In 1905, the Boiling Springs High School, Incorporated, was chartered as an institution “where the young could have the best possible education advantage under distinctive Christian influence.” Now, in 1980, Gardner-Webb College has weathered the same storms that have faced the nation—war, the depression, racial and political unrest. Still standing strong and meeting daily challenges, the College is in its 75th year of existence. Official opening of the College’s diamond anniversary year was on January 15, in the Bost Gymnasium when the entire student body was present for Spring Convocation.

Dr. Frank Campbell, First Vice President of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and President of the Council on Christian Higher Education, delivered an address during the Convocation unfolding the whys of “The Church-Related Liberal Arts College.”

Campbell confronted the group with the question of exactly what is the difference between the education received on a church-related campus from that on a secular campus. “The reason for a church related college is students ... students and their development. Everything else including facilities, curriculum, and extra-curricular activities and everyone else, including faculty and administration, are secondary and subordinate to this main task. The college fulfills its mission best and most effectively when it provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. ... It is in the Christian liberal arts college that serious attention will be given to the matter of construction of values,” he said.

Dr. Craven E. Williams paid homage and sincere tribute to the past eight Presidents of the College, their families, and their colleagues. “The history of this college is one which revolves around the administrations of eight individuals who served it as president,” the ninth president stated.

Williams recalled the administrative highlights of James Blane Davis, Dr. Zeno Wall, Reverend J. L. Jenkins, A. C. Lovelace, Dr. George Jackson Burnett, Reverend John R. Cantrell, Philip Lovin Elliott, and Dr. E. Eugene Poston.

One of the morning’s touching scenes included the presence of co-authors of the Gardner-Webb College Alma Mater. The Alma Mater was first performed at a convocation in November 1928. Dr. Horace Hammett was included in the class of 1922 and was back on campus teaching English, Math, and coaching all sports. He played in the first football game ever held in Cleveland County and won with a 6-0 score over a Gaffney, South Carolina, High School. As he moved on to Furman, Hammett became a track star, achieving several national track records and running in Madison Square Garden. Dr. Hammett was teaching on the campus when he met Lorene Woody, head of the Music Department, at the college. The pair almost ended a good relationship through the co-authoring of the Alma Mater but resolved all problems by entering a lifelong partnership.

The pair, married for 50 years, led the entire student body in the singing of the Alma Mater. From a movement initiated by the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in 1903, and later joined by the Sandy Run Baptist Association, the Boiling Springs High School, Incorporated, was chartered in 1905. The institution became Boiling Springs Junior College in 1928.

In 1942, Governor O. Max Gardner began devoting his energy, time, and wealth to strengthening and guiding the school. Also, that year, the name was changed to Gardner-Webb College in honor of the governor, his wife, Mrs. Fay Webb Gardner, and their families.

Dr. Craven E. Williams was selected by the Board of Trustees to be the ninth president of the College. His administration began August 1976.

**Trustees, Advisors Meet**

The Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors met Friday, February 22, on the campus of the College with new trustees and new advisors attending.

Trustees and advisors heard comments at a dinner on the “Role of the Free Press” from Shelby Daily Star editor Steve Bowser.

Nine persons from North Carolina joined the present Board of Trustees. They include Ralph Spangler, Lawndale; W. F. Gaston and Earl T. Groves, Gastonia; Ralph Bentley, Statesville; Rev. Joe Medford, Canton; Bernard Parker, Raleigh; Rev. Claude Proctor, Pinebluff; Don Smith, Morganton; and Dr. Helen Stinson, Greensboro.

New advisors include David Banks, Joe Cabaniss, Mrs. Earle A. Hamrick, Danny Hawkins, Robert Litton, Leon McDougle, Dr. Dorothy McMurray, Jack Mabry, Jr., Arnold Phillips, and John Sullivan, Shelby; Dr. Jack Hunt, Lattimore; John Majors, Kings Mountain; John Cantrell, Jr., Morganton; Mrs. Julia Crawley and Dr. Tim Pennell, Winston-Salem; Dr. Ben Fountain, Jr., and Jim Gardner, Rutherford County; Ron Hawkins, Statesville; John McCulloch, Charlotte.

“News isn’t what we want you to know; but news is what we think you want to know,” stated the Shelby Daily Star editor. He spoke of news not always being the most important things, or even the most unusual things. “You just can’t define news,” he stated. He said, “The primary role of any paper is to serve the community.” Bowser spoke of the responsibilities of being an editor and writing editorials. “We don’t just sit down and think, ‘Now how can we shape public opinion today?’ The editorial page is where we can express our opinions that we don’t dare do in our news articles,” he stated.

President of the College Craven Williams closed the day’s activities by referring to the book Lengthened Shadows, the history of Gardner-Webb College. “You and I are the ones who will be casting the shadows on the students coming to Gardner-Webb now.”

---

**Campbell Opens 75th Year History For Gardner-Webb**
A College of the Churches

A consistently asked question is what is different about a church-related college. Do you teach physics differently from a non-sectarian institution? Do you dress differently? Do you smile more often? What distinguishes a church-related college from one which makes no such claim?

At Gardner-Webb we refer to ourselves as a college of the churches rather than a "church-related college." This symbolically indicates that we derive our special mission and our value system from individual, local churches rather than from a formal denominational structure. This relationship to local churches provides the perspective, the context, the permeating attitude, indeed the whole domain of what we do. This fact is crucial to the focus and direction of our activities. One of the major weaknesses of our nation's educational system is that so many of our colleges and universities lack any unifying element. They proclaim that the search for truth provides the unity and that all departments are engaged in this search and are filled with truth. Well, that may be so; but then an encyclopedia is filled with truth, and it is certainly not a college. The only thing which unites an encyclopedia is the fact that all the truths contained therein are in alphabetical order. Too many colleges are unified only by alphabetical order as they offer courses ranging from art to zoology.

