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Largest Pledge Ever Received By College

For a one-half million dollar pledge—thank you Lutz-Yelton Foundation, Inc.

With great enthusiasm and bottled anticipation Dr. Craven Williams looked straight out into the crowd on graduation day and announced that Gardner-Webb College had come a giant step closer to the reality of the convocation center dream.

The $500,000 pledge from the Lutz-Yelton Foundation, Inc., is the largest pledge ever to be presented to the college.

"... Soon, all of Gardner-Webb College, plus all those who gather here for musical, dramatic, and athletic functions, will come to the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. These people have consistently been valued friends of this institution. We are truly grateful," Williams stated.

Jack Lutz, president of the Foundation, commented, "We feel that investing in the future of young men and women who are seeking an education is a wise and prudent investment. We believe that Gardner-Webb College is an asset not only to this community but to this region, and we believe in the free enterprise system and the ideals that Gardner-Webb represents."

The convocation center's $3.5 million drive is part of the college's $10.5 million "Bold Dimensions in Higher Education" program. This pledge brings that goal over the half way mark to $5,401,000.

Gifts and pledges to the convocation center alone now total $2,771,000.

Gardner-Webb has been the beneficiary of many previous gifts from the Lutz-Yelton firm, one of which is the Lutz-Yelton dormitory built in 1963.


Meeting of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention were held on the G-W campus May 26-28. During an evening banquet President Williams received an award for the College, citing outstanding service, from Floyd Craig (r) of Gov. Jim Hunt's office. Six other N.C. Baptist colleges were also recognized. A letter from U.S. President Jimmy Carter was read congratulating G-W on the 75th anniversary. The White House sent another letter congratulating the Baptist State convention on its 150th anniversary and on the Council on Christian Higher Education's 36th anniversary.

Sir John Awarded Honorary Doctorate

Sir John King, a distinguished Englishman and industrialist, received the highest honor that Gardner-Webb can bestow, during graduation ceremonies, the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Moore Appointed

Amidst a called press conference were area reporters, photographers, and cameramen awaiting a glimpse of the new and mysterious Athletic Director and Director of the BASIC (Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts) program.

As he followed President Williams into the conference room, eyes opened wider and comments like, "Well, I'll be John Brown," and "What a natural. We should have known," were echoed throughout the room.

In making the announcement of Dan Wesley Moore, Jr., as Gardner-Webb's newest family member, President Williams said, "In Dan Moore, Gardner-Webb has one of education's finest ad-
President’s Corner

Editor’s Note: The following remarks were made by College President Craven E. Williams at the annual Alumni Banquet on April 19th. Those unable to attend will be able to appreciate their value through this printing.

“One Day There Will Be A College Here”

B. H. Bridges, 1875

A group of people assembled in Pleasant Hill Church for the annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. The date was September 1903. The people who gathered there were happy; a healthy climate, rich soil, abundant crops, a wealth of timber, humming textile plants, valuable minerals, beautiful homes, beautiful human beings—made in the likeness and image of God. Among them were men of vision. People such as J.Y. Hamrick (State Senator), Commissioner of Labor and Printing, J.H. Quinn, A.J. Greene, Noah Hamrick, J.F. Moore, E.B. Hamrick, Major John F. Schenck. They were concerned with the need of their youth for education.

They felt they owed it to their sons and daughters to provide a school where they could “have the best possible educational advantages under distinctive Christian influence.”

A year passed. It was September 1904, and these same people gathered again for the Annual Association meeting at Zoar Church. Same people, same interest—a school. We need a school!

The date was September 21, 1905, the people of Sandy Run Association unanimously and enthusiastically accepted the invitation to join the people of Kings Mountain Association in the erection and operation of the school. That school was chartered December 2, 1905, on land given for the purpose by E.B. Hamrick. And so, the prophecy of B.H. Bridges put forth in 1875, 30 years earlier, came to pass. “One day there will be a college here.”

