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G-W Trustee Chairmen Honored For Service, Five Trustees Retire

An annual tribute to Trustee leadership at Gardner-Webb College was appropriate November 30, on the College campus as the eve of the anniversary of the 75th year approaches.

The College honored those individuals responsible for the leadership of the College during the past 20 years. During this period of time, the College has moved from a junior college to senior college, and now to graduate studies.

Leadership during those critical 20 years was provided by six individuals who served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College. Those honored at the dinner included Mrs. Rush Stroup, Shelby; J. Toliver Davis, Forest City; Lloyd Bost, Shelby; Pat Spangler, Shelby; and Hobart Smith, Charlotte. James L. Nichols, Jr. of Wallace, N.C., was unable to attend the dinner.

Dr. Craven Williams, President of the College, recognized each trustee and presented them with kind words of praise and a Gorham International

Sterling Silver Goblet for each year of service.

"This lady was the first, in any College in North Carolina, to serve as Chairman of a Board of Trustees. She has served on the Board of Trustees at Mars Hill College, Wake Forest University, and Gardner-Webb College," stated President Williams. Mrs. Stroup served during the period in which a self-study and evaluation were started and completed. The Withrow Science Building was completed; the President of the College, Philip Elliott, died; and Dr. Eugene Poston was elected to that office. Mrs. Rush Stroup served as Chairman 1960-62 and 1966.

J. Toliver Davis, Chairman in 1963 and 1964, served when the first black student was admitted into the College and the Lutz-Yelton Dormitory was completed.

That first black student graduated during the term of Chairman Lloyd Bost of Shelby. Mauney Hall was completed and occupied, and the enrollment for students studying the ministry signifi-

cally increased. Bost was Chairman in 1965, 1970-71.

R. Patrick Spangler of Shelby was recognized as a chairman during much of the physical building of the College. Myers Dormitory, Nanney Dormitory, the Tower of Light, Spangler Dormitory, and John R. Dover Chapel were constructed. The "springs" area of the College received a new look; construction on the John R. Dover Library and the addition to the Webb Administration Building were in progress. The Craig Memorial Library was also renovated and redecored.

"It was in April 1974 that students, town residents, administration members, faculty, and just about anybody we could find lined up from the old library to the new library and moved the books from hand to hand," commented Williams on happenings during Spangler's terms.

He added, "Pat has led our College through most fund raising campaigns, and we appreciate that deeply."

Spangler served as chairman in 1967-69, 1972-74, and 1977-78.

The new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Hobart Smith of Charlotte, was recognized by Williams. "The history of this College will indicate that during Hobart's first term as Chairman of the Board the College initiated graduate level work and broke ground on the 65,000 square foot \$3 million Convocation Center which will stand for many decades to come as the flagship of the Bold Dimensions in Higher Education program."

Trustees recognized for expiring terms were Rev. Clyde Bearden of Kings Mountain, Joseph H. Gilley of Mooresville, Forest C. Roberts of Gastonia, and Patrick Spangler of Shelby.

Grant Approved for Boiling Springs Gardner-Webb Project

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. of Winston-Salem, N.C., has approved a \$21,700 grant to be used cooperatively by the Town of Boiling Springs and Gardner-Webb College.

Notification of the grant, which is under the Foundation's program for "Rural Development and Small Communities," came in December.

The funds will make possible a formal extension of the College into the community with the emphasis on key historical events and interactions. Aesthetic revitalization, plantings, and street usage of the Boiling Springs community, stimulated by the foundation funds, are possibilities to be considered by a Citizens Planning Council. Representation from the Town and the College comprise the Council which will coordinate activities to improve the appearance of



Jimmy Greene, Mayor of Boiling Springs, (left) looks over the accepted proposal with President Craven Williams.

the Town through a beautification plan, enhance the historical connections between the town and the College, and improve the appeal of the town to industries seeking relocation sites.

Boiling Springs Mayor James E. Greene commented, "It is our feeling that such a joint program can increase citizen awareness of our distinctive heritage as an educational community, revive our sense of responsibility as active participants in the educational process, and instill a new sense of pride in our unique community."

