The Bright Stuff: A Presidential Inauguration

by Evan P. Whitaker

Not since 1962 has there been such a gala affair on the Gardner-Webb campus as the anticipated inauguration of the tenth president, Dr. M. Christopher White. Inaugurations, like graduation ceremonies, are filled with the pomp and circumstance of the procession of academic dignitaries. The last such occasion for Gardner-Webb was the inauguration of Dr. E. Eugene Poston as president twenty-five years ago.

Beginning Monday, April 6, Gardner-Webb will host three days of inauguration festivities leading up to the installation ceremony on April 8. Activities include an inaugural concert by the Gardner-Webb Concert Choir Monday evening, an inaugural dinner Tuesday evening, and the Faculty/Delegate Breakfast Wednesday morning.

The installation ceremony on the O. Max Gardner Lawn will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with a picnic lunch on the college grounds following. A reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. White will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the O. Max Gardner Fine Arts Center as an ending to the three-day festivities.

Hundreds are expected to attend the installation ceremony, which will be part of the regular convocation series. The significance of the ceremony is evidenced by the almost unheard of occurrence of the cancellation of morning classes to accommodate the festivities.

University of North Carolina President C.D. Spangler Jr. will be the guest speaker. Hobart C. Smith, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee and former chairman of the Board of Trustees, will introduce Dr. White. Trustee Chairman Lloyd L. Bost will preside and officially invest Dr. White with the rights and responsibilities of the Gardner-Webb presidency.

Other distinguished representatives of various constituencies will include Arthur L. Walker Jr. for the Southern Baptist Convention, Roy J. Smith for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, a representative from the Governor's Office for the State of North Carolina, Sam McMahon Jr. for the Board of Trustees, Gilmer W. Blackburn for the Faculty, Michael Rousseaux for the Student Government Association, Robert M. Pettitjohn for the Alumni Association, John T. Henley for the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, George W. Clay for the City of Shelby, and John Washburn for the Town of Boiling Springs.

Former Gardner-Webb Presidents E. Eugene Poston and Craven E. Williams will also be present to witness the investiture.

Official delegates from approximately 125 colleges, universities and learned societies will participate in the academic ceremony, symbolizing confidence in the new president and expressing good wishes to Gardner-Webb College.

The inaugural ceremony will closely resemble the medieval ceremonies from which it originated. Symbols of authority such as the College's seal and charter will be presented to President White as part of the investiture. Those present will be reminded that they are part of an age-old tradition.

The inauguration of the College's tenth president will be a time to reaffirm our faith and to speak aloud our dreams for Gardner-Webb College.

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President M. Christopher White

Schedule of Events

The Inauguration of M. Christopher White
As President of Gardner-Webb College

April 6-8, 1987

8:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 1987
Inaugural Concert
G-W Concert Choir
Dover Theatre

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 1987
Inaugural Dinner
Paul Porter Arena
(Invitation Only)

8:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1987
Faculty & Delegate Breakfast
Charles I. Dover Lounge

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1987
Installation Ceremony
O. Max Gardner Lawn
C.D. Spangler Jr., Speaker

12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1987
Lunch
O. Max Gardner Lawn

2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1987
Reception
O. Max Gardner Fine Arts Center

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Mr. Charles I. Dover
Mrs. Donnis G. Yelton

There are many people whose commitment to Gardner-Webb has been the cornerstone upon which the College has been built. Continuing their lifelong tradition of service to the College are Mr. Charles I. Dover and Mrs. Donnis G. Yelton, honorary benefactors of the $5.95 million capital campaign, “The Future: Building on a Solid Foundation.” Mr. Charles I. Dover and his late brother, John R. Dover Jr., established the Dover Foundation in 1944 at the urging of Gov. O. Max Gardner. The initial objective of the foundation was to construct a library for the College. Through the years supporting the Dover Memorial Library, the John R. Dover Jr. Memorial Center, the John R. Dover Jr. Memorial Gallery, the Kathryn Nolan Dover Theatre and the Kathleen Nolan Dover Gardens.

Not so viable as the Dover buildings, but as essential to the College’s growth, are other evidences of their assistance—well-stocked libraries in the endowment funds, the Dover Scholarships and the Steinyaw concert grand piano given to the College.

In reflecting on his years of involvement with the College, Mr. Dover said, “I never had any idea that it (G-W) would grow into what it has. Gardner-Webb has gone far beyond my dreams of what I thought it would be. It has been wonderful to see it grow and become the institution it has.”

Mrs. Donnis Gold Yelton is an alumnus of Boiling Springs High School, now Gardner-Webb's second high school. The high school’s first principal, Professor J. D. Huggins, became “like a second daddy” to her and encouraged her to continue her education despite financial pressures. She remembers still the dream he shared with her, “see us have a college here one day.”

Though she went on to graduate from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, she always felt great love for Gardner-Webb.

She and her late husband, Paris L. Yelton, became staunch supporters, tirelessly giving of themselves to all aspects of the College. They were instrumental in broadening the residential space by their gift of the Lytz-Yelton Men’s Dormitory. The College’s newest addition, the Lytz-Yelton Convocation Center, expanded tremendously the athletic, academic and community-based programs of the College and was a direct result of the Yeltons’ support of Gardner-Webb.

Mrs. Yelton, a former trustee of the College, was named “Alumna of the Year” in 1959. Anyone conversing with her can easily sense her great love and pride in Gardner-Webb. When her husband asked why he contributed so willingly to G-W even though an alumnus of the rival high school to Boiling Springs, he replied, “I married Gardner-Webb!” Mrs. Yelton laughingly responded, “Yes, that’s me all right.”

David Ellis

David Ellis of Shelby has accepted the chairmanship of the Shelby division. Ellis, manager of the Shelby Belk-Stevens store, states that he has accepted this position of leadership because he feels that G-W is an asset to Cleveland County.

“We are lucky to have such a good college in our county. But colleges are in a very competitive situation. In a nutshell, Gardner-Webb must be attractive and keep up its facilities in order to stay competitive,” Ellis says.

The 1958 G-W alumnus, Ellis nevertheless considers loyalty to the College important because the College makes the community stronger by its presence and by the opportunities it offers. “And it is possible to be loyal to two colleges:” he adds.

Ellis and his wife, Susan, are graduates of Wake Forest University. The Ellises are keenly interested in young people and their education. Mrs. Ellis is a school psychologist for the Cleveland County Schools.

For almost his entire life, David Ellis has been active in Young Life, an organization he now leads. “It’s amazing how much our lives revolve around education. Maybe I have a sensitivity to education that others might not have because of my experiences,” he explains.

Ellis, who has served on the G-W Board of Advisors, also hires G-W students and graduates. Ellis says, “At our store we hire Gardner-Webb students and graduates. They are quality people and hard workers. In fact, all the associations I have had with the College have been top-notch. If I can be a small part of this effort to strengthen the College, I’ll be glad to do so.”

Rev. Carl Greene

Rev. Carl Greene will head the Lutzmiller, Mays, Polkville, Lawndale and New House division of the $5.95 million capital campaign. An alumnus of Boiling Springs Junior College, Greene also is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Though trained from Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte, Greene is now pastor of Mt. Zion Church in the South Mountain Association.

Greene worked with Mr. Lloyd Bos in the 1960 capital campaign raising the most money that year. An enthusiastic supporter of the College, Greene wants “to do everything I can to help keep Gardner-Webb the strong Christian institution it is.”

Tommy P. Bridges

Tommy P. Bridges (’56) of Kings Mountain has been named chairman of the Kings Mountain division.

Bridges, owner of Bridges’ Auto Parts for thirty years, said he accepted this leadership role because “Gardner-Webb College has been good to me.” Both Bridges and his wife, Ada W. Bridges (’56), attended G-W. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Bridges were married during Thanksgiving vacation while students at the College.

The Bridges’ two daughters also are G-W alumnae: Lisa Kay Bridges Bolt (’82) and Cindy Denise Bridges Tindall (’79).

A pilot, Bridges grew up with flying. His father, William Paul Bridges, was owner of Bridges’ Airport in Shelby. A former flight instructor, Mr. Bridges is a member of the Civil Air Patrol. He served six years on the Kings Mountain Board of Education. A member of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church, Bridges has served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher and R.A. leader.

Mr. Bridges, a former Bulldog Club member at the College, grew up knowing Gardner-Webb. “The influence of the College on the community is great,” remarked Bridges. Bridges and his spouses hope to raise $100,000 in the Kings Mountain area.

