

## G. W. DRAMATICS DEPARTMENT PRESENTED "BLITHE SPIRIT"

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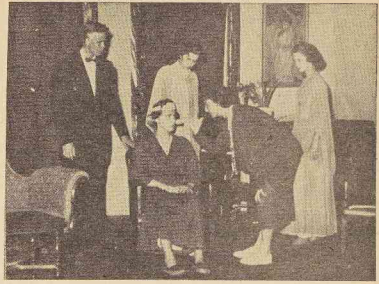
### WHY STUDENTS FAIL

In the Appalachian, student paper of Appalachian State Teachers College, we came across an interesting list of reasons why students fail in college. It was compiled by five deans of the undergraduate school of the University of Delaware.

The deans place first among the pitfalls of the college student "lack of desire to succeed, insufficient hours of study, poor study habits, and over-participation in extra-curricular activities." They cite as related to poor study habits "poor use of available study time and choosing wrong hours and conditions for study (i. e., cramming for an exam from 12 a. m. to 2 a. m., while the radio supplies a background of jazz music).

Said the deans concerning participation in outside activities, "Each individual must determine for himself how much time he can devote to nonacademic affairs, for beneficial as they may be, they are not the principal business of a college education."

As other basic causes of failure, the deans mentioned "lack of reading and spelling ability, emotional immaturity, improper secondary-school preparation, and failure to understand that basic courses in other than one's major field are vital to success in areas of study."



Members of the Gardner-Webb Dramatics Class, which presented Noel Coward's comedy "Blithe Spirit," are Joyce Stephenson of Raleigh, seated, from left to right, Bob Downey of Thomasville, Irva Smith of Gastonia, Virginia Singleton of Hickory, and Sara Rhodes of Albany, Ga.

At 8:00 in the evening of May 3, the dramatics department gave Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," an improbable force in three acts.

The play concerned a middle aged man's predicament when he tampered with the spirit world and contacted his first wife, Elvira, who had been dead for seven years. Since he, Charles, was the only one who could see Elvira, a very interesting and humorous situation developed.

Ruth, Charles' second wife, thought Charles mad for awhile, but then she realized the true situation and called on Madame Arcati, a medium, to help remedy it. Elvira planned to kill Charles so he could be with her in the spirit world, but the tables turned and Ruth was killed instead. Ruth and Elvira both

descended upon Charles with all the vigor and sarcasm of thwarted women. It was then that the fun really flew.

Finally, though, the situation was resolved into a happy "house breaking" as Charles left for a long, extended trip to South America.

Capturing the title roles were: Irva Smith of Gastonia as Ruth, Bob Downey of Thomasville as Charles, Sara Rhodes of Gastonia as Elvira, Virginia Singleton of Hickory as Madame Arcati, Carl McKinney of Marion as Dr. Bradman, Harriet Gibson of Florida as Mrs. Bradman, and Joyce Stephenson of Raleigh as Edith.

The director was Prof. J. Y. Hamrick and the student director was Eddie Hudson.



## MISS STOUT CROWNED BY FATHER

by BILL KINCAID

On Saturday, May 5, one of the outstanding events of the school year was held, May Day.

The queen, Pat Stout, was crowned by her father, Carson Stout, of High Point, on the terrace of the O. Max Gardner Memorial Building.

The festivities were under the direction of Mrs. Hester Haynes and Marjorie Lettimore. Entertainment was by various members of the student body.

The maid of honor, Payne Branch, had as her escort John Holland. Other members of the court and their escorts were: Ann Ellis and Jerry Keeter; Janet Bean and Jack Harmon; Sarah Farrow and Paul Roberts; Betty Jo Williams and Bill Stephens; Margaret Gold and Paul Steadman; Ruth Turner and Bill Sittin; Irva

Smith and Bob Montgomery; Barbara Ziedonis and Lee Jettifers; Margaret Hazelline and Eddie Hudson; and Cordie Hardin and Al Frazier.

Bennie Dameron and Don McCarron sang "May Time" to begin the program. Next, Harold Sparks did a ballet, "Waltz of the White Nights." Paul McLendon sang "Old Man River," and Jean Trantham tap danced. The May Pole Dance came next, and Edna Linda Crumley tap danced. Don McCarron sang "Without a Song," Anita Hoyle sang "Beautiful Dreamer," and the Girls Chorus did a medley of songs to close the program.

Pages were Kay Swain and Joan Nolan. Brett Elliott served as crown bearer, and Sherrie Beason and Nancy Troutman were train bearers. Miss Abbie Miller gave the musical accompaniment.

## Poll of Opinions FIELD-DAY ACTIVITIES

As the year closes on another year here at Gardner-Webb College, there is always a last impression left and our poll of opinion this month concerns the question "What will you remember most about Gardner-Webb College?"

"Shine" Williams — "Windsprints, the fifty-two pounds I gained, Miss Starnes calling me Jimmy and Irva's gigantic appetite."