The unifying principle for Gardner-Webb College—that which ties all the disciplines and all the truths uncovered by those disciplines together—is theology. All truth comes from God and leads ultimately to God—the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. With theology as the unifying element, our students must not be—academics superior must be our primary character. Academic inferiority is philosophically unsound. The Christian faith focuses on the highest ideal example of Christianity. As a Christian institution of higher education, we must focus on the highest ideals of education, just as the Christian individual must focus on the highest ideals of humanity. To do otherwise is to deny the ideals of our faith.

Three Faculty Members Promoted

Three faculty members at Gardner-Webb College have received promotions. The promotions of Mrs. Barbara Cribb, Dr. Jim Taylor, and Dr. Allen Queen, were announced by President Craven E. Williams.

Cribb will assume the title of Associate Professor of Education and Art. She has been serving as Assistant Professor, Cribb came to Gardner-Webb College in 1969. Previously, she was Art Coordinator for Taylor County Schools and an Art Education Instructor at Campbellsville College for four years.

She received her B.S. degree from Mississippi College, M. Ed. from North Texas State University and has done additional work at Western Kentucky University, Campbellsville College, University of Florida, Western Carolina University and the University of South Carolina in Spartanburg.

Taylor, promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of English, has been with Gardner-Webb since 1964. He previously taught English in the McDowell County School system for two years.

After graduating from Carson-Newman College, Taylor received his M.A. from Appalachian State University and his Ph.D. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Employed by the College since 1978, Queen has become Associate Professor of Education promoted from Assistant Professor. Before joining the College staff, Queen was a supervisor for student teachers in Early Childhood and Elementary Education at the University of Virginia. He has taught in both the elementary and middle grades in North Carolina and has written several articles which have appeared in professional publications.

Establishment of Collegiate Laboratory School Explored

A committee has been formed to investigate the establishment of a collegiate laboratory school for pre-college age students. Dr. Robert Knott, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Gardner-Webb College, told the committee of the concern expressed by several individuals for such a school and outlined some of the problems involved in establishing a private school at the college at a recent meeting.

The committee discussed some alternatives and agreed that should a school be established, it should be coeducational, college preparatory with the enrollment open to all regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Low income students would be encouraged through a scholarship program. The school would have a faculty in addition to the regular college faculty with selected college personnel serving as resource persons. The facilities for such a school are available with some shifting of offices and classrooms and the renovation of building space.

The idea of the school serving as a regional learning laboratory was discussed and endorsed. The laboratory school would serve not only the enrolled students but also area public school teachers and students. This could provide the means for in-service training and enrichment opportunities to the whole region.

Several schools are asked to call 434-2214 and leave their names as well as the name, age, and grade of interested students. Information will be mailed as it is available. This information will help the committee evaluate the extent of the interest in this project.

Committee members are: Ms. Barbara Cribb; Robert L. Decker, Chairman; Dr. Lee Gilliatt, Jr.; Ms. Bruce Harry; Dr. Joey Hughey; Dr. Bob Lamb; Mr. Marion McMillan; Ms. Agaat Milam; and Dr. Jack Seest. Ms. Beckey Powell and Dr. Thomas Blackburn attended as interested individuals.

Professors Create Anthem

"Servants of Tomorrow's Vision," an anthem composed to celebrate the 75th Diamond Anniversary of Gardner-Webb College, was given its premiere performance by the Gardner-Webb Choral Ensemble at the College's Spring Convocation.

The words and lyrics to the anthem were composed by two faculty members—the poem by Dr. John R. Drayer of the Department of Religious Studies and music by Mr. Robert L. Decker of the Department of Fine Arts. The words of the anthem utilize the college motto Pro deo et humanitate and incorporate the newly stated philosophy of "Servant Leadership" in challenges past, present, and future.

The idea for the anthem came about in the fall of 1979 when the committee was planning the 75th anniversary of the school, of which Mr. Decker was a part, met to discuss ideas for the celebration. "I mentioned an anthem would be nice," Decker commented, "and over the Christmas holidays I composed the music."
Philbeck's Five Children, Gardner-Webb Alumni

"She's the sweetest lady in all Cleveland County" echoed through the faculty dining room in the quiet hours after dinner while talking with Mrs. Margie Philbeck, Gardner-Webb College cafeteria staff worker. This compliment was paid by one of the student workers who has had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Philbeck. She has been serving Gardner-Webb in this capacity for the past six years and "totally enjoys her work." "The students keep me young and going," states Mrs. Philbeck, who also keeps the students smiling with her delightful personality while serving meals.

Mrs. Philbeck, wife of Major Philbeck, is the proud mother of five children who attended Gardner-Webb; she has 15 grandchildren and one great grandson. The Philbecks, being tenant farmers for most of their lives, put all five children through school by "hard work and sacrifice and more hard work and sacrifice," states Mrs. Philbeck. She wanted her children to have good educations and to be able to complete that education to the level that each child wanted.

All the children except the oldest completed two year courses at Gardner-Webb, and Carolyn, the oldest, completed a one year business course at the college. The four daughters and one son of the Philbeck family all had outstanding school records and were quite active in college activities. Growing up in a house with no running water, the children studied by kerosene lamps and learned to appreciate the values of a sound education. The four youngest children all continued their studies at four-year colleges and universities, with two earning master's degrees and another completing her work for a doctorate in English at UNC-Greensboro. When asked what her children were doing now, Mrs. Philbeck was more than happy to supply the information. She stated proudly that each one held jobs that were of service to people. Mrs. Carolyn Wesson, formerly employed as church secretary of Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Boiling Springs for the past 12 years, now works with her husband Donnies Wesson in their own business near Shelby. The couple has three children, one of which is the parent of Mrs. Philbeck's 3 1/2 year old great grandson.

