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Library Construction Is Underway; Addition On Webb Building

LIBRARY
JOHN R DOVER
Sr.

WEBB ADM.
BUILDING

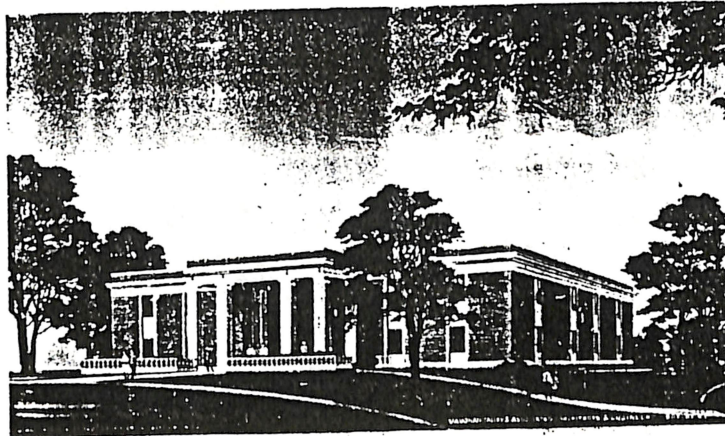
The fall semester has brought the ground breaking of one new building, and the expansion of another.

Construction of the new John R. Dover, Sr. Library began on October 9; the completion of the \$1,250,000 structure has been set for April, 1974. The library is considered the focal point of the first phase of the college's capital gifts campaign which had a goal of \$2,500,000. The present library will be converted into a classroom building providing additional classroom facilities.

The Laxton Construction Company of Charlotte will be paid \$1,116,700 for the general construction of the library. The Drexel Furniture Company won the \$98,193 contract for the interior furnishings. Shelving and filing equipment will be supplied by the Esty Company of Redbank, New Jersey for \$24,608.

The Webb Administration Building is now under construction with the present building doubled in size. An expanded administration force has forced

administrators to have offices all over the campus. It is hoped that the addition to the Webb Building will allow all administrators to be under one roof.



Proposed John R. Dover, Sr. Library to be completed by April, 1974.

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Library Makes Giant Strides; Capacity Expected by Mid 1970

Development of a library is a major key in turning the lock to senior status accreditation at Gardner-Webb College.

This area has received full attention from the administration, faculty, trustees, and, of course, the library staff. The results have been gratifying in that total volumes in the stacks have doubled from the 23,000 of two years ago to over 40,000 volumes.

Dr. Stanley H. Benson, head librarian, states that volumes are being added at a rate of around 8,000 annually and that, at this rate, the present structure will be at capacity by middle 1970.

In recent reports to the trustees and faculty, Dr. Benson said the college must now decide on whether to build an addition to the present Dover Building or to construct a new library building.

At this time, Dr. Benson favors a new structure with the possibilities that a combination building could be erected. He gave the library-classroom building of another Southern college as an example of good use of space. This is a building which allows use of classroom space during the day and use of this same area during the evenings for library study area.

One of the areas Dr. Benson is proud of is his staff which includes three persons with the M. A. degree in library science. Miss Rebecca Ann Sebastian, reference librarian, has the M.A. in Library Science from Appalachian State University; Mrs. Joy Sandifer has the M.A. in Library Science from the University of Mississippi and Dr. Benson has the M.L.S. degree from the University of Texas and the Th.D. from Southwestern Theological Seminary. These, along with several dedicated staff members who have years of experience in this field, make the GW Library one of the best staffed in the area.

Alumni interested in the progress of the library or who can assist the college in its development are welcome to visit the campus and see new developments underway.

Clarence Griffin

Clarence Griffin, noted North Carolina historian and Forest City newspaperman, died January 10 of a heart attack.

A long-time friend of Gardner-Webb, he had given hundreds of books to the college library, including several rare volumes housed in the North Carolina room.

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LIBRARY NEED EVIDENT

The need for a new library is not debatable since the number of volumes in the library has grown from 18,500 in 1964 to 70,000 in 1973. Circulation of books has more than doubled in this ten year period and attendance is almost 50,000 annually.

Gardner-Webb makes every effort possible to provide the best education possible for its students. The college takes pride in the fact that it seeks to provide faculty members who are concerned with the education of the whole student. Each faculty member is encouraged to be concerned with both the mental and spiritual growth of students. The college unashamedly claims to be a Christian college with the avowed purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with its students. It is hoped that no student will leave this school without having had Jesus Christ presented as the Saviour of men.

Yes, Gardner-Webb is interested in academic excellency, but even more so, the college is interested in graduating young men and women who can take their rightful place in society serving both their fellowman and their Lord.

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