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Staff Additions Announced; Seven New Positions Taken

Seven appointments to the staff of Longwood College for the 1956-57 session, two retirements, and one resignation were announced recently by President Francis G. Lankford, Jr.

Dr. Gardner Blake Taplin, of Newton, Mass., has been appointed associate professor of English to take the place of Miss Nancy Foster, who will retire after teaching twenty-nine years in the English department.

Mrs. Blanche C. Badger, of Mountsville, S. C., will assume duties as associate professor of mathematics to replace Mrs. Ann H. DeMuth, of Farmville, who accepted temporary appointment for the 1955-56 session.

Gary Seamans Dunbar, of Avon, N. Y., has been added to the staff as an instructor in geography and social sciences.

A. Ray Merchant, of Roanoke, has been appointed director of public relations to succeed Mrs. Meade L. Shackelford, who has resigned to accept a position in information and public relations with a public service organization in Richmond. Her appointment to this position has not been announced.

Mrs. Frances Walmsley Gee, of Farmville, will fill the position of instructor of home economics in the place of Mrs. Lucy Smith Green, of Farmville, who had a temporary appointment for the current semester.

A new position of secretary created in the Bureau of Teaching Materials will be filled by Mrs. Constance Hubbard Gills, of Farmville. Charles H. Patterson, Jr., assistant professor of education and a member of the bureau staff will devote full time to teaching and directing student teaching at the elementary level.

Mrs. Beulah W. Eva, of Mohawk, N. Y., now a house mother at Adrian College, Mich., will become a college hostess on the retirement of Mrs. Cynthia Z. Green who first became associated with the college in 1948.

Dr. Taplin, whose teaching fields are Victorian and American literature, is a lecturer in English at Boston University and was an assistant professor of English at Indiana State University from 1946-53. He holds the Ph. D. and A. M. degrees from Harvard University and A. B. from Amherst College. He is at present writing a biography on Elizabeth Barrett Browning to be published by the Yale University Press in the fall, and has already published several articles on Mrs. Browning's works.

Comes from Tennessee

Mrs. Badger will come to Longwood from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where she is an assistant professor. She has taught at Florida State University, Memphis State College, and McMurry College. She has an M. A. degree from the University of Tennessee, and A. B. degree from Winthrop College. She expects to receive a Ph. D. degree from George Peabody College in June.

Mr. Dunbar has been a graduate assistant at Louisiana State University for the past three years where he expects to receive a Ph. D. degree in June. He received the M. A. and B. A. degrees from the University of Virginia. An assistant in the office of student aid and placement at the University of Virginia, Mr. Merchant is working toward his doctorate there. He holds a M. Ed. degree from the University of Virginia and A. B. degree from Emory and Henry College.

Miss Foster, an assistant professor of English has taught at Longwood College since 1927, and has for many years advised the staff of the "Virginian," college yearbook, on editorial work. Before coming to Longwood she taught in high schools in Mississippi, Texas, and Arkansas. She has a M. A. degree from the University of Virginia and A. B. from Mississippi State College. She will retire to her home in Greenville, Miss.

'Gate of Hell' Seen By Many Viewers; Praised by Critics

"Distinguished theater," says Newsweek of the last of the Better Films series that is playing this Wednesday at the State Theatre. Winner of the Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 1954, "Gate of Hell" is the first Japanese film in color to be released in the U. S. Film critic for Time magazine says, "Western moviegoers will experience the pure delight of soothing their eyeballs, scorched by so many Technicolor prairie fires, with a rainbow hung in a legendary mist."

Set in ancient Japan, the story of "Gate of Hell" is concerned with a Japanese soldier's burning desire to possess a lady of rank, married already to a Japanese countess. The soldier, driven by his maddening lust, plots the death of the husband. Knowing the soldier's intent, the wife plants herself in her husband's place, sacrificing her life for his.

Daiel Studios, in preparing for this film, sent representatives to the U. S. to study color with the Eastman Company, and it is the application of the Eastman color that makes the picture of note. Saturday Review has this to say, "It is the psychological use of color—the awareness of how emotionally effective color can become in films—that makes this picture of supreme importance."

Kasuo Hasegawa plays the part of the soldier Moritah. Lady Kesa is portrayed by Machiko Yo, and her husband Wataru is Isao Yamagata. They are all superb performers. Tetsunosaka Kinugasa wrote and directed the movie.