The second daughter, Dr. Mary Boyle, is an Associate Professor of English at Pembroke College. Married to Robert L. Boyle, they live in Rockingham, N.C., and have two children. Mary, while at Gardner-Webb, was editor of the school newspaper, a member of the debate team and was on the honor roll with a 95 or better average. She graduated cum laude at Woman's College of UNC-G, published an article about Mrs. Philbeck entitled "My Mother" in the National Beta Club Journal, completed her master's degree in English at UNC-CH and received her doctorate from there as well. Donna, the third Philbeck daughter, followed her sisters' example as she, too, during her entire college career was on the dean's list or honor roll. While at Gardner-Webb and Woman's College of UNC-G, she studied sociology and did graduate work at Florida State University in psychiatric social work on a scholarship granted by the Mental Health Institute. Later, she and her husband, Mr. B. S. Sakran, did graduate work at the University of Tennessee where Donna earned a master's degree in the same area. She is an Assistant Vice President at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem and has two children.

The youngest daughter, Joyce, is now a senior purchasing agent for the Xerox Company in Connecticut. While at Gardner-Webb "she was a leader on the debating team which was considered one of the most outstanding in the history of the school." She also was a fine orator winning several speaking contests in her youth. She continued her education at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina where she studied sociology and later attended the University of Maryland as a part-time student and assistant librarian. Married to a former F.B.I. agent, they have three children, all of which are following the Philbeck tradition of earning good grades.

The only son and youngest child of the Philbeck family is Charles, who is now an Immunization Representative for the area surrounding Cleveland County. After attending Gardner-Webb, he went on to Western Carolina College where he studied psychology.

Mrs. Philbeck, who says she enjoys "sitting back and watching her grandchildren grow up," has, like her children, had an interesting and successful life. In 1964 the Philbecks were selected as the "North Carolina FHA Farm Family of the Year." They proved "that a tenant farmer can become firmly established in a sound system of farming and that by good management, the family-size farm is not an institution of the past in this country." This quote was taken from the FHA's report on the Philbeck family.

Having overcome many adverse conditions while single, as well as when married, the Philbecks now are quite thankful for all their blessings. "They have been able to provide their children with good educations and have seen . . . each of them established in good homes of their own." Living in their home just across the street from the farm they rented for 22 years in Cleveland County, the Philbecks now sit back and enjoy the life that did not seem possible in November of 1954.

Mrs. Craig Establishes Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Beulah Rimmer Craig, a resident of Lincolnton, North Carolina, has established a scholarship fund at Gardner-Webb College designating primary recipients to be foreign students preparing for full-time Christian service.

Preference in awarding scholarships will also be given to sons and daughters of foreign missionaries.

The scholarship, created to express her commitment to Christian higher education and world missions, will provide financial aid to international students committed to the Christian way of life and who exemplify high Christian ideals.
Marriages

David Alan Belue, '79, and Drenda Yvonne Farmer, '78, were married November 24, 1979. He is a management trainee at Milliken and Company in Williamson. She is employed as a teacher at Travelers Rest Elementary School. The couple resides in Greenville, S.C.

Mary Jo Byrd, '75, and Raymond Manning McQuagge were married December 21, 1979. His wife is a self-employed building contractor in the cities of Greensboro and Durham. The couple resides in Durham, N.C.

Timothy Keith Norman, '74, and Lora Kathryn Crooke were married December 22, 1979. He received a master's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a doctoral candidate at the same seminary. She is a Disability Determination Specialist. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Rickey Norman Bustle, (Faculty), and Thelma Lynn Sanders (presently attending Gardner-Webb) were married May 1, 1980. Rickey is an Assistant Football Coach for the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs. The couple resides in Boiling Springs, N.C.

Deborah Diane Morrison, '74, and Franklin Shoford Hancock were married February 16, 1980. Deborah holds the M.Ed. from UNC-Charlotte, and until recently, attended Wake Forest University School of Law. She plans to continue her studies at Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas. Frank graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law and is presently an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas. The couple resides in Waco, Texas.

Dallas Clark Dolle, '79, and Nell Curry Lowery were married January 12, 1980. Dallas is employed by Patterson's Florist in Shelby. Nell is employed by Fiber Industries in Earl. The couple resides in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Henry Thomas Hill, '74, and Wanda Gail Thompson were married December 29, 1979. Henry is employed as assistant credit manager with Dixie Furniture Company. Wanda is studying pre-elementary education at Davidson County Community College.

Martha Jane Steagall, '76, and Robert Dale Bergen were married December 29, 1979. Martha has recently graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of divinity. He is a third year divinity student and has done foreign study in Europe and Israel and is a private tutor in Hebrew, Greek and German. The new couple is making their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Danny Lee Truett, '79, and Angelica Carole Seay (a senior at G-W) were married January 20, 1980. He is employed at Union Carbide Corporation in Simpsonville. She is director of the children's church at Canaan Baptist Church. The couple resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

John Preston Grimsley, '75, and LaSandra Jo Strickland, '77, were married January 5, 1980. He graduated from Wake Forest with a master of divinity degree and is presently associate pastor of North Roanoke Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia. She is presently working on a graduate degree at Western Carolina University. The couple resides in Roanoke, Virginia.

Murry, '78, and Janet Bills were married November 17, 1979. Mike is the pastor of Otsego Baptist Church in Otsego, Michigan, where they reside.

