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Steel Magnolias

By Lynn S. Britt Staff Writer

Sweaty palms, jittery nerves, and butterflies in the stomach are all a part of the emotions that go along with auditioning for a play as each of the 34 ladies who auditioned for a part in "Steel Magnolias" can attest.

The all female play includes only six parts. GW students DeEtta Hawks, Jennifer Norman, and Merry Joy Ralph will play the parts of Clairee, Annelle, and Shelby, respectively. Kathie Burgin, a GW graduate, will play M'Lynn. Barbara Brock and Debra Farfour, two actresses with professional experience, will play Ouiser and Truvy, respectively. Five of these six actresses will be making their GW stage debut.

For theatre-goers who have seen the movie, Director John Brock says the play version will be quite different and much more entertaining.

This is one of the first productions of the play since the movie was released. No one was given permission to perform the play during production and release of the movie "Steel Magnolias."

Brock said "[It is] a delightful play about Southerners and southern culture. The characters are warm and real, and theatregoers will be able to see reflections of themselves and their family.

"[It] promises a superb evening of hilarious but thoughtful entertainment."

The cast of six began practicing on September 6, and the performance dates are set for October 12-15.

Barry Martin is the assistant director for the production, and Barry Whitfield is the assistant technical director.

Since the whole play takes place in a beauty shop, the stage will have running water and working drainage systems. Much backstage help is still needed for the production.

Bits-n-Pieces

September 29 is this year's first VIP day. Prospective students and their parents will visit GWC beginning at 9:00 a.m. They will be touring the campus, eating in the cafeteria, and attending the football game against Wingate.

On October 4 from 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Broyhill School of Management will host a symposium for area high school students on "Current Issues and Trends in Business." The meeting will be held in the concourse of the LYCC.

Best Wishes To the Runnin' Bulldogs for the first home football game, Saturday, September 29, against Wingate.

Go Bulldogs!!

Sunday Celebrations

By Dawn E. Camp Managing Editor

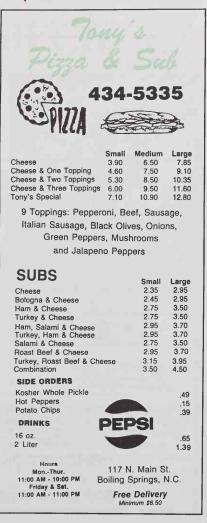
Campus Ministries proudly announces the addition of monthly Sunday evening worship services to the GWC calendar. "Sunday Celebrations" are designed to present the gospel in new and creative ways including music, drama, or even comedy.

"All the services will be pretty much nontraditional...But I hope that each will be a worship service," said Campus Minister Burdette Robinson.

The first service, held on September 16 at 8:30 p.m., featured the Dogwood unit of the Covenant Players, an internationally known Christian drama troupe from California. Following in the tradition of Christ's method of preaching through parables and the medieval church's use of story telling, the players (Julie Rosensteel, Emma Meney, Matt Jamison, and Christine Piel) provided a medium that effectively communicated the challenges of Christian commitment.

The group's skits centered around the ideas of involvement, commitment, and witnessing. They encouraged the audience to "Speak a Little Louder" and witness through actions as well as words.

The next "Sunday Celebration" is scheduled for October 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the chapel.



Boan Attends Workshop

By Dawn E. Camp Managing Editor

As students relaxed on the beach or worked for an extra dollar or two this summer, Dr. Rudee Boan, a GWC sociology professor, worked to improve his writing ability.

Boan attended the fourteenth annual Bennington Writing Workshops held at Bennington College in Vermont. "These workshops bring novice writers into contact with professionals. They allow the novice writer to test some work in a group context under professional guidance," Boan said.

In the past, professional writers such as John Updike, John Cheever, and Ann Beatty have helped with the workshop. This summer's pros included Grace Paley, Russell Banks, and Mary Oliver. Students, accepted through application only, meet with editors and agents from magazines and book companies.

Groups of 12 writers meet three times a week to discuss one story. "I feel like I learned a few things--not technical things-small things I need to do to get over the hurdle of being published," Boan said. "I think I left there with the motivation and confidence to continue writing."

The workshops lasted a month, but at the two week point, the entire faculty and onefourth of the students changed.

Boan, whose attendance was made possible through a GWC faculty development grant, said, "I will be eternally grateful to Gardner-Webb for making if possible for me to go."

Staley Lectures Held

The annual Staley Lecture Series was held on campus from Sept. 24-26. The speaker, Dr. Gerald Page, discussed "How to Be a G-Rated Person in an R-Rated World." The three lectures were based in Jonah, the topic of one of Page's books.

Page, a graduate of Gardner-Webb, holds both a masters and doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently pastor of Gambrell St. Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Program allows evangelical scholars to speak to small colleges nationwide concerning the Christian Faith.

