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New Center Open to Help Students

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If you came to Gardner-Webb with some weaknesses in basic academic skills, those problems probably appeared in the tests you took during orientation. Before this year, the help offered came only in the form of basic courses in math, reading, and English.

This year the help has expanded tremendously, extending far beyond the three basic courses. Led by Dr. Gayle Price, a new faculty member as of this summer, the revised program is called the Learning Assistance Program. It was designed to help students improve their study habits, mathematical skills, reading and writing abilities, and other essential college skills. If the faculty in this program cannot address your need, they will put you in touch with someone who can.

Currently, Price is assembling a group of volunteers to tutor in the lab. These volunteers include present students, faculty members, administrators, and retired community teachers/professionals.

Members of the English Department, Dr. Frank Bonner, Dr. Gil Blackburn, and many others have envisioned a program such as this for several years. Now that the ball is rolling, immediate plans include revamping placement testing, improving skills courses, starting a writing-across-the-curriculum component, and offering computer-assisted instruction in math and writing. Twenty new computers and a sophisticated network system are being readied for



this task, and the computer lab should be in full operation by next semester.

At this time, approximately 150 students are in the classes, with another 75 in individual tutoring situations. According to Price, the "goal is to assist; it can't be done if no one comes by." She and Ms. Lynn Keeter are available to speak to any campus group about the function of the program or to help improve writing, reading, or study skills. Price will also be assisting faculty--on request--with incorporating more writing instruction into courses beyond the English Department.

The Learning Assistance Center is located in Craig 110, and the staff stands ready to help you. Drop by and find out about the kinds of services offered there.

***Kevin Walter contributed to this story.*

Symposium Held

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The fourth annual high school business symposium, held on Oct. 10, attracted about 125 students from nine area high schools.

The symposium featured a day of lectures and discussions on business and educational issues at work today.

Special speakers for the event included Sonja Gantt (WBTV), Lin Robinson (First Citizens Bank of Shelby), and Kenneth Mayhew Jr. (Carolina Freight Corporation). There was also a panel discussion featuring Linda Bridges, Robinson, Gantt, Mayhew, Drs. Stan Smedley and Anthony Negbenebor.

Gantt, health reporter for WBTV in Charlotte, spoke on the business of TV reporting. Robinson, city executive and area supervisor of the Shelby office of First Citizens Bank, spoke on the business of banking.

When the lectures were through, the students went to the DCC Banquet Hall for lunch and Mayhew's address.

This year's symposium was planned by Dr. Keith Griggs and Mr. Jim Hartman of the Broyhill School of Management and the Broyhill Academy.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) hosted the visiting high school students.

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By Donna Ham

Staff Writer

The members of the GWC Gospel Choir (GC) love to sing and, through song, to show their love for Jesus.

The choir, under the direction of Llræ Scott and assistant Andy White, is advised by Dorethia Miller.

According to Miller, there are 40 to 50 members. Each bringing his or her unique personality and style into the group.

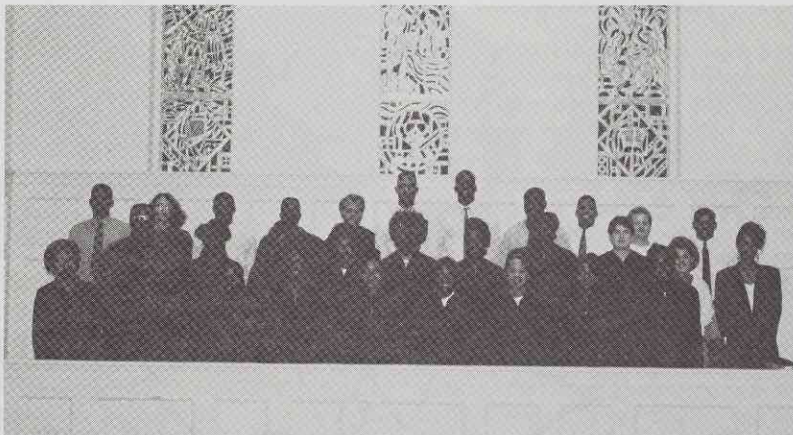
Miller said, "Most members are brought together because of their spiritual upbringing and from that they just bonded together."

Gospel Choir means different things to different people.

Choir president Patrick Colson feels the choir gives minority students something in which they can participate. He adds, "However, GC is not just for the minority students. GC helps minority students feel a part of Gardner-Webb."

For Sherri Mooring, GC is more than just a group of people singing. It is a therapeutic way of dealing with college. She said, "Singing in GC gives me the strength to go on when I feel like quitting."

Gospel Choir to Perform



Miller said, "The GC has taken on a new attitude in spreading the message through song. Members look forward to rehearsals and are anxious to perform."

On Oct. 27, the choir will sing at Eskridge Baptist Church in Shelby. President Chris White will deliver the morning message on

Other performances include: Gospel Revival, Nov. 17-20; Songfest, Jan. 21-24; and an April 22-24 performance.

GC is open to all GWC students and alumni. Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester. For more information, contact Miller or any choir member.