Celeb at the Webb

Orient Brings Luk

by Henry Doo



Kevin Parsons is the son of Benny Parsons, famed NASCAR race car driver and commentator. Kevin is a junior here at Gardner-Webb College, majoring in mathematics. Kevin also plays golf for the GWC golf team.

When asked why he came to GWC, he said,''I wanted to come to a smaller school than Carolina.'' (Kevin had a chance to go to UNC.)

Kevin sees his relationship with his father like any other normal father-son relationship and although he did not get to see his father as much as other children may have, no real difference is there. This, says Kevin, is one of the disadvantages but the advantages are being able to travel all over the country, and getting to meet a lot of different people.

One might think that Kevin is in a position to have most anything he might want, but it's not that way, he says. His father did not pull any strings nor did he have any ''special favors'' done for him. Kevin states he's no more spoiled than the rest of the world.

Needless to say, Kevin's mother, Connie worries a lot about his father and Kevin admits that he worries ''every now and then''. Kevin has one brother, Keith, who attends high school. After graduation Kevin plans to become a NASCAR race car driver like his father.

Good Luck, Kevin!

Addie Luk, one of the few oriental students here at Gardner-Webb, was born and raised in Hong Kong, which he considers to be his home. He says that a lot of his American friends did not know much about Hong Kong, and some of them even thought of Hong Kong as a communist country.

''Being a foreign student is not that easy,'' Addie says. He not only has to learn the difference between the two cultures, but he also has to choose the right moves according to different situations of the culture. He believes it is his duty to adjust some of his friends' wrong impressions about Hong Kong. Not satisfied with just learning from American's what he can use elsewhere, Addie says he wants his American friends to know something about Hong Kong, too.

On being asked what brought him here to the United States, Addie said he came to experience a very different culture, a culture that is different from Hong Kong and other places where he's lived before.

Hong Kong is a very small island with an extremely overloaded population of approximately six million people. The majority of the population is Chinese, and their ancestors formed the background of the culture. Immigrants and businesses from overseas have also brought knowledge to Hong Kong. The real cultural background of Addie's home, Hong Kong, is really a mix of different cultures. Most people in Hong Kong do know a little bit about other cultures in the world, but are not familiar with any one of them. As Addie says, ''Jack of all tricks, but master of none.'' He was one of these people but he didn't like it. He wanted to learn a culture in more detail, so he chose the United States.

British Farce Opens

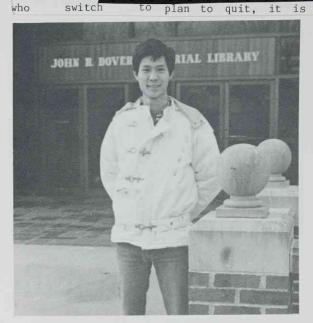
The newest production of the Gardner-Webb Drama Department, a lively British farce entitled ''The Real Inspector Hound,'' promises to provide a fascinating variation of the typical murder-comedy theme. Authored by Thomas Stoppard, this contemporary spoof finds two professional critics, Moon and Birdboot, reviewing a mystery drama, completely unaware that they are soon to become functioning members of the play. After several unexpected plot twists, the critics find themselves undertaking the roles of the two deceased characters. Unbeknownst to the pair, however, their first roles may be their last!

Directed by Dr. Jeff Elwell, the play features Gardner-Webb staff member Tommy Brown in the lead as Moon, with Stan Logan completing the pair as Birdboot. Chip Caldwell, a senior at King's Mountain High School, performs the part of Inspector Hound, while Karen Shafer, Amanda Oliver and Steve Hamrick, veterans of the GW production ''No Exit,'' also have supporting roles. Kim Harris, Chuck Haynes and Dr. Tim Cherry round out the cast, with Maria Mott handling the stage managing duties.



A familiar and appreciated sight here on campus has unfortunately left. Last week the Dairy Queen in the CID building closed. Despite the appearance of popularity, the Dairy Queen was not able to turn enough of a profit to continue.

At this time, there are no plans to open up another Dairy Queen around Boiling Springs.



Addie says he came to G.W.C. because he had never experienced anything like it before - a small college in a small southern town. He said that this place is quite conservative, but there is a good atmosphere for study, and people are nice here, too.

Addie was brought up in a big city and has been to a lot of cities. He knows what is city is about and what city people look like. However, life at Gardner-Webb College is a new experience and he likes it. The atmosphere at Gardner-Webb is absolutely a new feeling of America - a quiet one, a small one, but most of all a happy one.

As a visitor and a wonderful guest here, Addie kindly and openly tells his impression of this country. ''The beauty of America is not in its buildings, not in its artifacts nor its arts. Its greatest beauty is in its ideas. Freedom is the ultimate value, whether aesthetic or political. I learned that freedom is not about what one wants but about what one can do.''



The Real Inspector Hound runs from Thursday, February 13 through Sunday February 16 at Dover Theatre. Admission is free to all Gardner-Webb faculty, staff and students and \$1 for all others. Show time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is at 8 p.m., and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Show length is approximately 75 minutes.

