

# The Year of Growth

Final Edition . . . The last issue of the PILOT goes to press and the editors and staff sit back with a feeling of mixed emotions. It is this same feeling of successful exhaustion and added excitement that all graduating seniors encounter.

You cannot help but be relieved that there will be no more deadlines and last minute rushes to finish that assignment and you get to say "If only I had known last fall, what I know now." Certainly this cliché is fitting and if you do have this inner satisfaction, then the year was invaluable. It becomes a year of growth when you can say that you learned from your experiences your successes, and your failures.

The academic year will conclude on May 13 with graduation outdoors. This is a "first" for Gardner-Webb and exemplifies that the year was a "first" in many areas. A world premiere was certainly a new experience for the Gardner-Webb family as well as for Johnny Cash. Pre-registration is a new phenomenon on that eliminates the frustration and frustration of registration week. The Student Government Association expanded to include the Student Union Board and the opening of the coffee house was an extension of the entertainment circle. Bulldog fans followed the Dogs as usual, but the trip to Hawaii was a "first" for many fans.

It was a year of growth as the campus exterior appearance changed and expanded. The dedication of the John R. Dower Jr. Memorial Chapel was early in the fall. This was followed by the ground breaking for the construction of the new Dower Library and the addition to the Webb Administration Building. The options of advancement in the dream of an arena complex which has become more far-fetched and dream and is ahead for Gardner-Webb.

It was the year of tradition, the year of change, and the combination of these two constituents working together, that generate the year of growth. The appropriate epilogue could only be: "Thank you and good luck always to all."

—Samala High

# Orientation Plans

As plans are being made to conclude one academic year, plans are also being made for the arrival of students into the 1973-74 school year. The Orientation Committee is hard at work planning and scheduling the various activities for the fall orientation.

A pre-orientation dinner for Student Personnel Staff, SGA Leadership and Key Administrators is planned for Friday, August 17. This will serve as a "kick-off" for the students' arrival into the new year. Saturday, August 18, is set aside for final preparations for the arrival of new as well as returning students.

All freshmen and transfer students are scheduled to arrive on Sunday, August 19. These students and their parents are invited to attend a Worship Service at 10:30 a. m. in Bost Gymnasium with Dr. E. Eugene Poston bringing the welcome message. Parents' Orientation and a SGA-Parents' Association reception will be given on this afternoon. Also, an Open House of the Droms is being planned.

Convocation for freshmen and transfer students will be held Monday, August 20. Testing for freshmen is on Monday afternoon along with the arrival of sophomore

education students.

Sophomore education testing and freshman testing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22. All returning students will arrive and check into their residence halls on this date.

Wednesday, August 22, has been declared SGA Day with orientation into student government being the emphasis of the day.

Pictures for the yearbook will be made during orientation. Tuesday afternoon all freshmen and transfer students will not be completely registered and cannot receive their ID cards until they have had their courses scheduled.

Entertainment for the entire week has been planned. On Monday night "Being a Bulldog" will be given by the athletic department. A Coke Party and the Alumnai Trust sponsored by the Recreation for students is scheduled for Tuesday night. Wednesday night the Freshman Talent Showcase will be held along with faculty entertainment. College Family Picnic and an outdoor concert on Thursday night, dorm parties on Friday night, and atrip to the mountains on Saturday are planned to conclude a hectic and unforgettable week of orientation.

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# Reflections of the Past and Present

As I leave my position as President of the Student Government Association, I do so with a very positive and optimistic viewpoint toward student government. I am proud to say that I had a part in the evolution of Student Government here at Gardner-Webb. Many people have worked very hard this year to protect and preserve the rights and responsibilities of the students through Student Government. These people should be commended and thanked.

I feel very confident in saying that the SGA will become a very integral part of this institution. Nearly every student activity has the SGA's name attached to it in one way or another. Also you can observe that the administration had gained confidence in the decisions made by the SGA, whether judicial or legislative actions. All these things point out to me that the SGA has become the heart of the students.

I have personally noted that the administration is listening and becoming aware of the responsibility and maturity that the students are showing in making very concrete decisions. They are spending more upon helping the students feel when making administrative decisions.

