Homecoming, A Great Time!

October 18th festivities were enjoyed by alumni, friends, and students. If you missed homecoming, you missed a student parade, a picnic in the gymnasium, a live bluegrass band, football game, terrific dorm decorations, and just a really good time. We were even honored with many of the homecoming queens since the 1950's.

Homecoming Queen

Risa Ann Pless, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Pless of Salisbury, N.C., was crowned homecoming queen for 1980-81. The senior is a Sacred Music major.

A Craven Williams clone drove this car in the student Homecoming Parade.

Football, as always, played a major part in the day's events.

The GWC band gave an excellent presentation on Homecoming Day.
A group of people assembled in Pleasant Hill Church for the annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. It was September 1903. The people who gathered there were happy: a healthy climate, rich soil, abundant crops, a wealth of timber, hummimg textile plants, valuable minerals, beautiful homes, beautiful human beings. Among them were men of vision, people such as J. Y. Hamrick, J. H. Quin, 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.

People were interested. They talked about it. They talked about it all over Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. They wanted a school serving all who want her service, blessing all with outstretched hands.

“Where shall we locate the school?”, they asked. It was July 10, 1895—the date for filing of reports on school location. Results: the Boiling Springs Community had the largest number of pledges. As our Diamond Anniversary year comes to a close we extend our thanks to Mr. Bridges and the many others who have stood faithfully by our side for these 75 years.

**Let’s Have A Round-Up**

It’s time for a round-up of news from graduates who majored in religion, religious education, or Biblical literature. Where did you go to school after leaving GWC?

What are you doing now?

Are there other GWC alumni in your area?

Do we have your correct address?

We want to feature news from a different departmental group each issue, and your turn comes in January. Let’s kick it off with a bang, you religion major! You have first chance.

Please send your news to Dr. Robert Lamb, Box 797, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, 29316, or to the Alumni Office. Bob Lamb, of the Religion Department, says, “Our students are spread all across the United States and even into foreign countries. The Web offers us an excellent opportunity to exchange news. Someone might even want to recommend you to a church!”

Also...

Our curiosity has the best of us in this year of politics. Have any Gardner-Webb’s alumni been involved in the political circle? If you have ever been elected to a political position, let us know. Surely, we must have produced a mayor, a city councilman, a judge, a commissioner, a congressman, or possibly a governor. Write to The Web, in care of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. 28107.

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**McNeely—A Leader**

Jamie McNeely was the first recipient of the newly established Spangler Leadership Development Scholarship at Gardner-Webb this year. Having displayed her leadership abilities throughout high school, in both academic and extracurricular activities, she now has an opportunity to further develop her leadership capabilities. The scholarship is “awarded to an entering freshman with the most clearly demonstrated record of, and with the most predictable potential for general, practical leadership.”

McNeely, a graduate of Berea High School in Greenville, S. C., says Gardner-Webb is a challenge to her and that studies are rough. “It’s like starting high school over again, but you don’t go home.”

Being used to home, as most entering freshman are, McNeely says one of her biggest challenges was adjusting to college life. She credits her new friends for helping her with that adjustment and relates that she “likes Gardner-Webb. It grows on you.”

With studies becoming more important to her now, McNeely says that receiving the scholarship made high school worthwhile. She also states that she plans to work hard and make the best of her opportunities.

Being extremely excited about winning the scholarship, McNeely has already shown her leadership in several areas. She is secretary of her freshman dorm, a library assistant, and a senator in the student government of the college.

Majoring in secondary education, she hopes to return to Greenville to teach history in one of the local high schools.

While in high school, McNeely enjoyed cheerleading and athletics. She was captain of the cheerleading squad, won most valuable cheerleader her junior and senior years, and also won the Spirit of Berea award. Her other accomplishments include Student Leadership Award, Soroptimist International Award (Merit Scholarship), DAR history essay award, American Legion Citizenship Award, third runner-up in the Miss Berea pageant and winner of Ms. Congeniality in the same pageant. Her senior superlatives include most school spirit and most courteous.

Club interests include senior class vice-president, FCA president, Pep Club secretary, Alpha Omega Club member, and Citizen Advisory Committee member.

McNeely also enjoys dancing, having taken lessons for the past eight years. She likes playing tennis, meeting and talking to people, and singing in her church’s youth choir.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McNeely, she is a brother, Brian, who is a sophomore in Gardner-Webb, a sister, Beth Bray, whose husband Tom is a graduate of Gardner-Webb, and a brother Steve who lives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Spangler of Shelby, N.C., are givers of the scholarship for leadership ability.

Competition for next year is certain to be tough and top quality if they’re all like Jamie.
Who's at Gardner-Webb? Well, we have a large variety of folks on campus. Naturally, the majority of students are from the state of good ole North Carolina, 1206 to be exact. This leaves 14 more states and quite a few countries to be represented. Actually, in student population, we have 174 from South Carolina, 47 from Florida, 32 from Virginia, 18 from New Jersey and 16 from Georgia. We also have smaller groups of students from the states of Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

The campus is not limited to students native to the United States. Seventeen international young people are part of our student body. Three are from Bermuda, two from Cameroon, four from Canada, France, Germany, and Guam; two from Iran, Japan, Puerto Rico; and one from Rhodesia. Missionary kids have been attracted to the Boiling Springs campus from Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Germany, Rhodesia, Belgium and Kenya.

Here's a note for young men considering Gardner-Webb College as their higher education institution. We have 137 more females than males.

