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Shelby Pastor Awarded Degree

One of North Carolina's most prominent pastors, the Rev. Gene L. Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Shelby, was to be honored with a doctor of divinity degree at Gardner-Webb's fall commencement exercises Dec. 14.

The college also was to award 52 bachelor of science degrees and 26 bachelor of arts degrees. Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, was principal speaker.

The Rev. Mr. Watterson has been pastor of the Shelby church for more than five years. He came there from Murray Hill Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., where he served two years. He previously served First Baptist Church of Crestview, Fla., for seven years and was pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, Va., before that.

He is a native of Decatur, Ala., and is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham. He earned his bachelor of divinity and master of divinity degrees at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

He presently is serving on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and is a member of that group's executive committee. He also is president of the Council on Christian Higher Education and has served as chairman of the committee on nominations of the late convention. He has been a member of the college's Ministerial Board of Associates for two terms.

Gardner-Webb presented him a special citation in 1970 for his contribution to the Christian ministry.

New Trustees Installed

Nine new trustees have been installed and a new chairman of the board has been elected at Gardner-Webb. J. L. Nichols of Wallace, wholesale grocery executive, was elected board chairman.

The nine new trustees who were elected at the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina included Cy N. Bahakel of Charlotte, G. Lannon Clements of

Rutherfordton, Dr. William M. Enbanks, Jr., of Charlotte, the Rev. Olin D. Hefner of Forest City, J. Bruce Tesque of Hickory, Dr. T.L. Warren of Hickory, C.P. Nanney of Gastonia, Miss Charlene Stamey of Fallston, and Mrs. Rush Stroup of Shelby. Each of these were elected to three year terms.

T. R. Hendrix was named vice chairman of the board and Miss Stamey was named secretary. R. Patrick Spangler of Shelby, retiring chairman, was elected treasurer.

Board Organizes

Joseph E. Calabrese, Shelby businessman, has been elected chairman of the Board of Advisors of Gardner-Webb College. Calabrese is president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Shelby.

Charles V. Wiseman, Jr., of Cherryville was elected vice chairman, and Mrs. C.M. McMarney of Shelby was elected secretary.

Twenty-seven new members were elected to the board of advisors for three-year terms. They include J. W. Abernethy, III of Newton, Hugh Beveridge of Gastonia, A. Milton Black of Cherryville, George Blanton, Jr. of Shelby, the Rev. Jim C. Brickett of Danville, Va., R. T. Breeden, Jr. of Morganton, John Cantrell of Spartanburg, S.C., Johnny Cook of Hendersonville, Tenn., James P. Cherry of Gastonia, the Rev. Dwight A. Cotner of Shelby, Zeno C. R. Harman of Milledgeville, Ga., Kenneth Hendrix of Trinity, David G. Hummer of Newton, N.J., and H. Eugene LeGrand of Shelby.

Also Dr. Robert B. Linton of Shelby, Heath B. Marsh of Kennesaw, W. Stanley Moore of Morganton, Donald L. Norris of Statesville, W. J. Pharr of McAdenville, Van Ramsey of Shelby, Marshall A. Ratch of Gastonia, Vernon Sanders of Gettysburg, S.C., Mike Schenck of Shelby, Keith Sappell of West Long Branch, N.J., the Rev. Mark Stone of Virginia Beach, Va., Daniel J. Stone of McAdenville, and J. Warren Webb of Cherryville.



A CHILD IS BORN



With The Alumni

The Rev. Edward P. Bennett '38, former pastor of Miller Hill in Lenoir, has retired after 38 years in the active ministry. He and his wife are making their home at Route 5, Morganton.

The Rev. Cline W. Borders '52 is superintendent of missions for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. He and his wife are the parents of four children.

John E. Higgins '56 has been named staff development director of John Unstead Hospital in Rutherford. He is enrolled in the Health Administrator's Management Improvement Program at Duke University.

The Rev. Mark Stone '56, pastor of the London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia, is president of the state's Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Vern Johnson '58, her husband Paul and their three children are back in the field at their mission post in Denver City, the Philippines.