Like I have said many times before, communication through working together, I feel will lead to the success or failure of the relationships between all involved in the academic and governing processes. Communication will also

conquer the SGA's worst enemy — apathy.

I am proud to say that I represented you and your ideals. Thank you for your support this past year. I challenge you to continue to support the ones who are working for you.

— Steve Riddle

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May I extend a personal note of thanks to those who voted for me. I sincerely feel that I must present a special loyalty to that number.

In the election the margin of victory was basically irrelevant; that is over and done with. But next fall I will definitely need 100 per cent support from the student body concerning my work on campus and in the Senate.

The key to the 1973-74 administration will be based on this question: Are we being fair to ourselves and our Gardner-Webb community. In my campaign and speech I stressed Gardner-Webb as a community. This includes the administration, faculty, student support, Bolling Springs, rescue squad, and even the Quik Snack. We are all a community and the key to our success next year will be how well we relate to one another, honestly, fairly and with open eyes and hearts. Let's begin by endorsing the policy of "just plain honesty."

—Jeff McNeill

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The Mathematics Club, one of the newest organizations on our campus, held its last meeting for this academic year on April 5, 1973.

The program was presented by three Gardner-Webb students majoring in Mathematics: The Champion, Joy White and Kay Abrams. Their presentation featured an interesting geometry theorem and three different methods of proving its validity.

The club elected its new officers for the coming school year of 1973-74. These officers are: Kay Abrams, president; Dean Ledford, vice president; and Joy White, secretary.

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Two Gardner-Webb students attended the state teachers' convention in Greensboro. Pam Allen and Debbie Gaskill accompanied by advisor, Dr. Larry Sale and faculty advisor, Dr. J. W. Third on Sunday afternoon, April 29.

—Momm

Strong Residence Hall hosted a tea honoring Mrs. Maggie Goodwin. "Mom" Goodwin will be retiring after six years at Gardner-Webb. The tea was held on Sunday afternoon, April 29. "Mom" was presented with a

# Tribute to Wayne DeHart

There once stood a row of great oak trees that were strong and their roots extended far below the ground. They stood in a small clearing on a hill in a wooded area. There was one of those tall oaks that was taller, greener, providing shade and homes for many of the animals. Here among the large oak trees the children played each day. One day a terrible storm passed through this small area and the crash of lightning struck the ground. The woods stood silent, and when the children discovered the large oak gone, they cried. Against the beautiful rainbow sky there was a vacant spot that was once filled by this large oak. But now the oak was gone and only a vacant space remained.

This story can be used to describe many great people, but one remaining in my mind — Mr. Wayne DeHart.

Many students did not know Mr. DeHart, but if you had you would understand what honor and greatness is. Mr. Dehart loved Gardner-Webb more than any man I have ever known. He loved and backed them at almost every game they played.

Mr. Dehart not only backed the Bulldogs but he believed in so greatly, but he also stressed Christ — the man who had helped him so many times. His strong Christian faith made him a unique man, outstanding in every way.

Mr. Dehart was a man who saw and felt that he was better than anyone. Much can be said about Mr. Dehart. He was a man, a friend, student who was loved and honored. He was a man with a dynamic personality and he had a purpose. That was to help those who were less fortunate than he to aid by giving, love and friendship.

Yes, it is true that a great man did pass by Gardner-Webb and he will not be forgotten for all his help and kind understanding. It is like the large oak tree in that a vacant spot has been left by a fine man: Mr. Wayne Dehart.

—John Fowler

# Senate Absentees

March 27, 1973 April 17, 1973

- Rick Carter
- Lora Harrison
- Jesse Erwin
- Steve Bowen
- John Fowler
- Dick Stewart
- Lanita Wright
- Sylvia Johns
- Conita Walker
- Lil Kwtkowski
- Karen Meredith
- Sammy Johnson
- Steve Bowen
- Bud Brewer

scraps of letters from her "darlings." The letters expressed their appreciation for the guidance and friendship that Mrs. Goodwin had shown to her students in both the men and women's dorms. She was also presented a bookcase to be used in her new apartment in Greenville.

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The Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society elected its officers for the next year.

Becky Sigmon will serve as president. The tea was held on Sunday afternoon, April 29. "Mom" was presented with a

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