In this our 75th year, I take pleasure in welcoming you to our Diamond Anniversary. The first alumni we had was a group, mostly boys, we have more than 10,597 alumni. Our first principal was J.D. Huggins. We have since then had five principals and nine presidents. The first building was made of brick, costing $10,000. D.P. Queen was the contractor. Today, there are 36 buildings on more than 160 acres valued in excess of $12 million. Principal Huggins had eight teachers to begin with. Today, we have more than 80, and nearly 80% of them have earned doctorates.

The academic work in the first year was a high school program covering six years. Today, it’s a full four-year program, operating nearly 24 hours a day and in six different locations. Now, that original high school program has spawned forth a graduate program with Master’s level work.

But as exciting and intriguing as our past, the decade of the 1980’s stands as potentially the most exciting. Despite the forebodings in nearly all quarters, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs High School 75 years later, is marching to a drummer different from most independent colleges today. Our future—on the lighter side, those who knew Mr. Trexler probably found out that he was quite a hand at matchmaking! He had me matched with every secretary he had from 1975 to just a few weeks ago! But underneath the laughter and fun was a concern that his students and friends find a fine Christian helpermate because he knew how important that part of life was and often expressed his thankfulness for his wife who was so dear to him.

In retrospect, I've only touched on a few areas of the life of a great man of God. Robert Trexler was a man who followed the two greatest commandments of the Almighty God. He loved the Lord God with all his heart and all his mind and loved His neighbor as himself. Often I heard the words, “Keith, come by if you have a problem you need help with, or if you just want to blow off some steam, or just relax and talk...” I had heard those words from many people, but somehow a genuineness in the warm voice of Robert Trexler rolled out the welcome mat after the words had subsided. This openness was not just to me but to everyone!

Life was dear to Robert Trexler. He loved life and lived it to its fullest. There was no secret about where his joy of living came from. He knew the Giver of life, and he wanted everyone to know and experience the new and abundant life in Christ. Robert Trexler loved and was loved; he cared and was cared for; and his life was so precious to us because in it we can see that truly life is worth the living because He (Jesus the Christ) lives!

Tribute To The Late

ROBERT L. TREXLER

Dr. Robert L. Trexler passed away April 25, 1980, after experiencing heart difficulties at a faculty meeting. On April 29, 1980, a memorial service was held with Keith Dixon, Associate College Minister, presenting this tribute. Many clearly endorsed this tribute saying, “Yes, that’s the way we knew him.” We believe you will appreciate this sincere remembrance.

Today we will assemble here as a college family to honor Robert L. Trexler. This is a very special time for all of us because of our deep love and appreciation for Mr. Trexler. I feel that many of my experiences with him were like the experiences many of you have had with him because of his genuine concern not only for his students but for every student on the campus of Gardner-Webb College, as well as his colleagues.

Mr. Trexler’s concerns touched all areas of life in this college community. He demanded academic excellence in the subjects he taught. Any student of Mr. Trexler’s can testify that to take a test in his class, one had to know names, dates, places, the obvious, as well as the background materials. “God gave us a mind to develop and use” came from his lips many times in conversation.

But, Robert Trexler’s concerns did not stop at the classroom door. His dedication to his sense of Christian Mission developed into the Missions Fellowship Organization on our campus. He wanted people to be aware of the missions both on campus and in the churches. He was an avid supporter of the Christian Service Organization to help those students who had answered God’s call into ministries of all sorts. At any time, you could find Mr. Trexler at a Bulldog Basketball game. He was just a spectator; he was a participant. Just this year, he had to leave a game that was close because the tension was too much for him, and he feared what happened this past Friday afternoon. So he walked outside the gym and waited on the sidewalk the final 3 or 4 minutes to hear the final score. He was there not so much in support athletics, but more so in support of the athletes. On the lighter side, those who knew Mr. Trexler probably found out that he was quite a hand at matchmaking! He had me matched with every secretary he had from 1975 to just a few weeks ago! But underneath the laughter and fun was a concern that his students and friends find a fine Christian helpermate because he knew how important that part of life was and often expressed his thankfulness for his wife who was so dear to him.