Georgia Jackson, president of the Senior Class, has been selected as Longwood's representative graduate to appear in the Richmond News Leader's annual spring feature, "Outstanding Graduates from Virginia Colleges." Georgia has been active in many campus organizations and activities during her four years here.

Seventy - Second Commencement Planned For June 2-3 In Jarman



DR. DABNEY S. LANCASTER

Lancaster To Deliver Graduation Address

The Seventy-Second Commencement Exercises of Longwood College will be held in Jarman Auditorium June 2 and 3, when President Francis G. Lankford, Jr., will confer degrees on 104 graduates.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, President Emeritus, at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3; and the Reverend A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church of Richmond will give the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m. the same day.

The two-day program will open at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 2, with the Senior Class Day exercises, when Miss Georgia Jackson, of Lexington, will present the address of welcome and Miss Dorothy Rector, of Arlington, will give the history of the graduating class. Following the induction of the graduates into the Alumnae Association by Mrs. Francis Butler Simkins, president of the Longwood Alumnae Association, a daisy chain will be formed by the seniors and their little sisters.

A reception for the friends and families of the graduates will be given by Dr. and Mrs. Lankford in the president's house at 8:30 p.m. and a lantern parade will be held on the campus at 10:30 p.m.

The invocation at the baccalaureate service, to be held in Jarman Auditorium at 11 a.m., June 3, will be given by Dr. H. Conrad Blackwell, superintendent of the Farmville District of the Methodist Church. The Longwood Choir, conducted by Dr. John W. Molnar, will sing "Like a Shepherd God Doth Lead Us" by Bach prior to the Reverend Mr. Bailey's baccalaureate sermon.

An academic procession of the graduates and the faculty of the college will proceed from the Student Building to Jarman Auditorium at 3 p.m. for the commencement exercises. The invocation will be delivered by the Reverend Charles O. Kidd, pastor of the Farmville Methodist Church. Following Dr. Lancaster's address, the Longwood Choir will sing Mendelssohn's "Ye Sons of Israel." Dr. Lankford will then confer degrees on the graduates and announce the names of the honor graduates. The program will close with Lutkin's "Choral Benediction" by the Longwood Ensemble.

Little Oscars Given To Student Actors

On Tuesday, May 8, the Little Oscar winners were announced from the Longwood Players. They are: James Parker for his performance in "Ring Round the Moon"; Anne Field Brooking for her performance in "Blood Wedding"; and Russell Vass, a representative from Hampden-Sydney, for his many fine performances and his help both on stage and back stage here at Longwood. The third award was made for the first time this year.

Jimmy Parker, a Senior at Longwood from Farmville, has participated in many plays during his college career. He became a member of the Longwood Players his Freshman year and was taken into Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity, his Sophomore year. Jimmy has appeared in such plays as "Death Takes a Holiday," "Angel Street," "Romeo and Juliet," "Dark of the Moon," "Blithe Spirit," "Ring Round the Moon," "Blood Wedding," and many others. In his Junior year he directed the one-act play "Wind of the Moors;" this year as a student-teaching project he directed the Senior High School play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

He believes his most challenging role was Preacher Haggler in (Continued on page three)

Council Announces Rule Revisions

The Student Council and the Administration have come to an agreement on revisions in school rules and regulations. The following revisions will go into effect in September.

1. All students may date one hour after the conclusion of formal dances within the immediate campus of the college.
2. All students may walk to the Taste Freeze any afternoon and return by 6:00 p.m.
3. All students may go to the Hill Top Skating Rink in groups of at least eight students any afternoon, Saturday evenings or week nights by taking a study cut.
4. Students must not sit in parked cars within the limits of Farmville.
5. All students may visit one or more Hampden-Sydney fraternity houses when chaperoned and with invitation for special occasions sent through the office of the Dean of Women.
6. All students may go to the lakes in groups of four or two couples by signing out in their respective buildings.
7. If a student is married during the session, she must have permission from her parents prior to the event and her parents must report in writing to the Dean of Women that such permission has been granted.

8. Freshmen and sophomores may attend drive-in movies by returning at 10:00 p.m. on week nights and 10:45 p.m. on week ends.

9. Freshmen and sophomores must be on campus by 10:00 p.m. on week nights and 10:45 p.m. on week ends when signing out for the afternoon and/or evening or for a drive-in movie.

10. Freshmen and sophomores may sit on benches with or without dates until 9:45 p.m. during the entire year.

11. Freshmen and sophomores may entertain their dates in the Main "Rec" and in their respective parlors on Saturday and Sunday nights until 11:45 p.m. They may entertain their dates in the main "Rec" when attending a "Rec Dance" until 11:45 p.m.