Our total financial aid for 1980-81 was nearly $3 million. Financial aid of some type was issued to 61.44% of our students with 953 receiving an average of $3,068 for the 1980-81 year.

As far as classes, we have more students in the freshmen and senior classes. The figures are as follows: freshmen, 507; sophomores, 316; juniors, 290; seniors, 322; unclassified, special 46; and graduate students, 68.

The teaching faculty is also surpassing other faculty bodies in the past with 66% holding earned doctorates. We have 70 full-time faculty, 46 of which have doctorates.

The campus no longer has Saturday classes and lights aren't out in the dormitories at 10 p.m. any longer; however, the campus is open for business 18 hours a day. Taking up part of the 18 hours are the graduate students attending evening classes. Another rapidly growing program on the campus is the Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL).

As sponsor and promoter of this event, WBTV's entire television staff will be utilized to make the tournament a success. The series of games will be highly publicized, and WBTV will send a small army of technicians and equipment to televise the Championship game.

The schools themselves will not only receive maximum public exposure, they will also receive payment to cover their costs of participation, plus proceeds from advance ticket sales. The winning school will receive $1,000 for its general scholarship fund.

The 1980 playing of the WBTV Carolina Classic marks the sixth year of this exciting small college basketball tournament, which each year is growing in importance and popularity in the area. Gardner-Webb College won this tournament for four straight years. In 1979, the team was 1st runner-up.

Belmont Abbey will again host the tournament at Wheeler Center with the games being played December 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. One game will be played on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. Four games on Thursday, December 11th at 2:00, 4:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Two games on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., and the Championship game at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 13th. Nine teams will participate this year. They are: Barber-Scotia, Belmont Abbey, Gardner-Webb, Johnson C. Smith, Lenoir-Rhyne, Livingstone, Pfeiffer, Wingate and Winthrop.

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Daughter Of Missionary
Parents Enrolled At GWC

For some students, adjusting to college during the first year away from home is no easy job.
Carmen Hood, a Gardner-Webb freshman, not only had to adjust to being away from home, she had to accept the fact that if plans went as scheduled, she wouldn't see her parents again until summer, 1981. In fact, her only means of communication with them is by mail.

Carmen's parents are missionaries, living in the city of Bangkok, Thailand, about 60 miles east of Bangkok. Carmen's family moved to Thailand when she was three years old and except for a few furloughs to the United States, she has spent 15 years there. Adjusting to being away from her parents hasn't been too difficult for Carmen. "Even from the time I was little, they knew I'd be moving away," she said, "They knew I'd have to go away to college."

Living away from home isn't a new experience for the 18-year-old. During her high school years, she attended school in Bangkok and lived in a dormitory with other female students. Up until she entered high school, her mother tutored her at home through correspondence courses but in grades 9-12, Carmen attended the International School in Bangkok, the closest one to her home.

Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. Alton Hood. Her father is a native of Grantham, N. C. a small town near Goldsboro and her mother is Canadian. Her father is a medical doctor and works at Bangkok Baptist Hospital. Her mother teaches English.

Carmen has one brother at Columbia Bible College in Columbia, S. C. and a sister married and living in Maryland. Two other sisters are still in Thailand, one at high school in Bangkok and one at home with her parents.

Because her parents are missionaries, the Baptist Mission Board keeps in close contact with Carmen. During Thanksgiving, the mission Board will take all college freshmen with missionary parents to Richmond, Virginia for the holiday. The Board will also pay for her air fare to Thailand next summer.

With occasional visits to the United States when her parents were on furlough, Carmen hasn't had much trouble adjusting to the different cultures in Thailand and America. Eating habits of Americans has been a bit more difficult to accept she said, "One of the things that bothers me a lot about American society," Carmen said, "is that Americans eat a lot of junk food." In Thailand, she said, people eat tropical fruits and it is rare to see an overweight Thai.

Carmen stays in contact with her parents by weekly letters home. There are no telephones in Bangkok. She talks to her sister in Maryland weekly and visits her brother in S. C. occasionally.

At Gardner-Webb, she is thinking of a major in music. She likes the Boiling Springs campus because she wanted to attend a small Christian college.

As for getting homesick, she has accepted that too. "I just know that I can't go back," she said. Until next summer, that is.
What's A SAC?

A member of the Student Alumni Council! That's what a SAC is.

This newly formed group of current students assists the Alumni Office in welcoming guests to the Gardner-Webb campus.

These twelve upper classmen (four from each class, six men and six women) were selected on the basis of interest in coming guests to the Gardner-Webb students assists the Alumni Office in welcoming guests to the Gardner-Webb.

This fall they have been serving in the President's Box at home football games and were very much in evidence at Homecoming as they helped host our visitors at the barbecue. Those black blazers were everywhere!

Yes, their symbol of service is a black blazer bearing the College seal on the breast pocket. They wear them proudly, and we are pleased to have this group of men and women serving Gardner-Webb.

Team Unity Goes To Their Heads

Some say it's ugly and stupid, while others say it's different and unique, but the main word behind it all is "spirit." The Gardner-Webb College football team showed their spirit by shaving their heads for the football season. Several styles have been displayed around campus including the shaved look, the crew cut, the flat top and the most popular, the Mohawk. Various Mohawk hairdos have been the main attraction; (a Mohawk is a shaved head with the exception of a strip of hair left uncut down the middle of the head from front to back). Some players have a wide-strip Mohawk, others thin. Some have small pony tails in theirs, while still others have arrows carved in their hair.

