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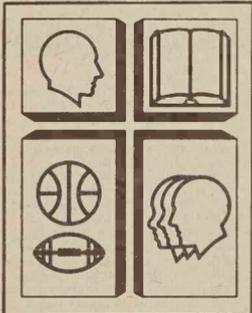


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Gardner-Webb College

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BOILING SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

SGA Discusses
New Legislation

The Senate held its first meeting of 'the spring semester on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

After roll was taken, Dr. Tony Eastman and Dr. Betty Cox spoke to the Senate members concerning a series of Cleveland County Town meetings to be held this semester in recognition of the Bicentennial. The Senate is asking for student support for these meetings. Anyone wanting further information about the meetings, should contact either Dr. Eastman or Dr. Cox.

Also, in recognition of the Bicentennial year, the AWS along with the Senate is planning a Bicentennial Day either in March or April. All students will be dismissed from classes on that day in order to join in the festivities.

Rick Trexler reported that the Student-Administration meetings held each month were going very well and that many good ideas have come from these meetings. President Trexler also reported that a Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 27. Sixteen students will attend this meeting with the Trustees in order to express the students' ideas, and needs.

The Student Government Association is working on the attainment of a budget for the AWS for next year since this organization has been operating without one this year. The SGA is also working to have the Saturday library hours changed. Many students prefer that the library be open in the afternoon on Saturdays.

A fall break for next fall is

also being worked on. The Coffeehouse is in the final planning stages for reopening.

Trexler reported that the Drinking Code bill passed by the Senate last semester has passed and will be included in the handbook for next year. However, the bill is immediately effective. Copies of this bill will be placed around campus for students' reading.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has reaffirmed Gardner-Webb as a fully-accredited senior college. The action of reaffirmation came last month in Atlanta at the Southern Association annual meeting.

This college became an accredited four-year college in 1971, the year Gardner-Webb graduated its first senior class.

"I am very happy that Gardner-Webb has been reaffirmed by the Southern Association," said Dr. Poston. "It confirms that we are continuing to grow in educational quality. This step paves the way for us to institute a Masters degree program by 1980 at the latest."

The College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is responsible for accrediting institutions of higher learning in the southern region of the United States. Its principal concern in accreditation is the improvement of educational quality.

The reaffirmation followed an evaluation by the association of Gardner-Webb's institutional self-study, a program of self-examination and critique required of member institutions and those seeking accreditation. A comprehensive self-study is to be made once every 10 years, except in the case of new institutions of junior colleges advancing to senior-college status. Those schools must complete a status report by the year of the first graduating class, then complete a self-study four years later.

"The evaluation shows that we have made improvement in every area since our initial self-study; and the fact that the association did not call for any corrections in our program is a tribute to everyone connected with the institution," Dr. Poston stated.

Mr. McGraw, who attended the meeting in Atlanta, termed the reaffirmation "a reward for all the dedicated efforts by the faculty and staff."

"Their ideas and innovations are constantly upgrading the quality of our programs. Our primary objective is that each student is exposed to every educational opportunity we have to offer."

This school offers the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, and associate of arts degree in over 24 areas of study and has two-year programs in business, serial science, and nursing.

"Gardner-Webb will continue to strengthen her programs and her greatest days lie ahead," said Dr.

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Three
Students
Injured

Last month, three Gardner-Webb students were seriously injured in a one-car wreck.

The accident occurred on Dec. 19 in the Ft. Pierce, Fla. area about 1:30 a.m. The students involved were Fernando Lopez, Eddie Ochoa, and Charles Villoch.

Lopez, a freshman football player, sustained the most serious injuries. Six hours of "delicate" surgery repaired a lacerated aorta (the main blood vessel leading to the heart). Fernando also suffered a fractured left leg and a dislocated femur.

Ochoa, a sophomore, had the least serious injuries. He sustained a dislocated shoulder and lacerations.

Villoch, also a freshman football player, suffered a dislocated hip, a fractured femur, head lacerations, and a fractured hand.

None of the three injured will return this semester. Lopez and Villoch are still hospitalized and the date of their release has not yet been announced.

The three students will remain at their homes until able to return to Gardner-Webb. If anyone wishes to write them, their addresses are: Fernando Lopez, 1129 SW 7th Street, Miami, Fla. 33130; Eddie Ochoa, 1030 NW 19 Court, Miami, Fla., and Charles Villoch, 5601 Orduna Drive, Coral Gables, Fla. 33146.



Ensemble Begins Tour

The Gardner-Webb College Choral Ensemble begins its Spring 1976 tour on Feb. 17, with a chapel program here. From this point, the official touring choir of the college will continue to travel extensively throughout the Carolinas and Virginia during the rest of the semester.

The Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jerry Hill, was organized in 1963, while Gardner-Webb was still a junior college. At

that time, the music department had two choral groups, the A choir and the B choir. The only difference between the two was that the A choir traveled on weekend trips and the B choir didn't.

During this year, it was decided that the two groups would have more original names than A and B and would be called the Concert Choir and the Choral Ensemble. Thus, the Ensemble began and gave its first performances in the fall of 1964.

During this time, the only means of transportation the college had for the music department was an old, battered, 1952 Chevrolet school bus in which Dr. Hill drove the band and the choral groups. The bus had withstood so many hard years, that students nicknamed it "Noah's Ark" explaining that it could withstand even a flood.

In 1967, the Ensemble was invited to sing at the
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