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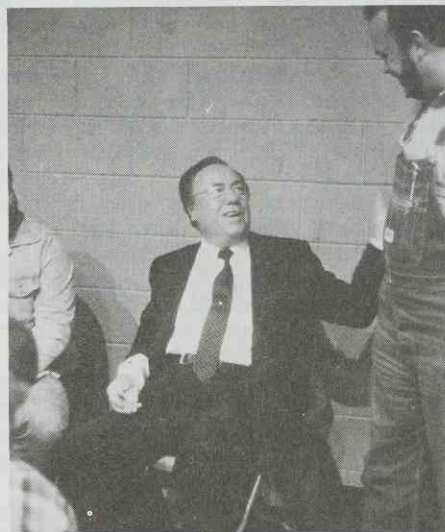
BOILING SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

## Earl Scruggs Festival Shines

By Melissa Brown

Despite the rain that poured down virtually non-stop on September 17, the third annual Earl Scruggs Festival was a big success and a major event for Gardner-Webb College and for Boiling Springs. People came from as far as Maryland to enjoy a day of bluegrass heritage with the presence of Earl Scruggs, who as many would agree, is most important person in the history of bluegrass music. Craft demonstrators sold instruments, wind chimes, dolls, and other artifacts in Bost Gym. On the stage overlooking the crafts, amateur musicians who brought their banjos, guitars, and other instruments participated in "shade-tree pickin'." The event began in the Dover Library with the GWC Chorale, led by Phil Perrin, demonstrating shape note singing. Louise Anderson, who came out of retirement for the festival, then captivated an audience of about 75 people with traditional African story telling. She brightened the rainy day with her strange,

flashy clothes and huge dangling earrings. Afterward, Stanley Hicks and Bobby McMillan jumped in with more regional folk tales and ballads. In the meantime, the choir from the Lawndale Baptist Church sang a few gospel numbers on stage in the Paul Porter Arena. With drums, an organ, a piano, and a lead singer, this loud and dynamic group gave such an impressive performance that they were asked to stay for an encore later in the day. During the afternoon following a lunch of chicken and barbeque, several bluegrass bands played on stage in the Paul Porter Arena. Some of these were The Original Briarhoppers, Riverbend Bluegrass, and the Lincoln County Partners. Snuffy Jenkins dazzled fans as he played his washboard with horns, a woodblock, and a cow bell. At 3:00 a workshop on music, led by Dr. Charles K. Wolfe, was held in the Seminar room of the Dover Library. The Original Briarhoppers and Snuffy Jenkins, Pappy Sherrill and the Hired Hands along with



**EARL SCRUGGS**  
(Photo by Melissa Brown)

John Hartford discussed the history of bluegrass music, radio, and recording. Afterward, some stayed around to watch the bands jam a little, others watched a PBS video on Earl Scruggs, and a few joined a storytelling swap upstairs. A good crowd attended the John

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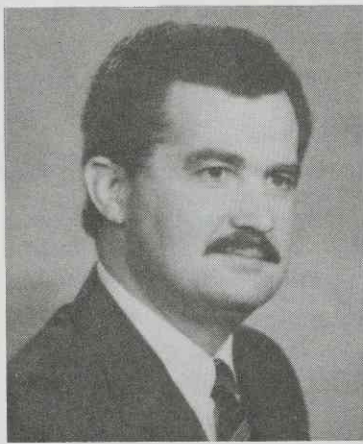
## Dean Franklin

By R. Shawn Lewis

The season of change at Gardner-Webb included changes in locations, appearances, and personalities. One new personality on campus is the new Vice-President of Student Development, Dr. Richard Franklin. Dr. Franklin comes to Gardner-Webb from Anderson College in Anderson, South Carolina. His education includes an A.A. degree from Anderson College, a B.A. in History from Furman University, Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and a doctorate in Education Administration/Higher Education from the University of South Carolina.

Prior to his arrival at Gardner-Webb, Dean Franklin held several positions ranging from Minister of Youth to, most recently, Chief Student Affairs Officer (the Anderson College equivalent to Vice-President of Student Development).

Dr. Franklin stresses consistency and fairness in discipline. With this thought in mind, one of his first acts as dean was to organize the Student Development Dean's Council to look into the college's policies of discipline. The



Council is made up of faculty and staff from several of the college's administrative offices. The major finding of the Council was that there were no minimum penalties for campus code violations. (The term minimum penalty can best be described by relating it to fines for speeding tickets. One person stopped by the Highway Patrol for going ten miles over the speed limit on Highway 150 pays the same amount as a another person stopped for going ten miles over the legal limit on Highway 150). Thus, the new minimum penalties for campus code violations were established to ensure fair treatment for all students. After discussing various violations in terms of

severity, the fines were created.

Dean Franklin has many goals for Gardner-Webb. He, along with our president, Dr. M. Christopher White, share a common goal of campus beautification. This goal is a major reason for the swings, flowers, and overall improved general appearance on campus. Franklin also views the Dover Campus Center as just that, a campus center. His aspirations for the Campus Center include a commuter lounge, a communications lab/radio station, more picnic areas, and more recreational facilities for the students. For these renovations to take place, however, Dr. Franklin urges that the student body be patient. Renovation, Franklin foresees, will be a multi-year process. In the meantime, the Dean commented that the students will be able to see and participate in the changes of campus.

Dr. Franklin enjoys working with college students, especially those involved in church-related schools. It is for this reason that Dean Franklin works and will continue to work. Gardner-Webb College needs go-getters on its faculty and staff in order to continue to strive for success; Richard Franklin is such a man.

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