Who or what started this somewhat crazy adventure no one knows for sure, but it brought many different reactions. Tom Moore, head football coach for the Bulldogs, says, "I think it's great! We've talked of our team being a family and shaving their heads shows team unity and that their teammates are important to them."

If there is one person who benefits from this display of school spirit, it would have to be Boiling Springs barber shop owner Joe Moore. Moore gave 7 Mohawks, 5 shaves, and "a bunch of G. W's." "It's a job to give a Mohawk correctly. I'm glad it doesn't happen too often," Moore says. He remembers the football team doing the same thing about 4 years ago and he always tries to discourage the first person. "Once they get their minds set, they're not going to change it."

Moore said his shop was full the Thursday and Friday before the first game and he had to work overtime. The only problem that arose for him during this episode was the college girls who walked by his shop threatening to close down his business if he gave another haircut.

In talking to Gardner-Webb President Dr. Craven Williams, he commented, "It doesn't help their looks any, but it shows team unity and that is good."

The school spirit did not stop with the football team as others decided to join in on the fun. For example, during the first pep rally for the Dogs, the girl cheerleaders modeled their own Mohawk wigs as they led the students in cheers. Laura Price, head cheerleader, said, "It may be kind of silly and look kind of dumb to shave their heads, but it shows school spirit and I'm all for it." Joey Keever, male head cheerleader and one who has had his own head shaved at one time, said, "The haircuts save energy, you don't have to use your hair dryer."

Another example was seen in Convocation, held every Tuesday morning in the Bost Gymnasium for the student body. Rev. Richard McBride, campus minister, and Lynn Becker, student government president, did a short skit with their Mohawk wigs to give an announcement.

"What do some of the girls say on campus? Sharon Godsmark's comment was, "No comment." A girlfriend of one of the players, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I tried to keep him from doing it. After he did it, I did not like it at first, but I have accepted the act now. He says it shows team unity so I guess it is all right."

Randy Kilby, admissions counselor for Gardner-Webb, said that the Mohawks "remind me of a girl I used to date; always on the warpath." Seriously, Kilby believes two good things came from this display of spirit, 1) "It's given the girls something to talk about in the cafeteria," and 2) "It shows a trend of school spirit and team unity for the football players."

One cannot effectively tell the story without hearing from the horse's mouth. What do the football players say about their adventure? Todd Medlin, junior defensive back and one of the first team members to have his hair cut into a Mohawk says, "It is a definite display of team unity." But why a Mohawk? "I've never had one before, so why not be unique."

Whatever the reason, or whatever the comment about the shaved heads of the Webb football team, it all boils down to "Bulldog Spirit!"

Student Alumni Council


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Dear Mrs. Putnam:

I attended Gardner-Webb College 1952-54 during the reign of Mable Starnes as Dean of Women and my housemother. Believe me the lights WERE out at 10:00 p.m. Also, I remember well being called into her "chambers" and admonished for having "undue familiarity with the opposite sex." I was told that no proper young lady would be seen holding hands like that with her boyfriend at the snack shop. (Harold Dean Patterson).

One Halloween, Eloise Bumgardner and I stayed out of revival services and messed up the second floor of HAPY dorm. Needless to say, this was the Cardinal Sin and we received a thorough dressing down by Miss Starnes. I was told that with my other misbehaving plus my 4 demerits for coke bottles being left in my room, she had enough on me to send me home or campus me. However, we were let go. At the time, I thought she was so harsh and unyielding but the older I get the more I realize that these rules didn't hurt me one bit and perhaps made me a little better person. I would like to thank her for doing her job as she thought it should be done.

By the way, your pretty Homecoming Queen is Vickie Plaster. I danced around the May Pole in a pink organdy dress when she was crowned Queen. Boy have times changed!!! Thank goodness.

Daphne (Randolph) Bridges
P. O. Box 261
Boiling Springs, N. C. 28018

To Deborah Putnam:

I got my "Porthole" for 1950-51 and thought you would be interested in some of the regulations the girls at GW had while Miss Starnes was Dean of Women—Some of these rules were already set up before she came but she worked diligently to see that we carried them out!

If we did not turn our lights out at 11:00 p.m. we received two demerits (or more). Not only that, quiet hours were to be observed Mon.-Fri. from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and you never knew when she had her intercom on to hear what was going on.

Our social hours were for 30 minutes after lunch and dinner, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon and for 30 minutes after church on Sunday nights. Freshmen girls who made "C" or above on all subjects could have a choice of dating on either Friday or Saturday evenings. We had to wear dresses and hose whenever we dated or left the campus and if we left the campus before 6:00 p.m., we had to wear hats—also had to wear hats to church. We did get that rule removed my second year.

Sophomores could date Friday and Saturday nights if they had satisfactory grades.

Jo Anne Peeler wasted no time in answering our last "Those Were The Years" mystery. A genuine Gardner-Webb College coffee Mug goes to Jo Anne, who is Mrs. Charles L. Peeler, of 1315 Wesson Road in Shelby, N.C. Who was in the mystery Ph<

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If she ever saw anyone sitting close enough to touch, or heaven forbid actually kissing, we were called into her room and given a nice lecture on acting like ladies.

This was before the days of jeans and slacks, and the only time we wore shorts was for gym. But to get to the gym in those shorts we had to be heavily concealed so we put on raincoats so that nothing above the knees would show.

And my kids thought we were strict!

