20 students in that curriculum.

At these SGA meetings we plan dances, form special committees, and allocate money. We discuss problems which have occurred on campus and decide what can be done to solve them.

At each meeting, everyone is free to voice his own opinions. All of the meetings are open to the student body unless otherwise stated. If a person who is not a representative wants to sit in on a meeting, he may. He can voice his opinions and see that something is done about them. The only thing he can't do is vote. Only the representatives can vote and there has to be at least two-thirds members present before anything can be voted upon. If you cannot attend each meeting to voice your opinion, then it is your obligation to elect a representative who can attend each meeting.

When a person accepts the position of a representative, he should be sure that he can uphold this office. It is very important that each representative comes to as many meetings as he possibly can. If for some reason he can't, he should get someone to take his place.

The only way his fellow students will learn about what is going on is if he tells them. If he doesn't want this responsibility then he should get someone to take his place. We cannot have an active SGA if half of the members are out most of the time. An interest has to be alive instead of dormant in order for our student government to survive.

Each student should take more interest in his school. If a student doesn't take an interest in SGA, he can at least take an interest in his school. If a student doesn't take an interest in SGA, he can at least read the Student Bulletin. These will tell him the most important things that are going on on our campus.

A person doesn't have to take an active part. You don't have to participate in anything. Just because you don't participate doesn't mean you should run your school down to others. If you don't like it: work improves it. If there is a fault here then you can tell your representative what it is and he can get something done about it.

Just remember when you are talking about your school to others that YOU are a part of it.

Dianne Wells
Secretary, SGA

TO ALL NEWCOMERS AS OF WINTER QUARTER:

Tech Talk would be honored to have any worthwhile articles you would like to give or loan us for publication.

Any comments on the grounds, the students, or the faculty -- as long as these comments are straightforward and not malicious -- or just some of your quieter thoughts on paper, will suffice.

Just drop all material to be published in the Tech Talk box in Mr. Jenkins' office in Old Main, Room 117.

Publishing dates will be posted at various places around the campus, and A L L material must be written or typed two wks. before Tech Talk goes to the press.

THANKS,
TT staff

SANSKRIT PROVERB

Look to this day,
For it is life,
The very life of life,
In its brief course lies all
the realities and truths of existence,
the bliss of growth,
the splendor of action,
the glory of power --

For yesterday is but a dream
and tomorrow is only a vision.
But today, well-lived,
makes every yesterday a dream of
HAPPINESS
and every tomorrow a vision of
HOPE.

Look well, therefore, to this day.

Christmas?

What is Christmas? Is it a commercialized gift-giving spree -- a religious celebration of the birth of Christ -- or is it more?

Christmas is a gift-giving spree and a religious celebration, but it is also more, much more. It is a time of sharing, of living, and of loving.

Holidays can be a very depressing time if you are unfortunate enough not to be able to share them with someone you love. Sharing is not gift-giving -- gifts are only tokens. Sharing is giving of yourself -- your hopes -- your dreams -- and even your even your misfortunes to someone else. Sharing is giving LOVE.

The religious tradition of the birth of the Christ-child lends a romanticism which makes Christmas unique. The word, itself, means CHRIST-MASS, which is a celebration and offering to Jesus Christ. Christ was a simple man, and it is in the simple things that we find the true meaning of Christmas.

One Christmas in particular exemplifies this to me. This took place in Pennsylvania when I was about nine years old.

Christmas?, cont'd.

It was Christmas Eve, a cold, cloudy night. The shopping was finished, presents were wrapped, and everything was quiet. In the fireplace, wood crackled and tongues of flame licked the cinder-blocks. Potatoes, wrapped in foil, baked slowly on the hot coals near the edges of the fire. A bag of marshmallows and a few twigs sat on a nearby table. The fire was the only light in the room: it cast a warm, orange glow.

