## Night In The Middle Ages

A Night in the Middle Ages was presented on Thursday, November 29 , complete with medieval monks, ladies in distress, princesses, and a jester. The medieval Christmas Party involved typical medieval customs and a display of medieval literature.

The Night was sponsored by the English Department with contributions by the Medieval Literature class and the class in the Structure of the English Language.
Exhibits featuring the history and development o fthe English Language were provided by the English 353 class. The exhibits included posters and projects concerning Old English, Middle En-
glish Renaissance, Authoritarian, Modern English, Comparative, and a collection of old items. There were also posters and pictures concerning fashions in the middle ages, castles, knighthood, medieval crafts, and a brass rubbing done from brass sculpture of Chuacer's Canterbury Pilgrims.

The program for the night included the election of a Lord of Misrule and a Boy Bishop which were medieval party customs. Christmas musical selections were provided by Mr. Bob Decker and the Christmas tree was decorated. These were all part of the Christmas festivity. One custom which was utilized was the finding of

## Humanities Course Offered In Spring

Beginning in the spring a new humanities course will be offered at Gardner-Webb. The course, Humanities 401 will cover the period of the beginnings to 1500 A.D.

The course is especially important to area teachers in that it can be used to update teacher certificates. For further information concerning the course the director of admission should be contacted.

It will be taught on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7
o'clock to $8: 20$. Three hours credit will be given for the course. The course will supplement three fields: social studies, literature, and the arts.
A total of six teachers will conduct the course. Each of the participating professors will represent a different area of the humanities. The professors who will teach the course are as follows: Melvin Lutz, Dr. Furman Hewitt, Dr Jerry Hill, Allen Setzer, Ernest Blankenship and James Rash.
the bean in the gateau des dois and the person who fisds the bean in his cake receives a prize.
The program included illustrations of medieval literature that the English 311 class had been studying. These included medieval drama illustrated by excerpts from "Everyman" which was done with "Everyman" which was done with Charlie Brown and Snoopy characters; a creative dance designed to demonstrate a medieval poem, "A Servant Girl's Holiday;" a scroll with original rhymes based on the Bestiary, which is a medieval work defining beasts and birds and illustrating moral and religlous lessons; a poster-book in children's form to illustrate the story of "The Whale" from the Bestiary; medieval romance and chiv. alry illustrated in the form of "Medieval Love Was" using the contemporary "Love is . . . characters; medieval songs and chants played on the piano; and a poem set to music from the medieval "Poems of Passion."

Included in the program was excerpts from the "Second Shepherd's Play." This is a comical and moralistic farce concerning Mak, who steals a sheep and attempts to disguise his crime by declaring that the hump under the blanket is his new son and not the sheep.
The Night in the Middle Ages was a presentation of studies in medieval literature and a Christmas festival.



Scene from "The Second Shepherds Play" which was presented as part of The Night in The Middle Ages held in the Bulldog Room. Participating in the drama was (left to right) John Roberts, Charies Lineberger, Woody Wadsworth, Stan Napler, Wanda Haynes, and Beverly Bahakel (not pletured).

# A Christmas Wish For G-W Students 

Take Off On Clement C. Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas"

Twas the night before finals, when all through the dorm
Not a creature was stirring, not even the "Moms" The books were all open on the desks with care, In hopes that the end soon would be here; The students weren't nestled all snug in their beds Because visions of test questions danced in their heads. When out on the campus there arose such a clatter, We sprang from our studles to see what was the matter Away to the windows we flow like a flath Turned off the lights and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the now fallen dew Gave a lustre of midday to objects below, When what to our wondering eyes should appear But the academic dean and eight tiny reindeer With a little old driver so lively and clean We knew in a moment it must be the dean. More rapid than bulldogs his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name: "Now English, now Matht now History, and Franch! On Science, on Business, on Music, and Physics! To the top of the porch! to the top of the hall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!" As tensions that before the finals appear When students meet with frustrations, anxieties, and fears Now up to the dorm the coursers they flew With a heart full of happiness and good news too. And then in a twinkling we heard on the ground The prancing and pawing of each little pound. As we drew in our heads and were turning around Into the dorm the dean came with a bound. A wink of this eye and a twist of his head Soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread.
He gave us a smile and proclaimed the word Exams have been canceled Come back January third. Having made us all happy-this he knows He gives us a nod and out the door he goes. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But 1 heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