Births

Antoine Wesson, '66, and husband Dan announce the birth of their son, April Marie, born December 9, 1979. Antoine and Dan also have a son, Allen, who is eight years old. The Wessons live in Shelby.

Mella McClure Caldwell, '73, and husband Dwight announce the birth of Ashley Lyn, born July 25, 1979. Mella is employed by Haywood County Schools. Dwight is principal of Maggie Valley School. They live in Maggie Valley, N.C.

Patricia Kinney Wilson, '66, and her husband Norman announce the birth of their third daughter, Emily Jane, born January 12, 1980. Emily's sisters are Connie and Vickie and 3'/2.


Judy H. Irvin, '76, and her husband Bill announce the birth of William Nicholas, December 5, 1979. Judy teaches school, and Bill is a car dealer. They live in Easley, South Carolina.

Gaddis Receives Tenure

Dr. Roger G. Gaddis, associate professor of psychology and chairman of the Department of Psychology at Gardner-Webb College, has been awarded academic tenure. Dr. Craven E. Williams, President of the College, made the announcement after the Board of Trustees granted tenure to Gaddis on February 22, 1980.

A faculty member may become eligible for consideration for tenure after serving four years at Gardner-Webb and three years of equivalent service elsewhere. Unless interested in the academic tenure, the assumption of tenure is not automatic. The person must be found to be qualified.

Gaddis joined the faculty of Gardner-Webb in 1974 as an associate professor, psychology. Previously, he had been chairman of the Department of Psychology and Education at Gaston College in Dallas.

Gaddis has written several papers that have been accepted for publication. He serves as a consultant for several area schools and conducts workshops for school districts.

Business Students Visit New York City

The week of March 9-14 thirty-three business students from Gardner-Webb College participated in a business career visit to New York City sponsored by the college business department.

The trip was designed to allow students to gain exposure to the business world by attending sessions in board rooms and offices of national and multinational corporations headquartered in New York City. Several sessions are given to institutional seminars with economists and other professionals.

Gardner-Webb's group visited Bell Laboratories, Conn-Edison, International Telephone and Telegraph, the New York Stock Exchange and several other major firms. Students toured the facilities, then took part in a seminar on company operations and goals. Company officials and department heads chaired the discussions on many aspects of the business world discussed.

While in New York the group saw two Broadway plays, "Annie" and "A Chorus Line." They toured the city and visited attractions along the trip route. The students traveled by Amtrak to New York.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Gall Robertson Walker, '61, presently a first grade teacher at Lattimore Elementary School, recently obtained her B.E. from Wake Forest University School of Law. She is presently the Director of the Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association. The couple resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

Helen G. Goff, '69, has been elected to the local board of directors of First Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Shelby.

Eugene Mayson Easterling, III, '74, has been named Director of Admissions at North Greenville College.

Bob Gath, '64, received the M.Div.-Theology degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in December 1979.

1977 Alumni: John Mark Coleman, Randy Eugene Hiatt, Debra Ethel Samuel, Brenda Y. West received M.Div.-Religious Education degrees from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in December 1979.

Dianne Elizabeth Bailey, '77, is presently the Minister of Education at the First Baptist Church in Tallulah, Louisiana.

Bob E. Patterson, '50, is currently professor of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He has produced over twenty-one books either as author, contributor, or editor. His latest work is Science, Faith and Revelation: An Approach to Christian Philosophy. Besides his duties at Baylor, Dr. Patterson is currently serving as editor of a series of books entitled Makers of the Modern Theological Mind. Bob and his wife Barbara have two children, Linda, 18, and Beth, 15.

Charles Thomas Helms, '73, Joel Fredrick Linberger, '75 and Terry Gene Wilder, '74, passed their CPA exam November 1979.

Bobby Dean Gantt, '76, and Janet Gwen Tharp, '76, received M.Div. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, on December 21, 1979.

Sherry Setzer Lawson, '79, received her Masters in Music Education, August 9, 1979, from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is currently Minister of Music at Clifton Road Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Robert Cowart, '79, is now a student at Wake Forest Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. Robert tired to the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, as one of 12 selected as lay Baptist ministers.

Jans Hoof Smith, '75, is currently working for Harte-Hanks Communications as a computer programmer/analyst.

Terry Barnes, '75, has acquired the position of Minister of Education/Youth at Adaville Baptist Church, Spindale, North Carolina.
American In A War-Torn Country

DEBORAH JAMES

Deborah James is a junior music major preparing for a career as a missionary. Growing up in Vietnam was definitely a factor in making her decision. Here she tells her story.

Vietnam, What a place to grow up. This is the reaction I get from many people when they learn that I grew up there.

I am not twenty years old and a junior here at Gardner-Webb. I was born in Durham, N.C. During my first years of life, my parents began making preparations to go to Vietnam as missionaries. At the age of three, we moved across the ocean, my parents and two brothers, to begin a new life in a different kind of world.

I grew up playing with Vietnamese children and other M.K.'s (missionary kids), attending school and church (the only blonde-headed child in the children's choice). I learned the language in a matter of months. This frustrated my parents as they struggled through two years of language school.

I spent most of my years in Saigon since my father was the president of the Vietnam Baptist Theological Seminary. My mother practiced her nursing with the aid of U.S. military doctors who spent their spare time ministering to the medical needs of the nationals.

Because we lived in Saigon I was able to attend the elementary school-junior high school which was made up of missionary and businessmen's children. There were no high schools except by correspondence courses; therefore, I went to Taiwan for high school.

I chose Taiwan because it was a Christian area. We had a choice of schools in Singapore, Bangkok, Taiwan, etc. I chose Taiwan because it was a Christian school.