James R. Huggins

The sales manager of the Shelby Sears store, James R. “Sonny” Huggins is a 1938 G-W graduate. Charting the Boiling Springs division reflects his desire to pay back a part of what the College has given him. “At Gardner-Webb, I was motivated in a way you wouldn’t be in a larger school, mainly because my professors took a personal interest in me.”

Huggins adds, “Gardner-Webb College turns out a product that can’t be measured in dollars and cents. Its graduates are working in many different jobs in every part of the world.”

Another reason for supporting G-W’s “The Future: Building on a Solid Foundation” campaign, according to Huggins, is that GWC strengthens the surrounding area by attracting good people to it, many of whom settle in the area.

Huggins, a volunteer worker in previous G-W campaigns, is a past president of the Boiling Springs Lions Club, serves on the board of directors of Crawley Memorial Hospital, and is a deacon at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church. He is married to Teresa Hamrick Huggins (’62). They are the parents of three children, Julie H. Davis, Paul J. (’86), and Catherine, a student at Meredith College.

Huggins’ grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Huggins Sr., were involved with the College from the time of its founding in 1905 at Boiling Springs High School. J.D. Huggins Sr. was hired as the school’s first principal in 1907 and was the first dean when the school became Boiling Springs Junior College in 1928.

Students, faculty and even his own wife always referred to him as “Professor Huggins.” Professor Huggins was so dedicated to the College and its survival that during one lean year he worked without pay, according to his grandson, “The school was his life.” When Professor Huggins died in 1932, the trustees passed a resolution recognizing that the institution was indebted to Huggins, “more than to any other man or group of men for its material, intellectual and spiritual achievement.”

Dr. Joyce Brown and Dr. Barry Hambright

Leading the on-campus division will be Dr. Joyce Brown, professor of English, and Dr. Barry Hambright, professor of history and political science.

Of faculty involvement in the campaign, Brown says, “We must demonstrate that we believe in ourselves if we expect others to believe in us.”

Both Hambright and Brown have children attending GWC. Hambright says, “I’m an alumnus and I have two daughters here. I’ve invested a lot of years here and plan to invest more in the College.”

Echoing Hambright, Brown feels that many faculty members share their long-term commitment to the College, adding, “Having a child here gives even more insight into the special nature of GWC.”

A native of Statesville, Brown joined the faculty in 1966. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University and earned the Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Brown is a member of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, the North Carolina Folklore Society, Phil Delta Kappa, the Broad River Sierra Club and the Shelby Amateur Radio Club. She and her husband, Les Brown, are the parents of two daughters, Michelle and Melissa, a G-W student. The Browns are members of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Shelby.

A native of Shelby, N. C., Hambright joined the faculty in 1969. A Gastonia resident, Hambright is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Carson-Newman College, the University of Massachusetts, and received the Ph.D. degree from the University of South Carolina, where he was named a Richardson Fellow. He is a member of the Southern Political Science Association and Gardner’s Parkwood Baptist Church. He and his wife, Mary Starnes Hambright, are the parents of a son, Conard, and two daughters who are G-W students, Emmalabeth and Christie.
News... In The Web

Forrest Feezor: “He Couldn’t Get An Education — So He Did!”

Feezor, who died at the age of 94, was a well-known and beloved Southern Baptist preacher. His autobiography, Spirit-Led Man of God, has been compiled for publication by his close friend, Dr. Garland A. Hendricks, director of the B.E. Morris Academy of GWC.

Speaking at the January meeting of the Christian Service Organization, Hendricks announced that one half of the royalties from the sale of Spirit-Led Man of God will go into the scholarship fund memorializing Feezor.

Hendricks chronicled Feezor’s struggle to get an education with remarks entitled, “He Couldn’t Get an Education, So He Did!” Born in 1892 on a humble farm outside Lexington, N.C., Forrest Chalmers Feezor grew up, as he himself later said, “with an insatiable desire to get an education.” A second unquenchable desire was to become a Christian minister.

However, at 18 years of age, Feezor had only a fifth grade education. His father released him from the farm to attend school but warned Feezor there would be no money from the family for his education.

Making his own way financially, Feezor entered Wake Forest College when he was 23 years of age. At Wake Forest he had the opportunity to play football and basketball, debate with the Euzelian Literary Society and pastor several Baptist churches. The day he graduated from college, he won the oratorical contest.

Hendricks relates, “When the college president gave Forrest the winner’s medal, his father broke down and wept. At lunch that day he handed Forrest a twenty-dollar bill. Forrest handed it back to him.”

Feezor eventually became pastor of some of the largest Baptist churches in North Carolina and Texas, served as pastor to a governor from each state and preached in such plain and simple language that the least educated and sophisticated people in his churches could understand his messages. He was known as a crusader for Christian principles, a peacemaker and an effective gospel preacher.

The Christian Service Organization welcomes additional contributions to the Forrest C. Feezor Memorial Scholarship. Memorial gifts will be acknowledged and should be sent to Gardner-Webb College, P.O. Box 997, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017.

Sessoms Establish Scholarship Fund

Because they remember the struggles they had as a married couple seeking an education, the Reverend and Mrs. Ed Sessom recently endowed a scholarship fund at GWC. “The memories of what it was like for us to struggle to establish it for others,” said Mrs. Mafrey Sessom.

Before entering the ministry, Rev. Sessom was actively involved in the formation of the Christian Service Organization (CSO), a subsidiary of the College that provides aid to students entering church-related vocations. Rev. Sessom was employed as a N.C. state auditor. To prepare for the ministry, Rev. Sessom studied at Elon College, later receiving the Certificate of Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Certificate from the Clinical Pastoral Care School of Dorothy Dix Hospital.

Natives of Wake County, N.C., the Sesoms moved to Cleveland County in 1968 when he assumed the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He later served as pastor of the Flint Hill Baptist Church, and in January retired as pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, N.C. They recently built a home in the Flint Hill community (near Boiling Springs) where they intend to retire.

Over the years the Sesoms have been actively involved in foreign mission work. Since 1970 Rev. Sessom has made 13 preaching trips to the Caribbean countries of Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Mrs. Mafrey Sessom is a private duty nurse, having graduated four years ago from Cleveland Technical College as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Her husband points out that “at age 55, she was the oldest lady in her class but was tops in the class, making a 100 on the final exam.”

In addition to the scholarship fund, the Sesoms have two life memberships in the CSO. Life memberships are awarded to individuals or groups who contribute $5000 to the CSO. One life membership was given in their honor by the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and the other was established by the Sesoms themselves in 1984.

Friends Give Over $10,000 To Create Forrest Feezor Scholarship

A scholarship to enable young ministers to get an education at GWC has been established in memory of the late Reverend Forrest C. Feezor of Shelby. More than $10,000 in endowed gifts has been received by the Christian Service Organization of the College since Feezor’s death December 2.

Dr. Bob Morgan, president of the Christian Service Organization and G-W professor of French and mathematics, announced the endowment of the Feezor scholarship at the winter meeting of the Christian Service Organization in January. On hand for the endowment were Feezor’s daughter Anna Jo Ballew of Waco, N.C., and her husband, Rev. Royce Ballew, as well as several of the initial donors to the scholarship fund.

News from Egypt

where Ila M. Cole, retired G-W housemother, serves as housemother at an Anglican School for deaf girls.

“I arrived safely after an 18-hour flight plus 7 hour layover. The Bishop and his daughter met me at the airport.

“The school is located in a slum area — spooky old building — however my room is clean and bed comfortable. I’ve mastered the money exchange but need more time on the language."

“I have 18 children here, 3-10 years old, all Coptic Christian children. This is the only Christian deaf school in Egypt; however, there are 43 Moslem schools. Children named me ‘Ma-ma I-la.’ They sign in Arabic and their own form of signing.

“I attended a Christmas pageant at Maadi tonight. All live animals — donkey, sheep and three camels with wise men. Very beautiful

“I miss everyone — must be culture shock setting in!”

Ila
Opera Director Relies On Imagination Quotient

For Dr. Terry L. Fern, directing opera is like creating art on a blank canvas. "I feel the most creative when I'm directing an opera. How and when I put the music, costumes, set and drama on that stage is the result of my imagination; and opera of course is the ultimate medium of varied artistic expression."

Fern often is heard encouraging students to use their imagination and thereby increase their creativity.

Since 1984 Fern has directed the Opera Theatre at the College. Opera is required presentations. Opera is available for all combine music and drama in church by sacred music majors to prepare them to

Ron Nelson.

