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We should like to have your response to our publication. You are invited to submit your comments whether they be critical, complimentary or suggestive. Address your letters to the Editor, Box 14, Gardner-Webb College. Composition for the literary section may be addressed to the Literary Editor, Box 14, Gardner-Webb College. All material submitted must bear signature, or will not be considered.

P. H. B., Editor

## BASIC PRINCIPLES

P. L. ELLIOTT, President

Gardner-Webb College is now in its forty-seventh year. The emphases and goals of the past are still the ruling principles of the institutions. This means that this is a Christian College, and that the basic philosophy of the college is that there can be no real education apart from Christian. The idea here, therefore, transcends ownership or administrative operation. Specifically it is that training in values is the primary concern. The fact that Plato gave expression to this strategy long ago does not make it old or out of date. It is perennially new and progressively modern. Making a living, attaining rank and position, and service to our day are all worthy goals and are encompassed in the man-event, but these all do not contain what we are after. To create a desire for real values, a sensitivity to them, and a courage to follow them is the primary concern here.

Toward the accomplishment of this there has been projected here an academic program extensive enough to be inclusive and small enough to have depth; and one which has been accredited by every academic accrediting agency within its reach.

Since the chief purpose is conceived as an attitude plus a habit, the College gives itself to an extensive program of service as a means of achieving and interpreting the good way. With Gardner-Webb this conception of service to the denomination and the state through its community is primary. Unless education ends with formal schooling, the task of the college does not end with graduation. The task of the college conceived is an ever widening circle which envelops all the people, the all of every one of the people, and all the relationships of all the people, within the sphere of the college's influence.

In that connection Gardner-Webb's ever widening and ever enriching program of service to match its highly recognized academic program may be watched with interest by those who are concerned about the patterns of higher education of tomorrow.

## Potentialities of Basic Principles

We of the *Pilot* staff wish to take this opportunity to extend to this year's new students and to those of the sophomore class a hearty welcome to Gardner-Webb. We feel that your stay at Gardner-Webb will add a valuable chapter to the history of this college; and that the *Pilot* should be that diary which catalogues the romance of your intellectual, aesthetic, and philosophical adventure.

It is always a pleasing sensation to find one's self among new personalities as is the situation at the beginning of each new school year. The pleasure lies in the opportunity. The opportunity, if taken advantage of, is the chance to enrich both yourself and others through the intermingling of varied human personalities.

Yes, the new school year certainly offers the opportunity of expanding the "Self," the Soul.

When one hears such abstract words as pleasure, personality, or soul there is often heard the cry for basic reality. Well, the college campus is the answer to the cry for basic reality: the workshop, the anchor, and the gate. Yes, a workshop of intellectual employment, an anchor to human reality, and a gate to the aesthetic beyond.

We of the *Pilot* staff sincerely believe that our duty is the tabulation of this material and spiritual growth of human beings in a near-perfect environment at Gardner-Webb.

You, the student, produce the energy, make the news, and provide the imagination. The staff can only strive to record with accuracy the truth, and provide an outlet for honest imagination.

As a Man thinketh in his own heart, so is he to all others. The *Pilot* can be no more than that Man.

P.H.B.—Editor