

Club of the Month — Delta Psi Omega



Some may be aware of the activities of the Delta Psi Omega, the dramatics fraternity on our campus. But to those of you who knew little or nothing about the club, let us bring you up to date. Our dramatics club is a member of the national Delta Psi Omega Dramatics Fraternity. Our past director is J. Y. Hamrick and the officers are: president, Pete Banus; vice-president, Martha Gantt; secretary, Betty Bates.

December 14th and 15th marked a high point of activity when *Jane Eyre* was presented by the Fraternity. On the second night, the cast performed before a packed house of seniors from Cleveland County High Schools. The faculty and students were generous in their praise of the performance.

As stage lights are dimmed for the present and a new semester is begun, the club has now turned its attention to the initiation of new members. Those eligible for membership in the Delta Psi Omega were solicited and invitations extended. The fraternity met January 21st to work out details for the initiation which was planned for January 26th. The program included much gaiety as members put pledges through their paces. A more serious note was struck as the Delta Psi Omega pledge was taken and the club toast was given. Refreshments were then served. New members are: Betty Jean Emmet, Sally Thompson and Charles Starnes. At this meeting, Mr. Stanley Green was received as an honorary member. He has taken a great interest in the club and its dramatic work.

The club has also chosen a standard pin representing the Delta Psi Omega. The members also decided to present Betty Wise Bates with an honorary pin for her work last year resulting in the winning of the best actress award. The winner of this year's award will also be given the honorary pin.

As yet, nothing has been planned concerning the presentation of the spring play. However, we are sure that the fraternity will sponsor another fine and entertaining play.

G-W. CHOIR

Many hearts were thrilled on Sunday evening, December 13, 1953, in the Bolling Springs Baptist Church as the Gardner-Webb College Choir and the Lattimore Baptist Church Choir combined talents to present a beautiful rendition of *The Messiah* by George Frederick Handel. This ushered in the Christmas season for many of us.

The choir worked very diligently and enthusiastically during the first semester and is looking forward to a much more profitable second semester. Several engagements have already been filled and others are expected. On February 9, 1954, the choir will present several pieces at the Pastor's Conference in Charlotte, N. C.

Gardner-Webb should be proud of this fine representation that the choir, under the direction of Mr. Stephen Morrisett, has and is making for their school.

Future Teachers of America

The Future Teachers of America has been an active club on the campus this year. One of the recent programs was a visit from a group of deaf students with their counselors from the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton, North Carolina. Paul Thomas and Mildred Lantry, former students of Gardner-Webb and counselors for the boys and girls, along with the superintendent of the school gave us a brief history and interesting facts concerning the institution. Afterwards the group demonstrated their ability to read lips and signs for us in sign language some Christmas songs which they had been taught. Refreshments were served to the large number present by Miss Odum and her staff in the cafeteria.

For another of the programs, Mr. Eugene Vosecky showed a film "No Greater Gift," which was an inspiration to all those aspiring to be teachers.

Twice, representatives of the club—Velma Harmon (program chairman), Janet England, Nada Hester, Alene Silver, Deree Mayberry, and Katherine Hazeltine with Mr. F. B. Dedmon—have presented programs to clubs in Shelby, first to the American Association of University Women at the Country Club, then to the Schoolmasters' Meeting at the Charles Hotel where the group was invited to dinner.

Mr. Dedmon has taken groups to district teacher's meetings in Asheville and Charlotte, where the members learned some of the arts of modern teaching. Six members of the club and Mr. Dedmon took a trip to the School for the Deaf in Morganton on Friday, January 22, since a number of them have expressed a desire to work with deaf students in this special field of education.

I.R.C.

The International Relations Club has been around you for a long time. Have you been around it? You haven't? Well, keep reading and learn of some of the events you have been missing.

The International Relations Club got off to a flying start at the beginning of the school year. With David Austin presiding and about sixty members contributing thoughts and words, the discussions and debates were lively enough for anyone. The Program Committee was chaired every six weeks, thereby insuring new ideas and material for debates.

Regular attendants of the club meetings will be glad to inform you of the many interesting facts and opinions presented by the members at the scheduled meetings—such as the discussion on education. Almost all of the members contributed a fact or opinion concerning their own education. When the discussion was summarized, a very good working knowledge of our background in education was obtained. This knowledge led to more questions that need to be answered. These questions have not been answered as yet, but the door has been opened to their solution.

Has your curiosity been aroused? Then be at the O. Max Gardner building's activity room next Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock and learn more. If you take any social science subject, this will be an excellent opportunity to earn three points to add to your semester grade. Even though you do not have a social science course, you will find the IRC worth your while.

MONOGRAM CLUB

The football season has come and gone, but the memories linger on — due in part to the flashy jackets and sweaters that the football players are proudly displaying around the campus. The Monogram Club raises funds to supplement the amount allowed by the school for presentation of these awards to the athletes. The jackets and sweaters are not worth nearly the effort exerted by any ball player as far as monetary value is concerned, but they serve as a remembrance of college days at Gardner-Webb.

The football awards have already been presented and paid for, but funds must be raised for jackets and sweaters for the baseball and basketball players. In order to accomplish this end the Monogram Club will sponsor a Variety Show in the early spring. The Monogram Talent Show last fall was well received, but the Club plans for an even better program for this spring. Time and plans will be announced later.

It is the custom at Gardner-Webb to give one chapel program to the Monogram Club each year. It is at this time that letters are given out and all the athletes are recognized. A highlight of this program is always the presentation of a newly-elected football captain for the next year. This program is also scheduled for the early spring.