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SCHOLASTIC AWARD WINNERS—The opening of a new academic year brought recognition to four Scholastic Award winners for their excellent achievements during the '78-'79 school year. Pictured with Dr. Williams, l, and Dr. John Phillips, r, are (l to r) Rachel E. Schläfer, Kerry L. Mraz, Mary L. Abrams, and Jennifer Alexander Allen.

Dr. Phillips Addresses G-W Assembly To Open School

Gardner-Webb's campus was honored with the presence of Dr. John D. Phillips, President of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities on Aug. 28th. Dr. Phillips addressed the full student body, staff and administration during a morning assembly to officially open the new academic year.

Preceding his address, Dr. Robert Knott, academic vice-president and dean recognized four Gardner-Webb students for their excellent academic achievements during the past school year. Included in the four were Jennifer Alexander Allen, Freshman award with a quality point average of 3.93 out of a possible 4.0; Mary L. Abrams and Rachel Schläfer, sophomore awards, 4.0; and Kerry Mraz, Junior award, 4.0.

Presidential scholars were also presented during the morning program. They include newly orientated freshmen who exceeded in academic excellence during their high school years. The students included Judy Allen, Stuart, Florida; Richard Dean Harwell, Gastonia; Marsha C. Hicks, Gastonia; Julia A. Johnson, Morganton; Linda Kirkman, Charlotte; Franklin Craig Meadows, Mount Airy, N.C. and

George Allen Pool, Lamar, South Carolina.

Dr. Craven Williams introduced Dr. Phillips as a man who worked constantly to further education and strived to "achieve educational goals for all of us."

Phillips said, "We have now created something like 450 separate federal laws which affect higher education in ways large and small, and legions of dedicated federal workers who are hired and fired, paid and promoted, for the express purpose of bringing higher education institution into line with those 450 different federal laws and the various judicial rulings they have inspired."

"The basic presumption here is that people can't or won't do what's right unless government forces them to do it. Nobody can visit this college without being impressed with the vitality and the responsiveness of its self-governance. All you have to do is open the cover of your catalog.

"Let me say also that I am very proud to represent the heritage of church related independent colleges such as Gardner-Webb in my work as president of NAICU."

Convocation Center Campaign Surpasses \$2 Million

Over \$2 million has been pledged toward the construction of the proposed Convocation Center at Gardner-Webb. These commitments have been received from alumni and other friends of the college as a result of volunteer efforts in twelve campaign areas.

The Convocation Center will house the health and physical education center, an arena for intercollegiate athletics and a theatre for the performing arts. The estimated construction costs total approximately \$3 million with another \$500,000 planned to endow the maintenance of the facility. The remainder of the needed funds will be secured through additional area campaigns, foundation support and the personal and corporate support of Gardner-Webb College friends. The trustees and administration of the college are committed to actually beginning construction only when the money necessary for construction costs are "within sight."

Jerry McGee, assistant to the president, who is directing the campaign stated, "The response of Gardner-Webb College supporters to this project is evidence that they recognize the

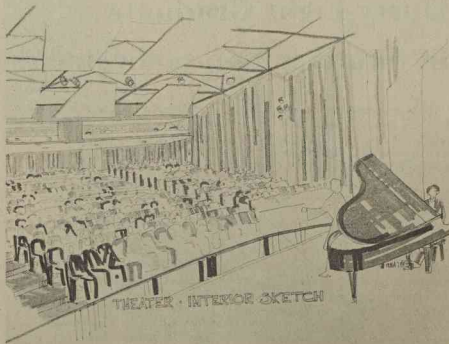
need for this facility. It clearly will have a tremendous impact upon the fine arts program, intercollegiate athletics and the physical education program."

The new building will be constructed on the site presently occupied by the baseball field. This will give students and faculty members accessibility to the remainder of the academic campus. Bost Physical Education Center will continue to be used extensively for physical education classes, intramurals and student recreation.

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