The essence of the joint grant, according to Dr. Craven E. Williams, President of Gardner-Webb College, is "to enhance the unique relationship which exists between the Town and the Col-

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(Left to right) President Williams, Mrs. Stroup, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Bost, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Smith.

G-W, Auburn Offer Dual-Degree In Engineering

Gardner-Webb College has entered into an agreement with the School of Engineering of Auburn University to establish a Dual-Degree Program where by an undergraduate student will attend Gardner-Webb College for approximately three academic years and the School of Engineering at Auburn University for approximately two academic years. After completing the academic requirements of the two cooperating institutions, the student will be awarded a bachelor's degree from Auburn University.

Dual-Degree candidates will be eligi-

ble to seek a bachelor degree from Auburn University in Aerospace Engineering, Aviation Management, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Textile Chemistry, Textile Engineering, or Textile Management.

In order for a student to become a Dual-Degree candidate at Auburn University, he must have completed three-fourths of the credit required for a degree from Gardner-Webb College, have a recommendation from the designated

official at Gardner-Webb College, and have satisfied the admission requirements of Auburn University.

The Dual-Degree Program student will be required to complete an Auburn University study program which includes all the remaining course work in the standard curriculum for the particular degree being sought.

Anyone interested in this program should contact Dr. Paul Jolley, Dual-Degree Program coordinator at Gardner-Webb College.



President Craven Williams

**“The challenge of
1980 will be
the greatest yet”**

“Dr. Williams, I need your column for *The Web!*”

“Now?”

“Yes, I need it now. First thing tomorrow morning at the latest!”

“Oh my. Okay. I’ll do it tonight. You can pick it up in the morning.”

That’s the way my conversation with the editor went this afternoon. Now, it’s tonight and I must write. My son wants to know why the Redskins didn’t get their time out to attempt the field goal yesterday (December 16 vs. Dallas). My daughter wants me to hear her sing the songs her Junior Choir sang last night at church (I heard them last night, but I’ll listen again tonight). And to top it off my wife can’t find any paper, and I forgot my briefcase.

“I need it now!” the editor said. “Tomorrow morning at the latest!”

And so the Redskins will have to wait another year; the Junior Choir, as represented by one soprano, was delightful; and fortunately Beth found some scrap paper which will do for tonight. Now for the column.

As this calendar year winds down my thoughts jump back and forth between the past and the future. Although this is typical of most people in late December of any year, it is intensified for me because the next year, 1980, is the seventy-fifth year for Gardner-Webb College. We naturally want the year to reflect the pride and dignity and untold efforts of the many who labored so valiantly here so for long. At the same time, we want our Diamond Anniversary year to signal the initiation of a period of qualitative growth unparalleled by any institution’s history.

The ingredients of such a future are clearly present. Gardner-Webb College is today a far better college than most of us even realize. All of the objective indices are in place as several visiting consultants and review teams have affirmed. Every time I walk into the Conference Room in the Webb Building and look at the portraits of my predecessors in the President’s office I become acutely aware of how fortunate this College has been to have had the leadership of people like Davis, Wall, Jenkins, Lovelace, Burnett, Cantrell, Elliott, and Poston. Those men and the individuals that worked with them have given Gardner-Webb a noble history. Thanks be to God for placing them here when this College needed them.

But before we get too nostalgically immersed in our history and those who made it, let us remember the task history has given to us. The time before us will truly be a grand time for Gardner-Webb College. My confidence in the future is not just Presidential rhetoric. It is based on what I have seen the alumni and friends of this college do in the past when they have been challenged. The challenge of 1980 will be the greatest yet, and so I know the response will be the greatest yet.

“Too bad, Jay. I’m a Cowboys fan, anyway.”

“Beautiful, Lee. You did a good job with the choir last night and solo tonight.”

“Thanks for the paper, Beth.”

“Okay Editor—here’s your column. If you don’t like it then be sure to give me more notice next time.”