Many people don't understand my love for Vietnam and her people—even now. The concept of "war" has much to do with this and the idea of being so far from my native land. Although the war existed in Vietnam, Life existed too. This is a point I like to dwell on. There are many people there striving to survive and succeed just as we Americans are doing. They love, work, raise families, laugh, and cry just like us. And despite the evident war, life had to go on.

As a young child I don't think I really realized the impact of the war and its detrimental effects. However, I was well aware that it was going on. Our windows rattled at night from the dropping of bombs and rockets in the distance. The firing of M-16s and machine guns could be heard for miles away. My brothers and I used to watch the bombers in the distance and wonder how far away they were. We would hunt for bullet shells in the fields like children here search for arrow heads. We played "armies" instead of "cowboys and indians". These are some of the positive aspects of living in a war-torn country. There were many times when the situation was dangerous. My parents were very careful not to let us know how worried and concerned they were; so, they tried to be calm. In this way, I suppose, we were sheltered somewhat for our own protection.

After Vietnam was taken over by the Communists in 1975, my family evacuated to Taiwan where I was in school. They have since transferred there. In 1977, I returned to the U.S. and attended East Carolina University as a nursing major. I transferred this past fall and am majoring in music. I am preparing myself for a future as a career missionary, probably in Asia.

So, you see? Growing up in a country that is war-torn can be just as normal a life as growing up in America. It's just not as predictable.

Vietnam, What a place to grow up!

Campus Opera Workshop Presented

The Department of Fine Arts, Gardner-Webb College, produced an opera, "The Medium" by Menotti, a tragedy in two acts. The opera was sung in English on February 29 and March 21.

The function of the Opera Workshop on campus is to give the voice students an opportunity to perform in short major works. They give the performances on campus and have gone off campus to music clubs in Rutherford and Cleveland Counties, sponsored by the music clubs in the areas. A special dress rehearsal/performance was presented to area public school students on Thursday, February 28, in Hamrick Auditorium.

The cast included Melinda German, a senior from Hudson, N.C., in the title role of The Medium; Brad Riddle, a junior from Etowah, N.C., as the mute; Donna Perris, a sophomore, from Blacksburg, S.C., as the daughter of The Medium; with clients of The Medium performed by Terri Effler, a junior from Lyman, S.C., and Dwight and Camilla Loomis, seniors from Lincolnton, N.C. The opera is under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Harrelson; Dr. George Cribb is accompanist; and Mr. David Smith is technical director.

Two Counties Exceed G-W Convocation Center Campaign Goal

Cherokee and Rutherford counties have joined the ranks of other counties exceeding their goal for the Convocation Center.

The $35,000 goal for Cherokee County Convocation Center campaign has been met.

Rev. Clarence Hampton, Area Chairman for Cherokee County, Clarence Hufstetler, Special Gifts Chairman, and Ab McCraw, General Gifts Chairman, were the key workers in the successful Cherokee County campaign.

Grading has been started and construction should begin shortly. Anticipated completion date is 1981. To date, gifts amounting to $2,267,862 have been received.

Rutherford County contributions for the $3.5 million Gardner-Webb College Convocation Center campaign have totaled over $176,885. Forrest Hunt, Area Chairman, stated that key workers have included John Perkins, Rann Carpenter, Forrest Burgess, and Jack Koone.

Chamber Chorus Completes Tour


One of three choral organizations of the Gardner-Webb Fine Arts Department, the group has toured extensively in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, as well as in North and South Carolina. It has twenty-eight members representing six states and the country of Taiwan.

One of the tour's highlights was performing in the American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA) Collegiate Choral Festival at Queens College in Charlotte on Saturday, February 23rd. The Festival begins in the morning and continues throughout the day. College choirs from throughout North Carolina participate with each college choir singing a fifteen-minute concert.

Crystal Justice, Rick Tucker, and Lisa Tucker are primary soloists of the tour. Dr. Phillip P. Perrin is conductor of the ensemble. He is coordinator of the sacred music area of the Fine Arts Department, Professor of Music, and Minister of Music at Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Dwight Loomis, is the assistant conduct. He is a senior music major concentrating in sacred music and music education.

The accompanist is Cathy Jackson, a junior music major concentrating in music education.

Those Were The Years

Elton L. Strickland of Gastonia won two free tickets to a home basketball game at Gardner-Webb by correctly naming Debbie Gantt and Kay Gibson in the last "Those Were The Years" photo. Couldn't you guess by the hint (It's an annual matter) that the two girls were members of the yearbook staff. Let's go back a few more years to identify these three. (Hint: important government officials).
Professor of two subjects, stamp collector, Union Focus sponsor, scholar, proponent of many talents is both a Mathematics College, in Boiling Springs, N.C. This unique combination of subjects first went to Morgan to receive a teacher's certification in mathematics after being first to go to Gardner-Webb University. Morgan was receiving high marks in all his French classes as well. So with the encouragement of his mathematics professor he decided to double major, earning teaching certificates in both math and French, graduating with from Lenoir-Rhyne in 1956, a M.Ed. honors. He received an A.B. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1961, and a Ph.D. degree in 1971 from the same university.

Morgan became a math professor in 1967, at Gardner-Webb and was later asked to teach French as well. Which subject does he prefer to teach? The combination of the two. “Sometimes you can work with the same students in two areas and hopefully have an influence of helping others, to show that we do not have to be so fragmented when it comes to crossing disciplinary lines,” states Dr. Morgan. “Hopefully,” he continues, “I can be of some value to someone in this way.” Morgan, who developed his own easier method of teaching French verbs, enjoys the two because he sees them both as two exact sciences.

