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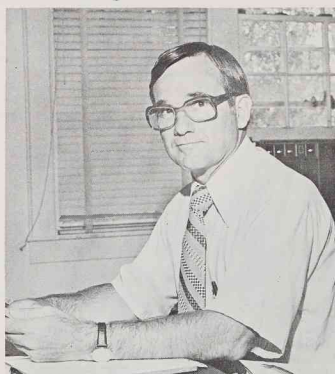
New Programs—New Students—New Staff

Potter Heads Program for Deaf

Until a few years ago, a deaf person wanting to go to a college that had a specialized degree program for the deaf, had to go to Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. But now, thanks to a growing concern for the needs of deaf people and the desire for higher education and achievement among the deaf themselves, there are three colleges in N.C. with such programs. Those colleges are Lenoir Rhyne, East Carolina University, and Gardner-Webb.

Dr. Jerry Potter is the director of the degree program for the deaf, coming to Gardner-Webb with twenty-six years of experience as Director of Deaf Missions with the Baptist State Convention in North Carolina. He became interested in working with the deaf when he picked up a hitchhiker in Burns, Oregon in 1948. After several futile attempts to communicate with the new rider, it became apparent that the young man was deaf. Dr. Potter knew the manual alphabet from his boy scout days and began talking with the hitchhiker with his fingers. A friendship began and out of that friendship Dr. Potter realized that the Lord was calling to fill the needs of a strong deaf ministry in the state of North Carolina.

Interest in a degree program for deaf students at Gardner-Webb came to Dr. Potter and Dr. Williams at the same time. The two got together and began making plans which led to the establishment of a program in the fall of 1977. Expanded for 1978, the program utilized hearing interpreters who go into class with the deaf students and interpret what the



instructor says by means of manual communication (sign language). It is the responsibility of Dr. Potter to help the deaf students and the interpreters schedule their classes to insure that the deaf students will have an interpreter for each of his or her classes. The interpreters are also available to serve as tutors and to interpret for any extracurricular activities in which the deaf students may want to get involved.

In addition to the interpreting and counseling services now offered, Dr. Potter gave the *Pilot* some insight as to his goals and objectives for the deaf program in the future. In the near future, Dr. Potter would like to initiate a program to train hearing students for interpreting in classes, churches, courtrooms, and any other situation where deaf people need interpreting. He would

like to soon begin a Deaf Education Program for hearing people to train them to work with and teach deaf people. Also, unrealistic as this may seem, he would like in the future to see as much as fifty to seventy-five percent of the student body using sign language and a good many of the professors being proficient enough to conduct their classes in sign language as well as in voice. (Bear in mind that Dr. Williams is learning sign language and if a college president can learn sign language, ANYONE can!).

Impossible goals? Maybe, but for a man that has devoted a lifetime to helping, teaching, and preaching to the "silent people," he can only view these goals as tremendous steps forward in giving the highest quality of education possible for the deaf here at Gardner-Webb College.

Tasty Tid Bits From The Cafeteria

The interminable long lines flanking each side of the cafeteria on Tuesday and Thursday... the occasional crash as a mortified student (or professor) drops his tray down the dumbwaiter... the round of applause that accompanies this crash... These are all-too-familiar scenes to the Gardner-Webb student in his favorite spot on campus—the cafeteria! However, there will be some changes in the cafeteria, due to Gardner-Webb's new food service, ARA-Slater School and College Services.

ARA is planning several improvements in the cafeteria, some of which have already taken place. Students have probably noticed the plants in various spots in the cafeteria to



add to the decor. Also, the chairs have been recovered. One particularly nice change has been the addition of shades, which greatly reduce the afternoon sun. Among the improvements planned for the future are new tables which will seat 4 or 6 people, a dividing wall which will separate the serving area from the dining area, 2 soft-serve ice cream machines, one for yogurt and one for ice cream. These machines will not be purchased by Gardner Webb. ARA is paying for them and therefore will own them. There will also be renovation of the salad and drink counters. These changes will take place gradually this year and in the future.

In addition to these physical changes, there have been changes made in the food itself. Mr. Wing and his staff have rewritten the menus, including a wider variety of foods, the most popular items, and some new foods. They have introduced the Dial-A-Menu service, so students can call to find out what is being served (The Dial-A-Menu number is 434-9761). To improve the food even more, Gardner Webb has hired a new professional baker, Mr. Bob Mayn from Forest City. The cafeteria staff try to run a professional establishment and want to please the students as customers. They welcome all criticism good or bad, and hope the students will enjoy the improvements to be made.

Meet Van Morrow

Dr. Van L. Morrow, new assistant professor in the psychology department, is a man of many interests and talents. He also has a varied background. Some of his past experiences include odd jobs in construction work, in a steel mill, and in an oil refinery. His professional work has included counseling in an all-black junior high school in West Memphis, Arkansas, teaching psychology at the Uni-



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GW Graduates Excel on CPA Exam

Only one small college in North Carolina had a greater percentage of students passing the Certified Public Account examination than Gardner-Webb College. This is the information received from a recent analysis of student performance on the CPA examination given in May 1978.

All states require the CPA candidate to sit for and pass a comprehensive four-part examination, which lasts one afternoon and two all-day sessions, though the qualifications for the CPA certificate vary somewhat among the states.

The four parts of the examination include auditing, business law, accounting theory and accounting practice.

"The accounting program is a vital part of the Business Administration Department at Gardner-Webb," commented Dr. Richard Wood, Chairman of the department. Sharing teaching responsibilities in the accounting area are Sue C. Camp, CPS; John Snyder, CPA; and Barry Hartis, CPA, Gardner-Webb business manager who is teaching part-time.