Theatre presented "The Birthday of school children. Fern states that "the the Infanta," a one-act chamber opera by

singing and the story line. We got a lot of children find opera exciting — both the positive response from this 'Student Day at the Opera.'"

"I think the effective use of one's imagination should be encouraged as often as possible. The most important IQ is the Imagination Quotient, because what counts is not so much what one knows but how one creatively puts to use what one knows."

Fern is a performer as well as a director/coach, having performed in such operas as "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Fiddler on the Roof." He started as Captain Von Trapp in a Western New York production of "The Sound of Music."

A native of Oklahoma, Fern grew up with an interest in engineering and excelled in athletics. "I was an athlete first and musician later," he explains. When he was 17, he became involved in his church's youth choir, which led to his interest in a career in a church-related music field.

He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a bachelor of music degree and intended to pursue a master of music degree but was interrupted by the Vietnam War.

From 1966-68 Fern served in the U.S. Marine Corps, spending a year in Vietnam where he attained the rank of sergeant and received the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V. Of his military service, Fern comments, "I think it is important for the public to realize that a great many Vietnam veterans have achieved responsible goals in life."

Following military service, Fern earned a master of music degree in vocal performance from the University of Louisville. In 1986 he earned the doctor of musical arts degree in voice performance from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

"For many G-W students, it's the first time they've performed in an opera. It means a great deal to see rewarding comments from students as they have the opportunity to expose themselves to the demands of music and theatre. I have not been more thrilled than when I once heard a church music major say, after performing in an opera, 'I can't wait to sing a solo in church now.'"

Fine Arts Calendar

April 1
Southwestern Baptist Seminary
Wind Ensemble
2 p.m. O. Max Gardner
Recital Hall

April 6
GWC Concert Choir - Home Concert
8 p.m. Dover Theatre

April 9
Faculty Recital
Carolyn Billings, Piano
8 p.m. Dover Theatre

April 14
Asheville Symphony/GWC Choral Union Concert
The Creation by Haydn
Robert Hart Baker, Conductor
8 p.m. Dover Theatre

April 23
Exchange Recital - Mars Hill Student MTA Chapter
Dave Fleming, Organ
8 p.m. Dover Chapel

April 28
GWC Band Concert
Oland Summers, Conductor
8 p.m. Dover Theatre

May 4
GWC College/Community Orchestra Concert
Robert L. Decker, Conductor
8 p.m. Dover Theatre

Nursing Program Reaccredited

The two-year Associate Degree in Nursing program at GWC has been reaccredited through 1994 by the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Janie M. Carlton, chairman of G-W's Davis School of Nursing, says that "being granted full accreditation in 1986 lasting through 1994 speaks very highly of the level of education in our Associate Degree program."

GWC began the A.D.N. (Associate Degree in Nursing) program in 1965 to meet the need for nursing education created by the closing of Rutherford Hospital's diploma nursing program in Rutherfordton. First accredited in 1970, the A.D.N. program was reaccredited in 1978. The 1987 reaccreditation followed a self-study directed and written by Shirley Toney, director of the A.D.N. program, in conjunction with the nursing faculty.

Thirty-three students are currently enrolled in the A.D.N. program on campus. After completing the A.D.N. program these nursing students have several options. Upon passing the NCLEX-RN (N.C. Licensing Exam), graduates may work as registered nurses. Again last year 100 percent of the graduates of G-W's A.D.N. program passed the N.C. Licensing Exam.

Some associate degree graduates opt to remain at GWC for two more years to pursue a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree.

In addition to the two nursing degree offered on campus, G-W has a satellite, B.S.N. degree program in Statesville, N.C. Ninety-six students are enrolled in the Davis School of Nursing in Statesville.

Works by student artists from the art class of adjunct instructor Susan Bell of Shelby were on exhibit in the Dover Memorial Library during December.
Black History Month: “A Time To Lift Up Ordinary Heroes”

by Frances Corbin

Mayor Harvey Gantt of Charlotte spoke in convocation during the month of February as a part of Gardner-Webb’s recognition of Black History Month. At a time normally set aside to honor the accomplishments of black Americans such as George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, Gantt stressed the collective contributions made by ordinary black men and women. Gantt believes praise must go to those ‘millions of forebears who demonstrated belief in America unmatched by any other group to come to these shores.”

To Gantt it is important to remember that no other group in our history was brought here against their will, no other exposed to slavery, no other suffered the mental anguish of oppression, loss of culture or racial discrimination. Yet despite the obstacles, the mayor remarked, “My ancestors survived that history and did more than just survive — they prospered!”

Gantt continued, “Can you imagine our country today without black Americans? Afro-American influence has been pervasive from the way we walk, act, sing, dance, to the quality and level of political thought with relation to our brotherhood and sensitivity to racial issues.”

“Why even set a month aside?” Gantt asked students. “Shouldn’t we push to have the history of black men and women incorporated into the history of all Americans? Isn’t that the way we overcome discrimination? My hope is one day I will be invited not during Black History Month, but in September or October to talk about us as people — not as white, black, Italian or Polish. If we allow racism to tear its ugly head we go backwards. Our goal should be to maximize all the human resources within our community. In the end we can’t move ahead until all our contributions are recognized. We must remember we’re all in this thing together.”

Mayor Harvey Gantt

GWC Reaccredited

GWC’s accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at its annual meeting in Atlanta. The lengthy process of self-study and review was led by Dr. John Drayer, the College’s chief academic officer, and Dr. Dan Proctor, editor of the self-study.

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Shelley Thornton of Charlotte and Jon Edge of Morganton enjoy socializing in the parlor of Stroup Dorm. The parlor was recently refurbished by Mrs. Mae Cline Stroup of Shelby, for whom the women’s dorm is named.
Teaching Award Honors Parents of ‘‘First Family’’

In honor of their parents, who were “very good teachers by example,” the president of GWC and his wife have endowed a fund to recognize the most outstanding professor at the College each year. Beginning the fund was one of the initial projects undertaken by Dr. M. Christopher White and his wife, Linda Fleming White, soon after Dr. White became the tenth president.

Named for the Whites’ parents, the award will be called the Fleming-White Award for Excellence in Teaching and will consist of a cash award of $500 (minimum) and an appropriate plaque. The Whites anticipate building the fund so that the cash award will soon reach $1,000.

President White explains, “We put together this award in part to honor our parents but also to make a statement about what is important in this environment. Gardner-Webb is a teaching institution. Here the teacher-student relationship is all-important. The purpose of the endowment is to heighten the emphasis on excellence in teaching by the faculty of Gardner-Webb College.”

In explaining the decision to make a cash award part of the annual recognition, White said, “We want to make this award significant. The way to do that is with money.”

Nominees for the award will be evaluated for excellence in teaching. The winner must demonstrate effectiveness in the classroom, concern for and rapport with students and the ability to teach students with a wide range of capabilities. A select and secret committee consisting of three senior faculty members, two Alpha Chi honor students and one educator from outside the College will evaluate the nominees and determine the winner.

During the spring the Whites will host an annual awards luncheon for faculty and staff at which time the award will be presented. Mr. and Mrs. Martin White and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fleming, all of Hartwell, Georgia, will attend the May luncheon at which the award named in their honor will first be presented.

Although none of their parents were professional educators, Mrs. White explains that they were educators by example. “Our parents instilled in us a sense of pride. They taught us how to work.”

The president adds, “My father wanted to make certain that his children learned how to handle duty and responsibility, so he gave dairy cows to me. When I graduated from high school, I passed the cows on to my brother. I haven’t milked a cow since.”

High school sweethearts, President and Mrs. White grew up in Hart County, Georgia. Although farming was not the main source of income for either family, they both lived on farms, learned to work in a garden and even picked cotton. While the Whites had a variety of dairy cows, the Flemings raised Hereford cattle and Hereford hogs. Mr. Fleming has, in fact, served a term as president of the National Hereford Hog Association.

Seeing that their children were educated was a top priority of both the Whites and the Flemings. Martin White, the owner and operator of a service station that since 1945 has been a Hart County institution, wanted his children to become the best they could be. His son says of him, “Dad sensed our abilities and our talents.”

Of his mother, Christine White, a homemaker, her oldest son remarks, “Mother was always of the attitude that her children would play the piano and go to college. She had high expectations.” And indeed all four of her children do play the piano — to a degree — and did go to college. Three of the four have earned graduate degrees.

