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Mrs. Poston, Mrs. McGraw

## Two Named Alumni Of The Year



**HONORED**—Mrs. Thomas J. McGraw, at left with her husband, and Mrs. E. Eugene Poston, shown with her husband at left, were co-winners of the annual "Alumnae of the Year" award voted by the college's board of trustees.

The wives of Gardner-Webb's two top officials have been presented co-"Alumnae of the Year" awards for dedicated service in their own right.

The awards, highlighting the annual Alumni Banquet on May 12, went to Mrs. E. Eugene Poston, wife of the college president, and Mrs. Thomas J. McGraw, wife of the vice president of academic affairs.

Gathered alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends rose in an ovation as the two were called forward to receive the engraved silver bowl awards, voted by the college's board of trustees. It was the first time in history the award has been made jointly.

Making the presentations to Mrs. Poston '42 and Mrs. McGraw '48 was Jerry Walker, director of alumni activities. He used the acronym "MOTHER" to describe their contributions to the college:

M—Makers of happy home life; O—Offering selves without reservation; T—Thinking of others before self; H—Helpers of husbands, day by day; E—Encouraging children in the right way of living; R—Representing Gardner-Webb College as they serve as institutional widows.

The awards presented an exciting climax to an evening filled with fun and fellowship as well as an active business session and reports. Several other alumni were honored with special recognition and awards. (See stories inside.)

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**SERVICE TO GARDNER-WEBB**  
... Nancy Griffin



**SERVICE TO CHURCH, DENOMINATION**  
... T.R. Cusby

## *Distinguished Service Awards*

Gardner-Webb always presented special service awards to three of their own during the annual banquet on campus May 12.

Mrs. Frank Griffin (Nancy Anthony) '33 of Beaufort Springs was cited for service to Gardner-Webb. Billy G. McSwain '54 of Gastonia was cited for service to community, and T.R. Cusby '69 of Belmont was cited for service to church and denomination.

Mrs. Griffin, well known to meet alumni, has served as secretary to college president Dr. R. Eugene Poirson since he assumed the post in 1964. She began her career with the college 26 years ago, and served a 10-year period as secretary to the director of public relations, a post held at one time by John Roberts, now editor of the South Carolina Baptist Courier and outgoing president of the alumni association.

Cusby, vice president in charge of sales at Belmont Textile Machinery Co., has served one term as a trustee of the college and currently is a member of the alumni association board of directors. He has served his church, First Baptist of Belmont, in many capacities, including deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, Brotherhood president, training union director, and stewardship committee chairman.

McSwain is director of development at Gaston Memorial Hospital, where he has served for 13 years. He is widely known throughout the area as an expert in basic hospital accounting and currently serves on the board of Metroclina Data Processing Management Association. He also is a fellow of Hospital Financial Management Association.



**SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**  
... Billy G. McSwain

(Awards presented by Association President John E. Roberts)

## Alumni Name New Leaders

"I have enjoyed every minute of my association with fellow alumni and will always treasure the duties of this office," Dr. John E. Roberts said in handing the gavel of the G-W Alumni Association presidency to newly elected President Jack Creech of Shelby.

Concluding an active and successful term in office, Dr. Roberts was presented a memento plaque by Jerry Walker, director of alumni activities. A holding pen and pencil set went to another retiring officer, Billy McIlwain of Gastonia.

Creech, a member of the Class of 1955, has long been active in alumni activities in the area. He is associated with First National Bank of Shelby.

Newly elected vice president is Max Padgett of Forest City, N.C. Mrs. Charles (Daphne R.) Bridges '54 of Balling Springs was reelected to continue her duties as association secretary. She was given special recognition for her work as alumni office manager along with Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mrs. Bill Skyles, both of whom also are office staffers.

The association also elected several directors during the business session held during annual banquet activities.

Named to three year terms were Bill McIlwain, John Roberts, Minnie B. Rice, Dr. H. Gene Westbrook, Bill Walker, Sam O'Neal, Joe Dean Ledbetter, Julie Crowley, Bob Grice and Sara Nell Boaz.

