

GWU fall play to be sure crowd pleaser

by Jenny Rogers
staff writer

It's "the insane humor" that made Theater Director Keith Cassidy choose "You Can't Take it With You" for the GWU fall play.

The play, directed by Cassidy, will be presented in Dover Theater Oct. 2-7.

Written in the 1930's by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, "You Can't Take it With You" is about a family Cassidy describes as "very eccentric."

"One (50-year-old) character plays with an erector set, one plays the xylophone, one is a ballet dancer," said Cassidy. The fun comes when the one "normal" daughter falls in love with a high-class man, and there is a definite clash of philosophies.

"Of all the plays I did (in college), it was the biggest crowd pleaser," Cassidy said.

He also likes it because its large cast allows more people to participate. Although there are no star roles, Ricky Bostic as Grandpa and Carrie Cranford and Penny both have large parts.

Junior Janell Johnson, who plays Reba, "a maid in the absolutely loco family," says the cast is great. "We all work well together," she said.

Johnson is optimistic about the upcoming performance. "The play is hilarious--it's so much fun," she said. "I think we're going to do a really good job."

Although no more help is needed for "You Can't Take it With You," Cassidy encourages anyone to participate in upcoming productions.

The theatre welcomes auditions, help with backstage work, and help building sets with or without credit. The Applied Theater course, Theater 203A, offers one hour credit per semester. Interested persons can contact Bruce Wilson at 4372.

Homecoming '96 weekend events

Friday, Oct. 4:

5 p.m.: Bulldog Soccer (GWU vs. North Georgia College)

7 p.m.: Annual Alumni Banquet: "Under the Big Top"

Saturday, Oct. 5

11 a.m.: Homecoming picnic at Williams Observatory--music by The Ocean Boulevard Band, cheerleading exhibition, campus shop set-up

Noon: Championship soccer match

12:30 p.m.: Annual Homecoming parade

1:30 p.m.: Football! GWU vs. Wingate University

Bell tower soon to be reality

by Julie Gibson
staff writer

Imagine sitting on a plaza on a beautiful December night with the charming sound of chimes filling the night air. This fantasy will soon become a reality for Gardner-Webb students.

President Christopher White has set a target date of Nov. 16 for the completion of the bell tower. The tower will include 48 handcrafted bells from Holland that can be played on site from a remote location. The size of the cast bronze bells will range from 2,000 pounds, 44.5 inches in diameter, and 38 inches in height to 21 pounds, 7 inches in diameter and 6 inches in height.

A plaza, or an open area, will surround the bell tower with lights specifically placed to accent the beauty of the tower, said Donnie Clary, vice president for business and finance.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewey Hollifield donated \$1 million to beautify the land that is now the Hollifield Complex. The money has provided Gardner-Webb with a lake and the walkways around it. The newest addition to the complex is the bell tower. Due to the death of her husband this past summer, Mrs. Hollifield will decide on any further additions to the complex, Clary said.

Each section of the tower will resemble a different time of Gardner-Webb's existence--past, present and future. The bottom of the tower represents Noel Hall, or the present. The middle of the tower will be the bells, or the future. The top of the tower has a unique story of why it will represent the past.



Artist's drawing of the bell tower. The tower is projected to be completed in November of this year. (Drawing contributed by office of VP for business and finance).

"The Higgins-Curtis building was once the main building on campus many years ago," said Matt Webber, director of public relations for Gardner-Webb.

At the top of the Higgins-Curtis building was a clock, much like the one that will top off the bell tower. The Higgins-Curtis building burned down, but now it will be remembered each time the bells chime.

The bells can be operated electronically or manually, a process that is referred to as carillon. "Gardner-Webb will hire a specific director for the task of playing the bells, or a carillonneur," said Dr. Terry Fern, chair of the fine arts department.

The remote site that the bells may be played from will probably be O Max Gardner, the music building, Fern said.

GWU's School of Nursing experiences record enrollment

by Julie Gibson
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The School of Nursing has a record enrollment this semester with 120 students. Fifty-six are on a waiting list to enter the nursing school because the maximum number of students allowed is 120.

Gardner-Webb's School of Nursing started in 1965 and is entering its 31st year this semester. The start of a new decade has been an exciting one for everyone involved with the nursing program, according to Dean Shirley Toney. The faculty along with the administration is in the process of exploring a masters program for nursing, Toney said.

A Bachelor of Science and Nursing degree (BSN) and an Associate degree is a two-year program and is completed when the students have taken the NCLEX-RN licensing test so that they may become registered nurses (RN).

SGA's registration has positive results

by Janet Jones
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On Oct. 29, SGA will set up a mock presidential election for students.

The Student Government Association has been working to encourage students to become more politically involved, said Brandi Faight, SGA treasurer.

Two weeks ago, SGA set up a booth in the DCC enabling students who had never registered to vote to do so. Students who had registered were provided with applications for absentee ballots since many students will be unable to go to their home district to vote in the November election.

According to Faight, 131 students registered to vote and 200 students filled out applications for absentee ballots.

Faight said she got the idea to provide GWU students with this opportunity when she received a booklet called "Your Vote, Your Choice." She presented the idea to SGA, contacted the Cleveland County Board of Registration and got to work.

"As SGA, we need to encourage political involvement," Faight said.