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G. W. Commencement Speakers are Named

AROUND CAMPUS

with
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In Here's to you, fellow students, once more in an attempt to bring representative excerpts from life on campus.

It was stated in an earlier "Around Campus" column that one of its purposes for appearing was to toss bouquets. If this could be considered such, here's one of those figurative bouquets to a much admired professor—Prof. J. Y. Hamrick. His attitude of cheery optimism which yet continued to a bed serves as an inspiration to those of us who would complain.

With the coming of spring-like weather, life is viewed as a bed of roses. To those who would disagree, remember that even in a bed of roses a few thorns may be found.

After much anticipation, Prof. Desmond's book, *Lengthened Shadows*, is now available. It's a new feather in Mr. Desmond's cap and something that students, alumni, and friends of the college can appreciate.

The construction work on the physical education plant and the recently filled swimming pool have become quite an attraction—especially the pool. Despite forewarnings and the untimeliness, there were those who ventured into the pool upon its first filling. We must admit that it is very tempting.

While this is being written, it is night time on the campus; the air is moist and the heavens are starless. From this Second West window is seen an illuminated sign beside the swimming pool. This sign of warning is in the form of a cross. Out of the dark night and silent stillness, this cross glows as a beacon of caution to avoid a pitfall.

Springtime! Ah, glorious spring-time. It is a time when gayly frocked lovelies can be seen chasing squirrels, as the squirrels scamper freely on the shaded lawns. It is a time of joyous companionship—walking, talking, laughing—and a time when moonlight is a new significance and stardust is sprinkled all about.

This writer hereby accepts no responsibility for things that appear in *Nosmo's* column this month. This month, *Nosmo* has acquired different tastes and is getting completely out of hand.

The magic word on campus this time of the year seems to be "Dum Dum"—closely rivaled by "Tootsie Pop." But the emphatic word from the chief is "bedtime." Adieu, be seeing you around campus.

Skeletons In Decker Hall's Closets

Hi—I don't know many of you and vice-versa. To those few that I do know it makes no difference anyhow.

I just received an issue of the *Pilot* and after reading it I started remembering the great times I had at G.W.

If you cats will bend those eager ears

I'll sell you a tale of their years. I enrolled at "Rabbiting Tech" in the fall of '33 an eager young man of ambitions and resolutions to fulfill those ambitions. Then there was Prof. Hubert C. Dixon of "square root" as most of the campus combers called him.

My first class with "Brier Dixon" was at 8:20 one bright September morning. I should have stood in

bed. He pulled a complete no job on the whole class with his insinuating oratory on infinity.

That was a great class. Some of the guys were: Phil Elliott, you're right, Phil J. Albert Spley, Bill Mace, Bill Fitzpatrick, John Gladden, Duane Carter and a couple of Flunkies who couldn't count past ten without taking their shoes off. It was lucky enough to be able to multiply by two so that I did not have to take my shoes off. The three masketers were Phil Jr., Spley, and myself. We studied together and had many great times in good ole Decker Hall.

Decker Hall! Ah! Decker Hall! Sweet, gentle, gentle! Mom Stryke, The Green Phantom and, of course, the Cellar Rats with their weekly edition of the "Cess Press". This was a combination of scandal sheet, rading form, bibbed bids on "pricy" sheets and Grade A1 notes for Rev. Lamb's Bible class, and Class A interpretations for Mrs. Pollock's Spanish assignments. The latter information being supplied by outside sources (Huggins-Curtis).

And of course there was the Student Progressive Political Party which went into action at student council election time. This organization was headed by Pete Banus from New Jersey. Pete was a great dramatist. The vice-president, and

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Music Notes

By MISS ABBIE MILLER

With the advent of spring, one hears and sees many signs of renewed activity not confined primarily to the realm of romance. The music department is in full swing, judging from the real with which instructors and students invest themselves and just generally flitter around.

To bring you more up-to-date, here are a few of the noteworthy events in which students have participated.

The men's quartet have appeared before the Chamber of Commerce, the Y, the Shelby Kiwanis Club, and the Bowling Springs Lions Club on Annual Ladies Night. The quartet anticipate a performance at the North Carolina Educational Association in a meeting at Brevard College.