Named to one-year terms were Steve Riddle, James Bridges, Earl Spangler, J.W. Abernathy III, William J. Cathey, Allen Mayhew, David Withrow, Robert Parney, J.P. Gaskin and Rita McCarry Campbell.



A TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP

... John Roberts, right, hands president's gavel to newly elected Jack Creech.



DAPHNE BRIDGES

... continues as association secretary.

## Annual Fund Award Given

The college alumni association presented a new award during annual banquet activities—to the agent of the class making the largest total contribution to the 1971-72 Annual Fund.

The award went to Genevieve Gosnell Gantt of Charlotte on behalf of the Class of 1948. It was a plaque appropriately entitled "The Silver Story," which held examples of currency and told their story.

The name of the class itself was engraved on a silver loving cup which will remain at the college and be inscribed with the names of subsequent class winners.

In making the award, Alumni Activities Director Jerry Walker announced that the 1972-73 Annual Fund already had exceeded its early goals. He thanked alumni for their contributions and asked them to continue their support for Gardner-Webb. He noted that G-W now has graduated nearly 8,000 students—"enough to make a change in the world."

# Commencement, 1973: A Great Day

In traditional cap and gown, 183 students were awarded degrees in Gardner-Webb College commencement exercises May 13.

They heard from one of the nation's top executives that "there is no substitute for work" and that they must guard against being led by those not qualified to lead.

Zeron C.R. Hansen, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Mack Trucks, Inc., was honored with the conferring of an honorary doctor of humanities degree following his commencement address.

The late Rev. J.L. Jenkins, longtime North Carolina Baptist minister, also was given an honorary doctor of divinity degree. His granddaughter, Kathy Washburn Boyd, accepted the degree on behalf of his family.

HANSEN hit hard at the American media for its treatment of the news today.

"Yes, there is more information available to you today than ever in the history of our nation, but how much of it is misinformation," he said. "You must learn for yourself that we find ourselves being led by commentators no more qualified to lead us than for us to lead them. . . . Yes, the new majority, can give us unbiased news and you can do wonders, as you go out in the world. One person can do many things. . . ."

The speaker cited honesty, love of God, respect for the law and dedication to country as those areas that "are not gray areas, but areas in which we can make this a greater country."

HE praised Gardner-Webb as he closed with a challenge to the young graduates:

"Always remember to follow the leadership of this school and the institution for which it stands and the truth for which it stands and your life will make the difference," Hansen said.

Before his speech, Hansen announced that an 80-year-old friend had given him a check to give to the college. Dr. E. Eugene Poston said later it was a \$1,000 gift from the John Charles and Katherine Redmond Foundation.

THE commencement ceremonies were well attended, with family and friends standing to see the robed faculty and graduates in the long procession to traditional organ notes.

Another highlight was the presentation of six awards during the ceremony for high academic achievements.

MEMBERS of the Class of 1973 receiving awards were Steven Glenn Riddle of Winston-Salem, student government president, who won the Higgins Citizenship Model for the best record in scholarship and general interest in college activities; Deborah Leigh Gault of Forest City, N.C., who won the Rita L.artin Citizenship Model for the women graduate with the best record in scholarship and interest in college activities; and John Anthony Puzoski of Gaffney, S.C., who won the senior scholastic award with a 4.0 perfect grade average.



THE PROCESSION BEGINS . . .



IN MEMORY . . . Kathy Washburn Boyd accepts an honorary doctorate for her late grandfather, the Rev. J.L. Jenkins, from Dr. Poston.

THE CEREMONY ENDS . . . As the festive day draws to a close, Mrs. Boyd and honored speaker Hansen, right, stand for a photograph with Thomas McCraw, left, and Dr. Poston of the college.

# y At Gardner-Webb



**DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER...** Dr. C. R. Hanson delivers the commencement address prior to receiving an honorary doctorate from Gardner-Webb.



**DR. THOMAS FREEMAN**



## Baccalaureate

Dr. Thomas Freeman urged Gardner-Webb graduates to make a contribution to life in his baccalaureate ceremony address in advance of commencement exercises.

Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, N.C., and president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. Freeman told the Class of 1973 that there are three great things about youth, the power to become, the strength to perform great facts, and great accountability to God.

