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Nursing Program Meets Challenges

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The Associate Degree of Nursing at Gardner-Webb University is now independent of the Davis School of Nursing in Statesville, according to Dr. Shirley Toney, chair of the Nursing Department.

Enrollment has seen a dramatic increase in the past few years, says Toney. There are currently 98 students in the nursing program.

"Because of the increase in enrollment, we have had to increase clinical facilities," explained Toney. The new facilities include Gaston Memorial Hospital, Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and Upstate Medical Center, Crawly Memorial Hospital and Courtland Terrace.

Recruiter Journeys To Dark Continent

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Once classes ended last semester GW students raced gleefully homeward in that grand mass exodus known as "Christmas break." While many traveled long distances, few went as far as Caroline McKinney and Clovis Ngha (pronounced "Ngha"). Hoping the Atlantic to the "Dark Continent," Caroline and Clovis mixed business with pleasure during their stay in the friendly Republic of Cameroon, native home to many "GWC" alumni such as Florence and Dr. Systus Kum and George Kangkolo.

What business? Although Caroline claimed the purpose of the trip was for a vacation, much work was conducted for GWU's sake. While in the north west provinces of Bamenda, Wum, and Mbengwi, and in the capital city of Yaounde, she contacted over 200 students and has already received 15 applications. As Clovis explained later, this was really harder than it seemed.

Over the holidays, Bamenda was in a state of emergency due to internal political problems. For this reason, it was necessary for the duo to take a number of precautionary measures. The government generously provided bodyguards for extra protection. "The



The two primary clinical experiences are Rutherford and Cleveland Memorial Hospitals. Broughton will continue to be used for psychological clinic work, says Toney.

Nursing students typically differ in background and age. Many are returning to college after having attained one four year degree in another field.

Gardner-Webb currently employs 7 and three-fourths full-time faculty members as well as part-time faculty for clinical areas.

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Caroline McKinney

bodyguards and all the special attention made me feel like a queen!" remarked Caroline.

Caroline also required a number of signatures from high ranking officials such as Governor Luc Renee and Assistant Provincial Chief of Education Mr. Sunday Makia. These signatures verified clearance for student recruitment.

In contrast to the roads, the people were very open. Caroline and Clovis reported the atmosphere to be a very inviting one. Although in many parts, the people speak different dialects, most natives of Cameroon speak English and French. This puts the nation in a good position to be open to business, schools and tourists from around the world. While in Cameroon, they stayed with the family of Anyangwe "Sheik" Akoh who is currently a GWU student.

Due to Clovis' royal status as the Prince

G-W Debaters Take "Gold"

Special to The Pilot

Four members of the debate team recently returned from a USC-S tournament with the "Gold." Interestingly enough, the "Gold Dome" award indicates a 2nd place finish, not 1st place. The prize was awarded to the team coached by Dr. Glen Bottoms.

The team was awarded a first place trophy in the Novice Division, a significant accomplishment considering competitors such as Wofford, UNC-C, and Georgia State, among others.

Mike McCalley won a speaker's award, and the victory was sealed by the efforts of Michelle Remy, Nicole Brown, and Gus King.

Debaters are looking forward to upcoming tournaments, including one at UNC-C and Richmond, VA. Plans include a slot in the National Finals in Maryland sometime in March.



Anyangwe "Sheik" Akoh

of Wum, Caroline was invited to meet many regal figures. Among them, Clovis' father who at present has 21 wives and 56 children! Other outstanding dignitaries encountered included the Fon (King) of Bafut, Abumbi II. At his annual dance, Caroline met Frances Cook, U.S. Ambassador to Cameroon, who was recently awarded the highest honors ever given to a woman by Cameroon's government.

Although she visited all the tourist attractions such as Mechum Falls, Lake Wum, Lake Nyos, and the Catholic Mission in Wum, Caroline insists that the highlight of her trip was getting to know and dancing with the natives.

At the end of their 19 day trip, Caroline and Clovis found that mixing business with pleasure created the formula for memories that will last a lifetime.