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The Annual B.E. Morris Biblical Scholar Announced

Dr. Craven E. Williams has announced that the 4th annual B.E. Morris Biblical Scholar for the 1980-81 academic year will be Dr. A. Douglas Aldrich, pastor of First Baptist Church in La Follette, Tennessee.

Dr. Aldrich will teach a course in “The Pastor’s Work” on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. beginning in the Fall.

More than 300 of our students are preparing for the Christian ministry. Many of these are already engaged in full-time church work. We look forward to the practical benefits which they will receive from this program and from Dr. Aldrich are immense. We are grateful to Dr. B. E. Morris for enabling us to have a person of Doug Aldrich’s ability and experience available to our students,” Williams stated.

Aldrich is a graduate of Orlando High School in Florida, Mars Hill College, and Wake Forest College where he received an A.B. degree in 1944 and an honorary doctorate in 1967. He received a B.D. degree in 1947 and a Th.M. degree in 1948 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Aldrich has served as pastorates at First Baptist Church in La Follette, Tennessee, and Forest Hills Baptist in Raleigh, N.C.

He has expressed his concern for Christian education by serving as a trustee for 16 years at Wake Forest University, three years at Shaw University, and four years at Meredith College. He served as chairman of three years on the Southern Seminary Board of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.


Dr. Eric Charles Rust, senior professor of Christian philosophy at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville was the previous B.E. Morris Biblical Scholar at Gardner-Webb.

Proceeding Rust was Dr. Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and the Reverend Nance Stamey of Asheville, N.C.

Area pastors are welcome to attend “The Pastor’s Work” classes on Wednesdays.
Will the Springs Bubble Again?

In the 1940's, construction work took away the bubbling sensation from the springs for which the Town of Boiling Springs was named. Located near the Lutz-Yelton dormitory, the springs was once a place of gathering, picnicking, and Christian fellowship. Many Boiling Springs residents still remember the crystal clear drinking water and the good times down by the springs.

The Town of Boiling Springs and Gardner-Webb College are still united in their concerns for quality Christian education and the preservation of this area's history. As part of the $20,700 Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation joint grant to the town and the college, the possibility of restoring the springs' vitality is being researched.

Recently, articles written by Associated Press reporter Monte Plott have circulated in numerous newspapers throughout North Carolina and other states. The interest is great concerning the revitalization of the springs' bubble. We may see it soon.

Sir John Awarded Honorary Doctorate

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gree Doctor of Humanities," College President Williams stated during the presentation.

With his charming English manner, Sir John accepted the doctorate and gave the traditional commencement address in a witty, but challenging fashion. His topic, "success," centered around dealing with the success of one's self before pursuing the challenge of professional success any further. Whimsical antics of Sir John's personal life infiltrated the speech to the delight of the audience.

The Englishman began his career in business and industry in 1945 with the founding of Whitehouse Industries, Ltd., and Ferrybridge Industries, Ltd. He joined Babcock International, Ltd., in 1970 and became chairman of the board in 1972. Currently, Babcock employs over 57,000 people and has annual sales of more than $2 billion. One of the largest U.S. operations is the 75-year-old multinational ACCO Industries, Inc. Sir John also serves on the board of First Union Corporation of Charlotte, N.C.

Moore Appointed

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ministrators, one of the community's greatest promoters, and one of this institution's most respected graduates. The two vital programs he will directly lead, as well as the total institution which he will influence, will quickly be the beneficiaries of his wisdom and experience." Moore, from Boiling Springs, N.C., recently stepped down from his post as Principal of Shelby Senior High School, where he served the community with distinction from 1970-79.

In acknowledging the dual appointment Moore said, "I am extremely pleased with my new positions at Gardner-Webb. As Director of Athletics, I see three immediate tasks: one, the daily administrative duties of the Athletic Director's office; two, the coordination of the entire athletics program; and three, the thorough and aggressive promotion of Gardner-Webb College through its intercollegiate athletic program.