"All of the records set by your fathers are ready to be broken . . ." he said. "Remember, you must account to God for what you have done with your life . . . The most sensible and reasonable thing you can do with your life is to make an honest effort to become rightly related to God, for he made you and has the power and wisdom to make your life full, complete and wonderful."

## Alumni Notes

Joe Dean Ledbetter '54 was elected president of the Spartanburg, S.C. chapter of the Gardner-Webb Alumni Association at a dinner meeting May 3. He succeeds Trey Bridges '81 in this post.

Betty Russell Kass '56 has been named president-elect of the American School Counselor Association and of the N.C. Personal and Guidance Association. She is the first North Carolinian and the fourth woman to be elected to the post of ASCA president. She is presently head of the counseling program of Garner Senior High School in Wake County, N.C. Her husband is a guidance consultant with the N.C. State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, where they live with their daughter, Jay, 12.

The Rev. Guy F. Fisher, '62, pastor of Central United Church of Christ, Rockwell, N.C., has recently completed a unit of study in pastoral planning and management conducted under the auspices of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Nancy Brown Barrett '54 and husband Bill of Boomer City, La., are the parents of twin sons, Marcus Craig and William Tway, born April 17.

Betty Walker '55 is a new Welcome Wagon hostess in Goldsboro, N.C. She and her husband, Charles G. Walker, Jr., a life insurance agent, have two sons and make their home in Goldsboro.

Dean Philbeck '56 was married recently to Denise Kay Greene of Shelby, N.C., where they are making their home. He is a supervisor in the production planning department at Rether Mill Corp.

Michael Kenneth Delaney '56 was married in May to Dorothy Beeke Marchess. They're making their home at 122 Crosby Circle in Greenville, S.C. Both are employed at the Lab-Sort House in Greenville.

Richard Crumshaw '72 lives in Forest City, N.C., with his bride, the former Vickie Barchette. He is assistant manager of Elder's Drugs in that city.

Jaquay and Kathie Loveland Phillips '72 have a new son, Jonathan Edward, born April 18.



DR. AND MRS. E. Eugene Poston greet graduating seniors at a festive reception for them in their home.

## Commencement Album



G.W. Assistant English Professor Paul Sorells addresses the annual graduation breakfast gathering of seniors, family and friends, best attended in history this year.



RETIERING staff member Gail Gaffey, left, receives a plaque recognizing his years of service as seniors look on.

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It just reminds us to men just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

## 50th Anniversary

These members of the 50th anniversary Class of 1933 gathered at the annual alumni banquet in May for an enjoyable visit and a talk about their good times at the Boking Springs campus. They are, left to right, Rosina Hamrick, Johnnie Mae McBrayer Ware, Maude Morehead Burroughs, and Estelle Walker.



## Six Ways to Help GWC

Five people realize how many ways there are to help a school such as Gardner-Webb.

- (1) The simplest way, of course, is a cash gift which may or may not be designated for some specific purpose.
- (2) Many have written Gardner-Webb College into their wills. In this way they are being good stewards even after they have passed away.
- (3) Gifts of property help greatly. This property may be sold or it may be retained to provide continuous income which will assist the college in its work.
- (4) Many have found that they can best help by taking out an insurance policy in which the college is named as beneficiary. This enables them to deduct the premiums paid from their income tax, because they are contributing to a tax-exempt institution.
- (5) Life income plans are quite popular. Through this plan, gifts may be made to

the college but the donors will receive the income from the gift for as long as they live. The institution receives the corpus of the gift after their death.

- (6) Through the years, many have found that one of the finest ways of remembering a loved one is by giving a gift in their memory. This gift can be large or small, from a book in the library to equipping a room or the erection of a new building.

How better could a friend or loved one be honored than through a gift to our college which will assist some worthy student?

If you are interested in making a gift in any of these ways, you may do so by filling out the coupon below and returning it with your contribution. If you would like additional suggestions as to how best your gift could be given or used, write or call Dr. J. Roy Robinson, P.O. Box 771, Basking Springs, N.C. 28613, Phone (704) 436-2211.