Interest has also manifested in the women's sextet.

The college choir has begun its annual Spring tour. They recently displayed thorough preparation and individual attention in a performance at Caroleen Baptist Church.

Radio programs continue to feature soloists, men's quartet, women's sextet, men's octet, and the band. Despite the illness of Prof. J. Y. Hamrick, the band has continued under student director Bill Brackett. A recent radio program under his direction was dedicated to the band to Mr. Hamrick to show the members' desire to carry on as he would have done.

Noteworthy contributions by the organ students make possible adequate college representation in various churches.

Mrs. Earl Jolley is organist at Caroleen Baptist Church; Mrs. Lanasford Jolley at Shelby Episcopal Church; Carolyn Blanton is assistant organist at Ross Grove, and Larry Hicks assists in instrumental music at Mount Pleasant, Peggy Jean Early will play for Shiraz McGowan's wedding soon. Caroline Greene plays for college chapel programs and is organist with the college choir.

The voice department is represented by Gerald Southerland, Paul Mulford at Mount Pleasant, Pandora Ammons, and other vocalists both on and off campus.

The whole campus is agog with excitement over the new Ray Kay recital. According to the writer who was accompanist for the event, it was one of the most outstanding musical events yet given on this campus.

Commencement Activities Listed

Gardner-Webb College will have two of its most distinguished alumni to address the graduating class this spring in commencement exercises May 23 and 26.

Major celebrations are being planned in conjunction with the commencement exercises, which will mark a half-century of service by the Baptist school. Gardner-Webb opened in 1907 as Boiling Springs High School, becoming a junior college in 1928. It was re-named Gardner-Webb College in 1942.

Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin, professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will give the baccalaureate oration on May 26. Dr. Scoggin, a native of Polk County, is a



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Dr. Dean B. Fruette

Summer School

The summer session will begin on June 6 this year and end on August 9, according to a recent announcement by Dean J. O. Terrell, director for the summer school.

Dean Terrell expects an enrollment of around 100 to 125 students, most of whom will register for eight or nine semester hours of study. Over 20 courses of instruction will be offered during the nine-week period.

The college cafeteria and dormitories will be open, with counselors on duty for boys and girls. A number of students from other colleges are expected for the session, along with those who are seasonal students at Gardner-Webb.

graduate of Gardner-Webb and Furman University, and earned a doctor's degree in theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Before his present position he was a Baptist missionary to Palestine.

The literary address on graduation day will be brought by Dr. Dean B. Fruette, superintendent of High Point City Schools. Dr. Fruette is a Boiling Springs native and Gardner-Webb graduate. He continued his studies at Wake Forest College and earned the Ph. D. degree at Columbia University. Before going to High Point he taught for a few years in the Cleveland County schools.

A pageant depicting Gardner-Webb's 50 years growth will be presented May 23 and 27. The historical pageant will be written and staged by members of the English faculty. Another special event of the half-centennial year will be a greatly expanded alumni banquet in which all former students will be recognized.

The 1957 graduation class is expected to be one of the largest in the 50 year history of the Baptist college.

College Representatives Visit G. W.

Gardner-Webb has received, and will receive in the near future, several distinguished personalities.

Representatives from senior colleges have been visiting this campus and interviewing, answering questions, and organizing the confusion in the sophomore's minds about where they wish to transfer next year.

Among those who have been and will be here are representatives from Pembroke State College, Wake Forest College, Furman University, Stetson University, Western Carolina College, Meredith College, Eastern Carolina and Carson Newman College.

The representatives will be in the lounge of the O. Max Gardner building for conferences with any interested students on announced dates.

G. W. Clinic Fund Swells

The Gardner-Webb Clinic expansion fund was recently boosted by a contribution of \$5,450.00 from the Ford Foundation. This is the second such contribution the clinic has received from Ford. The total for both contributions is \$10,900.00.

On hand are an additional \$6,000 which has been given by citizens of this community and surrounding areas. Another \$3,000 has been pledged by the group.

Doctors Crawley and Washburn, of the clinic, have agreed to match the amount given if the community matches the Ford grant. Architects are now drawing the plans for the proposed extension to the now crowded structure. Construction will start in the near future.