

Communications Degree Gets Response At G.W.

BOILING SPRINGS, NC-A single year after initiating a communications degree, Gardner-Webb's program has approximately 40 majors and is well on its way to becoming one of the larger programs on the campus.

"The program, in a year, has fulfilled over half of its objectives," said Dr. Bill Stowe, director of communication studies. "I'm expecting as many as 60 majors in 1986-87."

The 25 initial students in the program last fall came from three groups, according to Stowe: transfers, freshmen, and others who came early to participate in the program before it was officially established. Early recruiting efforts were minimal for the first year because the program was not instated until March 1984.

This fall approximately 20 new students have expressed serious interest in the program and five have declared the major. Since freshmen generally do not declare majors, the figures could be higher, Stowe says.

Radio instruction, print journalism, speech and drama are already part of the communications degree curriculum. Film and television classes should be included

within the next year and a half.

It is important to Stowe that students have firm instruction in basics and the opportunity for hands-on experience in their fields from the beginning of their studies.

"We would like to get students in some proximity of actual design and situations on which media depend," Stowe said.

A room is being renovated at the radio station for the program. It will be a production studio equivalent to the one used for broadcasting, but its primary function is instructional.

Speech, drama courses and dramatic production are under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Elwell, who has recently joined the G-W faculty.

"It is my hope that there is a renaissance of drama at

Gardner-Webb," said Elwell. "I'm looking to achieve a great deal over the next few years. The facility and the support thus far has been great."

According to Stowe, "Speech is a course that a religion or education major can take to polish speaking abilities, but primarily it is a course in the communications curriculum. It is not simply the standard introduc-

A film course could be offered as early as the 1986 spring semester, according to Stowe. The college is also trying to work with other institutions on a television curriculum.

Other aspects of the communications degree are the student newspaper and the yearbook, which are now being offered for one hour course credits. In the past, they have been strictly

"We are trying very hard to get the campus newspaper published every two weeks," Stowe said. This year, typesetting and layout will be done on campus to produce a camera-ready publication. This will save money plus give the students more experience with the total production of a newspaper. Thus, both the newspaper and annual will be laboratory experiences for some of the

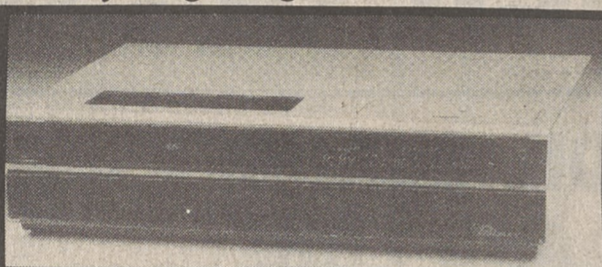
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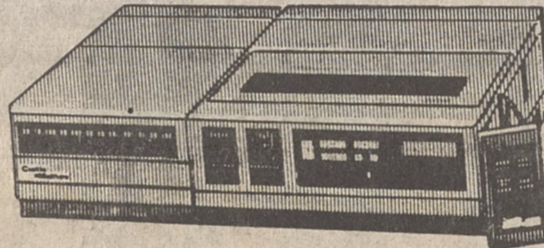
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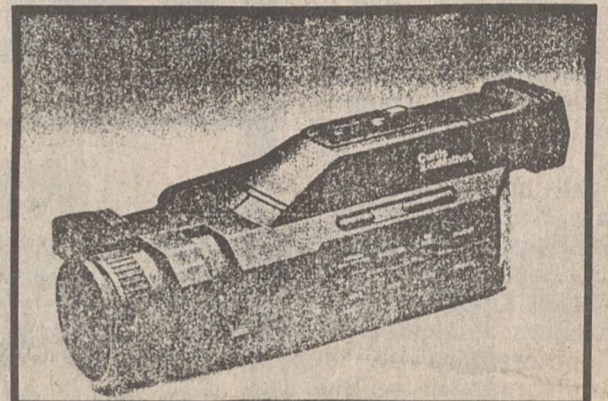
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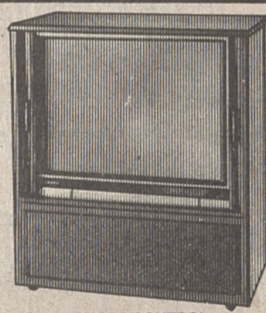
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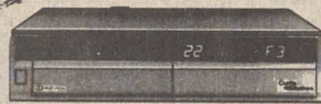
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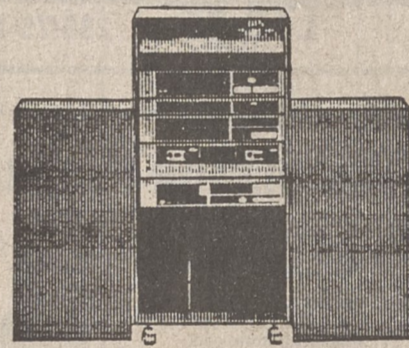


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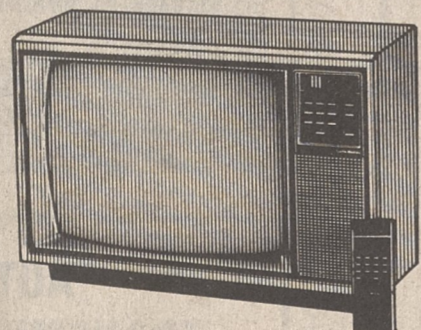
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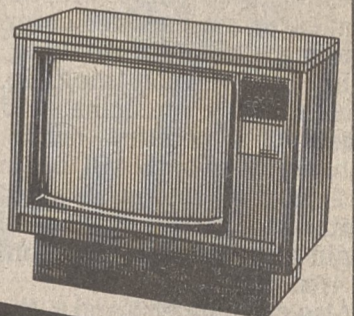
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KM Students Gain Honors

Kings Mountain Senior High has been notified by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) that Fluvanna Ferebee and Ela Milewski have been designated Commended Students in the 1986 Merit Program.

The principal, Lonnie Wilson, announced today that these seniors will receive a Letter of Commendation in honor of outstanding academic promise, demonstrated by placing in the top five percent of over one million participants in the 31st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

An officer of NMSC, which administers the program, stated that, "Being named a Commended Student in the extremely competitive Merit Program is a credit to these young men and women and to their schools, which play an important role in the development of academically talented youth."

"The high test performance of Commended Students is indicative of exceptional scholastic ability, which is essential in a nation that prides itself on cultivating individual excellence. We hope the honor these students have earned will provide motivation for them to use their talents to the fullest and also will serve as an example for other aspiring young citizens."

Participants entered the current Merit Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in October 1984, when most of them were juniors. Although their qualifying test scores are very high, the 35,000 Commended Students nationwide scored slightly below the level required for Semifinalist standing. Only the 15,000 Semifinalists, whose names were announced on Sept. 11 will continue in the competition for some 5,800 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1986.

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