Jonelle (Teague) Jett '52

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Dear Mrs. Putnam,

This lovely May beauty is Vicky Plaster. She was on the May Court, '54 or '55.

Anne (Wheeler) Day
121 Oakleaf Dr.
Spartanburg, S.C. 29301

Dear Mrs. Putnam,

No, all lights were not out at 10:00 p.m. Many nights were spent in the closet with blankets hung in front of windows and towels stuffed in the cracks of doors.

Vicki Plaster is the lovely May beauty.
(1955 May Court).

Frances J. Middleton
1000 Polo Avenue
Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

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A Visit With GWC Trustee Lloyd C. Bost

Men such as Judge Falls built Boiling Springs' reputation of being a community interested in providing quality education. This attitude nurtured the new Boiling Springs High School and helped it to survive during its early years. Today, that same type of support is being offered by men such as Lloyd C. Bost.

The Gardner-Webb College athletic program was given a boost when Bost Bakery, Inc. contributed a significant gift to the college for construction of a gymnasium. The building, named in honor of the Bost family, now houses intercollegiate sports including men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, weakly chapel, physical education classes and clinics, intramural activities, gymnastic classes, indoor picnics, concerts, vocation days, Bulldog club meetings and more.

Bost Gymnasium is truly the campus' all-purpose building. In 1971, to show appreciation for his efforts, Gardner-Webb awarded to Lloyd Bost an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree. In 1971, he was awarded a resolution of appreciation for his dynamic leadership among the trustees in fund-raising campaigns, and for receiving local and national recognition in business, community service, church activity, and hospital development.

Bost has devoted his life to the betterment of his city and state and to the cause of Christian higher education.

Bost's contributions in the first campaign were significant but in the following years, his dedication to the college grew even stronger. Another Shelby businessman R. Patrick Spangler and Bost were instrumental in organizing the 1964 campaign called, "Decade of Advance."

The success of this campus development campaign made possible the construction of a chapel, campus-center, four dormitories, two classroom buildings, an athletic stadium and renovation of the O. Max Gardner Building as a fine arts center.

Since its beginning in 1905, Gardner-Webb College has neither sought nor accepted any federal funds. Gardner-Webb is one of the only three colleges in the nation that has taken this unique stand. "I think it's a good stand," said Bost. He continued, "It reflects the basic philosophy on which our country is based, to see your way without leaning on the federal government. Now, we're seeing an increase of people leaning on the federal government resulting in an increase in our national debt."

What does Bost see in the future for Gardner-Webb? "I see growth at Gardner-Webb but not phenomenal growth. I do feel that it will always attract students if Gardner-Webb continues to meet their needs. It has a good solid foundation on which to grow."

Bost attended Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D. C. and received a Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned the Phi Beta Kappa key.

As president of Bost Bakery, Inc. in Shelby and Thomasville, he has served as the Director of Southern Bakers Association and past chairman of the Board of American Bakers Cooperative. In 1960, he received the Citizen of the Year award in Shelby. He has served as past president of the Shelby Rotary and Director and past president of the Cleveland County United Fund. A former deacon at the First Church in Shelby, Bost has served as Sunday School teacher for many years. He has also been a faithful member of the church choir for nearly 20 years.

Married to Virginia Reid Falls, the Bosts have four children. Lloyd, Jr. is a graduate of Furman University and works with Social Services of Catawba County. Virginia Ann, a Meredith graduate and former Gardner-Webb student lives in Shelby with her husband, Gary Shiford. Bost is a UNC-Ch graduate presently seeking a graduate degree in computer science at Western Carolina University. Now living in Washington state, Harlan majored in forestry at N.C. State University.

Presently, Bost serves as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees. He is also serving as chairman of the College's Shelby area campaign for the Convocation Center. The campaign goal for Shelby was one million dollars. Already more than $1.2 million has been received.

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40s

John E. Roberts, ’49, a former Gardner-Webb College administrative officer, has been placed in one of the highest elective offices of South Carolina Baptists. Roberts has been approved as President of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. At Gardner-Webb, he was assistant professor of journalism and was involved in campus life. He and his wife, Helen, have six children.

Wilson Padgett, ’42, and his wife, Barbara Padgett, ’42, observed their 22nd Anniversary on the Eastside Baptist Church of Shelby, N.C., on November 15, 1980. The Padgetts have four children: Becky, Paula, Woody, and Beth.

50s

Charles W. Stafford, ’50, is now serving as pastor at Oak Hill Baptist Church, Concord, N.C. Dr. Stafford and his wife, Anija, have two daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel.

Henry L. Smith, ’52, Assistant Superintendent for special education in Louisiana, has been selected first vice president of the National Council for Exceptional Children. He received his masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Virginia.

Cline W. Borders, ’52, was elected president-elect of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Conference for Directors of Missions. He is now serving as Director of Missions for Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Edward M. (Mac) Hill, ’55, has joined Burlington Industries as manager of media relations on the company’s corporate public relations staff in Greensboro, N.C. Mac received a degree in journalism at the University of South Carolina, and prior to joining Burlington Industries he was sports writer for the Greenville, S.C., Piedmont. He is married to the former Mary Linda Mills of Newberry. They have two teen-age sons.

Robert D. Benson, ’57, of Greensboro, N.C., is assuming duties as President and Publisher of the Greensboro Daily News. He and his wife, Annette, have five children.

Jean Teague, ’53, of Shelby, former missionary associate in Gaza, is the new Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women Director for Virginia WMU. Jean was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1976 and was an elementary school teacher in Amman, Jordan, before going to Gaza to teach English to nurses at the hospital there.