"One of my great loves is working in behalf of the free enterprise system and the academic educational community. The BASIC Program is a fantastic program, and I look forward to working with it."

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Most Valuable Football Player Elected First Woman SGA President

“...to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield,” and keeps in mind an inspirational message from a Gardner-Webb English professor, “You only go around once, go for it.” she can’t help but be something very special.

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Catawba Away
Jan. 10 UNCA Away
Jan. 13 Guilford Home
Jan. 15 Wingate Home
Jan. 17 Lenoir-Rhyne Away
Jan. 20 High Point Home
Jan. 24 Wingate Home
Jan. 29 Elon Away
Feb. 2 High Point Away
Feb. 5 USC-S Home
Feb. 7 Mars Hill Away
Feb. 10 Catawba Home
Feb. 14 Limestone Away
Feb. 16 UNC-A Home
Feb. 18 Pfeiffer Away
Feb. 21 Lenoir-Rhyne Home
Feb. 28-March 4 District 26 Tournament To be announced
March 8-14 NAIA National Tournament Kansas City, Mo.

GW Graduate Takes Position

After four years of education at Gardner-Webb College, $90.00 a month doesn’t sound like the best career opportunity pay. “I’ll just need some money to buy toothpaste and stuff, if they have toothpaste in Angeles,” Barry joked.

Barry hopes to be commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, and shipped to Angeles in the Philippine Islands.

The Alexander Central High School graduate reminisced, “When I started to Gardner-Webb, I went into the music program not knowing if it was positively what I wanted. It wasn’t long before I found that it was. I wanted to teach, to teach, possibly on the college level. Church work was the last thing in my mind and being a missionary was behind that.”

Barry came to Gardner-Webb from Hickory, North Carolina. “I wanted the individual attention of a smaller college and wanted to know the professors. Also, I wanted to go to a Christian school and Gardner-Webb was just the right distance away from home,” he said.

Other SGA officers include Vice-President Ralph Smith, a religious education major from Gaffney, South Carolina. The senior is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Smith.

A Monroe, North Carolina resident, Connie Elizabeth Hicks was elected secretary. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. Hicks, she is a music education major.

Treasurer Jim Lee Royals hails from High Point, North Carolina. An accounting major, Jim is the son of Judy Royals.

Robin Alan Yarbrough of Salisbury, North Carolina, was elected student center board chairman. The son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Yarbrough, Robin is a senior business major.

Salary: Ninety Dollars Per Month

“The Church and Ray Pople (former Director of Counseling at the college) were the primary influences for my decision. Mr. Pople was a missionary in Australia. I decided that I would apply. If the Lord wanted me to do that, the doors would open for me and they have.”

Having studied voice, trumpet, piano and string bass, Green will be well-prepared for his first task of filling in for a Music Education missionary on furlough. His second year in the Philippines will be to replace a missionary who is operating a youth center.

“My plans aren’t definite after my return from the Philippines, but I have in mind going to Southeastern Seminary, staying in the music field.”

Right now, Barry is ready to go, his friends are excited and his parents are “just that type of folks that would be supportive of anything I wanted to do.”

“I’m very thankful for the educational opportunity I have had here. So many horizons have been expanded. It’s hard to believe how it has changed me.”
1980 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Fifty lettermen return to the 1980 Gardner-Webb College football squad, and second year Head Football Coach Tom Moore has twenty starters returning from his initial 4-7 team. "We look very impressive on paper, and we should show overall improvement based on our number of experienced returning players," stated Moore. He added, "Most of those returning starters are only sophomores, and because of this it would be very difficult to predict our outcome in 1980." Out of the twenty returning, eleven are sophomores, five are juniors, and four are seniors.

The Bulldogs will again use the I-formation on offense in 1980, and sophomore quarterback Chip Stuart will lead the Bulldog attack. The 6-2, 177 pounder set nine individual records as a freshman and made the First Team District 26 Football Team in 1979. Along with Stuart in the offensive backfield are 6-2, 207-pound sophomore fullback Tim McVicker, and 5-11, 191-pound senior tailback Robbie Barnes. In 1979 Barnes led all rushers with 446 yards, and McVicker rushed for a total of 159 yards. Pressing these two for starting positions are 6-1, 235-pound Furman fullback transfer Parks Evans and 5-10, 185-pound Georgia Tech tailback transfer Levon Sumpter.