In addition to Dr. Morgan’s teaching this unique combination of subjects, he is also B.S.U. sponsor for Gardner-Webb’s F.O.C.U.S. (Fellowship of Christians United in Service) trips to Florida. These trips, which were first started in 1968 by former campus minister Rev. Buddy Freeman, are held each year during spring break for the students. The trips consist of two teams of 10 to 15 students each, who volunteer their vacations, as do Dr. Morgan and Keith Dixon, B.S.U. director, and go to Florida to hold nine worship services at two different churches each.

Dr. Morgan has completed 18 trips, visited 7 different churches, and traveled approximately 25,000 miles (the distance around the world) while serving as sponsor of the F.O.C.U.S. trips. The sponsor’s responsibility is to plan each service with the students, distribute evenly the student’s responsibility in the services, settle any differences that may arise, and extend official greetings to the church from Gardner-Webb. Neither the sponsor, nor the students receives any pay for their efforts, just the blessings they receive from helping people.

For all his participation in these special trips to Florida, Dr. Morgan was awarded a special citation from the Ministerial Alliance at Gardner-Webb on May 2, 1977. He is the only professor who is not in the Religion or Biblical Languages Departments to receive this citation.

A man who genuinely cares for people, greeting each person he meets with a “How are you today human being?”; he sees each person as an individual and not a stereotype. Even though on the surface this statement appears to be another one-line pun by Dr. Morgan, coined “Morganisms” by his friends at Gardner-Webb, he wishes to express to each individual that he is a creation of God whom He loves and cares for. "We as fellow human beings, if we are going to live under the Fatherhood of God, have no choice but to live with the Brotherhood of Man," states the professor.

Dr. Morgan’s interests do not stop here; he is also a speaker, author, traveler, and hobbiest. He has been invited to several high schools to speak to language classes and clubs, showing slides of his travels to foreign countries and revealing his humor in his presentations. In 1965 he published his first book entitled Portrait of Myself, which is a book of religious poetry, prayers and essays, and is now in the process of writing a second book, similar to the first, entitled And I Go Searching. He has also conducted group tours to France for foreign language classes and has been on several personal tours through Europe, the United States, and Canada, visiting more than 16 nations. His hobbies include decoupage, band weaving, ceramics, rug making, and a stamp collection of approximately 18,000 individual stamps. In addition, he also collects first day covers, plate blocks, and whole sheets of new issues of stamps.

Dr. Morgan is active in many areas of college and church life. He is secretary of the Gardner-Webb faculty, sponsor of the Alpha Chi Scholastic Honor Society and the Foreign Language Clubs, a member of the Library committee, Teacher Education committee, the Advisory Board for the Deaf Program, and charter member of the Christian Service Organization, which gives scholarship aid to Gardner-Webb students going into full-time Christian vocations. A member of the Green Hill Baptist Church, he is also the church historian and Sunday School teacher for the young adult class.

His civic and scholarly interests include being past president of Foreign Language Professors of the seven Baptist colleges of North Carolina, a member of the American Association of French Teachers, the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Mu Sigma Epsilon, Phi Theta Kappa, and Chi Beta Phi. He is also included in 15 biographical listings ranging from 1972 to the present, six of which are from Cambridge, England. Just a few of these are the Dictionary of International Biography, International Who’s Who of Intellectuals, Men of Achievement, sixth and seventh editions, International Who’s Who in Community Service and Education, Directory of American Scholars, Personalities of the South, and Community Leaders of America.

This versatile individual, the son of Mrs. Gilbert Morgan of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and the late Mr. Morgan, is a true “human being”; a man deeply loved and appreciated by staff, faculty, students, and friends of Gardner-Webb and those he has met across the world.

Dr. Robert Morgan, Baptist Student Union Focus sponsor, scholar, professor of two subjects, stamp collector, author, and “human being.” This man of many talents is both a Mathematics and French professor at Gardner-Webb College, in Boiling Springs, N.C. This unique combination of subjects first went to Morgan to receive a teacher's certification in mathematics after being first to go to Gardner-Webb University. Morgan was receiving high marks in all his French classes as well. So with the encouragement of his mathematics professor he decided to double major, earning teaching certificates in both math and French, graduating with from Lenoir-Rhyne in 1956, a M.Ed. honors. He received an A.B. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1961, and a Ph.D. degree in 1971 from the same university.

Morgan became a math professor in 1967, at Gardner-Webb and was later asked to teach French as well. Which subject does he prefer to teach? The combination of the two. “Sometimes you can work with the same students in two areas and hopefully have an influence of helping others, to show that we do not have to be so fragmented when it comes to crossing disciplinary lines,” states Dr. Morgan. “Hopefully,” he continues, “I can be of some value to someone in this way.” Morgan, who developed his own easier method of teaching French verbs, enjoys the two because he sees them both as two exact sciences.

In addition to Dr. Morgan’s teaching this unique combination of subjects, he is also B.S.U. sponsor for Gardner-Webb’s F.O.C.U.S. (Fellowship of Christians United in Service) trips to Florida. These trips, which were first started in 1968 by former campus minister Rev. Buddy Freeman, are held each year during spring break for the students. The trips consist of two teams of 10 to 15 students each, who volunteer their vacations, as do Dr. Morgan and Keith Dixon, B.S.U. director, and go to Florida to hold nine worship services at two different churches each.

Dr. Morgan has completed 18 trips, visited 7 different churches, and traveled approximately 25,000 miles (the distance around the world) while serving as sponsor of the F.O.C.U.S. trips. The sponsor’s responsibility is to plan each service with the students, distribute evenly the student’s responsibility in the services, settle any differences that may arise, and extend official greetings to the church from Gardner-Webb. Neither the sponsor, nor the students receives any pay for their efforts, just the blessings they receive from helping people.