Students Inducted Into Sigma Tau Delta

Seven students have been inducted into the *Gamma Lambda* Chapter of *Sigma Tau Delta*. They are: Lynne Becker, daughter of Mrs. Carolyn Becker of Jacksonville; Debbie Drayer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Drayer of Shelby; Ellen Fitzgerald, wife of Charles Fitzgerald of Boiling Springs; Karen Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Jones of Mt. Holly; Dawn Sisson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sisson of Woodbridge, Virginia; Diane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Smith of Conover; and Randy Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Waters of Newton.

Sigma Tau Delta is a national honorary English fraternity. Membership is restricted to upperclass English majors who have at least a B average in English and have the approval of the organization and the English faculty.

Alumni Awards

The Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association annually presents awards to alumni who have distinguished themselves throughout the year for service to the community and Gardner-Webb College. Nominations for this year’s awards are now being solicited from alumni by a special committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Please use the form below for submitting nominations of those who meet this special recognition.

Service to Denomination and Church

Name _____ School Year _____

Occupational Title _____

Reason for Nomination _____

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary)

Service to Community

Name _____ School Year _____

Occupational Title _____

Reason for Nomination _____

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary)

Service to Gardner-Webb College

Name _____ School Year _____

Occupational Title _____

Reason for Nomination _____

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary)

Alumnus of the Year

Name _____ School Year _____

Occupational Title _____

Reason for Nomination _____

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary. This award recognizes an alumnus who has distinguished himself or herself by service to community, profession and Gardner-Webb College.)

Nominated by: Name _____ School Year _____

Address _____ Telephone No. _____

**Mail Nominations to: Alumni Awards Committee
Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association
Boiling Springs, N. C. 28017**

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One scholarship can mean the discovery of undeveloped talent and an opening for a deserving student who otherwise might never be able to meet the increasing cost of quality education.

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A planned gift made to assist scholarship funds can be of financial benefit to



you and, at the same time, assure another person the opportunity to attend Gardner-Webb College.

So think about it . . . what difference has the generosity of others made in **your** life?

For further information about Gardner-Webb’s personalized Planned Giving Programs, write or call:
Planned Giving Programs
GWC Development Office
Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017
(704) 434-2361 Ext. 370

Marriages

Michael Allen Watkins, '78 and Susan Renee McLean were married September 23. He is employed at Metric Constructors. She is employed at Barclay American Credit in Charlotte. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Terry Douglas Bryant, '78 and Betsy Neil Weaver were married September 29. He is an employee of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation. She is employed as a registered nurse by Cleveland Memorial Hospital. The couple resides in Shelby.

Leroy Alexander Hamilton, '73 and Harriet Ann Farrow were married October 6. He is an administrative assistant with the Greenville County School District, and she is employed by Union Carbide. The couple resides in Simpsonville, S.C.

John Randall Stephenson and Dreama Lucille Calvert were married October 6. He works at Michelin Tire Company. She is the assistant manager at The Junction in Spartanburg. The couple resides in Spartanburg.

Jimmy Norman Lanford, '71 and Nancy Lorene Padgett, were married October 13. He is a contractor for the Lanford Company in Greenville, South Carolina. She is a resource teacher at Wren High School in Piedmont. The couple resides in Clemson.

Betty Louise Hirst, '79 and **Richard Carlton Blair, '79** were married Oct. 6. She is employed by Spizman Industries Inc. He is employed at Hunter Jersey Farms. In January, they plan to move to Fort Worth, Texas, where both will enroll in the masters in counseling degree program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Jacqueline Cheryl Bradshaw, '78 and Don Lawrence Smith were married October 6. She is employed by Cosmopolitan Spa. He is employed by D. R. Mozely Construction. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Sandra Payne, '73 and Donald J. Gentile were married September 15. She is employed by Hospital Computer Systems. He is employed by Revlon, Inc. The couple lives in Eatontown, New Jersey.

Richard Carlson Dedmon, '79 and Marjorie Stearns Fesperman were married October 20. After a honeymoon trip to Acapulco, Mexico, the couple will reside in Shelby.

Monty Dean Walker, '72 and Shirley Anne Terry were married October 20. He serves as captain in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve and is employed by Dixie Industrial. She attended Western Carolina University and University of Tennessee. The couple resides in Lattimore, N.C.

