



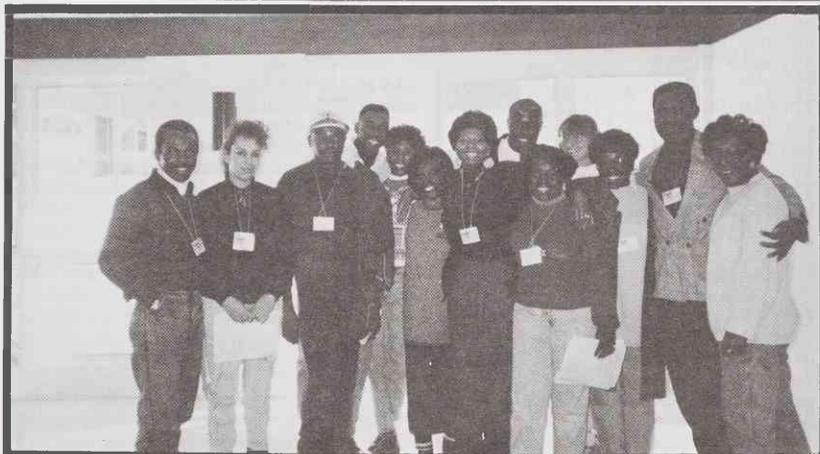
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Internationals Attend Conference

By Ernest Brown

Recently, a group of international students went to Mars Hill College for the Fall Conference. Gardner-Webb was well represented at the conference, with 14 students in attendance. All in all, 60 North Carolina students participated in the conference.

The purpose of the conference is to bring international students together and share in the many cultures and customs represented. The conference is comprised of two segments, one in the fall in the mountains, and the other by the

seaside in the spring. Many activities took place during the conference. These included: a talent show, lectures, discussions, and a hiking trip in the snow on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

"I enjoyed the snow the most, but also the chance to meet new people was very good," said participant Catharine Parayne. "I also enjoyed clogging."

"The idea of having people from all over the world was nice to have in classroom," said fellow participant Guille Zamara. "It gives me hope to think that the world could be more like that room, with people from different countries coming together, and discussing their culture."

GWC Holds First VIP Day

By Dawn Camp

On Saturday, October 21, Gardner-Webb held its first VIP day of the year. 35 to 40 prospective students came to see the college. The day began with a VIP registration. The visitors had a chance to tour the campus, meet faculty members and students, eat in the cafeteria, attend a football game, and meet with financial planning.

"It gives them a chance to learn what we have to offer. It's imperative because student retention starts with VIP Day," said Laura BonDurant.

VIP Days are only one part of the Admissions process. Admissions counselors, or Road Runners as they call themselves, are (often) the first impression students get of Gardner-Webb. The "Road Runners" spend a lot of their time "on-the-tour" attending College Days at high schools and junior colleges. This time is spent telling people about the school.

When Road Runners come home, they give tours to students who drop by, and they make

short trips to surrounding high schools. To the Gardner-Webb admissions staff, the students come first.

"Students and parents concerns are our concerns. We try to answer their questions truthfully. We don't snow anybody," replied Ronnie Warrick, recent G-W graduate and newest kid on the block on the Admissions staff.

The Student Admissions Associates (SAA) also play a major role in the recruiting process. SAA members assist admissions counselors by participating in phone-a-thons, and giving tours on VIP Days.

"We encourage prospective students and tell positive points of GWC," commented Darren Sanders, SAA member.

Each Student Admissions Associate is required to be on-call on week out of each semester to help with campus tours for students who just show up. Students are selected for SAA based on recommendations of faculty and staff.

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Resident Life Hard at Work

By Glenn B. Johnson

Miss Amber Culver, formerly of Wisconsin, is a welcomed addition to the staff of Gardner-Webb College. Beginning this past summer, Ms. Culver has been striving to enhance the living atmosphere for the residential students of the college. She comes to us from a large school and has brought many new ideas that have proven to be successful on other campuses in the nation.

One of the major issues of concern on campuses both big and small is safety and security. Miss Culver has a concern for the safety and welfare of all Gardner-Webb students. She has observed that students here feel almost too safe. "A lot of people think that because they are in a Christian institution in a tiny town, they are automatically safe," she commented. "It is a false sense of security. Everyone is responsible to insure the safety of others and themselves in this community, which is a home away from home for most."

There are some safety problems here on campus. The biggest problem that the Resident Life department has noticed is that people are leaving the external doors of the halls propped open when they are supposed to be locked. Another problem has occurred when students rush into the halls without pulling the door to a completely shut position. Both of these problems place the residence halls in great jeopardy. A third problem is more or less an attitude problem. Many students do not realize that it can happen to them and that any student on this campus can be a victim of crime even in their own room. That, simply, is why caution is a prerequisite for each resident of the hall.

In the men's residence halls, it has been difficult to accept the fact that the external doors are now being locked nightly. This new system provides access to only those that have keys (the residents). In the past, this has not been so; men's halls have been open at all times, providing access to anyone and everyone... yes, even criminals. The basic reason that men's halls are now locked is to ensure every resident's safety. Safety is a serious issue for both sexes. We must remember that in an unsafe atmosphere, men and women are vulnerable to many things, theft, mugging, beatings, all included.

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