60s

Jerry R. Walker, ’61, former Regional Agency Supervisor for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company in Burke and Cleveland Counties, has been appointed manager of Jefferson Standard’s Raleigh Regional Agency.

70s

Kenneth Sloan, ’72, is the program director at Cleveland County Boys’ Club. He and his wife, Brenda, have one daughter and live in Shelby, North Carolina.

John B. Linderman, Jr., ’78, has been appointed director of corporate and parent relations at Meredith College. John served as journeyman missionary in Salzburg, Austria, under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board from July 1978-June 1980. He will also work closely with the corporate community to explore areas of mutual interest and to seek corporate support for the institution.

Wanda Watson, ’75, will teach related vocational studies, specializing in reading, at the Daniel Morgan Vocational Center, Spartanburg, S.C. Wanda received her M.A. degree in Reading Education from Appalachian State University and has taught at Chase High School since 1975.

L. Bradford Fulk, ’75, is the new division manager in Shelby for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. Fulk and his wife, Nancy, have one son and reside in Shelby, N.C.

80s

Nancy H. Anthony, ’75, has recently been appointed to coordinate the development of the Fashion Merchandising Program at Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C.

Karen Keith, ’75, is teaching third grade and resides in Columbia, S.C.

Dicy Smith Ritchie, ’75, has received a Masters of Education Degree in early childhood education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C. She is a kindergarten-first grade teacher at Woodleaf Elementary School and has worked in the Rowan County Schools for four years.

David W. Cribb, ’79, has been selected to command the Air Force ROTC Cadet Group this fall at Clemson University.
Faculty Update

Dr. Joseph L. Hughey, IV, and Ann Louise Catalano were married June 28, 1980. Dr. Hughey is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. He is a graduate of the School of Chemistry of Georgia Institute of Technology and received a Doctorate in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Ohio State University and at Rutgers University.

New Faculty for Fall Semester Are:

Dr. Ruth Ernice Bookout, Assistant Professor of Education. She is a native of Marshall, Texas, where she graduated from East Texas Baptist College. She received her Ph.D. in reading education and language from Florida State University.

Dr. Kenneth C. Abernethy, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Education, received his Ph.D. in mathematics at Duke University. He was associate professor of Mathematics at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, before coming to Gardner-Webb. 

David A. Degraff, Assistant Professor of Science Education, received his undergraduate degree from Calvin College and an MA in Science and Biology from Western Michigan University.

Dr. Perry Evan Richards, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Business Department. He received his M.B.A. Degree at Lamar University in Texas and a Ph.D. at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He and his wife Jo Ann, have three children.

Theodore Stanley, Instructor of Music, is a graduate of Duke University and received a Master of Music Degree from Florida State University.

Martha Ledbetter Baskin has joined the Nursing Department as Assistant Professor of Nursing. She is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and Medical College of Georgia. She was formerly a nursing instructor at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton. She has been listed the Who's Who Among Black Americans. Mrs. Baskin and her husband live in Ruthertfordton, N. C.

Brenda E. McBride has joined the Nursing Department. Brenda is the wife of Rev. Richard McBride, Campus Minister. She attended the University of Virginia. She joined the staff of the School of Nursing and received a B.S.N. from WSSU in May 1980. She is a former child development educator with a gynecological office in Winston-Salem.

Julian E. O'Neal, Assistant Professor, Economics, is a graduate of Western Carolina University where he received his MBA in Management.

Thomas H. Jones, Biology Instructor, graduated from Methodist College, Fayetteville, and received his M.S. Degree from N.C. State University. He is married to Miriam E. Ash.

Craig L. Barry, Management Instructor, is a graduate of UNC at Charlotte where he received a B.A. Degree in Business Administration and a Master of Urban Administration and Management.

John B. Krampitz, Assistant Professor, Physical Education, is a graduate of University of Houston where he received his B.S. Degree and has a Master of Science in Health and Physical Education from Texas A&M University. He is married to Anita, and they have a daughter, Vanessa.

Terry Lee Fern, Associate Professor of Music, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Oklahoma. He is currently working on a D.M.A. at Texas A&M University. His wife's name is Linda. They have three children.

Dr. Michael Ndurumo, Assistant Director of the Degree Program for the Défaut, Adjunct Professor, is a native of Kenya, Africa, and received a B.S. Degree in Special Education and Psychology, a M.S. Degree in Educational Administration, and a Ph.D. in Education and Special Education from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University.

New Staff This Fall Semester:

Sharon C. Garfield, Secretary, Information Services. Sharon is a graduate of UNC-Greensboro. Her husband, Ken, is Assistant Managing Editor at the Shelby Daily Star. They live in Shelby, N. C.

Elaine Ashley, Machine Room Operator, is a graduate of Kings Business College in Charlotte, N. C. Elaine is married to Larry Ashley and they have two children, Lana and Lance. The Ashleys live in the Sharon Community.

Promotions From Within The Staff:

Mitchell Jolley has been promoted to Comptroller.

Dr. Keith Griggs has been named Assistant Dean of Continuing Education and Summer School.

Deaths

Samuel Curtis Beck, ’30, died February 8, 1980.

Marriages

Gaylin Wylie, ’77, and Douglas Garner Huff, ’77, were married August 9, 1980. Doug is presently a student at Southwestern working on his Master’s Degree. Gaylin received her Master’s Degree in religious education from Southwestern in Fort Worth, Texas, where she was on the Dean’s list. The couple resides in Fort Worth.