For all his participation in these special trips to Florida, Dr. Morgan was awarded a special citation from the Ministerial Alliance at Gardner-Webb on May 2, 1977. He is the only professor who is not in the Religion or Biblical Languages Departments to receive this citation.

A man who genuinely cares for people, greeting each person he meets with a “How are you today human being?”; he sees each person as an individual and not a stereotype. Even though on the surface this statement appears to be another one-line pun by Dr. Morgan, coined “Morganisms” by his friends at Gardner-Webb, he wishes to express to each individual that he is a creation of God whom He loves and cares for. “We as fellow human beings, if we are going to live under the Fatherhood of God, have no choice but to live with the Brotherhood of Man,” states the professor.

Dr. Morgan’s interests do not stop here; he is also a speaker, author, traveler, and hobbiest. He has been invited to several high schools to speak to language classes and clubs, showing slides of his travels to foreign countries and revealing his humor in his presentations. In 1965 he published his first book entitled Portrait of Myself, which is a book of religious poetry, prayers and essays, and is now in the process of writing a second book, similar to the first, entitled And I Go Searching. He has also conducted group tours to France for foreign language classes and has been on several personal tours through Europe, the United States, and Canada, visiting more than 16 nations. His hobbies include decoupage, band weaving, ceramics, rug making, and a stamp collection of approximately 18,000 individual stamps. In addition, he also collects first day covers, plate blocks, and whole sheets of new issues of stamps.

Dr. Morgan is active in many areas of college and church life. He is secretary of the Gardner-Webb faculty, sponsor of the Alpha Chi Scholastic Honor Society and the Foreign Language Clubs, a member of the Library committee, Teacher Education committee, the Advisory Board for the Deaf Program, and charter member of the Christian Service Organization, which gives scholarship aid to Gardner-Webb students going into full-time Christian vocations. A member of the Green Hill Baptist Church, he is also the church historian and Sunday School teacher for the young adult class.

His civic and scholarly interests include being past president of Foreign Language Professors of the seven Baptist colleges of North Carolina, a member of the American Association of French Teachers, the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Mu Sigma Epsilon, Phi Theta Kappa, and Chi Beta Phi. He is also included in 15 biographical listings ranging from 1972 to the present, six of which are from Cambridge, England. Just a few of these are the Dictionary of International Biography, International Who’s Who of Intellectuals, Men of Achievement, sixth and seventh editions, International Who’s Who in Community Service and Education, Directory of American Scholars, Personalities of the South, and Community Leaders of America.

This versatile individual, the son of Mrs. Gilbert Morgan of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and the late Mr. Morgan, is a true “human being”; a man deeply loved and appreciated by staff, faculty, students, and friends of Gardner-Webb and those he has met across the world.
THE MAN IN THE HAT

"The man of many hats" can be used to describe Gardner-Webb College student Joey Keever. This senior business administration major has a collection of over 45 different hats most of which surround the four walls of his college dorm room. His collection includes baseball hats, golf hats and brims, work hats, cowboy hats, big and little hats, hats of all colors, and even a custom-made hat with his own initials.

This unique collection did not begin until 1977, but the idea goes back as far as his sophomore year at Charles D. Owen High School in Black Mountain, North Carolina. The first hat that marks the beginnings of his collection is an old Gardner-Webb baseball hat given him by his brother, an alumnus of the college from 1978, which is now almost "slap worn out" states Keever. "I always wore hats of some sort when I was little...I just always liked the looks of hats." Keever explained that the majority of his collection was given to him as gifts from "those who just wanted to be part of it." He says that out of the entire group he has purchased only ten with his own money.

Although most of the hats were given to him, he still has had to struggle to get some of his more favorite hats. He relates stories of having to "sweet talk" a waitress at a familiar steak restaurateur, of urging a friend for 2½ years to get his father to give him one from a certain company, and even a story of how he recovered one of his hats after it was lost in a crowd at the Carowinds Paladium.

Keever has other favorites that he will wear only during certain sporting activities, or in conjunction with a special outfit, and even some of which he will not wear until his hair is the proper length. Some he wears for comfort, some for work, some for play, and others just for looks. Being a big Atlanta sports fan, he enjoys wearing his Falcons' and Braves' hats in due season. Is there anything that the outsider can learn from Keever's collection? He shares that "there is a limit to everything" even in hats, for some can only be worn just on certain occasions.

Many have been fascinated as they walk into Keever's room for the first time and see his collection across the walls. Some will stand and stare, while others will ask questions about each hat. Keever, on occasion, has had to ask for his change back from the delivery man just because he had become engrossed in viewing the collection.

Never having traded with any other hat collector, other than his old roommate Chuck Burch from Charlotte, Keever plans to continue his collection after graduation in December of 1980. Plans are already in store to build a large hat rack for his basement room at home. Anyone interested in adding to his collection or willing to trade just give him a call.

Keever is quite involved in other college activities as well. He is a 3-year member of the Student Center Board, which books entertainment for the campus, a member of the Inter-Club Council, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and has been a Big Brother in the freshman orientation program each of his upperclassman years. One of his most important roles on campus is serving as the mailman in the college post office, which, as Keever states, is another interesting story in itself. He has also played in the pep band for one year before becoming a Bulldog cheerleader.

Besides collecting hats, Keever's hobbies include any kind of sport, mainly football, basketball, tennis, and softball. He has participated on many intramural teams at the college having been a member on championship teams in three different sports.