M. Christopher White, the first child, was followed by brother Dale, now chief social worker at the V.A. Hospital in Augusta, Georgia; brother Van, a federal bank examiner in Orlando, Florida; and sister Martha Jo, choral director at Hilton Head High School in South Carolina.

Linda Fleming White, also the first of four children, had parents who encouraged her to get an education. Her mother, Geneva, is a full-time homemaker who loves her home and strives for perfection. Her father, Leonard, started in textiles and worked his way up to the position of assistant plant manager before retiring in May after 35 years with Milliken.

The Flemings supported their daughter’s decision to pursue a degree in elementary education. “There was never any question that I would be a teacher. I wanted it. Daddy wanted it for me,” she remembers.

The teaching degree from Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia, has come in handy. Mrs. White taught three years in Louisville, Kentucky, while her husband earned his Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and three more years in Atlanta while he earned the Ph.D. from Emory University. Before the move to Gardner-Webb, Mrs. White was in her fourth year as a teacher of the academically gifted at a middle school in Elon College, N.C.

The other Fleming children have remained close to home: David, employed by Hartwell Textile Mills; Paul, in business management; and Mary, a homemaker in Statesboro, Georgia.

In the nurture of their children, the Whites and Flemings were guided by their religious beliefs. Linda Fleming White states, “Daddy was not a minister, but I went to more church services with Daddy than any minister’s daughter I know.” President White remarks, “I really think Mr. Fleming should have been a minister. He has served as everything in his church but WMU (Women’s Missionary Union) leader. He wanted his daughter to marry a minister.”

It was her father, Linda Fleming White adds, who expressed the most happiness upon her husband’s selection as the tenth president of GWC. Her husband, ordained a Baptist minister while in college, aspired to become a professor of religion after he took his first religion course at Mercer University. He became the first educator in his family, and the only person in his high school class to earn a doctorate. Although he had no aspirations to be an administrator, at 32 he became dean of academic affairs at Elon College, and at 42, president of Gardner-Webb College.

In recognition of the support they have received across the years from their parents, President and Mrs. White therefore have established the Fleming-White Award for Excellence in Teaching. This teaching award, inspired by parents who encouraged excellence in their sons and daughters, will likewise serve as a lasting inspiration to the faculty of Gardner-Webb College in their pursuit of excellence.
Dr. Bob Morgan, professor of French and mathematics, served on the Teacher Education Evaluation Team at Meredith College for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction in November.

Dr. Carolyn Billings, associate professor of music, attended the N.C. Music Teachers Association convention at Appalachian State University in October. Billings, state chairman of student activities, was in charge of the meeting of student members and served as a judge in the college-level piano competition.

Dr. Les Brown, professor of biology, has been appointed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission to serve on its Nongame Advisory Committee.

Dr. M. Christopher White, G-W president, was featured speaker at the annual meeting of the N.C. Baptist College Teachers of English at Wake Forest University in October. Three faculty members presented papers at the conference: Dr. Dennis Quinn, "Teaching Developmental English"; Dr. Bill Stowe, "The Business of Communications"; and Dr. Jim Taylor, "Teaching Literature." The program was planned and moderated by Ernest Blankenship chairman of G-W's department of English language, literature, and communications. Also attending the conference was Thilien Osborne, professor of English.

Dr. David DeGrat, associate professor of science education, finished 612th in the Charlotte Marathon on January 12. His time: 3 hours, 56 minutes, 10 seconds.

Ben Davis, G-W director of counseling and part-time instructor of psychology, serves as chairman of Broughton Hospital's Human Rights Committee. He recently presented to the N.C. Mental Health Study Commission concerns about safety conditions at the state regional hospitals. Davis also led a Human Sexuality Seminar and Workshop during October at Central United Methodist Church in Asheville.

Several faculty members attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention in Atlanta in November. Dr. Joyce Brown, Dr. Ernice Bookout, Dr. Jim Taylor, Thilien Osborne and Ernest Blankenship.

Dr. Larry Sale is currently serving as acting president of the North Carolina Association of Summer Sessions. The organization is composed of deans and directors from both public and independent colleges and universities in North Carolina. In November, Sale represented North Carolina at the North American Association of Summer Sessions Annual Conference in St. Louis.

The North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf sponsored a Quality Assurance Assessment in October in Greensboro. The assessment is a five-part process which includes a written examination, oral interview, and demonstration of actual skills in both expressive and receptive transliterating and interpreting.

Mary Ruth Dixon and Nancy Land, interpreters with G-W's Program for the Deaf, took part in the assessment and came away with excellent scores.

Martha Bashin, Rita Connex, Lynn Ross, Shirley Toney, and Kathleen Walker of the associate degree nursing faculty attended the fall meeting of the Associate Degree Nursing Council in Sanford. The program topic was "Associate Degree Nurse Educators and Political Perspectives...the Whys, Hows, and Whata's of Political Involvement."

Carolyn Hunt has been named executive assistant to the library director.

Dr. Jack Partain, professor of religion, published the lead article in the November 26 issue of the Christian Century, entitled, "Christians and Their Ancestors: A Dilemma of African Theology." In November, Partain was elected to the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the N.C. Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Robert Blackburn, chairman of the department of health education and physical education, was recently re-elected chairman of the State School Health Advisory Committee to the State Board of Education. Blackburn is serving his ninth year on the committee after having been appointed by Governor Hunt in 1976.

Sue Camp, assistant professor of business, co-authored the fifth editions of College English and Communications and College English and Communications Applications. Both textbooks were published by McGraw-Hill. Camp's co-author was Dr. Kenneth Zimmer of California State University.

The following faculty members were granted tenure by the board of trustees at its December meeting: Dr. Andy Ash, associate professor of English; Dr. Terry Fern, professor of biology; Dr. Jack Partain, professor of religion; Dr. Dennis Quinn, assistant professor of developmental English; and Dr. Jeff Tubbs, associate professor of health education and physical education.

Dr. John Drayer, vice president for academic affairs, will return to full-time teaching in the department of religion in the fall. His resignation as vice president was announced at the first faculty meeting of the spring semester.

As the president for academic affairs, Drayer emphasized the importance of the liberal arts in higher education.

Kathryn H. Hamrick, director of public information, was selected as one of five recipients of CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District III's Scholarships for New Professionals. The scholarship covered expenses for Hamrick to attend the annual CASE District III conference, held this year in Orlando, Florida. Mily Dover, director of graphic design, also attended the February conference.

Leading a workshop at the CASE District III conference was M. Henry Garrett, vice president for college relations, who spoke on "Inaugurating and Introducing a New President."

Dr. Barbara Burkett presented a seminar, "Localization of Glycoconjugates in the Male Reproductive Tract with Lecin-Horseradish Peroxidase Conjugates," at Clemson University on January 29. The seminar, based on her research at the Medical University of South Carolina, was given at the invitation of the faculty of Clemson's School of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Alice R. Cullinan, professor of religion and religious education, led a seminar on "Recognizing and Developing Your Spiritual Gifts" at a Missions and Ministry Conference conducted in February at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Cullinan is teaching a five-week course, "How to Grow as a Christian," in March and April for the College's B.E. Morris Academy.

**New Faces**

Janice Brannon — Switchboard Operator
Wayne Brunnick — Assistant to the Vice President for Business and Finance
Tammy Chapman — Administrative Assistant for Athletics
Pat Davis — Admissions Assistant; Resident Director, Student Dorm
Tim Davis — Soccer Coach
Evelyn Huffman — Secretary, Department of Health Education and Physical Education
Antoinne Wesson — Financial Aid Assistant

On the occasion of his 43rd birthday, October 16, the faculty and staff surprised President White with a "Runnin' Bulldog" cake and "Masters of the Universe" balloon.
Communications Department —
In the News

From a modest proposal submitted to the faculty in 1983 has come G-W's full-fledged communications department attracting nearly 60 majors.

Dr. Bill Stowe, who chaired the original design committee and now the department, recently indicated his assessment: "We planned well, but we didn't anticipate everything. However, I am pleased with our progress, especially in the recruitment of students."

Funding was an initial concern that continues to require attention. Says Stowe, "We did not want a new major draining funds from the budget of already established majors. Fortunately, Henry Lee Weathers' generous gift (the old Shelby Star building) provided adequate funding for start-up. The money from the sale of that building I consider an endowment."

Another early task was equipping a teaching studio at the College's WGWG radio station, housed on campus in what used to be the president's home. Although the radio station was itself cramped, with station manager Allen Setzer's help, communications majors now have access to a modest but modern studio.