## Area Campaign Exceeds Goals

Gardner-Webb's capital gifts fund drive in Catawba County, N.C., had almost doubled its \$150,000 goal in mid-May and had been extended to May 31. Workers already had reported a total of \$264,145 pledged.

Desaki George of Hickory is area chairman and division leaders are Bill Deason and Wesley Thompson. Dr. Thomas Warren is chairman of the general gifts committee and J. Bruce Torgue is chairman of special gifts.

Team captains include Robert F. Hall, Jim Melson, James O. Newsome, Paul M. Walker, Paul N. Sewell, David M. Moore, P.G. Hodius and M.C. Turleyfill.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, said, "Words cannot express our gratitude to the people of the Catawba County area for the response to our campaign. The work and results shall live forever in the lives of young people who shall receive a Christian education at Gardner-Webb in the years to come."

## Suggested Ways Of Sharing

Yes, I want to share with Gardner-Webb College:

Enclosed is my cash gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Annual Fund. Please send information concerning:

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Return to Dr. J. Roy Robinson, P.O. Box 771, Basking Springs, N.C. 28617

## Welcome New Alumni!

A hearty welcome goes to the newest alumni of Gardner-Webb College—the Class of 1933.

At the annual banquet, members of the alumni association unanimously voted this year's graduates into membership.

As Jerry Walker, director of alumni activities, noted at the banquet, Gardner-Webb now has graduated around 1,000 four-year students, with nearly 8,000 graduates all together.



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**REAL FANS**—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bridges receive a plaque naming them "Bulldogs of the Year" at the college's annual sports banquet in May, presented here by G-W President Dr. E. Eugene Panton. The Relling Springs couple have been ardent supporters of the school's athletic teams for years, traveling even to distant places for events.

## G-W Golf Team Goes To Nationals

A young freshman who knew the River Bend Golf Course like the back of his hand gave the Bulldogs a six-stroke win in the May NAIA District 26 golf tourney, earning them a trip to the national tourney in Spartanburg, S.C., June 5-6.

Young RE Sherman, whose father, Stan, is the club professional, shot a 71 to go with a first-day round of 72. This 143 total not only put the Bulldogs in the nationals, but also earned young Sherman medalist honors for the district.

Gardner Webb had a two-day team score of 605 while Catawba College, the Carolinas Conference champions, had a team total for the two days of 611. Lenoir Rhyne College had 644 and UNC-Greensboro had 676.

Sherman fired five birdies, three on the front side, to come in with his sub-par 71 on the par 72 course.

Three other Bulldogs came in with fine scores to back up Sherman. Senior John Kyle of Union, S.C., had a total of 183. John Matthews and John Kirkham each had 185.

## Bulldogs End Good Season

For the third consecutive year the Bulldog baseball team won a place in the NAIA District 26 Tournament, but two straight defeats dropped Coach Jerry Bryson's men from the tourney.

In the first game the Bulldogs suffered a streak of four infield and outfield play to drop a 5-4 game to Elon, which went on to win the district tournament and a place in the regional tournament.

In the second tourney game the Bulldogs dropped another one-run game, falling to Pfeiffer by a 6-5 score. Again late inning defensive trouble caused the Bulldog defeat.

These two games gave Bryson's team a season record of 15 wins and seven defeats. Included in the defeats were two at the hands of Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The University of Maryland downed the Bulldogs 5-3 and the University of South Carolina scored a 6-3 win over the Bulldogs.

Coach Bryson has nothing but a bright future for his Bulldogs as only reserve infielder, Dean Gossell, of Greenville, S.C. will be lost from this squad. Gossell was in the Spring graduating class.

Butch Alfred, a Hamptonsville, N.C. freshman, set all kinds of Bulldog records. He closed out the season with an earned run average of 0.34. This was one of the highest in the NAIA. He also struck out 80 men in 53 innings. This was also a Bulldog record and one of the best records in the NAIA.

In the pitching department, Tim Huff, a Winston-Salem, N.C. freshman, set all kinds of Bulldog records. He closed out the season with an earned run average of 0.34. This was one of the highest in the NAIA. He also struck out 80 men in 53 innings. This was also a Bulldog record and one of the best records in the NAIA.