In high school he was active in track, basketball, and band. Spending much of his free time playing drums, he received in his senior year "The Most Talented Award" and "Outstanding Senior Band Member". He also enjoys listening to good music.

After graduating from Gardner-Webb, Keever would like to attend graduate school to further his education in marketing. One of his main interests after finishing school is to open his own restaurant somewhere in his home town of Black Mountain. "I've always liked working around food, cooking and serving, then seeing that people are enjoying themselves.

His father, L. T. Keever, Sr., is a retired school principal of 22 years. His mother, an alumnus of UNC-Chapel Hill, works as a lab technician; his brother and sister, who also attended G-W and married ex-Bulldogs, are now living in Black Mountain as well.

Religious Curriculum Center Established

The John R. Dover Memorial Library at Gardner-Webb College has established a curriculum center for religious and religious education materials recently contributed to the College.

Materials donated by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Brotherhood Commission and the Women's Missionary Union will provide information for professors and students of the College as well as for pastors and church staff members throughout the area. The center, known as the Emily D. Washburn Curriculum Laboratory, is named in honor of Mrs. Wyan W. Washburn of Boiling Springs, a Sunday School teacher at Boiling Springs Baptist Church for many years. Her husband, Dr. Wyan W. Washburn, is providing the shelving which will house the collection of materials.

Glenn Hill, consultant with the Church Media Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Wanda Lineberry, coordinator of special projects for the group, were on campus to help catalog and shelve the curriculum materials.

The new laboratory will seat 25 people and will serve as a classroom/conference area for use by individuals in the college community. The goal of the center is to improve the religious education programs throughout the area, and hopefully it can become a focal point for many kinds of meetings and conferences designed to improve religious education in the churches.
Bob Porter, a 1955 Gardner-Webb graduate, has been elected to serve as city councilman of Thomasville, N.C. His civic and community interests are deep, which led him to run for the office. He has an optimistic view for the future of Thomasville and is enthusiastic about his new position.

Porter is also known for his work with the deaf in and around Thomasville. He first became interested about 12 years ago after meeting with the deaf members of the First Baptist Church of Thomasville. This compelled him to take sign language, which later led him to interpreting services at the church. After more experience he began interpreting for deaf patients at the doctor’s office and helping police officers with deaf people. This led Porter to teach others in the community sign language and to apply his interpreting skills in other areas of his life. He now signs for any employee meetings which include the deaf at Thomasville Furniture Industries, his place of business. He has even gone as far as interpreting for other TFI plant employees in various cities where he is needed. One of his major accomplishments for the deaf of Thomasville is the installation of a direct teletype phone system connecting the deaf home phone with that of the police department for use in case of emergencies. He did this with the efforts of the Thomasville Lion’s Club.

Wake Forest Head Football Coach John Mackovic will be the guest speaker at the Gardner-Webb College All-Sports Banquet late in April.

Mackovic, Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of The Year, has accepted the invitation to speak at the Bulldog Sports Banquet on Wednesday night, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Charles I. Dover building on the Gardner-Webb campus. The Deacon head football coach joins a list of past well-known speakers coming to Gardner-Webb. Some of those in the past include Terry Bradshaw, Bart Starr, Lou Holtz, Horace “Bones” McKinney, and others.

Aside from being the top ACC coach, Mackovic was named UPI Coach of the Week after his Deacons upset Georgia, Kodac-AFCA District Coach of the Year, The Sporting News National College Coach of the Year, and Walter Camp Coach of the Year. The Deacons attained their first national ranking ever under Mackovic, being rated 14th in both the AP and UPI polls the week of October 29, 1979. Mackovic’s Deacons won eight games, the most won in 35 years. They established 31 school records and 10 ACC offensive records last season.

Advance banquet tickets will be sold through the sports information office at Gardner-Webb.

Alumnus Elected Thomasville City Councilman

Bob Porter, a man who loves to fish and hunt and feels that life has been treating him well. Married to Jo Ann, they have two children, Robert, Jr. and Diane.

Athletic Director’s Suite

One person instrumental in laying Gardner-Webb College’s foundation for many years of successful athletics was Coach Norman Harris. Through personal sacrifice and dedicated service, Norman opened the opportunities for Gardner-Webb to enjoy many athletic successes.

As Bill Weaver, one of the College’s finest athletic supporters stated, “It is time to honor him, and we want you to have a part in the honors.”

Weaver is now chairing a program funding a fitting tribute to Coach Harris, naming the Athletic Director’s suite in his honor.

For those of you who remember Coach Norman’s efforts or you who have received personal reward from the athletic program, consider sending a tax deductible gift to honor this person. It will benefit the College’s Convocation Center efforts and assist us in honoring a person who has meant much to us all.

Golfers Open Season

Gardner-Webb’s 1979 District 26 Champion Golfers will open the 1980 spring season at Pinehurst where they will be competing in the Pinehurst Intercollegiate for the second straight year. The Bulldogs, who finished second in the NAIA national tournament in 1979, will be playing without the services of departed All-Americans Steve Sherman and Wayne Myers. Although without established stars, this year’s team should have solid performers from top to bottom. Senior David Brown, Junior Murray White, and Sophomore Ronald Sunset (all-District 1979) are holdovers from the 1979 squad. New members in include: Don Byers of Rock Hill; Bryan Burgess and Jeff Carswell of Morganton; Sammy Smith of High Point; and Darren Emmett of Stanley.

Golfers Open Season

CRUISE NEWS!

Gardner-Webb Alumni Go To The Bahamas!
JUNE 23-27, 1980
4-NIGHT CRUISE Aboard The
S/S EMERALD SEAS ($360-$419/Person-Dbl.)
Departure: Miami
It’s Not Too Late
Call the Alumni Office today!