The most recent task has been the acquisition of video and film equipment. Stowe indicates that he is generally satisfied with purchases so far, but adds, "I haven't been particularly pleased with the lack of funds for television. I had anticipated acquiring additional endowment funds for a studio. These funds have not materialized."

The department has purchased some video/film equipment recently for the TV and film courses presently underway. As Stowe explains, "Our communications major is designed as a generalist major. When a student takes a two-course sequence in a medium, the first course is introductory and really does not call for much hands-on experience. By philosophy, our program is designed to rely on the experience students have in the internships more than on the experience in the classroom. Most communications classrooms, even the best equipped ones, are obsolete in terms of what the student finds on the actual job."

The philosophy of the major is something that Stowe finds distinctive. First, since the media job market is highly competitive, he says, "The more skills that you can offer on the entry level, the more likely you are to land a job. Then, you can work a year or so, display your talents, find your interests and rise up the ladder to become exactly what you want to be."

Secondly, a generalist degree is just what a liberal arts college should offer. As Stowe puts it, "A well-rounded education for a career that has multiple facets seems to me ideal for the coming century."

The present curriculum offers courses in print journalism, radio, television, drama, and film. Two minors recently added are Sign Language Studies, conducted by Connie King, and Dramatic Arts, conducted by Dr. Jeff Elwell.

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This article is based on a paper written by Jack Folk, a senior communications major from Boiling Springs.
Students Meet Scholarship Donors

Two special groups of G-W constituents were honored by the College at a December 3, 1966 luncheon. The luncheon, held in the Charles I. Dover Campus Center, recognized donors who have endowed scholarships at GWC, as well as the students who are current recipients of the scholarships.

The idea of the luncheon was originated by M. Christopher White, College president, who felt that the College should provide donors and recipients the opportunity to get to know one another on a personal basis. White also spoke at the event, along with Michael Rousseaux, student government association president, and Richard Wilson, assistant professor of religion.

White told the group, "It is blessed to give and blessed to receive. We are pleased to be a part of something bigger than all of us."

Entertainment for the occasion was provided by admissions counselors Lynn Edwards ('85) and Rita Pless ('81), who performed a medley of Christmas songs. Monroe M. Ashley, campus minister, was master of ceremonies.

Donors present were: Henry Lee Weathers Sr., Dick LeGrand, Mary Lou Caushby ('77), Lloyd and Madge ('31) Little, Carl G. Martin, Mrs. Charlotte Swift, Dennis Yelton ('24), Shelby, Pastor and Mrs. Bob Abrams ('42), Maxwell B. Hamrick ('39), and Grace Harmon, Boiling Springs; Mrs. S. C. Harrill and Mrs. Iva Lee ('22), Latimore; Willie Hall and Mrs. D. P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. Davis, Southern Pines; Mrs. William P. 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Basketball: Young Bulldogs Wrap Up Season

The 1986-87 Runnin' Bulldogs began the season with a great deal of optimism. It was, however, very much guarded optimism. Coach Jim Wiles' charges had several obstacles to overcome. The first was youth: there were seven freshmen and three sophomores on the fourteen-player roster. The second obstacle was the absence of a proven perimeter scorer to fill the gap left by the graduation of third-team All-American and NBA draft choice Ben Davis. The third obstacle was a very ambitious and challenging schedule with games against such foes as West Virginia State, a top ten team; Trevecca Nazarene; and USC-Spartanburg.

The first obstacle, youth, could only be overcome with time. However, there was little time to be found. Several of the freshmen, along with transfers Anthony Hailey and Steve Conley, were to play significant roles from the start. There was not time for these young men to overcome with time. However, there was always the hope that they could be outstanding players in District 26.

The second obstacle, the absence of a proven perimeter scorer, was perhaps the toughest obstacle to overcome. Junior Brad Smith chipped in 12 points per contest and senior Grady Martin chipped in eight. Both men have an aggressive style that enables them to get offensive rebounds, recover loose balls and score the quick transition basket.

The third obstacle, an ambitious and challenging schedule, lived up to its billing. The year began with a long trip to Nashville, Tenn., to play in the Trevecca Nazarene Homecoming Classic. In the first game, the Bulldogs defeated previously unbeaten Belmont 71-70 on a Barry Mayo jumper at the buzzer. The next night, however, the Bulldogs took it on the chin as the host Trojans won 83-64.

The Bulldogs began their district schedule with a 60-58 victory over High Point at home as Anthony Hailey hit a jumper at the buzzer. The win-one, lose-one pattern continued as the Bulldogs fell to Mt. Olive, 77-79, defeated Edward Waters 97-80, and lost to USC-Spartanburg 65-79. The Bulldogs then won on a three-game winning streak as they defeated USC-Aiken 73-68, Mars Hill 77-62, and North Georgia 69-59. The team closed out its first semester schedule with a 62-74 loss at Catawba.

The second semester schedule began with a trip to West Virginia. The Bulldogs defeated Glenville State 72-68 before bowing to West Virginia State 98-71. West Virginia State was picked number one in the nation by one preseason poll and remained in the top ten throughout the year.

The Bulldogs then went on a six-game winning streak with victories over Benedict 96-81, a forfeit by Lenoir-Rhyne due to an ineligible player (Lenoir-Rhyne actually won the game 61-58 with the ineligible player hitting the winning basket), Benedict 104-95, Morris 80-68, and Francis Marion 57-54 in the championship game of the Rotary Dixie Classic. Anthony Hailey was named the MVP of the tournament.

The Bulldogs continued the season in an up-and-down fashion with losses to Elon, Wingate and Mount Olive; wins over Barber Scotia and Elon; losses to Catawba and Mars Hill; a win over Barber Scotia; a loss to Belmont Abbey; and a win over Lenoir-Rhyne 57-56 as Stan Easterling hit a layup at the buzzer.

A mid-season knee injury to Stan Easterling slowed the team. The sophomore post player saw his averages slip from over 20 points and almost 10 rebounds per contest to just over 18 points and nine rebounds per contest. Almost coinciding with Stan's injury was a shooting slump that seemed to affect the whole team. Several games saw the Bulldogs shooting under 40 percent from the floor.

The season's final two weeks saw the Bulldogs drop their last three regular season contests with victories over Benedict 96-81, a forfeit by Lenoir-Rhyne actually won the game 61-58 with the ineligible player hitting the winning basket), Benedict 104-95, Morris 80-68, and Francis Marion 57-54 in the championship game of the Rotary Dixie Classic. Anthony Hailey was named the MVP of the tournament.

The district independent tournament immediately followed the season's end and was held in the friendly confines of Gardner-Webb's Paul Porter Arena. The Bulldogs defeated Mars Hill in the semifinals, and the home crowd's hopes were raised with the win. A loss in the final game, though, to Belmont Abbey in the championship game denied G-W tournament hopes.

Highlights

Stan Easterling and Grady Martin were named to the All-Tournament team at the Trevecca Nazarene Homecoming Classic. Anthony Hailey was named the MVP of the Rotary Dixie Classic, and Stan Easterling was named to the All-Tournament team.

Brad Smith had a 4.0 quality point ratio for the fall semester.

Stan Easterling and Brad Smith nearly tied the 1000-point mark in their careers. Stan had 939 points after 27 games this season and Brad had 785.

Stan Easterling had 470 career rebounds after 27 games to place him 11th on the All-Time Gardner-Webb rebounding list.

Stan Easterling was named District 26 Player of the Week.

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Bulldog Golfers Look To Score a Hole-in-One

Dr. Garland Allen, G-W golf coach, is looking forward to this season with a great deal of optimism. Working with a team of three seniors and three freshmen, the Bulldog mentor hopes his team will show improvement this year.

The Bulldog seniors are Darryl Leonhardt, Dewayne Branch and Kevin Parsons. The freshmen are Russell Carroll, Dwayne Hudgins and Stan Shoffner.

The Bulldog golfers finished third in the middle of the standings at several fall tournaments. They hope to be a real threat in the District 26 golf race this spring.
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Baseball 1987

G-W baseball coach Ozzie McFarland has seven returning starters and several key reserves, along with three starting pitchers, returning for the 1987 season.

Leading the list of returning players is senior outfielder Jeff Spargo. Spargo hit .388 and made All-District 26 last season.

Other returning starters and their averages are senior second baseman Mike Cheek .329; sophomore OF/DH Scott Lee .406; senior outfielder Brent Bridges .270; senior third baseman Monte Whitener .270; senior outfielder Nathan Wisniewski .276; shortstop Jeff Allred .280 and Kirk Dosson .265, who shared duty.

