

## NEW ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR SECOND SEMESTER

A constant complaint uttered by students, both male and female, on the Gardner-Webb campus is that there is a definite lack of things to do. Students feel they have no opportunity to participate in social activities. Under the direction of Mr. John Hiott, G.-W.'s Dean of Students, this problem is slowly being solved. Numerous plans for activities in this semester have been tentatively mapped out. There are opportunities on every hand. The variety of activities planned should hold an interest for every student, no matter what his individual abilities or interests.

On March 2 Bill Dyal, a missionary from Costa Rica, will be on campus to speak and have personal conferences with those who are interested in mission work. Mr. Dyal is recognized as one of the outstanding missionary speakers of the day. During the week of March 6-13, the local church will be holding its spring revival. Dr. Eugene Poston, head of the Department of Religion at G.-W., will be the speaker for the services. Later in the semester, the B. S. U. will sponsor the showing of two outstanding films, "Generation Without a Cause" and "Martin Luther." Both films will be shown on Friday nights and will be followed by panel discussion groups.

On March 31, the long awaited "Twirl Day" will be celebrated. The traditional "mountainairish" costume and "chase" will be part of the festivities. Get ready girls, your chance is coming. Now you understand why Mrs. Miller has been making you run extra laps in Phys. Ed. She's trying to prepare you for the chase.

## WHAT NEXT?

Do you think it not strange that every miraculous advance made in the saving of man's life is off-set by a sinister device designed to destroy that very life? Why is man not satisfied with the already-too-terrible weapons he has created? What kind of innate quality gives us the desire to live longer and to build our civilizations bigger and better - while at the same time we persist in our search for those lethal and devastating weapons which could destroy the earth and all human life upon it? Why must we continually invent something better and more terrible than our neighbors? What then may we hope will be the final outcome?

The answers to these questions are not easy ones nor are they cut and dried ones. There have been many and various views expressed - as many as there are viewers of the subject. Therefore, I shall not strive to give answers or solutions but merely to cite the problems and suggest possible thought - provoking ideas concerning these problems. I trust that the reader will thereby get an insight into what I am trying to say and will be impressed to the point of giving the matter serious thought.

Science through the past a century years has made phenomenal progress. Every day science cures diseases which fifty years ago were consistently fatal. No longer do we live in ignorance and darkness concerning the cause and treatment of polio and scores of other maladies. Countless numbers of medicines and wonder-working drugs are available to every individual in the United States today. The various pharmaceutical industries work hand in hand with the medical associations of our nation to provide us, the public, with newer and a d better developments in medication. There is a cure, or at least a pain reliever for almost every crippling and painful disease known today. Many diseases have been almost completely wiped out. Diphtheria is an example. Even within the past year a cure for the dread disease of leprosy has been found. Now, with the proper materials

April 29 is the date set for the Freshman - Sophomore Field Day. The day will be spent in various athletic events ranging from the Tag-of-War and the 100 yard dash in the morning to a softball game in the afternoon. The highlight of the day will be the Freshman - Sophomore Banquet in the evening.

In every group there are some people who refuse to participate in activities. Dean Hiott's motto must be "If the students won't come to the activities, bring the activities to the students." For this semester Dean Hiott has arranged some rather unusual Chapel programs. There will be several musical programs including an organ recital and a rendition of Steiner's "The Crucifixion." The "award winning" Debate team will present a debate for the student body. Later on, the elections will be held, thus determining the leader-

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## THE GARDNER-WEBB MARRY GO-ROUND

We've made a slight change in the title of this column this month. This is the month; this is the year; and the girls have started off full speed ahead. In one recent week two Gardner-Webb co-eds led men altarward—and Leap Year isn't two months old yet. One can only imagine what will be the situation by spring when the crescendo is reached and when the girls, faced with summer separations, decide to take full advantage of their once-in-four-years' opportunity.

Leap year (known as Bisextile Year) brings about radical changes in the everyday relations between men and girls. And such has been the case for hundreds of years. In 1228, the Scottish Parliament passed into law the following Act: "Each maiden ladye of bairth high and lowe estate, schal have libertie to speake ye man she likes. Gif he refuses to tak her to be his wyf, he schal be mulct in the sum of fiftie hundred pundis, or less, as his estate may be, except and alway, gif he can make it appear that he is bretholith to another woman, then he schal be free." In 1605, English common law (upon which North Carolina law is based) held that each Leap Year ladies had the sole privilege of "making love in words or looks to those it seemed proper and no man was entitled to benefit of clergy who treated her proposal with slight contumely. For rejecting a lady's proposal, a man was forbidden to marry any other lady. A rejected lady in such cases was usually consoled with the gift of a silk dress. (It takes a sports car these days).