Zeb England Beam, III, ’78, and Sherri Ann Morgan were married July 19, 1980. He is employed as service manager at Shelby Marine, Inc. She is employed by Litton and graduated Junior High School in Shelby. The couple resides in Shelby, N. C.

Richard Anthony Mack, ’78, and Nancy Evelyn Logan, ’76, were married July 19, 1980. Richard is employed as a Truck Driver for Freight Carriers, Charlotte, N. C. Nancy received her Master’s Degree from Appalachian and is employed by the Catawba County Schools. The couple resides in Denver, N. C.

Larry Grady Nunn, ’75, and Linda Maranda School were married June 15, 1980. He is employed by Duke Power Company, Catawba Project. She is employed at A & P in Rock Hill, S.C., where they live.

Posee Lee Branscombe, Jr., ’79, and Amy LaRue Auten, ’79, were married July 26, 1980. He is an instructor at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. They reside in Louisville, Kentucky, where they make their home.

Steven Dale Allen, ’67, and Mary Lou Steele, were married July 27, 1980. He is a sales representative with Ram Graphics. She is employed by Southern Foods. They live in Greensboro.

Jane Warren McCoy, ’80, and Maurice Alan Murphy were married June 20, 1980. Jane graduated from Bethel Christian Academy. The couple resides in Cove City, N. C.

Leonard Franklin Turner, III, ’79, and Connie Susan Burrell, ’79, were married July 19, 1980. He is purchasing expediter for Pneumafilm Corp. She is assistant scaler-screener for Travelers Insurance Company. The couple resides in Charlotte, N. C.

Stephen McBrayer Lackey, ’73, and Debra Elizabeth Hardin were married June 28, 1980. Steve is a sales manager for Eagle Roller Mill. Debra is employed at the advertising department at Bost Bakery. The couple lives in Shelby, N. C.

Douglas Matthew Ballard, ’80, and Brenda Diane Harwood, ’80, were married on August 2, 1980. Matt is employed by the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. They live in Charlotte.

Candice Sue Hammett, ’78, and Michael Willard Golforth, were married August 2, 1980. She teaches at Macedonia Elementary School. He is employed by Milliken and Company. The couple resides at 327 Vine Street, Gaffney, S. C.

John Scott Norris, ’80, and Cathy Ruth Holt, ’78, were married August 2, 1980. John is employed by PCX in Barbour, Chesterfield. Cathy is a registered nurse employed at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro. The couple resides at 905 Lexington Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.

Denis Fred Clark, ’77, and Tonnie Gayle Wimberty were married August 2, 1980. Denis and Tonnie both are working on their M.R.E. at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, where they live.

Ford Crisp McDonald, ’63, and Cheryl Randall Langston were married on June 14, 1980. Ford received his Master’s Degree from Appalachian and is now an instructor at the Shelby City Schools, Shelby, N. C. Cheryl was employed as a nurse practitioner at Cabarrus County Health Department. They live in Shelby.

Douglas Stacey Stilley, ’80, and Diane Ann Gilliam, ’80, were married July 12, 1980. Dennis is currently
employed by Pepsi-Cola Company in Raleigh, N.C., where they live.

Gloria Dean Dixon, '80, and Stephen Robert Sherman were married July 12, 1980. The couple resides at 311 Heathstead Place, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Janice Smart White, '74, and Freddie Carroll Oliver were married June 7, 1980. Janice is employed at Western Carolina Center, and Fred is employed in the security department of Broughton Hospital. They live in Morganton.

Ronald Louis Brown, '73, and Deborah Kay Patrick were married June 21, 1980. He is employed by Associated Grocers Mutuals of the Carolinas, Inc. She is employed by BASF Wyandotte Corp. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

Donna Jean Wease, '77, and La-Moise Beaucarav Lovelace were married on July 19, 1980. The couple resides at Route 2, Shelby, N.C. She is employed as a teacher at First Baptist Church Child Care Center, Shelby, N.C., and he is employed by Cleveland County Communications.

Michael Deward Briggs Jr., '75, and Susan Elaine Bell were married July 26, 1980. The couple resides at Route 5, Shelby, N.C. Mike is employed as a production manager for Milliken.

Lacount Louis Anderson, III, '77, and Anna Clyde Daniels were married on June 21, 1980. He received his Master's Degree in Religious Education from Southeastern and currently serves as minister of music and education at Wake Crossroads Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. Anna has been music and youth director at the First Baptist Church in Hillsborough. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C.

Robin Cordelia Hall, '78, and Thomas Franklin Cogan were married June 7, 1980. She is a self-employed music teacher and music director at Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newton. He is serving Miller's Lutheran Church on an internship. The couple resides in Hickory, N.C.

Ronald Reid Settle, '77, and Janet Wayne Marnes were married July 27, 1980. Ronald received a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and is presently pastor-director of the Piedmont Baptist Association's Dan River Baptist Mission. Janet is employed by the City of Greensboro in the Department of Transportation. They live in Greensboro.

Sarah Jayne Greer, '80, and Alan Grant Roland were married June 28, 1980. He is planning to continue his education in the engineering program at North Carolina State University. The couple resides at 526-C Dacian Road in Raleigh, N.C.

Herbert Ray Riley, '80, and Katrina Hayes, '79, were married June 8, 1980. Katrina is teaching third grade at Skyland Elementary. Ray is at Carolina High School, Greensville, S.C., where he is teaching Physical Science. He is also head J. V. Football coach, J. V. Basketball, and Tennis Coach. The couple lives in Columbia, S.C.

