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'Homecoming Happenings 1979: A Success!'

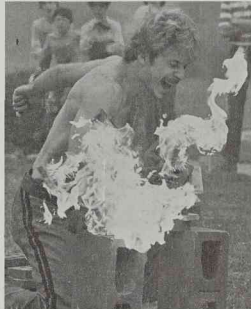
If you happened to stay on campus and forego a trip home on the weekend of October 19, you may have noticed an undue amount of activity occurring as the weekend progressed. Don't be alarmed—Gardner-Webb College was celebrating Homecoming '79! The festivities began on Thursday, October 18 with Spirit Day. Everyone was urged to wear scarlet, black, and white. The movie "Smokey and the Bandit" was shown on Thursday evening. Judging from the size and the reaction of the crowd, this movie was a great success. During the night, an unknown Bulldog fan made a "Charmin" contribution to the Homecoming decor. On Friday, the Student Center Board sponsored the ventriloquist act of Willie Tyler and his "partner" Lester. Their act was followed by a concert by the Plum Hollow Band. This bluegrass band presented "good of down-home" music, for those who appreciate the finer things in life.

Homecoming Day began early Saturday morning with the judging of the dorm decorations. Campus House won first place, followed by Lutz-Yelton in second place. HAPY received honorable mention. One of the highlights of the day was the carnival from 9:00-11:00. Many clubs and groups participated by setting up booths and various activities. Among these were a ring toss, a log toss, an impressive self-defense presentation by the Karate Club, and a ventriloquist act by Donna Easter. After the carnival, a parade was



Homecoming Queen Delana Gray enjoys the honor of her new title.

David Dyches—hot stuff!



held. Joining the parade was the Bulldog Band and several floats, sponsored by each class and various clubs. The Religious Education Club won first place in the float competition with its theme of "The Muppet Movie." The parade ended at the site of the new Convocation Center for the groundbreaking ceremony. A large crowd turned out for this very impressive event. Among the many speeches, it was revealed that the projected date of completion will be in April 1981.

After a picnic lunch held at the stadium, the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs played Carson-Newman in football. The highlight of the game occurred during half-time when Dr. Craven Williams crowned Delana Gray as Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming Court was recognized, with Delores Long representing the Senior class; Audrey Awtry, the Junior class; Tammy Gabard, the Sophomore class; and Janet Bates, the Freshman class. After the game, Open House was held in the dorms. The Homecoming activities were topped off by a dance Saturday night in the gym, featuring Communication Breakdown and Sid the Surf disco. Special thanks should be given to the Homecoming Committee for its efforts in making Homecoming 1979 a great success.



SPOTLIGHT: Eva and Angela

by Ruth Ann Brunson

If for some reason you venture to find yourself in our cafeteria, your attention might, on occasion, be drawn to a circle of people who are engaged in uproarious laughter. Located in the center of this circle is a girl who does not, at present, have the ability to move her legs. You may feel pangs of sorrow for this girl but, as you watch from a distance, your pity moves to admiration and possibly envy when you see her amidst scores of friends. Eva Whittington is quite an extraordinary young woman. She is a sophomore at Gardner-Webb. Eva resides in HAPY dorm and anyone will tell you that the name of the dorm aptly describes Eva's smiling disposition. Most of the student body heard Eva when she sang during Fall Revival. Her beautiful voice automatically gave away her major of music.

But, this story is not even half over, because of another young lady who charms our student body with her bright face and delightful personality. Angela Smith is a day student from Cherryville and she, like Eva, is also confined to a wheelchair. Angela is undecided as to her major but she is considering either Library Science or French. Being a student of the French

language myself, I quickly suggested she delve deeper into the field of Library Science. When you see Angela going to her classes, she always has her "trusty companion" (No, not Tonto) with her, David Gibson.

Eva and Angela have more than the obvious in common. During the summer, they both participated in the Miss Wheelchair North Carolina Pageant. They were more than happy to tell me of their experiences and give me some information on the pageant itself.

The Miss Wheelchair North Carolina is a non-profit organization and was formed for the purpose of conducting an annual contest and pageant to select "Miss Wheelchair North Carolina". This contest was designed to focus more attention on the abilities, rather than the disabilities, of the handicapped individual. The judging criteria consists of: personal accomplishments, personality, and appearance, but the coordinators of the Miss Wheelchair Pageant state emphatically that the competition is not a beauty contest. The appearance category is included only in an attempt to pick a girl who is capable of creating favorable responses from any audience before which Miss

Wheelchair would appear.

Friday night before the day of the contest consisted of a semi-formal banquet, dinner, and disco dancing. On Saturday night, July 7, the contestants met with the judges for ten-minute interviews. They attended workshops and practiced for the contest. On Pageant night, each contestant went on stage in order to convince the judges that she could handle the job of Miss Wheelchair North Carolina. Toward the end of the competition, Angela was awarded the title of "Miss Achievement". This award is given to the girl who, in the opinion of the judges, has achieved the greatest adjustment since the onset of her disability. Although Angela neglected to mention it, Eva gladly told me that Angela received a standing ovation from the crowd when she received her title.

Eva and Angela enjoyed the opportunity to represent the pageant and they feel that the pageant needs more community support and wide-spread publicity.

Earlier in this story, I referred to Eva as "amazing" and Angela as having a "charming personality", but words cannot accurately describe these two people who have overcome such odds to be where they are today.