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Dean Bonner Visits Dotoh

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Dean of Academic Affairs Frank Bonner recently visited Dotoh University in Momebetsu, Japan where he worked out further arrangements for an exchange program between the university and Gardner-Webb College.

GW is one of five schools from all over the United States that Dotoh selected for its exchange program. Japanese parents are very selective about where they send their children. "I think they saw Gardner-Webb as being a rural environment...church related...based on values that were very people oriented and very caring...the kind of environment parents would want," said Bonner. "I'm also told that we were spoken highly of by the presidents of the other institutions."

While there, Bonner spoke with officials, parents, and students about what GWC has to offer. "The language was somewhat difficult...Part of the time one of the faculty members came in and translated for us," he said.



Japanese exchange students will study two years of core curriculum at Dotoh, including intensive English. Then in the summer of 1991, up to 20 students will come to Gardner-Webb for an intensive three month study of English. They will attend regular classes in the fall. Right now, ten students have indicated GWC as their first choice, making it the second most popular of the five schools.

Hopefully in two to three years GWC students will be going to Dotoh. The visits will probably be short at first with classes in English and some instruction in Japanese. Bonner said, "Dotoh is very gracious...and they have said...we'd love for your students to come! The problem is language and expense...a freshman at Dotoh pays \$10,000 a year, just tuition. If we can figure out the

language barrier and the financial barrier then we would definitely like to be able to give Gardner-Webb students the opportunity to study in Japan."

Dotoh's chancellor Jun Sakurai said that there were many other American institutions in Japan trying to recruit students without any affiliation with Japanese schools. Bonner said, "For us...it's a tremendous benefit to have that...affiliation because as we look to international relations and...foreign study, we have a friend in Japan."

Hopefully the arrangement with Dotoh will build enough interest in students and faculty for Gardner-Webb to expand its foreign exchange program to universities in other countries.

GWC: NCAA Bound?

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Gardner-Webb College is considering a move to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). GWC is a member of the smaller, less-known National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The NAIA's Council of Athletic Directors for the South Atlantic Conference has proposed that all Division II schools move from the dwindling association.

"Only 50 football playing schools remain in the NAIA," said GWC Athletic Director Woody Fish. "There are a few more basket-

ball schools left, but the association has lost a number of schools. The NCAA now has about 1,000 schools."

Joining the NCAA will decrease the amount of dues the school must pay as a member of the association. NCAA dues are \$900/year while NAIA dues are \$3000/year. The NCAA also covers post-season expenses. NAIA schools pay their own.

Fish said, "The NCAA will stress greater enforcement of rules, but it brings an extra stamp of approval. The NCAA offers national approval, and it will expose us to a national audience."

Current NCAA schools include Division IA- UNC, Wake Forest, Duke; Division IAA- Appalachian State, Western Carolina; Division II- Wofford; Division III-Guilford.

"(This move) is a tremendous step for our institution. It shows we're maturing and growing. It will help us nationally. The more people that hear of GWC, the more chance we'll have of recruiting not only student athletes but students."

As new NCAA schools, the teams will not be allowed to compete for champion-

College Bowl Planned

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The Honors Program plans to sponsor a college bowl competition from March 19 to March 26. Dr. Rudee Boan, director of the program, said, "The competition will be something like the old TV College Bowl format on the 1960's similar to the High-Q format found in high school competitions now." Questions will range from the harder academic subjects to rock music, movies, and entertainment to sports.

Matches are scheduled from 7 to 9 each evening. There will be four games per night with each game lasting approximately 30 minutes. Each game will be divided into 12 minute halves. The winners moves on to the next round; losers are eliminated.

Teams consist of six people. Four from each team will play at a time. Boan said, "We're looking for student teams. All students are eligible. I would encourage commuter teams to form. The idea is to make this a campus-wide institution for residents, commuters, and GOAL students."

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