The wide receivers are juniors Lanky Williams and Duane Foster. Foster led the team in scoring in 1979 with 11 touchdowns, and he led in receptions with 46 catches for 725 yards. Sophomore Mike Gregory is the top candidate for the tight end position.

The offensive line will be led by senior Bobby Hopkins. The 6-1, 250-pound senior will have four sophomores with him in the offensive huddle this season. Morris Brown transfer Rufus Holmes, 6-3, 230 pounds, and Ricky Goodman, 6-4, 222 pounds, are fighting for a starting spot at left tackle. Gary Dixon, 5-11, 195 pounds, is at left guard. Center will be occupied by 6-3, 215-pound Chuck Dickinson, and 6-2, 205-pound Marty Draeger will be at right tackle. Senior offensive tackle Marc Fried, 6-2, 228 pounds, will be pushing Draeger for the starting nod at right tackle.

The defensive line will be led by senior 6-2, 238-pound tackle James Austin. Austin led the team in 1979 with 69 unassisted tackles, 48 assists, and 2 fumble recoveries. Along with Austin in the line will be 6-3, 223-pound junior Rory Johnson (tackle) and 6-3, 272-pound senior Danny Allen at noseguard. The defensive ends are both juniors, and they are 6-1, 193-pound Ricky Burkhalter and 6-1, 175-pound Freddie Woodson. Burkhalter was the team’s second leading tackle in 1979 with 66 tackles, 22 assists, and 3 fumble recoveries. Pressing the defensive tackles for starting positions will be 6-5, 255-pound Georgia University transfer Ralph Warthen. Akron University transfer Dan Cheletat, 6-4, 218 pounds, will be looking for a starting role at defensive end.

Senior Stan Kearney and sophomore Mike Houstan will be at linebacker positions. Kearney, 5-11, 192 pounds, had 63 unassisted tackles, 51 assists, and 1 fumble recovery in 1979. Houston, 6-1, 210 pounds, had 30 unassisted tackles, 26 assists, and 2 fumble recoveries last season as a freshman.

Sophomore Dwight Thomas and junior Charlie Habinison will be at the cornerback spots, and sophomore Clay Alexander and senior Todd Medlin will be at safeties. Another sophomore, Bobby Humphries, will be pressing Alexander and Medlin for a safety spot.

Sophomore Carlisle Koonts will again be the kicking specialist. The 5-10, 150 pounder kicked 24 extra points and 6 field goals for the Bulldogs last season as a freshman.

The Bulldogs have demonstrated a tremendous work attitude during the off-season, and even though the team is young, they could be a SAC-8 title contender in 1980.

Bulldog Club Boards For Mexico

The Gardner-Webb Bulldog Club took a trip to Mexico City, Mexico on March 20-24, 1980. Members that went on the trip are Dr. Gene and Billie Washburn, Mrs. Louise Short, Mrs. Helen Toole, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tillman, Mr. Clifford Hamrick, Sr., Dr. J.D. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. George Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beam, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caseby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Renfro, Dr. Robert and Mrs. Mabel Jones, and Mr. Randy Alexander.

1980 Gardner-Webb College Football Schedule

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They have two children, Brian, 6, and Ra. Linda P. V. has Pumpes, Parts & Service, a distributorship in Charlotte. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1979.

Janet Gwen Thorpe, '73, was ordained to the gospel ministry February 24, at Robertsonville Baptist Church of Oak Ridge. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Gardner-Webb College, has been elected president of the Louisiana State Medical Record Association. Edie is a Lt. in the U.S. Public Health Service and is stationed at the USPHS Hospital in New Orleans where she is Deputy Chief of the Medical Record Department. She is currently taking conversational French and teaching "Positive Parenting" in the community. She has one daughter, Robin LeAnne, age 12.