Joseph Stanton '58 lives in New York City, where he is a member of The New York City Opera Company. He is married to the former Sandra Ann Gibson '60.

Ellen McElvaine Page '60 is married to the Rev. Ken Page, who is pastor of Catawba Baptist Church in Catawba. They have two sons and two daughters.

The Rev. Robert W. Glasgow '81 is pastor of First Baptist Church in Walnut Cove.

Peggy King (Mrs. Michael) '64 recently was selected Cleveland County ACT Teacher of the Month. She is a third-grade teacher at Coker Elementary School.

Robert R. Ross '65 has been elected cashier by the board of directors of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Salisbury. He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of two children.

Belm Ballard Smith '66 received a master's degree in education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte this past summer. She has been teaching in the Cleveland County School System for the past six years. She is married to E. Steve Smith '68, a broadcast engineer.

Donald H. Ross '67 and his wife, Doris '67, make their home in Florence, S.C., where he recently was promoted to manager of the Hartford Insurance Group office. Doris teaches secondary school there.

The Rev. Gerald L. Stanley '67 is "serving the Lord in the ministry of teaching" at Goldsboro Christian Schools in Goldsboro, where he makes his home.

Philip Thomas Hamilton '68 was married recently to Eva Virginia Pollock in Trenton, Ore.

months. The newlyweds are living in Bristol, Va., where he is employed by Robert C. Howell, Inc.

Donald R. Longest '68 has accepted a position with Rowlett Mills in Clinton. He is married and has a year-old daughter.

Bertha Christine Campbell '70 was married in May to John Burke McColl, Jr., and they make their home in Gastonia. She is employed by Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Charles Thomas Miles '71 and Lavada Ann Beaton Thomas were married in November in Cedar Mountain, Tennessee. He is regional manager of Magnavox Company in Atlanta.

Sherry Bowen '72 teaches English at Beasomer City High School. She is working toward a master's degree.

Gary Graham '72 set out in November making a backpacking trip scheduled to take him across the country to Australia. The Salisbury resident has been planning the trip for several months.

The Rev. Randle Sams '72 has been pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Greenville, Tenn., since May, 1973.

Richard Mosier '73 was ordained as a Baptist minister in October services at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Taylorsville. He and his wife Beverly '73 live in the Wake Forest area, where he is completing his seminary work and serving as minister of the New Light Baptist Church.

Ranee Riviere Willis '73 and Joseph Vanzo Shoemaker were married in November and will be living at Austin, Texas, where he is stationed with the U.S. Air Force. She formerly has been a registered nurse at Davis Hospital in Statesville.

Evelyn S. Moorhead '74 has joined the staff of the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission as a statistical aide. She and her husband, Craig, make their home in Rolling Springs.

In Memoriam

Yates Martin, Elkhorn, N.C. '22

Rodger K. Melton, Rutherfordton, N.C. '68

Freddie G. Champion, Rutherfordton, N.C. '88.



HOLIDAY TOURNEY QUEEN—Debbie Fenn, as 15-year-old freshman, is the 1974 Gardner-Webb Holiday Basketball Tournament Queen. She is an elementary education major from Jeffersonville, Ind. The Holiday Tournament will be held Dec. 27-28 with Gardner-Webb hosting Oglethorpe of Atlanta, Greenville (W. Va.) State, and Elm College.

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If yet remains to be seen 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.

Former Student Leaves Gift To Gardner-Webb

A former Gardner-Webb student, fatally injured in an accident in January, 1974, left the college's student aid fund \$10,000 in his will.

The family of Troy Harmon, who died April 1 two months after being injured in an automobile accident near Cansan, Ind., said the 1971 graduate of Gardner-Webb included a bequest to Gardner-Webb in his will.

The former student had a unique relationship to the college. After graduating from Elkin High School, he entered Gardner-Webb while it was still a junior college. He graduated from the junior college and then entered Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. When Gardner-Webb became a senior college he transferred back after one year at Carson-Newman and graduated with a degree in religion in 1971.

