

Gardner-Webb's New Cultural Emphasis: The Program In The Arts

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With the beginning of the current academic year, 1962-63, a new program with an emphasis on cultural and creative activities was inaugurated. The trustees, the administration, and the faculty—as well as many of the students—feel that the cultural life of a Gardner-Webb student should not be neglected during his years of formal education. In fact, it is felt that the cultural and academic phases of college life complement and supplement one another, producing the student sound in scholarship, at ease in situations involving gracious living, and appreciative of the values in the fine arts.

To accomplish these goals for the students of Gardner-Webb College and to enhance the cultural and artistic life of the area, Gardner-Webb has the program in the Arts and a director to plan and coordinate the program.

The program is an eight-faceted one: 1. Close cooperation and active support with the culturally-minded of Shelby and the surrounding area in the Shelby Community Concert Series. The first of the concert series, featuring Carroll Glenn and Eugene List, will be presented in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium on December 7 at 8 p.m. 2. Music recitals and concerts by well-known and talented performers such as Stephen Kovacs (Oct. 11) and Sam Wilson, Jr. (November 4) and by choral groups such as the nationally known Salem College Girls Choral Ensemble (November 30). 3. Dramatic productions by the Gardner-Webb Playcrafters of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" (December 10, 11, 13, 14), Kyle Crichton's Broadway hit comedy, "The Happiest Millionaire" (February 7-8), and Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus" (April 23 and 25). 4. The Gardner-Webb Distinguished Authors Series, which will bring to the campus such authors as Kermit Hunter (September 24), LeGette Blythe (October 15), and Mrs. Margaret Calkin Banning (April 8). 5. The Gardner-Webb Distinguished Lecturer Series, featuring such well-known speakers as Dr. Leo Eddleman (October 22), Dr. Sydner Stealey (March 18), and Dr. W. F. Troutman, Jr. (May 6, 7, 8). 6. A program in the creative arts taught by Mr. Bob Shepherd. 7. Emphasis on the creative arts through a "dressed-up dinners" program. 8. A Festival of Arts in the spring of the year with Miss Wilma Dykeman as resident author and lecturer.

In addition to the above and many more, three programs in The World Around Us series will be presented in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium. On Feb. 22, "Antarctic Adventure" an illustrated lecture with Carl Eklund, will be presented. An illustrated lecture with Charles F. Taylor entitled "The Holy Lands" will be given on March 4. "The Changing Heart of Africa," with lecturer Arthur Twomey, will come on April 5.

Many of the Arts programs will be presented before the students and faculty at regularly scheduled chapel periods, but many of them will be given in the evenings. Gardner-Webb's avowed purpose is to become the cultural center of the area and to give to her students, faculty, and friends full opportunities of a cultural and creative nature.

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