Daphne R. Allran, '57, has returned to teaching Environmental Science Career Exploration with Gaston County Schools after a ten year absence from teaching.

Jurela Bright Monroe, '48, are presently serving as Interim Pastors at Temple Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Their son Teddy Richard Monroe, '71, is working on his Thesis at the University of South Carolina. He hopes to receive his Doctorate in Mathematics next year.

Martha Steagall, '76, and Robert Bergen were married December 28, 1979. She received her M.Div. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He is presently attending Southwestern.

Carol Ann Peterson, '79, and Timothy J. Gordon were married January 19, 1980. She is a registered nurse at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby. He is employed by Overnite Trucking Company. The couple resides in Blacksburg, S.C.

Deborah Kay Gentry, '75, and Stark Allison Weatherman were married March 1, 1980. She is a registered nurse with Burlington Industries at Craymer. He is employed in systems maintenance support for Duke Power Company in Charlotte.

Stephen McFadden Lewis, '75, and Rebekah Jane Duncan, '77, were married March 8, 1980. He is a statistician for PPG Industries in Lattimore, N.C. She teaches at South Cleveland Elementary School in Shelby, N.C. The couple lives in Boiling Springs.

Screen Spencer Brunson, III, '69, and Eloise DuBose Dickinson were married March 1, 1980. He is employed by Seneco Products. She attended Clemson University and received a degree in accounting from Sumter Area Technical School.

Deborah Dianne Morrison, '74, and Franklin Shuford Hancock were married February 16, 1980. She plans to continue her education in law at Wake Forest University School of Law. He is presently an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army.

Lynn Marie Baker, '78, and Randall Withers Allen were married April 5, 1980. She is employed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. He is employed by Peterson & Son, architects. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Emily Hope Garrett, '76, and William Ronald Lavender were married March 22, 1980. She is employed by Chesapeake Bay Magazine in the circulation department. He is a supply corps officer, stationed at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The couple resides in Annapolis.

Rebecca B. Blackwelder, '76, and David Eugene Benfield were married September 1, 1979. She is employed by Troutman Shirt Company. He is employed by Templo Spinning Mills. They reside in Mooresville, North Carolina.

Clyde Erwin, Jr., '70, and Marianne Elizabeth Morrell were married April 12, 1980. He is a foreman with Agri-Systems, Inc. in Fredericksvile, Va. She is teaching second grade in the Spotsylvania County School System. The couple resides in Fredericksburg.

Max Jones, '68, and Kaye Lovelace were married April 6, 1980. He is presently employed by Duke Power Company at Catawba.

Charles Joseph Tolmlin, '79, and Teresa Jeanne Caldwell were married April 19, 1980. He is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Statesville. She is a graduate of Tabernacle Christian School of Hickory and was previously employed by Northwestern Bank of Lincolnton. The couple resides in Statesville.
Alumni Day

Runs of 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meters caused a stir of excitement on the Gardner-Webb campus on Alumni Day. Trophies were presented to the first-place winners and ribbons to the runners-up.

A day long golfing at Riverbend Golf Club was open to friends of the college, as well as to the alumni. Both golf and run trophies were given during the 6:00 p.m. Alumni dinner.

The First Annual Norman Harris Alumni Football game was held with the Gardner-Webb spring varsity facing the alumni team in Spangler Stadium. Who won? You should have been here. A picnic lunch was enjoyed on the stadium.

Rhyne brought out many viewers to see a melon of the season provided.

The “Service to Community” award is presented annually by the Alumni Association to an alumnus who has rendered distinguished service to the community where he lives.

“The man we honor this year,” stated Mrs. Sarazen, “was a member of the Class of 1955. He taught school for a while in Charlotte but returned to Shelby some 20 years ago. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Shelby where he served as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, and member of the Church council.

“He was a volunteer with the Shelby Fire Department for eleven years and was most recently chief of the volunteers. On May 25, 1979, fire struck a business block in downtown Shelby. This man was on the scene and was one of the five men to lose his life in the resulting explosion. Indeed, this is the ultimate gift of service to your community—to give your life,” said Sarazen.

