

Development Program Set

BOILING SPRINGS, The Trustees of Gardner-Webb College, have approved a comprehensive \$12.5 million development program. Lloyd C. Bost of Shelby, Chairman of the Board, reported that more than \$7 million had already been pledged to the new program, Bold Dimensions in Higher Education, Phase II.

Bost cited the success of Bold Dimensions in Higher Education, Phase I, envisioned by the College administration and Trustees in 1977, as having made possible many educational programs and additional campus facilities.

Meeting the permanent endowment needs of the College will be the primary objective of

Phase II of the Bold Dimensions program. Foremost answering these needs are endowed funds for faculty development and support, academic programs, the library, plus funds for student financial aid.

John Ayers of Charlotte, Chairman of the Trustee Development Committee, described the student aid funds as "critical to the growth of Gardner-Webb College." Last year, through the generosity of Mr. Charles I. Dover and the Dover Foundation of Shelby, N.C., the College established the Independent Scholarship Fund designed to make the Gardner-Webb students independent of federally funded student aid. Ayers stated: "Our long term objective is to build this fund to the level that it will not longer be necessary for our students to depend on the federal government for scholarship funds. Gardner-Webb College neither seeks nor accepts direct government funds and our goal is to make it possible for our students to be equally independent."

Vice-President for Development, Bob D. Shepherd, reported renovation funds for dormitories and classroom buildings to be additional objectives of Bold Dimension, Phase II. "Gardner-Webb College truly has an opportunity to offer creative educational services. The phenomenal enrollment growth of the last two years has made many educational opportunities available," said Shepherd. Fall '81 enrollment at the Baptist liberal arts College has exceeded Fall '80 by more than 200 students. In the last two years enrollment has grown by approximately 315 and since 1977 by more than 420 students.

In concluding his statement to the Trustees, Craven E. Williams, the College's President since 1976, quoted Emerson. "This time, like all times, is a

very good one, if we but know what to do with it." Williams said: "Despite pessimism and negativism concerning the fate of private higher education, Gardner-Webb College sees the challenges of the '80's as an opportunity to maintain the momentum of several very good ideas that have combined to make this time a very good time for this College."

Williams cited a commitment to the Christian value system, a highly competent and patient faculty, and a steadfast independence as characteristics which have been successfully blended to make this a good time for Gardner-Webb College.

Harvest Festival Set. Oct. 9-10

The Gaston County Recreation Department and the Gaston County Council of Senior Citizens will co-sponsor a harvest festival to be held at the Oaktree Plaza, formerly Gaston Mall, Gastonia, on Friday, Oct. 9th from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., and on Saturday, October 10th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Country crafts and homemade cakes and pies, made by Gaston County senior citizens, will be on sell both days.

Entertainment during the two days will be presented by the Gaston County Clown Arouds, the Happy Feet Dance Team, and other groups.

For further information, contact Dottie Shuford, 866-3968.

N.C. Symphony Coming To Town

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Assistant Conductor, Jackson Parkhurst, performs in Barnes Auditorium, on Monday, October 12 at 8 p.m.

The program includes George Frideric Handel's **Concerto Grosso**, Beethoven's **Symphony No. 1 in C Major**, Stravinsky's **Suite for Small Orchestra**, Franz Lehár's **Waltzes** and Jerry Bock's Selections from **Fiddler on the Roof**.

Parkhurst, North Carolina Symphony assistant conductor and director of education since 1980, coordinates all North Carolina Symphony children's concerts, supervises the Bryan Young Artists Competition held each January, and coordinates all symphony ensemble programs and appearances.

Parkhurst founded the Brevard (N.C.) Chamber Orchestra five years ago and was music director of the Lexington Park String Ensemble and director of choral music at UNC-Asheville during 1979-80. He was one of 15 conductors selected from over 100 applicants to participate in the American Symphony Orchestra League's Institute of Orchestral Studies at the Shenandoah

Music Festival in 1975.

In addition to conducting orchestral music, Parkhurst is also an accomplished conductor of opera theatres. He was assistant conductor of Opera theatres at Duke University from 1966-67, the University of North Carolina from 1968-69, and the Manhattan School of Music from 1973-74.

Guest conductor of the Bronx Opera Company in New York City from 1974-75, Parkhurst was also a participant in Boris Goldovsky's Opera Institute in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, in 1976.

During the summer of 1981, Parkhurst conducted the Brevard Music Center's Transylvania Orchestra and repertory Training Orchestra. He was also coordinator of Educational Programs and in charge of the Repertory Training Program.

Admission is by season subscription, or tickets may be purchased through Andy Neisler (739-4766) or Charles Mauney (739-3621). Tickets are also available at the door (Adults - \$6.00; Senior Citizens and Students - \$4.00; Children - \$2.00)



Photo by Heather Crowley

PIONEER DAYS - Participants in the Pioneer Days program at the Kings Mountain State Park last weekend are pictured above making music. Participants dressed in pioneer dress,

cooked over an open fire, and gave demonstrations of how life was in young America.



DUE WEST, S.C.—David Wilson (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Wilson, 52 Harrison Avenue, Franklin, N.C., is welcomed to the Erskine College campus recently by (left to right) upperclassmen: Tripp McGill of Kings Mountain, Robin Elliott of Gastonia, and Hunter Eddy of Ninety-Six, S.C. Wilson, a 1981 graduate of Franklin High School, was among more than 200 freshmen and transfers arriving at Erskine

August 31 for orientation activities preceding the opening of Erskine's 143rd year September 3. He is among 52 academic scholarship recipients in the freshman class, which has the highest College Board scores of any Erskine class in more than a decade. Wilson is grandson of Mrs. J.M. Thomas of Due West. (Photo by Dick Haldeman)



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