We could hear carolers faintly from outside, singing about peace on earth and good will toward men. In the corner, which was usually reserved for the television set, stood a brightly-lighted tree decorated with candy canes and shiny ornaments. Underneath, sat a few presents with fancy ribbons and a little stable with wooden figurines of all the members of the nativity scene. Out in the kitchen, the grown-ups were laughing and talking, but my cousin and I sat fascinated by everything around us.

About 10 o'clock it started to snow, a soft, gentle snow, light and fluffy, that would blow off your hand.

Then, at midnight, as is the custom in my family, presents were opened. We laughed, cried, and jumped with joy at all the wonderful things we found. These things were simple because money was scarce, but they were special because they were given from the heart.

For a few brief moments that night, with Nature's help, we had captured a little of that peace and good will that was promised to us over 2,000 years ago.

WAKE FOREST MASSACRE...

A courageous little technical school from Jamestown, N.C., journeyed fearlessly to Wake Forest campus in Winston-Salem not too long ago to compete in a novice debate tournament. This is the first year GTI has had a debating team. Only one of the students participating has had any debating experience in high school, and to complicate matters, most had had only a few days notice.

Therefore, with such extensive preparation, GTI's team set out to walk away with the trophies. But, one minor complication arose: GTI had expected to compete with other technical schools, small colleges, and community colleges. But, someone made a mistake. GTI was the only two-year school present. The small schools it opposed were: Harvard, West Point, Annapolis, William & Mary, George Washington University, Washington & Jefferson University, UNC - CH, Wake Forest, Tennessee Tech (only the largest university in the State), Clemson, etc. -- only the best novice teams in the country.

With such minor competition, GTI s-lugged it out for six rounds -- got taken apart -- picked up the pieces, and went back in there fighting.

Needless to say, we lost. But, students, please take pride in your school's debating team. They have what it takes; and, next time there won't be a massacre.

Season's Greetings from the gang at the Library. They have really done a good job on decorating this year -- especially with the fireplace setting.

There is a display on black literature now open to all students. Everyone (well almost everyone) has been up there looking at, staring at, and reading the great collection of literature by blacks.

ZAPPED! Have you been ZAPPED? Students have been packing themselves into the Library to hear Frank Zappa's latest record.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The GTI campus relationship is one that is rarely found on any campus of comparative size. I say this knowing that there will be some people who will say "this is not true" and that "there is a lot of room for improvement". I agree there is room for improvement, but at very few campuses -- or on no other campus -- will you find a student - student or student - teacher relationship so maturely organized.

Each student and teacher should be individually congratulated for their contribution of hard work and understanding toward achieving an atmosphere of comfort and concern.

Since congratulation is in order for the past, let's not stunt our growth, but continue to strive for better understanding, equality, and -- above all -- human respect for Blacks and for Whites, for students and for neighbors, for enemies and for friends.

With an understanding as such, we Blacks and Whites (we're otherwise known as human beings) can help make our school, neighborhood, state, and country better places in which to live.

Congratulations,
Vander E. Jenkins

adults only

The Jamestown - GTI Community Theatre Embryonic Stage is preparing for the second of its major productions. This presentation will consist of two adult plays to be presented in February. The plays are: Soul Gone Home, by Langston Hughes, and The Death of Bessie Smith, by Edward Albee. The cast selected for the Hughes play consists of: Harriet Donnelly Smith as the Mother, and Alonza Montgomery as her son. The cast for the Albee play includes: Carolyn Woods as Bernie; William Pennix as Jack; Brad Jenkins as the Father; Judy Layton as the first nurse; Rickey Pressley as the orderly; Beth Hodges as the second nurse; and Sonny Patton as the Intern.

The direction and production staff is headed by Pam Menke, Charlotte Hallberg, Bob Metz, and Susan Gregory.

The President's Desk :

CHRISTMAS -

AN OLD MEANING FOR A NEW DAY

When it comes to expressing my views on Christmas, I confess readily to a traditional point of view. Yes, I like and enjoy the exchange of gifts with family and friends. I like the excitement and the thrill of the surprise element in the opening of packages and the make-believe "Santa Claus". I would not rob a single child of this hopeful expectancy of a midnight visit from that jolly old elf and the gifts he leaves to gladden the hearts of children. Neither would I deprive youth and adults from the happy anticipation of the Christmas season - the parties - the food - the beautifully-wrapped packages - the family dinners - the tinsel - the ribbons and the wreaths - nor the beautifully lighted Christmas tree.