Karen Jean Cabaniss, '77, and George Perry Hall, Jr., were married August 9, 1980. Both are employed by Cleveland County Schools at Burns High. The couple will live in Lawndale, N.C.

Malinda Ann Childers, '79, and Ricky Patterson were married August 17, 1980. The couple lives on Charlotte Street, Blacksburg, S.C.

Wilton Craig Feree, '75, and Peggy Jean Lovelace were married August 16, 1980. She is employed by State Employees' Credit Union in Shelby, N.C., and he is employed by Superior Dental Lab of Shelby, where they live.

Michael Gregory McMillian, '73, and Merry Lisa Haney were married August 23, 1980. He is employed with Torrington Company. She is employed in the accounting office at Union Mill. The couple resides in Hatteras, N.C.

Susan Jean West, '80, and Kenneth Robert Dowdle were married August 26, 1980. Susan is employed at the Rutherford Hospital. Kenneth is employed by Sheehan Mill Waste of Rutherfordton. The couple resides in Union Mills, N.C.

Douglas Ray Campbell, '76, and Alice Ann Morgan, '77, were married on August 17, 1980. Alice received her M.Ed. Degree from Western Carolina and is employed as a therapist at Rutherfordton Elementary School. Douglas is employed with Durham Life Insurance Company of Shelby, N.C. They live in Rutherfordton.

Phyllis Diane Francis, '79, and James Paul Clark were married August 29, 1980. The couple resides at Route 1, Blacksburg, S.C.

Moody Raymond Rutledge, III, '74, and Debra Lee Moses were married August 28, 1980. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and he is a junior at Clemson University. The couple resides in Anderson, S.C.

Connie Elaine Patterson, '76, and William Franklin Young, Jr., were married August 1980. She has been employed as a registered nurse by Kings Mountain Hospital. He is a second year medical student at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. The couple resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Raymond Martel, '78, and Laurel Minster were married October 6, 1979. He is an Accountant, and she is a Production Manager at Grolier Enterprises in Newtown, Connecticut, where they live.

Donald E. Sipe, '73, and Deborah Kay Greene were married September 6, 1980. Donald is employed by Farco Industries in Fayetteville, as a Sales Representative. Deborah is employed by Len Lynch Photography, Shelby, N.C. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

Cheryl Ann Heathcote, '80, and James Garnett Billings were married September 6, 1980. Cheryl is employed at the North Carolina Department of Corrections in Shelby, N.C., and James is employed at Eton Corporation in Kings Mountain, N.C. The couple resides in Shelby.

Jerry Thomas Dycus, '61, and Christine Lee Wrenn were married on September 10, 1980. He is employed by Sears in Shelby, N.C., and she is a certified dental assistant. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

Rick Blair, '79, and Betty Hirst Blalock, '78, were married on October 6, 1979. Rick is working on his M.R.E. Degree in Counseling at Southeastern. Betty is presently employed at Upjohn Health Care Services as Accounting Coordinator. The couple resides in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Ricky Joe Frye, '78, and Donna Lynn McClamrock, '78, were married August 10. She is employed by Cleveland County Board of Education. He is employed by Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation in Cherryville. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

Cynthia Kay Hoyle, '80, and Ray Lawrence Warlick, Jr., were married September 14. She is employed by Lincoln County Hospital. He is employed by N.C. Department of Transportation, Shelby, N.C. The couple resides in Fallston.

William Steve Martin, '72, and Laundra Jane Patterson were married on September 13, 1980. The couple makes their home in Casar, N.C.

Sheila Jane Davenport, '80, and Ralph Leonard Hedgecock, '80, were married September 6, 1980. The couple resides in Hatteras, N.C.

Dana Leigh Dillon, '78, and Jeffrey Alan Walling were married August 10. She is employed by Monmouth County Board of Realtors in Shrewsbury, N.J. He is employed by Siegel Tire Company in Edison, N.J. The couple makes their home in Long Branch, N.J.

Suzanne Faires Finger, '75, and Harold Dean Willis were married September 19, 1980. Suzanne is director of Social Services at Lincoln Nursing Center. Harold is the owner of Willis Masonry. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

Marshall E. Morrow, '78, was married on September 13, 1980. He is a Cost Accounting Manager with Thonet Industries, a Gulf and Western Company. His wife, Sheila, is a Bookkeeper with P.S. West Construction. The couple resides in Statesville, N.C.

Faculty News

Ken Abernethy (Mathematics) presented a paper entitled "Computer Applications in a Finite Mathematics Course" to the National Educational Computing Conference in Norwalk, Va. The paper was published in the proceedings of the association and was co-authored with A. L. Thorsen and G. Piergiorgi.

R. Logan Carson (Religion) was recently elected moderator of the Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Association for 1980-1981. This association is part of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

Gerald White (Men's Services) had an article published in the Fall issue of Education. The article is entitled "Discipline is a Basic Requisite for Learning."

Cindy McDonald (Nursing) was co-author of an article which recently appeared in the August 1980 edition of The American Journal of Nursing. The article was entitled "Home as a Place to Die."

Robert Lamb (Religion) had a five-session unit of study on life-long learning published in the August-October issues of Baptist Adult Church Training Curriculum materials. His Background Bible Studies for Teachers of Preschool Children are appearing in two issues of the Preschool Leadership magazine.