Scientifically explained (but who cares about the scientific explanation!), the reason for Leap Year lies in the earth's

rotation about the sun. Old Terra Ferma takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to go around Ole Sol—or 365.2422 days. By the time four years have passed there is an accumulated extra day (shy 26 seconds). And that is how come we have February 29.

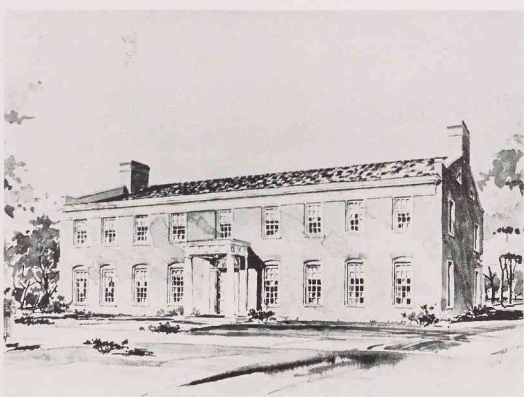
But in spite of their perfectly legal and socially approved freedom to seek the man of their choice, the ladies face problems — there never are enough men of any sort to go around, even if such unclassifiable creatures as bachelor college professors, et cetera, were included. What does it all mean, girls? Well, let's face it. As Dean Terrell would say, "The demand simply exceeds the supply." In at least one out of every five man's world—a single man's world, that is. The situation simply means, dear co-eds, that you may have to look harder and see more ardently for the one you may have counted on doing.

To catch a man this year, you may have to do more than leap; you may have to do a very hop, gallop, throw the lasso, put a stiletto to his throat, or hold a 45 automatic to his head. And, girls, give up those foolish ideas of marrying a tall, dark, and handsome millionaire. For one thing, few millionaires are tall, dark, and handsome. In fact, most millionaires are already married—or are paying alimony to two ex-wives and are unwilling to grabble a third. And finally the last person the average millionaire would want to marry is a woman. As you well know, you should succeed in marrying a millionaire, the administration would make you move out of state. And as for the horrible thought, isn't it?

So, girls, here is what the Pilot advises. Go up to the first single man you can discover. Kiss him. Ask him if he's breathing. If he is, he's passed the first test. Next inquire as to whether or not he has character. The only genuine sign of character in a man is—will he be isn't? A man will marry if he isn't unalterably dedicated to his wife, his mother, freedom, or literature.

So co-eds, if you find a man who breathes and has character, go ahead and lend him the money for the license; put your brand on him, even though he may be a cross-breed.

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Pictured above is a drawing of the Webb Administration Building soon to become a reality on the Gardner-Webb Campus.

and facilities, it can be treated successfully at home. There have been so many medical advances that to try to list examples of each would be futile. Needless to say, also, as a consequence of these advances present - day man lives on a level of health and physical vigor being never before known in the history of mankind. Modern science continually labors to destroy the most prevalent causes of death, which as times goes on will change according to a basic principle of life. For example, a century ago scarlet fever and cholera carried much higher death rates than heart disease, which today is the number one killer. It has been said that, if debilitated men deal with the problem long enough, they will eventually provide a means of increasing the active span of man's life by 50 to 75 years. However, I personally, do not believe that this will ever become a reality.

With all the emphasis we place on increasing the span of life for the present and future generations, does it seem feasible that we should undermine our most humane schemes with plans to create bombs and weapons capable of wiping out the entire human race? It is conceivable to believe that man may be con-

trolled eventually by his own inventions. The point is that man, in his greed for power and dominion over his fellow competitors, may unbeknowningly allow his own creations to seize control of him and the creator may become the slave to the products of his own hand. What does man want? Have we lost all sense of reason? Why have we chosen to believe in power and might instead of in the inborn desire of man for the good life? Is it not possible for man to organize his powers for peace and health?

What has happened to warp the minds of men? We seem to have within us the suppressed desire to be something we are not. This is the human element. But we are striving toward a goal devoid of justifiable reason.

It is thrilling to realize that modern science has progressed to the point that we are now provided with everything that is not only bigger but better and we have a more diversified scope of choices in almost every field imaginable. However with this realization we must recognize the awesome responsibility placed in our hands. Every wrong decision made on our part today may cause immeasurable damage to or even doom the civilizations of tomorrow. We were born with a will of our own. The great majority of things we do is by our own choice. Realizing

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