Receiving the award in George Magnes’ name was his wife and several members of his family with the crowd offering a standing ovation in honor of Magnes.

Max Padgett, recipient of the “Service to College” award was introduced as a man who “has given of himself, above and beyond. Whenever the call goes out, he is one of the first to respond. I have never heard him say ‘I can’t’ or ‘I don’t have the time,’” said Sarazen.

Padgett has served as president and vice-president of the Alumni Association and has been elected to the Board of Directors of the association several times. A devout churchman and a devoted husband and father, he is presently Associate Superintendent of Catawba County Schools and resides in Hickory. His loyalty and support make him this year’s number one Gardner-Webb booster,” Sarazen stated.

The “Service to Denomination and Church” for 1980 went to Betty Leford Henderson of Morganton, North Carolina.

“Over the years, she has taught Sunday School, directed the nursery, worked with vacation Bible school and child evangelism, and directed the evening youth program. In addition, she has instructed Sunday School classes at the Oregon and North Carolina Schools for the Deaf. She presently serves on the finance and kindergarten committees of her church, and is chairman of the hospitality committee as well. She is an active volunteer with the Morganton Service League and the Burke County United Way.

“She has always maintained a keen interest in the progress and well-being of Gardner-Webb College—to such an extent that her husband became involved with Gardner-Webb also; he is a member of our Board of Advisors,” said Sarazen.

Trophies for the Captain’s Choice Golf Tournament and the Alumni Run, both of which took place earlier in the day, were awarded by Randy Alexander, director of sports information.

Alumni and Student Picnic

Mike Mauney receives a ribbon from Dr. Williams and co-ordinators of the event, Nancy Sarazen and Randy Alexander.

A race to the finish.
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

THE MIKADO

One of the most enjoyed events of the year was the Fine Arts Department’s presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan’s famous musical comedy “The Mikado”. It was given in conjunction with the college’s 75th Anniversary Alumni Weekend.

Although set in Japan, this theatre classic from mid-nineteenth century England spoofs everything from the very proper British Establishment to extremist Victorian morals to serious opera, all in the context of a rather wacky plot. It results when the emperor, or Mikado, tries to protect innocent youth by passing a law against flirting. To make it even more interesting, the punishment for offenders is decapitation. The comic events of the story unfold when the citizens of the town of Titipu try to circumvent the law. As one plan after another backfires, things begin to look as if three of the characters are the Mikado’s order to execute someone without hurting anybody. Yum-Yum’s friends Pising, played by Deborah James, and Peep-bo, played by Trina Beach, contribute their share to the confusion. But even the arrival of the Mikado himself, played by Bruce Wilson, accompanied by LeAnne Smith as the elderly shrew, Katisha, does not manage a tragic ending.

The Gardner-Webb Choral Ensemble, directed by Dr. George Crabb, served as the chorus for the production, which also featured the Orchestra conducted by Robert Decker. The show was under the direction of faculty member David Smith. The production was lavishly costumed by a noted New York costume company.

Members of the cast included Billy Summers as the wandering minstrel Nanki-poo, who arrives in search of his sweetheart Yum-Yum, played by Patty Dempsey. Her guardian Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, who was played by John Taylor, schemes with Ricky Goodman, as Pooh-bah, and Bobby Headley as Pish-Tush, to carry out the Mikado’s order to execute someone without hurting anybody. Yum-Yum’s friends Pising, played by Deborah James, and Peep-bo, played by Trina Beach, contribute their share to the confusion. But even the arrival of the Mikado himself, played by Bruce Wilson, accompanied by LeAnne Smith as the elderly shrew, Katisha, does not manage a tragic ending.

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BLOODMOBILE VISIT

Team, Coaches Drained

A total of 64 football players and six coaches were really drained during the semi-annual Red Cross Bloodmobile visit in April.

