

Gardner-Webb To Operate Radio Station

A 5,000 watt FM non-commercial radio station will begin operation within 90 days on the campus of Gardner-Webb College.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of the college, announced that the Federal Communications Commission had granted the college a permit to operate the station with an assigned frequency of 88.3 on the FM dial.

Dr. Poston said the station will operate seven days a week for 12 hours each day, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. The station will have a 200 foot tower which will be located in Bowling Springs at the rear of the college's former alumni house. The station itself will be in the house which was once used for the college president's home.

"We are very pleased that we have received our permit to go on the air with this FM station," said Dr. Poston. "I am sure that the station will benefit the entire community, and will provide opportunity for training in radio work for our students."

"It is our hope that the station will be a great asset to the area. We plan to make it a strong Christian station with many educational features in the programming."

The college president said a full-time manager will direct the operation

of the station and student help will be utilized for the remainder of the staff.

The 5,000 watt power will allow the station to reach as far east as Charlotte, west to Hendersonville, north to Lenoir and south to beyond Chester, S. C. It will have a radius of a little more than 80 miles.

The station will be a stereo operation with some of the finest equipment available.

Much of the equipment was made possible through a memorial gift of the Lee P. Frans family, of Hickory, N. C. The late Mr. Frans was a Hickory businessman, an avid supporter of the college prior to his death in an automobile accident in January of 1970 while traveling in Bradenton, Florida. Mrs. Frans and other members of the family gave in excess of \$30,000 to be used for radio equipment.

"We are very indebted to the Frans family for their gift to the college," said Dr. Poston. "We feel that there would be no better way to use this money than to have a fine Christian educational station on the campus. Mr. Frans was a fine Christian businessman and I am sure that he would have wanted to have a part in the establishment of this station."

Food Problem on Campus

Gardner-Webb College has two new cafeteria directors this year, namely, Mr. Connie Branch, who is the head director, and Mr. Ron Harpe, who is Mr. Branch's assistant. We, at G-W are glad to have them and we welcome them to the campus.

Mr. Branch states that he enjoys working with people and that his desire and purpose here at Gardner-Webb are to give the students the best quality food and service the cafeteria staff has to offer. This task is not an easy one, however. Because of this being his first year at Gardner-Webb, Mr. Branch has found many new things he has had to adjust to and to learn.

One of the major problems sweeping throughout the United States is the rising cost of food due to the inflation of the American dollar. This problem is also evident at Gardner-Webb. Mr. Branch feels the students can help here by not wasting food. Large amounts of food are being found wasted after every meal. Students should come

to the cafeteria knowing their appetites and then taking only the amount of food they feel they can eat. If afterwards, the student is still hungry, he may always come back for seconds. The cafeteria staff does not wish to shortchange the students. Their desire and aim are to serve the students to the best of their ability. Mr. Branch is merely asking that the students cooperate with him and his staff to conserve on the waste of food. The food is there for the students and you, the student, may have as much as you want to eat, but please do not load your tray with food and beverages and throw half of it away.

Be courteous and considerate by helping to conserve on the waste of food.

Mr. Branch's office is located directly below the cafeteria and his door is open at all times. He would be more than happy to help anyone with complaints or problems. He also would appreciate suggestions if anyone has any. Stop by at times and get to know him. His aim is to serve you, the individual student.

Another step toward the establishment of a chair of Bible at Gardner-Webb was taken with the announcement that a long-time North Carolina Baptist pastor, Rev. B. E. Morris, will teach a course this semester.

Thomas J. McGraw, announced that Morris would teach a one-hour course for credit each Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock in the John R. Dover Jr., Memorial Chapel. The first class will be held September 12.

In reference to the chair of Bible, Dr. E. Eugene Poston said that it is his hope that the chair can be fully endowed within the next three years. It cost \$100,000 to endow a teaching chair at Gardner-Webb.

"I can think of nothing that we need more at Gardner-Webb than an endowed professorship in Bible," said Dr. Poston. "It would certainly be a great step in the future of the college if we could to

Summer Tour

Have you ever wanted to take a trip to a European country and get college credit for it? That is exactly what seven G-W students did last summer. These students include Brian Waters, Marcia Leszer, Beth Honeycutt, Brenda Jones, Mary Jo Byrd, Sharon Capps and Sherry Jenkins.

