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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. –The Gardner-Webb University Theatre department will be performing A.R. Gurney’s lighthearted comedy, *Sylvia*, Nov. 28 through Dec. 3 in the Millennium Theatre, located inside the Communication Studies Hall.

Sylvia is a play about a talking dog named Sylvia that is adopted by a young married couple, Greg and Kate. The play tells the story of their struggling marriage and how the new addition to their family affects their lives.

Starring in the play will be freshman Alex Clontz as Sylvia. Supporting actors, junior JJ Patton and sophomore Heather Pfeffer will perform as Greg and Kate. Freshman Matt Stroll will act out three roles in the production: a man in the park, Phyllis and Leslie.

Dr. Jim Thomas, dean for the School of Performing and Visual Arts, set out to produce something more lighthearted than previous productions, as he is optimistic about audience response to such a play. “The audience will find it fun. The basis of comedy comes from

normal people in crazy situations or crazy people in normal situations,” he said. “These normal people have a talking dog. It’s a comedy.”

Showtime for *Sylvia* will be at 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday, Dec. 2 matinee at 2:30 p.m. For additional information on the School of Performing and Visual Arts or the production of *Sylvia*, call 704-406-4362. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

NOTE: There will be no Nov. 29 performance of *Sylvia* due to Gardner-Webb University’s annual Festival of Lights celebration on its Boiling Springs campus.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University blends a liberal arts core curriculum, with more than 55 specialized major programs, a comprehensive academic experience grounded in a Christian environment of service, leadership and intellectual freedom.

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