Marlene Lee — "My appearance before the executive committee and Miss Starnes' lovely smile."

Meatball — "Mine, Scotty's and Doby's trips to Mr. J. Y. Hamrick's office and cleaning up the cafeteria."

Joe Hamrick — "I don't know a thing I want to remember."

Paul Steadman — "Trips to the river and summer school—what a ball!"

Shelia Thompson — "Dr. Bob and some other faculty members who tried to understand our problems."

Virginia Singleton — "Willard Upchurch hopping curb for East Wing after lights out."

Ann Ellis — "Nothing, I hope."

Jerry Keeter — "Not a thing—but Ann."

Ann Wheeler — "The House Council, Miss Upchurch for the true life-guard that she is, all the good looking boys and 'Sib,' too."

Dan Sibley — "Long Tall Sally Wheeler and our trips to the river."

Marjorie Lettimore — "Football games, East Wing, house meeting and Henry."

Pat Stout — "Cheerleading and Sam Jarrell."

Kay Swain — "The football game in Georgia and Scottie."

Mary Lane Seagle — "Mr. Dixon and calculus."

Henry Beveridge — "Marge."

## Margaret Gold Is Elected President Of Student Union

Margaret Gold of Shelby was elected recently as president of the Baptist Student Union at Gardner-Webb College for the 1956-57 school year.

Elected to Baptist student offices along with Miss Gold were 14 other rising sophomores. The group participated in a special devotional service in the Bolling Springs Baptist Church, and took the oath of office at the chapel service at the college recently.

First vice-president of the BSU is Bob Bayles of Hyattsville, Md. Second and third vice-presidents are Bertha Self of Morganton and Faye Branch of Valdese. Barbara Moore of Shelby is the new secretary and Olin Wilson of Valdese will serve as treasurer.

Other officers include Sandra Ammons of Johnson City, Tenn., pianist; Colgen Maynard of Hickory, chorister; Tommy Whitmore of Shelby, reporter; Joe Green of Mars Hill, LIETSEN campaign; Don Shall of Shelby Sunday School director; Shirley Jolley of Cliffside, Training Union director; Harriet Gibson of Lakeland, Fla., YWA president; Harold Fite of Lowell, Christian Volunteers' Band president; and James Collette of Gastonia, ministerial association president.

As they rode up together in the elevator one morning, one Dallas, Texas, businessman was telling another about the bad day which his secretary had recently. Her mistakes got so frequent and blatant that he finally demanded, "What's the matter with you. Are you in love?"

"Goodness, no," she replied. "I'm married."

Friday, April 27, dawned warm and clear. Old Sol was in his dominion, shining brightly. All conditions pointed toward a very successful day of sports.

After a short assembly the student body went to the athletic field, with members of both class shouting cries of war to their opponents.

A giant tug-of-war opened the day's activities. Soon sports could be seen in the process of completion in different parts of the field.

The sophomores put up a good fight, but were no match for the superior playing of the freshmen. It was soon evident that the freshmen had the field day events captured.

After lunch open house was offered by the dormitories. This received much cooperation from the residents of HAPY Dorm as well as those in Decker Hall.

Soon many boys left to go home and feed the family car for use after the banquet that night.

As zero hour approached students readied themselves for the banquet. In Decker Hall the newly mopped and waxed floors soon bore wet footprints from the many feet which had stepped on them while coming from the shower.

Soon the boys left to pick up their dates. The florists had a field day of their own, for flowers were in abundance.

After the meal came the program. The master of ceremonies' wit kept the audience laughing. His manner of making a serious event and making the audience chuckle was the mainstay of the program.

After the banquet was dismissed there was a rush to the cars, and off to nearby hangouts went the guys and their dates.

## GARDNER-WEBB NIGHT SCHOOL THIS FALL

Gardner Webb College will operate a night school for college credit beginning next fall. It was announced recently by Dr. Phil Elliott, president.

"This is an important addition to our educational program," Dr. Elliott stated. "We have offered a limited number of night courses for college credit before, but never on this scale."

The college president said further that he hopes to see the night school grow into a full program offering all courses now included in the regular college curriculum. He stressed the fact that work taken at night will be as high scholastic-

ly, and as easily transferred to other night schools for college credit, be done anywhere. The night classes will begin with registration next September 7, and will follow the same class schedule and holiday observance as the regular college classes. Subjects offered next fall will be freshman courses in English, History, Bible, and Typing. Others will be offered if the demand is sufficient.

"Prospective students are urged to make applications as soon as possible," urged Dr. Elliott. "We are anxious to know how many night students to expect and what courses they will want."



### TEA FOR DEPARTING TEACHERS

The faculty gave a tea on Sunday afternoon, May 6, for the four faculty members who are leaving at the end of the school year. Shown, left to right are Pres. P. L. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott, who headed the receiving line, and the departing faculty members: Miss Mabel Starnes, Mrs. Helen C. Barnett, Miss Laura Jean Keeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr.