



SECOND FRONT



Plate: New Band Director

By Ernest Brown
Staff Writer

The music department added a new faculty member. Dr. Stephen Plate, originally from New York City, assumed the duties of band director and conductor of the College Community Orchestra. He also teaches freshman and upper division music theory classes. He said, "I would like to turn out students that are aware and well-versed in contemporary trends in those musical disciplines."



Plate graduated summa cum laude from Evangel College with a bachelor of music education with a concentration in piano. He obtained his masters in instrumental conducting from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with a minor in theory. In 1986, he received his doctorate from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with minors in theory and history.

Speaking of his goals and aspirations for GWC, Plate said, "I'm thrilled at being at Gardner-Webb. My vision for the college is that we have one of the finest orchestras of the private colleges in North Carolina and that we have as good a symphonic band as possible for this year."

Dr. Plate is married, and his wife's name is Tausha. She also works at GWC as an adjunct professor of piano.

New Math Faculty

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Three new faculty members, Ms. Tammy Campbell, Mr. Ed Carr, and Mrs. Brenda Terrell, have joined the Gardner-Webb's math department.

Campbell, a graduate of GWC, holds a masters in math from Wake Forest University. She said, "Being an alumni played a big role in my decision to teach here. I really enjoyed my days as a student and returning seemed natural." She will be teaching College Algebra and Statistics.

Carr graduated from Wingate College and obtained his masters in applied mathematics. The former High Point College visiting lecturer said, "I wanted to come back to friends and fellowship that I found at Wingate during my undergraduate studies." He will be teaching Calculus as well as College Algebra.

Terrell graduated from Landers College and received her masters in math education from Clemson University. She said, "The area was the main reason for my decision to choose Gardner-Webb. The school cares a lot about its students. The faculty has done a lot to make me feel welcome, and I really appreciate that."

Welcome, Catherine

By James Rowe
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Along with the many new faces at GWC this year is Catherine Bouvier, the new French Department assistant. Catherine, from Lons-Le-Saunier, France, is teaching many of the departments labs.

Catherine says that she came to the U.S. to learn about our way of living and to improve her speaking skills in order to teach English in her country. She says that American people are much friendlier than she expected, and she has felt very welcome in the states.

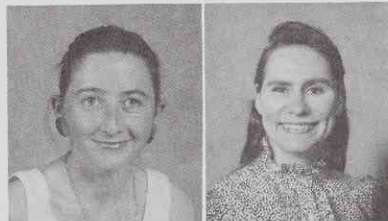
Catherine attended the University of Besançon for seven years. The classes often had as many as 100 students, making class participation difficult. She prefers the smaller classes here at GWC. She tells her students that she is at their disposal to help them improve their French, but she expects them to help her improve her English as well.

Catherine wishes to meet students in order to learn more about them and their homes. So, next time you see her on campus, say hello and make her feel welcome here at Gardner-Webb.



Ed Carr

Tammy Campbell



Catherine Bouvier

Brenda Terrell

Five Study French in Canada

By Kathy Henson
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Over the summer, five GW students had the experience of their academic careers. They totally immersed themselves in French culture--but not in France. They lived in Trois-Rivières (Three Rivers) Quebec Province, Canada.

The idea behind a total immersion program is learning by doing. Students are in every day situations where communication is absolutely necessary. For Regi Deal, Thomas McCoy, Barbara McKibben, Danielle Welch, and Russ Williams, it was speak French or be sent home.

Their day started around 8:30 with a three-hour class taught by a native French speaker. Various workshops followed including Grammar, Phonetics, Conversation, Aerobics, and Community Action. McKibben, in her community action workshop, worked at a toy store in downtown Trois-Rivières! She said she enjoyed working with the customers and was pleased because she had the opportunity to translate for her boss.

The students distinguished themselves in a number of ways. McCoy won a best actor award in his class, and Williams won an award for an essay he wrote and presented. The entire group did a talent show skit of "Hee-Haw" and sang "Where oh where are you tonight?..." Remember--all this was in French!

Several excursions into Montreal and Quebec City helped complete the French experience. Several of the students went to a Cubs-Expos game at Olympic Stadium and saw "Dead Poets Society" in French. A favorite spot for spending free-time was the bank of the St. Laurence River.

Everyone appreciated the experience, but all were happy to come home. Williams said, "I was impressed with how my French improved."

Danielle spoke for all when she said, "The best thing...was interacting with people of different cultures and being totally immersed in a foreign language."

Appalachian Consortium

By James Rowe
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On September 7, Gardner-Webb had the honor of hosting the Appalachian Consortium. Dr. Joyce Brown (pictured with Barry Buxton, executive director of the consortium) said that the consortium is an organization of institutions whose purpose is to protect all aspects of Appalachian life. A presentation given by Wilburn Heybor featured the works of black Appalachians. Some of the materials presented are on exhibit in the Dover library until the end of the month.