Teresa Waters, '77 and Joe H. Hopper, Jr. were married June 30. She is a choral teacher at Cherryville Junior High School. He is presently attending Gardner-Webb College. The couple resides in Cherryville, N.C.

Nancy Tuttle Barlowe, '75 and Matthew Vick Ingram were married August 4. She is a Kindergarten teacher at Gwinnett County School. He is a

Land Surveyor for McClung Surveying. The couple resides in Norcross, Georgia.

Michael Ray Laughter, '74 and Susan Elaine Stroupe were married November 3. He is employed by Associated Brokers Inc., Charlotte. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University and is employed by Catawba County Schools. The couple resides in Hickory, N.C.

Renee Denese Auton, '79 and Johnny Reed Bentley, Jr. were married October 27. She is a nurse at Catawba Memorial Hospital. He is a graduate of St. Stephens High School and is employed at Hickory Springs. They live in Hickory, N.C.

Barbara Gale Alexander, '71 and Erik Olin Woerner were married October 20. She is employed by Valleydale School, Inc. as a 3rd grade teacher. He is a graduate of Valleydale School and is employed by Charlotte Oil Equipment and Welding. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Terry Dee Cagle, '75 and Julia Ann Conner were married June 30. He is a student at Southeastern Seminary. The couple lives in Wake Forest, N.C.

Mary Mayhugh, '77 and Michael J. Lee were married December 1. She is employed by Shamrock Drugs. He is employed by Cunningham Wholesale. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Philip Andrew Collins, '78 and Donna Kay Thompson were married November 24. He is employed by the Family Dollar Distribution Center in Matthews as a shipping clerk. She is the manager of Knapp Retail Shoe Store in Charlotte. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Eugene McGee Breazeale, '74 and Elizabeth Audrey Watson were married November 25. He is employed at Dillard Paper Company in Doraville, Georgia. She is a nurse at Talmadge Memorial Hospital in Augusta. The couple lives in Gainesville, Georgia.

Henry Perry Brayant, Jr., '72 and Lee Anne Laughridge were married November 17. He is employed by Cleveland Tech as an instructor in the general education department. She is employed as a technician in the library at Cleveland Tech. The couple resides in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Alumni Update

50s **Ronald W. Hawkins, Jr., '55** is a new member of the Statesville Rotary Club. He is the Executive Vice President of Home Savings and Loan Association in Statesville.

70s **William C. Salyers, '76** has been promoted to sales representative with Porter Brothers in Shelby, N.C. In his new position, Mr. Salyers will live in Kinston, N.C. and will cover the eastern North Carolina territory.

Pamela Jean Crews Burleson, '76 received a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching from East Tennessee State University on August 17, 1979.

David W. Cribb, '79 received the Air Force Superior Performance Award for a sustained performance of a superior nature by a cadet. He is currently serving as a cadet 1st Lt. in the AFROTC Program at Clemson University while pursuing a masters degree in Mathematical Sciences.

John Mark Coleman, '77 received the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 1979.

Births

Gerald Hamilton, '71 and wife Jane announce the birth of twin daughters, Elizabeth Jane and Marsha Anne, October 13, 1979. Gerald is Minister of Music for First Baptist Church of Kannapolis; his wife is the organist. The Hamiltons reside in Kannapolis.

Thomas C. Moore, '71 and wife announce the birth of Ethan Thomas, June 7, 1979. Thomas is Pastor of the Springfield Baptist Church. The Moores also have a daughter, Aubrey Letitia, three years old. They live in Springfield, S.C.

College Advisor Dies

A close friend of Gardner-Webb College died Monday, November 26, after an illness of one year. James Philip (Jim) Porter was a member of the College Bulldog Club and the College Advisory Board. He sponsored a number of young people in sports with athletic scholarships.

Porter was the senior vice-president of Porter Brothers, Inc. in Shelby, vice-president of River Bend Acres, Inc. and secretary of Porter Corporation.

Concerto Competition Winners Named

The winners of the first annual Robert Reynolds Concerto Competition were announced December 6 at the Gardner-Webb Community Orchestra concert by conductor Robert Decker. These winners will play as guest soloists with the orchestra in its Winter Concert on March 6.

