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"I MAKE IT SHINE"—Milas Martin puts a high polish to floors in girls' dormitory at Gardner-

Webb College. The buildings, empty for the Christmas holidays, make waxing a logical chore.

Classes Resume Monday

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BOILING SPRINGS — Gardner-Webb College closed shop last week, and will be out of business until Jan. 2.

The 435 students are home for the Christmas holidays with their families. Many of the faculty members, too, have gone for holiday outings or short visits with relatives.

The heat is off for repairs to the furnace, and the only people on the deserted campus are the repair crews, plus a few die-hard members of the administrative staff who have shivered through work this week huddled over electric heaters.

In the stillness of the girls' dormitory though, the steady "swish, swish," of a mop betrays energetic activity. Milas Martin, the janitor, is cleaning and waxing the floors while the students are away.

This is a semi-annual job for Milas, who has been employed at the college for four of his 58 years.

"This job reminds me of when I used to work on the railroad," Milas straightens with a grin. "We would work and work to get the road in shape, and then after the trains had come through for a few weeks it would be to do all over again."

This is probably an accurate ob-

serva-tion, for joyous giggles will accompany rushing saddle oxfords through the halls again next Monday when the students return. But schools are for youth, and youth is endless energy, boundless enthusiasm, and the inquisitiveness of young minds that will inherit the world's responsibilities.

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