12. Juniors and seniors must be on campus by 10:45 on week nights.

13. Juniors and seniors must be on campus by 11:45 p.m. on week ends when signing out for afternoon and/or evening or for a drive-in movie.

14. Juniors and seniors may sit on the campus in front of Cunningham Hall with or without dates until 11:45 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday nights and 10:45 p.m. on week nights.

Foster, Miller Awarded Top Recognition

by LINDA DOLES

When it comes to 4-H's Longwood is well-represented locally and nationally. We are fortunate in having on our campus two very earnest and successful 4-H workers, Mary Ann Foster and RubINETTE Miller. Recently both have been awarded top honors for their faithful and enthusiastic services in their work. Mary Ann, winning the highest award offered, will attend the all-expenses paid National 4-H camp in Washington, D. C., this summer. RubINETTE has been selected to represent Virginia at the National leadership camp in Michigan this summer.

Both girls who are sophomores, and incidentally roommates, are well known on the campus for their friendliness and qualities of leadership. For the past 10 years both have been prominent figures in all types of 4-H work.

Mary Ann, a business education major, is from Poquoson. She attended high school there and has always been active in 4-H work. In 1951 she was chosen to be in the 4-H All-Stars. In 1953 she won a watch for her district farm home electricity work. The same year she was the state winner in 4-H achievements and also attended the short course as recreational leader at the University of Rhode Island. Selected from her high school she attended Girls' State and was elected treasurer. In 1954 Mary Ann attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and while

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Mary Ann Foster and RubINETTE Miller as roommates present a double threat in the field of 4-H achievement, leadership and service.

Examination Schedule

Date	8:05 Period	1:05 Period
Sat., May 26	8:05 M W F or 8:05 M T W T F	Classes meeting at ease
Mon., May 28	9:05 M W F or 9:05 M T W T F	1:05 M W F
Tues., May 29	10:05 T T S	11:05 M W F or 11:05 M T W T F
Wed., May 30	11:05 T T S or T T	8:05 T T S
Thurs., May 31	10:05 M W F	2:05 M W F and 3:05 M W F
Fri., June 1	9:05 T T S	2:05 T T and 3:05 T T

Lucile Peak, BSU Director, To Take Position At MWC

by PATSY POWELL

People usually think of seven years in terms of bad luck, but Miss Lucile Peak thinks that she has spent seven very lucky and happy years as Baptist Student Director at Longwood College. Since June 30, 1949, Miss Peak's guidance, companionship, loyalty, and devotion have been an inspiration to many Longwood girls.

A native of Long Island, Virginia, Miss Peak, better known as "Peakie", is a graduate of Gladys High School, Valedictorian of her class, she was named "Best all Round Student" and awarded the DAR Award which meant a trip to the DAR meeting in Chicago.

The problem of college was solved when Miss Peak decided to go to Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia. College meant active membership in the BSU, Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and the Student Council, plus the selection to Who's Who in American Colleges.

As president of the Madison BSU, Lucile Peak made an unforgettable trip to the Baptist Student Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, where she dedicated her life to full time religious work. She returned for her senior year at Madison as president of the YWCA.

Graduation from college brought a year of teaching in Charlottesville, Virginia. Miss Peak still remembers the time that she punished some of the students for going down town only to discover that they went to buy her a birthday cake.

Next came two years of work for a Master's Degree in Religious Education. This was done at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky. While at mission school, "Peakie" received the high honor of being asked to lead a "Praise Service." She was also chosen Queen of the Preacher's "Bawl," because Virginia's team won a baseball tournament.

Baptist student work has seen wonderful spirit and progress since Miss Peak came to Farmville. The work of a Student Director has been serious and fun. Of Longwood Miss



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MISS LUCILE PEAK

Peak says, "I think the spirit and enthusiasm of Longwood girls is one of the outstanding features of the college."

On last April 7, a "This is Your Life" program was presented in honor of Lucile Peak by the BSU girls, the membership of the Farmville Baptist Church, and the alumnae of the BSU. She was presented with a Hamilton watch and numerous other gifts from friends.

On June 20, exactly seven years after her arrival in Farmville, Miss Peak will go to assume her new duties as Director of Baptist Student Activities at Mary Washington College. She will live at the Student Center at Mary Washington and do much of the same type of work that she had done while at Longwood; however Miss Peak says, "After four years at Madison and seven years at Longwood College, I will have a hard time shifting my loyalty."