An anticipated 80 pints of blood, necessary for the processing of red blood cells, was met almost solely by the football players and coaches as one body contributing. Seventy pints of blood were given by the team which gained national recognition from the Red Cross.

The Bloodmobile visit is a joint effort by the town and the college. The day produced 220 people with 53 of the donors being first-timers.

ALUMNI DAY ’81

Alumni Day 1980 is over, and it was a good success. Our additional athletic events—the Norman Harris Alumni Football Game and the Alumni Run, were well received.

Now, let’s think about next year—ALUMNI DAY 1981.

What would you like to do? What will interest you and your family in coming to Gardner-Webb for the day?

Of course, we will continue our usual program of sports events and the Alumni Banquet. Please return this check list by July 11 to:

Alumni Office
Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, N. C. 28017

Check one (or more):
Flea market
Antique auction
Crafts fair & sale
Luncheon & fashion show
Carnival
Others (We want your ideas):

Signed Class
Those Were The Years

Last issue’s winner was Freida Austin Conkle of El Cerrito, California. Freida is being sent a gift. She has such a nice letter identifying the students in the photo that it is reprinted below.

This issue has an easy “Those Were The Years” photo. One hint: Her name is not Dean.

Letter From California Alumna

The Web
Debbie B. Putnam
Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017

Dear Ms. Putnam,

After receiving The Web today, I must write to thank you for giving me the chance to reminisce about some people who meant a great deal to me during my two years at Gardner-Webb. Carolyn Smithdeal was my roommate in 1955-56 and Priscilla Morgan was my roommate in 1956-57. Carolyn was married in the summer of 1956 and did not return to Gardner-Webb. Harolyn Sparks took Carolyn’s place as vice-president while Priscilla was secretary. Robert Downey was President of the Student Government in 1956-57.

Thanks again for the opportunity to remember “Those Were The Years”.

Sincerely,

Freida Austin Conkle
2530 Nason Avenue
El Cerrito, Calif. 94530

ALUMNUS COPES WITH VOLCANIC ASH

PORTLAND, OREGON—1938 graduate Jack B. Holland was only 50 miles away from Mount St. Helens when the historic eruption brought a rumble and tons of ash down over a 200-mile path. Jack, at home in Portland, Oregon, was not even aware of the 8:30 a.m. volcanic eruption until 1:00 p.m. that day. How could this be possible?

“We are 50 miles South of Mount St. Helens. The explosion was heard as far away as 200-miles to the north and that is where most of the ash damage is also,” Holland explained.

Portland is shielded by a mountain range which provided protection from the eruption’s sound and much of its ash.

“We had only a very light ash fall here with minor inconveniences,” he said. Holland related that the ash is now mixed with mud and dirt but will be around for quite some time.

“We can see the mountain if we walk about a block from our house. It has been a very exciting, as well as a tragic event. Mount St. Helens was a very beautiful snow-capped peak, much like Mount Fuji. Lava flows are expected, and everyone is really staying away from that area. The roads and bridges are out. The roads that aren’t out are closed; so, I doubt that anyone could get very close. Steam is still blooming out spasmodically in clouds. The ash is very fine. It’s a great deal like fine cement and blows around very easily. When it gets wet, it gets sticky but dries out dusty again,” Holland stated.

Holland has been requested to send samples of the volcanic ash to the college for display. “It may be a while before I can get up to Mount St. Helens to get some pure samples, but I’m sure that the ash will be here for many years to come.”
The Special Olympics is held on April 17 in Special Olympics. The ultimate goal of the Cleveland County Special Olympics is to create opportunities for sports training and athletic competition for the trainable mentally handicapped students in our community. The Special Olympics is the climate of a year-round program between the Adaptable Physical Education class in Shelby. Special Olympics train throughout the year for this competition with each student being a part of many events. Northside student participation has been 100% for the past two years. The first period of the day began the competition having followed by such events as the 25-yard dash, the 50-yard dash, field events, a basketball dribble, and a dance. After lunch and a dance came the presentation of medals and trophies which fit the theme of the Building. The day will be remembered with the eagerness for next year's Special Olympics.