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Gets USA

Transfer Program

By Christy McHan

Recently, Gardner-Webb College reached an agreement with Dotoh University in Mombetsu, Japan to begin a USA Transfer Program. In doing so, Gardner-Webb became one of only five colleges and universities in the United States to have such an honor, and the only southern institution in the program.

In two years, a maximum of 20 students will enter GWC as juniors. Students will study a curriculum parallel to American curriculum while at Dotoh.

The USA Transfer Program is



(L to R) Noriaki Okajima, Dr. Frank Bonner, Chancellor Jun Sakurai, Dr. Chris White, and Dr. Tsuneo Sato.

also offered at Hawaii Pacific College, which was chosen first because of its geographical location. Popularity of the program grew and shortly was expanded to the main land. The other institutions in the program are University of LaVerne in LaVerne, California, Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas, and Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. The Japanese designed the program to enhance their students education and extend possibilities to their exceptional students.

In choosing an American institution, Dotoh sought out small residential colleges with caring rural environment, a place where parents would feel their children safe. Most importantly, though, Dotoh looked at the relationship between faculty and students at

each institution.

The Dotoh University agreement, along with the addition of the professional-quality television studio, has pushed Gardner-Webb into the forefront of southern academia. And the future only holds bigger and brighter things for the Webb.

ABOUT DOTOH UNIVERSITY

Dotoh University, in Momebetsu, Japan, is a system of higher learning facilities that includes Dotoh International College, Dotoh College, as well as the University itself. Together, the three have a combined enrollment of 2500. Tuition is \$10,000 per year and room and board is \$10,000 per year.



Sakurai and White.

Record Enrollment

By Ernest Brown

"One of our main goals on the campus of Gardner-Webb is for every student to be important. Everything that we do on campus is important. Every person is important," said Dr. M. Christopher White, president of the college, concerning the record enrollment of Gardner-Webb.

This has been the fourth straight year that Gardner-Webb has broken the enrollment records. This class consisting of a little over 500 new students. There were 1400 applications this year, with 1130 being accepted. Thirty more students were rejected than last year. These last figures stem from the administration being more selective of students entering Gardner-Webb.

In years to come, Gardner-Webb will tend to look more

closely at the students coming in. "We want to find students who will enjoy Gardner-Webb enough to stay for four years, and be graduates of Gardner-Webb," said Randy Kilby, Director of Admissions. "There will also be more competition for high school students because, within the next few years, an estimated 1.5 million students will not graduate high school in the United States," added Kilby.

The admissions office will be working in a different way in the coming year because of these trends. The office will be going into new markets, working more through the churches, and more out-of-state recruiting.

"The size of our school makes it possible to have a one-on-one basis relationship, not so in bigger colleges and universities," said Dr. White. Concerning the record enrollment, Dr. White said, "This has been my number one objective, to be full on campus. We have improved financial responsibilities."

The beneficial thing that has come out of this is improvement around campus, including: Lutz-Yelton and Mauney being air conditioned, a significant amount of money for the Communications department, new furniture for Royster, and an observatory. Also, a renovation of the Dover Campus Center, hopefully to be completed by the end of the year.

New resident halls will not be built because of the excessive costs. There are two reasons for this. First, projections overall for students entering college in the next few years are not good. Second, there will be a more liberal policy for upper-classmen to stay off campus.

"The staff of admissions counselors has done an excellent job. They sell the college in an effective and responsible way to students coming in to Gardner-Webb," said Dr. White.

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