Senior outfielder Joey Moss .256; sophomore 2B/DH Nelson Whitaker .400; sophomore catcher Steve Mathie .256; sophomore 1B/DH Clint Williams .256; sophomore pitcher/1B/DH Tommy Turner. Six of the nine returning players saw extensive playing time last season.

A strong finish in last year's independent tournament should provide leadership as the Lady Bulldogs move into their own late in the 1986 season, posting victories over Elon and Atlantic Christian, the top two teams in the District. Clint Williams also saw duty on the mound last year and is being counted on in relief.

Newcomers who should help the team are catchers Robert Stokely from Chapel Hill and Brad Hinson from Shelby; pitcher/infielder John Johnson, a transfer from Spartanburg Methodist Junior College; second baseman Pete Tuck from Roxboro; and pitchers Dan Flowers from Groveland, Fla., Greg Comer from Winston-Salem, Steve Marsh from Siler City, and Joel Moore from Wheeling, W. Va.

Rick Wilson and Mike Mathis will serve as assistant coaches.

Lady Bulldogs Anxious For First Pitch

By Tim Vaughn

The Gardner-Webb Lady Bulldogs softball team is anxiously awaiting the first pitch of the 1986-87 season. The ladies will compete under the direction of first-year coach, Dr. Dee Hunt, who also coaches volleyball and teaches in the health and physical education department.

The team returns ten players from last year's squad, led by seniors Michelle Hamilton, Lisa Stewart, Donna Robertson and Donna Hendrix. These seniors will provide leadership as the Lady Bulldogs move through their schedule. Seven of the returning players saw extensive playing time last season.

A strong finish in last year's independent tournament should provide momentum to start the new season. The expectations for the 1987 season include use of speed on the bases, leadership from the seniors, concentration on improved fundamentals and the use of precision hitting as well as the long-ball.

There are several concerns that Coach Hunt and the ladies must overcome if the team is to meet expectations. The team lacks experience and depth at the infield positions and on the mound, where Laura Martin is only in her second year. The long-ball may be absent from the offensive attack unless an unproven player provides unexpected power.

Many of the young players will get ample opportunity to prove themselves during the course of the season. Many of the experienced are involved in student teaching and other academic pursuits which may require their absence from practice and even games.

For many of the ladies, the short intense softball season is the finale for 1986-87, as such players as Donna Robertson, Donna Hendrix, Lisa Stewart, Kim Haygood, Laura Martin, Lara Sellers, Amy Dellinger and Michelle Hamilton participate in two or three sports. Neither these girls, nor any of the softball players, receive financial aid for participation in softball.

A tough schedule will kick off Thursday, March 5, at Mars Hill. Five home dates, including the District Independent Tournament, highlight the schedule. All dates will include doubleheader games. The use of the USA Small softball will also add excitement to the game.

The addition of a new coach, a new attitude and several new players will make for a strong, promising year.

Women's Basketball

By Tim Vaughn

Even though this year was a trying year for first-year coach Jeff Tubbs, the women's basketball team does have a firm foundation for the future.

The Lady Bulldogs will lose only one player to graduation and have only three juniors. In addition, the majority of the points this season have been from sophomores and freshmen.

Sophomore Laura Martin was the leading scorer with a 16.2 average per game. Martin scored in double figures in practically every game. Freshman Linda Simpson averaged 7.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. Junior Donna Hendrix averaged 8.8 rebounds per game and was the leading rebounder in all but five games. Freshman Benita Tilley averaged 7.6 points per game and led the team in steals with 2.0 per game. Junior Gloria Campbell averaged 7.3 points per game, and junior Michelle Hamilton averaged 5.5 points per game.

Soccer Program Underway

Gardner-Webb College has officially started an intercollegiate men's soccer program. The main soccer season will be in the fall with competition among the District 26 teams. In addition to these games, Gardner-Webb will play schools such as St. Andrews, Landers, Presbyterian, Wofford and Limestone. The Bulldogs will open the season September 4 in the Metropolitan Life Soccer Tournament hosted by UNC-Asheville.


Tim Davis will coach the Bulldogs soccer program and faces the challenge of starting a program from scratch.

Davis graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1982 with a B.S. in physical education and in 1984 with his M.A. in physical education.

While a student at GWC, Davis participated in both football and tennis. He is perhaps best remembered by G-W fans for his school record and for his game-winning 53-yard field goal against Catawba in 1982.

Winning Season in Football

Coach Woody Fish guided the Bulldogs to their second consecutive winning season this past year. The Bulldogs finished 6-5 and have recorded back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in the school's history.

Perhaps more important is that the Bulldogs lost only one starter on offense and one on defense for next year. The Bulldogs also broke several records and landed a number of players on the SAC-8 and District 26 teams.
Bill Naylor, named men’s tennis coach in the fall, comes to GWC with outstanding qualifications. Naylor has been involved with tennis at every age level, including coaching collegiately at Campbell University from 1971 to 1973 and teaching as an independent pro since 1973 in several N.C. counties.

He has been involved in tennis as a participant, coach and tournament director since 1970. He was the sixth ranked player age 55 or over in North Carolina in 1985. In the last five years alone, Naylor has served as a teaching pro, a tennis instructor and a clinic director. He established the USTA Schools Program in Burke County, N.C. and the USTA/National Junior Tennis League of Burke County. In addition, he attended numerous tennis workshops in the South and taught at the Burke County Schools.

Bill Naylor will bring a strong tennis background to G-W and should make a good tennis program even better.

Naylor has several key returnees for the 1987 season: senior Kenny Wilson, juniors Rich Hardee, Grant Smisor and Gordon Honeycutt, and sophomore Gary Patterson.

GARDNER-WEBB TENNIS 1987

DATE OPPONENT SITE TIME
Feb 18 Presbyterian Away 2:00 PM
Feb 21 Furman Away 2:00 PM
Feb 24 Davidson Away 2:00 PM
Feb 27 Maryville Home 2:30 PM
Feb 28 Wake Forest Away 1:00 PM
Mar 1. Everette Robbins Home 1:30 PM
Mar 2. St. Andrew’s Prep. Car Away 3:00 PM
Mar 5. Davidson Home 2:00 PM
Mar 6. Charlotte Prep. Home 2:00 PM
Mar 17. Pilot Home 3:00 PM
Mar 18. Furman Home 2:00 PM
Mar 24. Maryville Home 2:00 PM
Mar 25. Presbyterian Home 2:00 PM
Mar 27. Limestone Home 2:00 PM
Mar 30. Wingate Away 2:30 PM
Mar 31. Belmont Abbey Away 2:30 PM
Apr 1. Linwood Home 3:00 PM
Apr 2. S.C. 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 and 5.5 levels. For more information contact GW Tennis Coach Bill Naylor.
Apr 4. Wofford Home 3:00 PM
Apr 5. Catawba Home 3:00 PM
Apr 7. Lenoir-Rhyne Car Home 2:30 PM
Apr 8. Queens Home 3:00 PM
Apr 9. Queens Home 2:00 PM
Apr 11-12. 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 and 5.5 levels. For more information contact GW Tennis Coach Bill Naylor.

Alumni Tennis

After getting rained out November 1, the annual Alumni Tennis Tournament was completed on November 2 during homecoming weekend at GWC. The results of the tournament are as follows:

Men’s Singles

First Round
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Fill out and mail now with $45.00 deposit or full tuition (8-18 years of age)

Camper’s Name ____________________________

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School Address ____________________________

Grade (next year) ______ Age ______ Ht. ______ Wt. ______

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I would like to room with ____________________________ who has agreed to room with me. Limit 2 campers per room.

Please send me _______ additional brochures for my friends.

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If attending one session, check appropriate box. If attending both sessions be sure to check both boxes. Indicate boarding or day.

**Boarding Campers (One Week)**

- June 14-19 (Boys) Boarding
- Registration June 14 at 1 p.m.
- Closes 11 a.m. Friday, June 19
- July 5-10 (Girls) Boarding
- Registration July 5 at 1 p.m.
- Closes 11 a.m. Friday, July 10

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- Closes 11 a.m. Friday, June 12
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Jim Wiles, Director
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Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017
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Alumni Day Will Be Held in Conjunction with Homecoming This Year!

October 10, 1987

Gardner-Webb College
vs.
Lenoir Rhyne College

Look for details in your next Web.
Dan ('37) and Bettye Moore of Boiling Springs hosted a luncheon at their home before the football game. Special guests were members of the Classes of 1936-1939.
Oct. 22 Dr. White tees off at G-W's "Golf Day," which was held to raise money for the G-W golf team.

