

## Future Plans Stated By Guidance Head

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"Our desire is that we shall be able to expand our program so as to give our students the possible help in making their adjustment to life and in choosing their vocation with a minimum of expenditure of time, energy, finances, and emotion."

This is the aim of the Gardner-Webb Guidance Department as expressed by Dr. Robert Allen Dyer, organizer and director of the effective guidance work on the campus.

This ideal is a new thing to be emphasized in educational technique, and Dr. Dyer has put Gardner-Webb out in front with his efforts toward attaining his goal.

The Guidance Department came about because of the ingenious insight of P. L. Elliott, president of the college. President Elliott recognized the need for some sort of aid to help the students adjust themselves to college life.

The Gardner-Webb Guidance Department had its official opening in the fall of 1947, with office and personal file records in the old dormitory for boys, now the girls' auxiliary dorm.

The main problem with which the Guidance Department was confronted in the beginning was that of selling the idea to the students. The attitude they took in the beginning was that the officials were meddling in their affairs. This problem has at last been eradicated and the students' attitude toward the Guidance Department is totally one of respect.

Other problems have arisen, however. There has been the problem of inadequate space. The offices in the boys' dormitories heretofore were not able to house adequately the equipment necessary to carry on a program of this type.

This problem has been solved in the moving of the Guidance Department to the Gardner Memorial Student Center. There is now room for two separate offices: one for a reception room which also contains a reputable library of tests, inventories, and vocational information; and an inner office where private conferences may also be held. Space is also now provided for a guidance reading room.

Other problems have been that of equipment and personnel. The Guidance Department is expecting one thousand dollars worth of equipment to be installed at the beginning of the next school year.

The problem of personnel remains yet to be solved. Heretofore there has been an almost complete reliance on student help to carry out the program of guidance. Dr. Dyer has foreseen the need for a full-time secretary and other staff members to complete the guidance program. There has arisen the need for full-time counselors trained in counselling techniques.

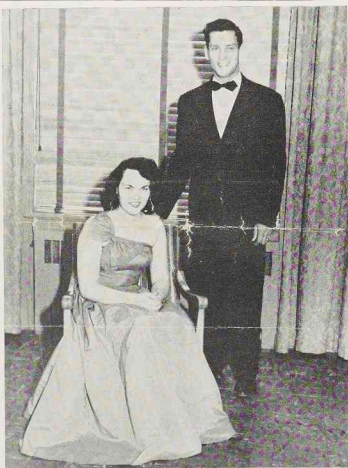
Dr. Dyer contends that "a good guidance program should include a constructive system of development for the student along scholastic, vocational lines."

In the realm of scholastic training, the Gardner-Webb program assigns each student to a member of the faculty who acts as the student's counsellor. Once each six weeks grading period, the student meets with his counsellor, who is not only a professor, but also the student's confidant and friend, who makes any needed arrangements for personal interviews for the more specific problems.

In the category of social adjustment, the Gardner-Webb guidance



Above are shown the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs of the diamond. Front is Bob (Creep) McMurry. Sitting, left to right, are: Harry Rogers, Tom Parker, Ken Best, Jonas Bridges, Bill Barkley, John Arns, the Mabry, Walter Oakes, Max Fish, and Roy Lee Smith. Standing, left to right: Coach Revis Frye, "Whiskey" (Clint, Ervin) Shook, Leonard Keever, Ronald Heafner, Joe Hamrick, Jim Canney, Tom Painter, and George McSwain.



Miss Evelyn Sue Hamrick, a pretty brunette of Shelby, and Max Fish of East Gastonia are to be enthroned as Queen and King of the May on the Gardner-Webb campus next month. Both are sophomore students. Miss Hamrick is a music major, and Mr. Fish is majoring in Physical Education. The royal court will include ten boys and ten girls, half from the freshman class and half from the sophomore class. All were elected recently by the students.

program interprets social life as "living and getting along with other people—that is, with the other students and the faculty."

Playing an instrumental part in trying to prevent the student from getting his social life out of proportion to his other college activities, the Department of Guidance attempts to balance and to develop the personality of every student, proving throughout the

process that the loud and noisy and the shrinking and timid can be properly adjusted and balanced through the right kind of guidance and encouragement. Social adjustment is further developed on the campus through directed reading and personal interviews, as well as wholesome group living.

To insure the further growth of the Department of Guidance, Dr. Dyer has registered for further

## Women's Sports Director Leads G-W May Day Plans

By JIM HULLENDER

Although the Women's Athletic Department is one of the least publicized departments on the Gardner-Webb campus, it comes to its own during the early summer each year, in the month of May to be exact, when the King and Queen of the May Court and all their court attendants are trained by Miss Saranan Morgan, director of women's athletics in the finer arts of "May Daying." These May Day festivities are one of the major events of the college year.

This year's May Court will be under the direction of Coach Morgan for the first time. She is a Gardner-Webb graduate, having received her first experience in the athletic department during her second year at Gardner-Webb under Professor J. Y. Hamrick, who was at the time head of the department. After receiving her degree from Peabody Teachers College of Nashville, Tennessee, she received further experience at athletic direction work in the summer of 1948, working with the Shelby Parks and Recreation Commission.

Concerning the coming May Day plans, Coach Morgan stated to the Pilot, "The Women's Athletic Department is striving to make the May Day festivities of '49 exceed all such previous pageants held on the Gardner-Webb campus. The program will be entitled, 'An Old Southern Dream.'

May Day is always a form of homecoming for the alumnae, as well as alumni, of Gardner-Webb. A record attendance is expected for the pageant this year, due to the rising state-wide interest in the many activities of the college.

Implying that she would be interested in beginning women's intramural athletics at Gardner-Webb, Coach Morgan expressed hope for a more complete athletic program for women in the future.

study in psychological testing and vocational guidance this summer at Columbia University, the foremost educational center for study of this type in America.