In the High School Division, the winner was Mary Page, violin, of the North Carolina School of Arts, playing the Wieniawsky Concerto No. 2. The alternate is Celia Garrett of Easley, South Carolina, piano, playing the Beethoven Concerto No. 2 in B. flat.

In the College Division the Gardner-Webb winner was Teresa Shiflet of Asheville, North Carolina, piano, playing the Greig Concerto in A minor. The other College Division winners were Wren Covington, Converse College, piano, playing the Beethoven Concerto No. 4 in G, and Margaret Tschappler, Bob Jones University, piano, playing the Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 2. Alternates are Michael R. Sitton, Mars Hill College, piano, playing the Mozart Concerto K466 and Mary Ann Ensminger, Bob Jones University, piano, playing the Saint Saens Concerto No. 2.

The winners were selected from among 23 contestants from Virginia, North and South Carolina. The Competition is named for Mr. Robert Reynolds, a former faculty member of Gardner-Webb College, who inspired the orchestra by playing with it several times during its early years of development.

Those Were The Years

CONGRATULATIONS NORMAN HARDIN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA. Norman correctly identified the "Those Were The Years" photo in the last issue of "The Web." His correct answers were the first to be received, but many Gardner-Webb alumni remembered the group of students receiving Field Day trophies in 1954. The students were Bill Norris, Nancy Lattimore, Dot Bridges, Gail (Squirrel) Thomas, and Henry Winfield (Bunny) Price. Thanks for all the great responses to this contest. Norman won two basketball tickets as will the winner of this month's "Those Were The Years" contest. Be the first person to identify the two young ladies in this photo. Hint: This is an annual matter.



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lege." He added, "A cursory review of the annals of either the Town or the College will indicate that the two have been partners in the development of this area since the very beginning. This is appropriately symbolized by the fact that the original name of Gardner-Webb College was Boiling Springs High School."

It appears that the Town and College's unique partnership of seventy-five years may take on a renewed, vibrant personality with the issuance of this grant.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the younger son of the founder of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In that year, the brother and two sisters of S. Smith Reynolds provided that their inheritance from him would go to the establishment of a trust for the benefit of the people of North Carolina.

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**Gardner-Webb Evening College Students
To Have Research Published**

Wayne Finger, a leading businessman in the Town of Lincolnton, decided the time was right for him to get back into the classroom. After 29 years of being in the sedulous business world, Finger saw the opportunity, enrolled in Gardner-Webb's Evening College program, and as a result has become somewhat renowned on the subject of tax regulations and small business.

"Everything finally seemed to be right. I had a few free evenings a week, and although Gardner-Webb isn't that far away from Lincolnton, when an Evening College program was set up right here in town, I couldn't resist. It has been a most refreshing and pleasant experience," told Finger.

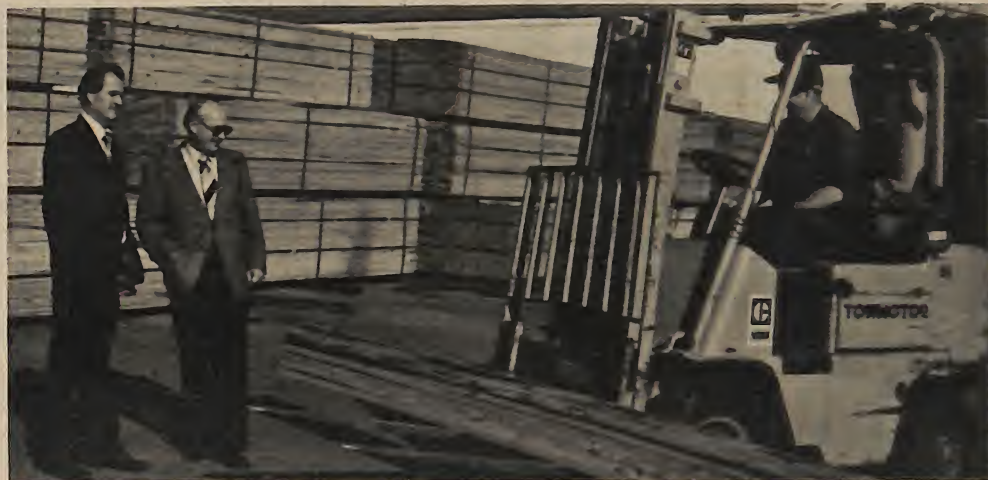
Lincolnton is only one of five off-campus locations at which Gardner-Webb holds classes Monday through Thursday evenings. With the increasing number of employed adults appearing on the College rosters, the Evening College is one of the fastest growing programs Gardner-Webb has to offer.