After working one year on the GWC staff as an admissions counselor, the first the college hired, Harmon entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was pastor at Brushy Fork Baptist Church

near Cansan, and a student at Southern when he was involved in the automobile wreck.

In his will Harmon said he wanted to leave the \$10,000 to set up a ministerial aid fund in memory of his mother and in honor of his father, A.D. Harmon of Elkin.

The will stated, "This fund is to be placed in a position in which it will draw interest which will be given to students going into full-time Christian service. This is to be given in the form of a scholarship with hopes that students will donate to this fund after they finish school."

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, GWC President, said the school felt honored to be remembered in such a fine way by the former student.

"I feel that this is a great tribute to the college and also a true indication of the love that Troy Harmon had for Gardner-Webb," said Dr. Poston. "It is with great humility that we shall follow his wishes to help ministerial students in the years to come through his far-sighted act of love."

Yule Programming Planned

Gardner-Webb's radio station, WGWG, 88.3 on the FM dial, will broadcast a continuous program of holiday music on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Radio Station Manager Ellis Greenway cordially invites alumni and friends in WGWG's 50-mile radius to listen in.

Programming will include sacred, classical and traditional selections, with some features especially for children. In addition to recordings by the masters and renowned artists and performers, the programs will include performances by groups from Gardner-Webb and other colleges.

Greenway also reminds listeners that the station broadcasts all Bulldog basketball games. If you can't attend the games in person, he says, follow the play-by-play on the air!



English Course Set For Spring

An English course on the American Novel from 1950 to the present will be offered at night this spring by Gardner-Webb College.

Professor James Taylor will teach the course which will include the study of such novelists as Saul Bellow, Kurt Vonnegut, Ken Kesey, Eudora Welty, Ralph Ellison and John Updike.

The course will be offered each Thursday night at 6 o'clock and will go for three hours. It is open to all people in the area and a special interest will be given to public school English teachers.

Those wishing further information should contact Professor Taylor at the college or contact the Admissions Office at the college. Registration for the spring term will be held Jan. 7-8. The first class will be held Jan. 9.



'Dogs Win First Eight

Winners of eight straight this season and 29 of their last 30, the Bulldogs are off to their best start in many years.

They scored two impressive early season wins, defeating previously unbeaten Belmont Abbey, 110-64, and coming back to defeat traditional rival Lenoir Rhyne College 93-81.

The Bulldogs have begun to polish up their defense to go with their already high powered offense. After giving up an average of 93 points per game during their first three outings, the Bulldogs have held opponents to an average of 72 points in the last four games. This includes holding the senior-laden Belmont Abbey squad to 64 points and Carson-Newman to 68 points. The Bulldogs have given up an average of 80.9 points per game for their first eight games.

Offensively the Bulldogs have ripped the nets, scoring an average of exactly 100 points per game. Their high is 110 against Belmont Abbey and their low is 88 in a 20-point win over Carson-Newman.

Five Bulldogs are in double figures with three men battling for the scoring honors. Alvin Jones, a Pompano Beach, Fla. senior, playing at the post position, is averaging 18.8 points while Jim Blanks, Kansas City, Mo., senior, is pouring points in at a rate of 18.6 per game. John Searight, the Luverne, Ala., senior, is averaging 17.4 points. Searight is top man rebounding with 11.6 per game average.

Billy Ellis, the senior wingman from Baxlum Springs, has a 13.9 average, and sophomore Don Foster of Bladenburg, Md., is averaging 10.9 points. Ellis is also the team's most accurate shooter with a 63.2 average from the floor and a 83.3 average from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs' annual Holiday Tournament, Dec. 27-28 will include Elon, Glenville State and Oglethorpe and GWC.



BULLDOG ALL-AMERICAN—Jim Blanks, No. 21 senior from Kansas City, is one of the leading scorers of the undefeated Bulldogs, who have won 30 of their last 31 games going back to last year. Blanks is averaging almost 20 points per game.