Accompanied by Dr. Robert Morgan, they joined a group of students from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to make the trip. Also from the same university were Dr. Roth Smith and Professor Paul Koenig.

This group took part in a nine-week study program most of which took place in France. They spent the last three or four weeks in Paris. During this time, they stayed in various hotels.

Classes and tours were held Monday through Thursday. The afternoon tours led to such events as opera and Comedie Francaise. The long weekends left the students time to visit other countries.

Each day consisted of two one-hour morning classes; one being on the history and culture and the other on pronunciation and conversation. After lunch, a two to three hour tour was conducted by a French guide. This meant that everything was spoken in French. In fact, the participants in the study program were asked to speak in French at all times.

During the sixth week of the program, all of the participants resided in one hotel in Tours, France.

The study portion of the program ended with a trip to Chartres, to visit the Chartres Cathedral. At the end of the six weeks of study, some of the students came home. Others remained for the next three weeks to travel independently about Europe.

Registration

According to the registrar's calculations so far, the total enrollment for the year 1978-79 at Gardner-Webb College is 1,531.

By classes, there are:
Freshmen — 530
Sophomores — 352
Juniors — 294
Seniors — 318

have an endowed chair of Bible and am going to work hard toward that goal."

The course, Religion 318, will deal with the material from "The Sermon on the Mount" with exposition of Matthew 5-7. It will be entitled, "Living Religion." Those wishing to sign up for the course should contact Mr. McGraw.

The course will be open to anyone who wishes to take it. The course is especially pointed toward religion majors at the college and others in full-time church positions in the churches throughout the area.

Rev. Morris has some 60 years

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Chair of Bible — Rev. Morris

experience as a North Carolina pastor and pastor. He is a native of Stanley, N. C. and graduated from South Fork Academy in Maiden, N. C. He later earned two degrees from Wake Forest University and two degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He is also dean of Biblical studies at Mulberry Baptist Church in Charlotte and is interim pastor of the Wilmont Baptist Church in the same city.

There will be no charge for taking the course. The course will be closed when seating space is filled.

Noted Individual

"If you raise your hand in this class you will be properly ignored," said an earnest student. He would offend any student unless the professor making the statement is blind such as Ralph Logan Carson.

Such is the case and understandably so with Carson who is an assistant professor of religion at Gardner-Webb College. He has been blind since his birth in Marion, N. C. and graduated from the North Carolina School for the Blind and Deaf in Marion, N. C.

A condition such as blindness would handicap most people. Carson has definite views about handicaps. "There are three ways an individual reacts to a handicap," commented Carson. "You can sit there give up and say it's your god or spend your time fighting it or take your handicap and make stepping stones out of it."

Carson has certainly made stepping stones out of his handicap. If all goes as he expects he will have his Ph. D. from Drew University in Madison, N. J., next year. He is presently writing his doctoral dissertation along with teaching three classes of Old Testament and a class on Black Church History at Gardner-Webb. Old Testament is his area of concentration in religion.

Carson has a unique system for grading test papers. He has confident readers that read him the student's answers. The reader never tells him the name of the student until he has made his comments for the reader to write on the test paper and has recorded the grade. He believes this is the only way he can be completely fair.

Many have asked Carson if he has had problems with students cheating. He commented that since he always gives essay tests that he could spot any cheating readily. "In my case you have to have a good memory and I can always tell if I have heard something similar in another paper," commented Carson. "It breaks my heart to catch a student cheating and I am very low for a few days." He feels that this is the reason that in his seven years of teaching only six students have been caught cheating and in each case when confronted they admitted it.

"I want students to know that I care about them as a person and not as a number in my class," explained Carson. "Students do not take advantage of me physically but they do sometimes try to take advantage of my 'We Care Principle'."

Carson has an excellent memory for names. In two or three weeks he says he will be able to call out his class roles by memory and will recognize the students's voices.

When in Nigeria he adopted a little girl whose mother had died in childbirth. The baby was considered a curse to the "bushman" and it was common procedure to abandon the child. The child's father could not abide with that so the Carsons were asked to adopt the child, which they did. Tricia Gail is now five years old. They also have a son, Aaron Peters, twelve years old. "I want people to accept me as an individual and as a professor who is going to be a complete professor."

At the faculty meeting, Vice-President at Gardner-Webb, Mr. Tom McGraw, asked Mr. M. A. Mosley, Professor of Math & Science, to start the new year by ringing the bell.