Paul Porter, owner of Riverbend Golf Course, provided the course to the College for the day.

Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, All-American football player at the University of North Carolina and North Carolina Football Hall of Famer, puts for par.

Stan O'lenik, sports announcer with WSPA Channel 7 in Spartanburg, tees off.

Terry Manney, sports announcer with WBTV Channel 3 in Charlotte, looks to see where his ball has landed.
Teaching Ambition Realized

The new ‘pro’ of classroom wants respect

by Preston Tragg

John Singleton knew he wanted to teach the minute Miss McNish walked into the room.

The tall, vivacious first-grade teacher captured the 6-year-old’s fancy on the first day. School, he thought to himself, was going to be a breeze.

“She was pretty,” Singleton recalls. “I think I wanted to learn just to please her. Whatever it was, it worked. I looked forward to school.”

Monday, Singleton, now 22, will reach what he worked 16 years to achieve. When 28 students file into his ninth-grade physical science class at Grier Junior High School for their first day of the 1986-87 school year, he will attempt to revive the same enthusiasm that kept him going.

Singleton considered walking into the classroom and setting some potassium abaze—a violent burst guaranteed to arouse the interest of his charges. But it might be overkill, he says.

“The other science teacher and I might combine the class the second day and do something outside with phosphorus, but I’ll probably just introduce myself that first day,” he says.

Singleton, a Canton native and a graduate of Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, represents the new breed of teachers.

Ronald W. Hawkins
Class of 1955

Ronald W. Hawkins (’55), president of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Statesville, N.C., has been elected to the board of directors of the United States League of Savings Institutions. The League is the principal trade organization serving U.S. savings and loan associations and savings banks. Hawkins will represent N.C. savings institutions during his three-year term on the board.

Hawkins is a member of the board of trustees of GWC. In 1984 he received Gardner-Webb’s Service to the College Award at Alumni Day festivities.

Active in civic work, Hawkins is past president of the Statesville Chamber of Commerce, former director of Statesville Rotary Club, past vice chairman of the United Way and director of the Statesville Merchants Association. He is the recipient of the distinguished Silver Beaver Award for his more than 25 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife, Martha Spangler Hawkins, are members of First Baptist Church in Statesville.

John Singleton

Respondents to a Gallup Poll survey described them as underpaid and overworked and survivors of one of the most demeaning jobs in the public sector.

It’s a litany that Singleton is tired of hearing. “It kind of bothers me,” he says. “It’s an honorable profession, and it has its own rewards.”

Singleton relaxes as he takes a break from straightening up what will be his home for at least the next nine months. It is the archetypal high school science room. Black laboratory tables and wooden chairs fill the yellow cinderblock room. A periodic chart denoting the elements hangs above the blackboard behind Singleton’s desk. A clock and an American flag guard the exit.

“The first thing I want to do is to give them the impression of being a professional,” he says, leaning back in one of the chairs. “I need their respect as well as their friendship.”

Singleton is as big as he is easygoing. His large frame envelops the chair. While he gives the impression that he is not the teacher to challenge, it’s easy to see that he will be popular with the students.

“I want them to understand that I’ve been in their shoes and know where they are in life. I guess the key is to be consistent and treat them like adults.”

Singleton recalls his worst teacher like someone recounting a nightmare over breakfast.

“Her name was Mrs. Pearcy, and I took her having no compassion,” he says. “She was cruel and heartless. She would just scream. At times I felt too scared to learn. It was just horrible.”

Singleton hopes the children will respond to his warmth and enthusiasm. If the student doesn’t see excitement in their teacher, he says, there is no motivation for them to learn.

“After they leave the classroom, I want them to be excited and say ‘Hey, I learned something in there.’”

Teacher burnout, he says, comes when the excitement leaves the profession. “I think what is wrong is that the teacher falls into a rut—maybe a dull routine—and they lose the excitement. A good class is as important to the teacher as it is to the student.”

Singleton knows the students will test him. It will probably come the first week when he tells a student to do something and the student refuses.

Singleton will write the student’s name on the board and take a minute away from the offender’s break. A second infraction that day brings a check by the name and a writing assignment. A third offense means a trip to the office.

If the class goes 25 days without a mark, it gets a movie. “It’s called assertive discipline and you have to be consistent,” he says. “When the perfect child does something wrong, his or her name goes up on the board. You treat everyone the same.”

Singleton is working toward a master’s degree at Gardner-Webb. He isn’t sure what he wants for a career, but he knows it will involve education.

“As a teacher, I look forward to the satisfaction of seeing them learn,” he says. “I look forward to seeing them grow and using the knowledge that they learned.”

“I think the key to successful teaching is trying to reach the student and I think you do that by looking through their eyes. You have to see and feel what they are doing.”

Four high school classmates, three of whom attended GWC, got together last summer in Spartanburg, S.C. From left: Terry Williams; Greg Womack (’71) of Savannah, Ga.; Dean Jewell of Anderson, S.C.; and Jerome Benge (’71) of Macon, Ga.
**Alumni . . . In The Web**

**'Be Different'**

**Kernersville Native**

**Took Havner to Heart**

by Wayne Thompson

This is the story of a man who wanted only to be a country preacher and the wayward pupil whose life he set straight.

The preacher is Vance Havner, the witty and well-known author of 30 Christian books and back-to-the-Bible evangelist. The pupil is Dennis Hester, a country singer-turned-preacher.

Havner, 84, died Aug. 12, 1986, in Greensboro, bringing an end to a 72-year career. The Rev. Billy Graham delivered the eulogy. At the age of 11, Havner stood at the pulpit of First Baptist Church in Hickory. Three years later, the local Baptist association ordained the jugtown boy a Baptist minister. He delivered his last sermon in 1985.

Havner and Hester's friendship began in 1972, when Hester heard Havner preach at Gardner-Webb College where he studied from 1972 to 1976. The two met afterward.

"One of the first quotes I wrote down in my Bible from the speech was, 'You can't preach it like it is if you don't believe it like it was,'" Hester said.

The fire that burned in Havner touched Hester and strengthened his faith as he continued studies at Southeastern Seminary, where he graduated in 1979.

"I spoke on 'Obedience' you couldn't get any higher than the ceiling. He didn't think it was right that the doctor told him he couldn't preach," Hester said. "I think everyone called Havner's depression at not being able to travel the revival circuit. His doctor allowed him to take only short day trips out of the nursing home.

"He was just a man like the rest of us and he struggled," Hester said. "Sometimes he felt like his prayers didn't get any higher than the ceiling. He didn't think it was right that the doctor told him he couldn't preach."

Hester also found what he was looking for when he met Pam. "I'm 34 and I knew exactly what I was looking for," Hester said. "I knew I had found it when I met Pam."

The two were married after a 30-day courtship. "I'm 34 and I knew exactly what I was looking for," Hester said. "I knew I had found it when I met Pam."

Hester said, "or I'd quote him in every sermon."

The article appeared in "The Winston-Salem Journal" in August 1986 and is reprinted by permission.
President and Mrs. White will host the annual recognition dinner for members of the Heritage Club on May 5, 1987. Members in the Heritage Club include those friends of Gardner-Webb who have made gifts to the endowment or have named the College in their wills, insurance program, a charitable trust, or some other part of their estate plans. The College has a record of those who qualify for membership in the Heritage Club because they have made gifts to be used for endowment. However, the Endowment Development Committee is requesting assistance from readers of The Web in identifying individuals who have included Gardner-Webb in their estate plans and might not have advised anyone at the College.

If you know of someone who should be invited to the recognition dinner because they have included Gardner-Webb in their estate plans, please call Max Padgett, Director of Endowment Development (704-434-2361) or complete the attached form and mail it to the College. Include your own name if you qualify or plan to do so within the near future.

To: Max Padgett, Director of Endowment Development
Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

In response to the request of the Endowment Development Committee, I think that the persons listed below have included Gardner-Webb College in their wills, insurance program, or a charitable trust.

Name __________________________ Address __________________________

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Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Padgertts Endow Concert Choir

Max ('49) and Mary Padgett of Hickory have established the first endowed fund exclusively for the support of the performing arts at Gardner-Webb College. The substantial endowment gift, establishing the Mary and Max Padgett Fund, will provide support for the College’s Concert Choir. Special consideration will be given to using income from the fund to underwrite the international tours of the Concert Choir.

