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TWENTY-THREE MAKE HONOR ROLL

Twenty-three students made the honor roll for the first nine weeks period, according to Registrar Dorothy W. Hamrick. Seven qualified for the "A" honor roll, the requirement for which is a 95 average on 17 or more semester hours of work. Qualification for the "B" honor roll is an average of 92 on 15 hours or more.

College Choir In "Messiah" Presentation

A 100-voice choir, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Glidney, presented Handel's "Messiah" Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 3 o'clock, in the E. B. Hamrick Building, and again on Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Forest City.

The choir included the 40-voice College choir. Faculty members and citizens in the community completed the group.

The College choir performed at the monthly faculty meeting Dec. 6. A 45-minute program of Christmas songs, including several selections from "Messiah," were presented, under the direction of Mrs. Glidney. The choir also provided a program of Christmas music in chapel Dec. 9.

BSU Holds Discussions

Discussion groups sponsored by the BSU have captured the interest of many students on the campus. There have already been two discussions and more are planned.

At the first discussion, A. Moseley led the group in discussing "Evolution and the Christian Religion," and Dr. Eugene Poston led in discussing "The Nature of God." Moseley brought out the five basic principles illustrated in Genesis 1: 2: "In the beginning, time God created heaven (spirit) and earth (matter) . . . and the spirit of God (energy) moved on the face of the water (motion)." He also pointed out that the pattern of creation follows that of scientific knowledge.

In leading the discussion on "The Nature of God," Dr. Poston explained the natural character and moral nature of God. He said that the Holy God is Truth, Love, Righteousness, and is a trine God. He said the group that God is self-existent, that he is immutable.

Joseph Godwin led the second discussion group with the subject "Man and Sin." He said that sin is caused by the will of man, the conflict between self and God. The power of contrary choice is necessary to sin. He listed the steps to sin as being freedom, guilt, and then sin. He pointed out that sin is not inherent in human beings; it is inherent only in our capacity to choose right or wrong.

Attendance at these meetings has been beyond the expectation of the BSU.

TWO WEEKS VACATION JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Relax, cool cats—just take it easy a few more days. Two big solid weeks of takin' it easy are all yours—when Christmas vacation begins Dec. 21. For 14 days you can forget about that early morning class, that afternoon lab, and that doggone ph. ed. class. You can relax before the TV set, eat high on the turkey, sleep until noon—and in general, "goof off." There'll be no curfew—at least, if you can slip in the back door without making it squeak.

BUT DON'T FORGET: Classes resume Jan. 4—and to make things just peachy, final examinations are about ten days off. So you can forget about all the foregoing, send up all your books, and plan to spend some time during the holidays studying! Good luck!

ADMINISTRATORS AND PROFESSORS ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MEETS

Several members of the Gardner-Webb faculty and administration have been attending various associational meetings recently.

Lanford Jolley and C. Allen Burris, teachers in the history department, attended a meeting of social studies teachers from Baptist colleges, held at Meredith College in Raleigh, Nov. 11-12.

Jolley served as president of the group this year. The group's meeting for the year 1960 will be held at Gardner-Webb with Burris serving as program director.

Pres. P. L. Elliott, Registrar Dorothy W. Hamrick, and Dean of Instruction J. O. Terrell recently attended a meeting of the North Carolina College Conference in Durham.

Special meetings were held for academic deans, collegiate registrars and admissions officers, and for church-related colleges.

W. Lawson Allen, vice-president and director of public relations, and Dean Terrell attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The meeting, which was held in Memphis, Tenn., opened on Nov. 27 and continued through Dec. 1.

Mrs. Doris Jones, dean of women, attended the one-day convention of the North Carolina Association of Women Deans and Counselors, at the University of North Carolina on Nov. 9.

The convention was held for the purpose of discussing problems of deans and counselors and making their work more effective.

The event called for a luncheon meeting and a speech by Dr. Saiee McLean, former dean of women at Flora McDonald College.

After 18 Years DR. ELLIOTT TO RETIRE AS GARDNER-WEBB PRESIDENT

Dr. Philip L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College for the past 18 years, Nov. 29 at the annual president's dinner, gave notice that he will terminate his presidency Aug. 1, 1961, provided a successor is named by that time.

According to the policy regarding retirement established in 1944, Dr. Elliott's retirement would become mandatory Aug. 1, 1962.

In his letter to the board of trustees, who were present with faculty and staff members at the dinner, Dr. Elliott stated:

"I have a conviction that for the best interests of the College perhaps it will be better that my presidency be terminated Aug. 1, 1961, rather than Aug. 1, 1962, when my retirement becomes mandatory. That conviction is based on the following considerations only:

- (1) The time that may be necessary to secure my successor;
- (2) the time that may be necessary to reorganize the administration;
- (3) the requirements of the program of advance consultation by the Baptist State Convention."

The Board of Trustees, upon the motion of the Rev. Wilbur Hendrix, chairman of the executive committee, approved Elliott's request to take the necessary steps to effect the transfer of the administration by the date named "or as soon thereafter as in your wisdom seems best."

Mrs. Ruth Stroup, chairman of the board of trustees, named the following committee to survey the field and to help in securing a new field for Gardner-Webb: J. R. Dover, Jr., chairman; Claude S. Hinson; Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Leonard Lowe, and Clifford Hamrick. Dr. Eugene Poston, faculty member, was named faculty liaison.

Mrs. Stroup indicated that the committee must search long and hard for the best Christian educator to head the Junior college. "I think we would not be satisfied with anything less," she declared.

The Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., A. T. Withrow, and Richard A. Williams were named to the committee to write resolutions and make arrangements as may be necessary during the transition period.

Dr. Elliott, in a statement concerning the termination of his presidency, said, "In my opinion the College is at this time at its highest peak of development and efficiency during my administration."

He indicated that the present student body is the largest and of the highest quality during his term as president.

"There is no unrest that I am aware of among either the students or faculty. Prospects for next year are even brighter with more than four times as many applications as at this time last year," he said.

"So far as I can ascertain there is not in any four-year college or university in the state, a faculty who teaches freshmen that can exceed in training, experience, or efficiency the faculty of Gardner-Webb College," the president said.

Chairman Of Board Re-Elected

Mrs. Ruth Stroup was elected to another term as chairman of the board of trustees of Gardner-Webb College at the president's dinner in the O. Max Gardner Building, Nov. 29.

Horace Eason was named vice-chairman; J. C. Hames, secretary; and Clifford Hamrick, treasurer.

Serving with these officers on the executive committee will be committee chairmen: the Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr. (finance); Richard A. Williams (curriculum); the Rev. Wilson Padgett (public relations); and Claude S. Hinson (tenth and chair); Mrs. O. Max Gardner and A. T. Withrow will serve as members at large.



Dr. Elliott . . . to retire

Dr. Elliott also credited his wife with an unflinching dedication during his term as president of Gardner-Webb.

Concluding, Dr. Elliott said, "In my mind and thrill of building a great institution together, utilizing these other things as means to that greater end."

He continued, "I am, therefore, not running from a serious situation. I am not resigning. I am suggesting that this is best in releasing your hands so that you may act responsibly and without embarrassment. I am making an effort to do for our College the most unselfish thing I have ever done."