I read every Christmas card and renew my appreciation for the thoughtfulness of friends and the sentiment they express through these printed messages. I would not deprive adults of even the mad, last minute rush - pushing and shoving through the maddening crowd of Christmas shoppers to obtain those last items so that no one on the list will be overlooked.

I like the city streets aglow with the beautiful multicolored lights and the over-arched festoons of greenery made more brilliant by the red berries and the ribbons. I like all of this Christmas symbolism representing the hundreds of ways in which people wish each other a "Merry Christmas".

Then I like to look beneath all the trappings of what is so often referred to as a "commercialized Christmas". I like to find through cutting the ribbons, removing the tinsel, opening the packages, and experiencing the oft-repeated thought that back of the gift is the giver -- and herein lies the real spirit of Christmas... Thoughtfulness of people for people.

A moment of serious reflection on our Christian heritage and the tenets of our Judao-Christian faith makes me enjoy again and again the ancient song of the angels as it's echoed by thousands of choirs in our modern day. Through this sacred pagentry, we can visualize the simple shepherds keeping watch on the cold Judian

hills with an expectancy of the coming Messiah burning deeply within their hearts. We can visualize also the regal splendor of the Magi, glorified in story and song, seeking to pay homage and present their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

I am impressed all over again that Mary and Joseph and the Babe in the manger so richly dramatizes the hope of the centuries for peace and good will to men.

How, then, can we apply the ancient and traditional meaning of Christmas to a modern day? People and their needs are basically the same. We thrive on love, friendship, and the consistent warmth which these powerful elements of life generate. The needs of people are basically the same today as they were at the time of the first Christmas. Then, now, and always we shall need to work together to supply the needs of human life - physical, material, as well as spiritual needs. Undergirding it all is an appreciation that these relationships are enriched and enhanced through thoughtfulness and consideration and a thousand simple things that we so easily overlook until the spirit of Christmas brings us to face these values.

Over-arching it all are the spiritual values of life, without which mankind stands tragically impoverished. Our objectives then today are the same as were those of the men of old as they looked and waited hopefully for the coming of PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN. Peace is such an illusive quality, many times we are on the verge of achieving it only to find that greed and selfishness forces it beyond our grasp.

My personal wish for all of our students, our faculty, and our staff plus all who work with us at Guilford Technical Institute is the very happiest and merriest of Christmas seasons to each of you.

Luther R. Medlin
President

prejudice

There are many prejudices prevalent in today's society. Many of these prejudices are unjust because people tend to put others in one general category or another. These prejudices are based on race, religion, and other characteristics such as general appearance.

One example of religious prejudice exists in Ireland. The Protestants and Catholics are constantly at each other's throats.

One big problem here in America is the one which exists between the blacks and the whites. Many white people think that because some blacks are militants--all blacks are militants. This is not true. Likewise, many black people believe that whites are anti-black due to the fact that some whites are anti-black, but neither are all whites against the black movement. If the two would not put each other in such general categories, both might live together more profitably.

While listening to television one afternoon, I heard a statement which sums up the whole problem: "It's really bad how many people we trust just because they are like us, but distrust others because they are different." If we, as a society, could open our minds and our hearts to everyone, this would be a much better world in which to live.

--Dwight Hall

we did it

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Phi Rho Pi Banquet

The North Carolina Omicron Chapter of Phi Rho Pi, which is a National Forensic Honorary Society for Junior Colleges, held its annual initiation Thursday, December 3, at GTI.

The new members are:

Melva Aldridge
Elizabeth Chuisano
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After the Initiation was performed, a banquet was served. Mr. Lee Kinnard, of WFMY-TV, was guest speaker for the occasion.

GREETINGS
from the
ENGLISH DEPT.