From the BSU girls and her friends in Farmville go wishes for "Best of luck to you, Peakie," as she leaves Longwood to assume her new position of service at Mary Washington College.

Shrine Musicians Delight Audience In Program Friday

Acca Temple Shrine, of Richmond, delighted a large audience in Longwood Auditorium Friday night with a three part program of band and vocal music and the clown band.

Conductor Alton L. Howell varied the band program with classical and popular numbers reaching a peak in the El Capitan March by John Philip Sousa. Gaily bedecked in red and white uniforms and the traditional fez, the band presented an attractive setting for the concert.

Sonia Stolin, an attractive soloist, "stole the show" in the second part. Teamed with the popular Shrine Chanters, her voice was outstanding in rendition of "Inflammatus" by Rossini and "Ourve Tou Coeur" by Bizet.

The Shrine Chanters gave their usual fine rendition of choral singing, both popular and classical. "Thanks Be to Thee," and "Hallelujah, Amen," by Handel and "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" from the musical Carousel by Rodgers, were outstanding numbers on their program.

Thirty minutes of fun and magic performed by the clown band and the magician, A. M. Geyer, added levity and delighted the many children in the audience.

The Shrine entertainment was sponsored by the Southside Shrine Club, with Dr. Charles W. Scott, of Burkeville, as chairman. Proceeds will be used for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children at Greenville, S. C.

New Scholarship Established For Speech, Drama Student

A scholarship in memory of the late Miss Leola Wheeler, former professor of speech and drama at Longwood College, has been established by the Longwood Players. The scholarship to be known as the Leola Wheeler Scholarship, will be awarded annually to a student majoring in English who has demonstrated special interest and ability in the field of speech and drama.

A scholarship of \$200 will be awarded for the year 1956-57 to the student selected by the scholarship committee from nominations submitted by both students and members of the faculty. Members of the committee are: David Wiley, assistant professor of speech and drama; Dr. R. C. Simonini, Jr., chairman of the English department; and three students: Frederick M. Stables, of Crewe; Miss Forence Soghoian, of Richmond; and Miss Patricia Parker, of Newport News.

Miss Wheeler retired in 1949 after teaching at Longwood College since 1911 except for a few brief leaves of absence, and she died in 1954. Following her death the faculty of Longwood issued this statement in tribute to Miss Wheeler:

"Leola Wheeler brought to Longwood College the twin stimuli of sound scholarship and broad culture. Her dynamic teaching has endowed a full generation of Virginia girls with enthusiasm for literature and drama. Through them and their teaching that enthusiasm will live and multiply. Her work with women's clubs, the Red Cross and other agencies throughout the state, and

for that matter the world, carried her influence into wide fields. Indeed there is ample evidence that she inherited a true missionary zeal for the noble intangibles of the spirit. Above all, however, she was a warm, living human being — our friend.

She lives, will always live, in our hearts and our lives."

Born September 29, 1884, in Golden, Mo., she came to Farmville in 1911 as head of the dramatics department and remained on the faculty until her retirement in 1949. She left the school briefly in 1917-18 while working in France with the Red Cross and again in 1921 when she served with the YWCA in Panama and China.

Miss Wheeler was for a time state chairman of the literature department of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs and chairman of the same department of the Farmville Women's Club for 25 years.

She pioneered in the establishment of high school dramatic clubs across the state and was influential in establishing the Woman's Club Library in Richmond.

She was sponsor and advisor to the Mu Omega sorority and later to the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Miss Wheeler received her A. B. degree from Smith College, studied speech and drama at Emerson College, and got her M. A. degree from Columbia University.

In order that a scholarship may be awarded for next year, faculty and students are urged to submit nominations to the chairman of the committee by May 26.

Officers of FBLA Begin New Term; Harvey Gets Honor

Two recent elections have taken place by the Longwood Chapter of FBLA. First was the election of officers for the coming year. Mary Lu James was chosen to head the organization as president. Other officers include Norma Reamy, Vice-President; Ellen Webb, Secretary; Jane Crute, Treasurer; Charlotte Hall, Reporter; and Margaret Bullock, Historian.

Joan Harvey, past president of the FBLA, was elected as "Miss Ideal Secretary." Nominations were made at a previous meeting during the year and election and coronation of "Miss Ideal Secretary" were held at the last meeting of the year. Joan was chosen on the basis of interest and capability in the field of Business. Jane Bailey was runner-up in the "Miss Ideal Secretary" Contest.

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