A unique project challenged the adults enrolled in the Government and Business class instructed by Professor Keith Griggs in Lincolnton. "We are studying how Government aids or prohibits business. This is a very highly motivated class. Most of the students did research on subjects relevant to their lines of business. It was really a class effort. They critiqued each other's paper in a positive manner, and all accepted the group's opinions. It was a great opportunity for growth," said Griggs.

Finger, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer of Seth Lumber Company, Inc., submitted his paper, "A Look at Tax Regulation's Effect on Small Business and Its Senior Partners," for publication. Students were encouraged to have their papers published. Finger used Seth Lumber Company as his example and researched the history of the company's taxes and projected the future of small business in accordance with tax regulations.

"By attending this class, I was forced to deal with issues, see the trends, and project how things will look in twenty years," said Finger. "We are overregulated in every area. Last year, the Federal laws passed would stand eight and one-half feet tall. I am definitely not anti-American; I love America, but my general conclusion is that we are overregulated. The motive behind the regulations is most always good, but we're getting bogged down in paper work," he stated.

The conclusion of Finger's paper contained general recommendations that Finger felt could assist our country in solvency and inflation correction. "Programs at all levels of government need to be reviewed by independent agencies having an equal voice with government budget planners in determining their continued existence. Revenue sharing with the states should be discontinued allowing state government the option to adjust their own budgets accordingly. A gradual phaseout of grants to nations and American citizens should be considered and possibly replaced by a loan



Wayne Finger, Lincolnton businessman and student in the Gardner-Webb Evening College program, takes his government and business professor Keith Griggs on a tour of Seth Lumber Company. Finger is executive vice-president and treasurer of the company and has written a research paper on business and tax regulations, exemplifying the lumber company. The paper will be printed in a national publication.

program with interest. Our federal government should be mandated toward adopting an annual budget that permits it to use only ninety (90) percent of its actual revenues in setting its budget with the balance earmarked for national debt reduction."

Finger's report was accepted for publication by "Automation in Housing & Systems Building News", a national builder's publication, with these remarks, "The story is excellently done." Another national magazine, "American

Building Supplies," made these comments, "I have read your article with great interest and am amazed at the breadth of your research."

Another student, Mrs. Sue Ingle, Food Services Director for Catawba County Schools, will also have her paper printed by N.C. State Department of Public Instruction, School Food Services, Mrs. Ingle's paper will sight ways to keep fat, sugar, and salt at a moderate level in school lunches.

**Upper Cleveland Surpasses
\$50,000 Convocation Goal**

"The strong and consistent support from our friends of Upper Cleveland County is evident once again as they have surpassed their projected goal of \$50,000 for the Gardner-Webb College Convocation Center," proudly stated Jerry McGee, Campaign Director at Gardner-Webb.

The official announcement came this week from Tom Hord, Jr. area chairman for Upper Cleveland. Hord, along with Ralph Spangler, Taft Putnam, Rev. Bruce Rabon, Heyward Shuford, and Dale Costner, provided leadership in the area campaign which has realized \$50,120 to date.

"I want to thank all of the people who

helped in the campaign," said Hord. "I know the center has been needed for a long time," he added.

Upper Cleveland's contributions push the total amount of gifts to \$2,210,000, a good step closer to the \$3 million needed for the building.

Incorporated into the Convocation Center are areas for the Physical Education Department, the Fine Arts Department, inter-collegiate athletics and student campus life.

Groundbreaking for the center was held on October 20th, with a completion date anticipated for the spring of 1981.



Dr. George Cribb, left, describes the plans for the Convocation Center's theater to Upper Cleveland campaign chairman Tom Hord.