Corrections and Additions

Our faces are red! No thanks to the U.S. Postal Service which erroneously reported two of our alumni "Deceased."

Apologies to: Betty Emmett Knox, '54, who was recently elected President of the American Personnel and Guidance Association and resides at 5100 Sandlewood Drive, Raleigh. Betty maintains her own business: BEK Counseling and Educational Consulting Services. She received the Ed.D. from NSCU in May 1979.

And to: Hoke Blackwelder, '71, who resides on Cricket Creek Road in Cherryville, N.C.

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the list of contributors who qualified for the TOWER CLUB 1979-80:

Cynthia Diane Rimmer, 1979-80, John Washburn, Jr.
“Off the wall” is how Don Spargo, junior business administration major at Gardner-Webb, describes his jokes, his personal experiences and his life in general. “I enjoy being unique and off the wall. I don’t like to fit into any one mold.”

“God has given me the talent to sing and to relate to youth,” Spargo said. He plans to use those talents singing in coffee houses and churches. A gathering place mainly for youth, Spargo believes that a coffee house can provide Christian emphasis on fellowship that offers youth an alternative to night clubs and discos.

“What makes me happy is being a Christian,” he said, and expressing to young people that a Christian life is one of inner joy and peace is what he hopes to accomplish through coffee house ministry.

Spargo worked this summer as a camp counselor at Fort Caswell, better known as the North Carolina Baptist Assembly By The Sea, in Southport, N. C. Performing before an audience is rather new to him, even though he has sung in several churches across the state and he hopes to schedule more in the future. Asked why he does this particular work, Spargo says, “I feel it is an area where the Lord would have me serve.”

Spargo’s program consists of mostly contemporary Christian music, some of which he has written. During his performance, Spargo’s unusual, witty personality comes shining through. He conducts humorous sing-a-longs, shares monologues of Biblical characters such as Noah and the Ark, and relates some of his own “off the wall” experiences.

For example, Spargo managed to ruin his mother’s car engine by using the wrong size oil filter, had every stitch of clothing he owned lost by a prominent bus company while on his way to Caswell, and on his first date he backed into a fence.

Besides music, Spargo has other interests as well. Before coming to Gardner-Webb, he attended Gaston College near his hometown of Stanley and majored in art. He enjoys sketching animals and landscapes but admits he has not sketched much in the last two years. In his spare time at Gardner-Webb, he is often asked to draw creative posters for various clubs, mainly the B.S.U. (Baptist Student Union).

While in high school at East Gaston, Spargo said he was somewhat small and insecure, but college life has opened up his true personality. He enjoys getting to know new people. “I’m like an old dog, I’ll talk to anybody,” Spargo said. While serving as Biggest Brother in the Gardner-Webb Orientation program at the beginning of the fall semester, Spargo had the opportunity to do just that. His job, with the help of Biggest Sister, Beth Britt, and Dean of Students Melvin Lutz, was to coordinate the activities of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters in the 24 smaller orientation groups. “I got to know a larger number of people on a friendly basis,” he said.

When asked what he planned to do in the future, his first reaction was “graduate!” But seriously, Spargo hopes to travel next summer, singing on a full or part-time basis. “I’m quite openminded as to where the Lord leads me. I may be digging ditches, but if that’s where the Lord would have me be, that’s where I’ll be.” After graduation in May ’82, he wants to work in administration and music at a Christian camp.

A group of 97 teachers from Catawba County Schools, Newton-Conover Schools, and Hickory City Schools heard a challenging address recently from Everett DeVault, one of the BASIC speakers, concerning how large corporations work in the free enterprise system and applauded the presentation of a $5,000 gift from Boise Cascade of Newton, N. C., to the BASIC program.

The teachers were involved in Gardner-Webb College’s "Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts" (BASIC) program. BASIC is a special program designed to help citizens examine basic concepts and issues, especially the preservation of individualism and a free economic system. Teachers involved in the workshop are receiving one continuing education unit (CEU) with the Broyhill Academy providing the tuition. The workshop was conducted on the campus of Catawba Technical College.

Norman G. Eddy, general manager for Corrugated Container, Division of Boise Cascade in Newton, N. C. and Jerry P. Thomas, Account Manager for the same firm, presented a $5,000 check to Dan Moore, director of the BASIC program. Eddy praised the program’s goals and wished the program continued success.

Talking with the group on the development of a private business in the free enterprise system was Everett N. DeVault, general manager of General Electric’s Distribution Transformer Business Department in Hickory, N. C.

During his presentation, DeVault used his own company as an example of how a small business is able to grow and develop into a multi-national corporation when allowed to operate in a free society that provides the atmosphere of private initiative and competition.

He emphasized that "in order for industrial progress to occur, business must be willing to take risks in the development of new technology and new businesses. Risks which are vital if we as a nation are to remain competitive in the world economy." DeVault explained that in recent years the incentive for risk taking by business, and individuals, has been slowly taken away by excessive government regulation and the lack of incentives for investment.

What we need is not an end of government regulation in our society, but some reasonable effort to balance the benefits against the costs, and some encouragement for those who are willing to risk their time, talents, and money in ventures that could improve the standard of living for our people," he told.

On October 30, Cass Ballenger of Plastic Packaging gave an account of the origin and growth of his company. Workshops in each area has a local business success story. The last workshop included Jim Durham of the Credit Bureau.

Persons desiring information pertaining to the BASIC program may contact Dan Moore, Director of BASIC, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, 28017 or call (704) 434-2361.