According to Dr. Phil Perrin, director, the Concert Choir will make a European tour in the spring of 1988. “Our long-range plans include making a European tour every four years, thereby giving our choir students the opportunity to participate in one international tour during their years at Gardner-Webb.”

Although the Concert Choir is only three years old, the group has already received an invitation to perform in Carnegie Hall. Perrin states that the concert at Carnegie Hall is being planned in conjunction with the European tour in 1988. “Our Concert Choir marks a striving for excellence in the Music Department that we are happy to attain.”

The Padgetts decided to establish the fund to support the choir, said Max Padgett, because “we feel the choir does such an outstanding job both musically and in representing Gardner-Webb College. We have attended their performances and have been impressed by the group.”

The fund also reflects the Padgetts’ commitment to Christian higher education and their appreciation for the dedicated teachers who have served Gardner-Webb College, Padgett adds.

A native of Rutherford County, Padgett is G-W’s director of endowment and deferred giving. A graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Wedoff College and Appalachian State University, Padgett served over thirty years in North Carolina’s public schools, holding the positions of associate superintendent of the Catawba County Schools and assistant superintendent of the Rutherford County Schools. His wife, Mary Blevins Padgett, an Ashe County native, is director of media services for the Caldwell County Schools in Lenoir. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University. The Padgetts are members of the Highland Baptist Church in Hickory.

Padgett has one son, Jeffery Scott Padgett ('67), principal of the Beverly Hills Elementary School in Concord, N.C. Interested individuals may make additional contributions to the Mary and Max Padgett Fund by contacting Padgett at the College.

503 Locust Street
La Porte City, Iowa 50651
February 2, 1987

Dear Editor,

These pictures are from a reunion of G-W classmates. My sister-in-law, Katy Ruth Dixon of Boiling Springs, had a dinner for “Sunshine,” Nancy and me on Halloween night. It was so much fun seeing each other again. Nancy and I had graduated from UNC-G after our junior college graduation at G-W in 1940. Katy, who graduated from Mars Hill, was a year ahead of us at UNC-G.

Then the Glenn Bridgeses from Charlotte and I got together. Glenn was from the Class of ‘39, and Jenois and I from the Class of ‘40.

It is interesting to me to see pictures or read articles of my friends in The Web.

We are having the mildest winter I ever saw in Iowa.

Yours truly,
Ruby Dixon Sides ('40)
During recent months, Gardner-Webb College has lost several friends and staunch supporters. We mourn their passing and pay tribute to their lasting service to the College.

Forrest W. Hunt

Forrest W. Hunt ('31) of Route 5, Forest City, died on December 2 after a long illness. A native of Rutherford County, Hunt was serving on the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors and the Alumni Board of Directors at the time of his death. In 1975 he received the Alumnus of the Year Award.

According to Hunt's son-in-law, Frank McDaniel, principal of Shelby High School, Hunt played on G-W's only undefeated football team.

Hunt attended G-W from 1929-31 and graduated from Wake Forest University in 1933. Then followed a long and successful career in the Rutherford County School System, which he served as superintendent from 1960-1976.

He was a member and deacon of Caroleen Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Katherine Faux Hunt; a son, Forrest W. 'Skip' Hunt Jr. of Forest City; two daughters, Meredith McDaniel of Shelby and Teresa Otis of Dayton, Ohio.

Gladys D. Morris


A native of Orlando, Florida, Morris was a graduate of Georgia State College for Women and earned her M.A. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She was a member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church, the American Association of University Women, and Gardner-Webb's Christian Service Organization.

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Margaret is the director of the CCCM (Cabraro Crisis Assistance Ministry). She and her husband, Terry Wayne Jonas announce the birth of their son, Mark, on April 15, 1986. John and Pam reside with their son in Catawba County. John is employed at Mural, Nuclear Station and Pam at Tuttle Middle School as a health and physical education teacher and volleyball coach.

James (Jim) Daniel Holder is an account executive in Nationwide Equipment (food service, vending). He is also recently begun his own business specializing in installing audio and video equipment in churches and homes in Greensboro.

Debbie Piersen Bolinger and husband Sam announce the birth of their second child, Sam Jr., on August 11, 1986. Debbie is employed as an account executive for WBBJ-TV, Bahakel-Communications. Sam is a chemical specialist for Gotham Chemical. They have a daughter, Haley, who is 4 years old, and make their home in Jackson, Tennessee.

Cathryn C. Varalli and husband John announce the birth of their son, Jonathan, on February 25, 1986. Cathryn is employed as an RN at Baxter-Travenol. They make their home in Marion, N. C.

Maria Gibson recently married Patrick Watters. Patrick is a nuclear engineer for B & W in Lynchburg, Va. Marian and Patrick make their home in Lincolnton.

Ken N. Kessler and wife, Teresa, announce the birth of their first child, Sam Jr., on February 16, 1986. Ken and Christa Hutcherson Warise are now living in Lexington, Va. Warise is a plant manager for the Wrangler plant in Mt. Hope, W. Va. They have one daughter and one son.

E. Daniel Ritchie has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the U. S. Army. Daniel is an automatic test equipment operator in South Korea with the U.S. Army Materiel Support Center.

Ben L. Reavis has joined Network Computing Corp., a Charlotte-based computer software and services company, as applications consultant. He and his wife, Lin ('74), live in Gastonia.

George Carpenter Jeffries Jr. and Toni Renee Jordan were married November 29, 1986. George is a manufacturing representative for the La-Z-Boy Chair Company. George and Toni live in Raleigh, N. C.

Steve L. Walker has assumed duties as a member of the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce executive committee. He and his wife, Pati, have one daughter.

Michael Ray Parker and Teresa Norton Wilson were married in Asheville on November 17, 1986. He is employed by the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Patricia Ann Kramer and Mitchell Ray Kennedy were married October 18. Ann is a kindergarten teacher at Rosenwald Elementary School. Mitchell is self-employed as a tobacconist. The Rays live in Fairmont, N. C.

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Stephen M. Lewis and Rebekah Duncan Lewis (‘77) announce the birth of their son, Daniel Stephen, on June 3, 1986. The Lewises live in Oxford, N.C., where Stephen is pastor of Cornith Baptist Church.

Genie Ann Ward and Darrell Eugene Blackwelder were married November 15, 1986. She is an English and journalism teacher with the Rowan County schools. He is a horticulture therapist with the Salisbury Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Roy Bisset Cooper is pastor of Cedar Crest Baptist Church in Azle, Texas. He graduated in July from Southwestern Seminary with a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics. He and his wife, Dirce, have been married for five years.

Eugene Charles Bumgardner recently directed the first annual junior high Honors Chorus in Winston-Salem at the NCMEA State Convention. He and his wife also announce the birth of their third child, Harrison Lee Bumgardner, on Jan. 7, 1987. They make their home in Kings Mountain, N. C.

Charles P. Scoville was recently promoted to the Internal Revenue Service to GS-11. He and his wife, Elleen, also announce the birth of a son, Mark, in Nov. 1985. They reside in Palm Springs, Florida.

Phyllis Meredith of Gastonia joined the staff of GWCC as associate director of admissions.

Dann Dillon Walsing is a customer service representative with Monmouth Conference Associates, Inc. His husband is Jeffrey, sales administrator of Siegel Tire and Battery Corporation. They make their home in Red Bank, New Jersey.

Tony Hardin and Debbie Hall (‘81) have moved to Raleigh, N. C., where Tony is minister of music and youth at Fellowship Baptist Church.

Richard W. Brunson has accepted a position as a Brotherhood Department assistant for the Carolinas Baptist State Convention. He and his wife live in Rocky Mount, N. C.

Robin D. Mikalunas is a graduate assistant in choral music at West Texas State University near Amarillo, Texas. Robin lives in Canyon, Texas.

Karen Calton Brienden and husband Scott (‘80) are now living in Luray, Virginia. Karen is an account representative for Caverno Broadcasting Corporation in Luray.

James A. Sumney has accepted the position of pastor of Kerr Street Baptist Church in Concord, N. C.

Reverend David R. Hutchins is presently minister of music and youth at Glorieta Baptist Church in Concord.


Scott Brienden and wife Karen (‘79) live in Luray, Va., where Scott is a plant manager for the Wrangler plant in Mt. Jackson, Virginia.

Tanna Leigh Smith is in residency at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was ordained in June 1983. She makes her home in Fairview, Oregon.

Mark Steven Broadway was recently promoted to executive director of the Spruce Pine Housing Authority. His wife, Vicki, is an RN at Baxter-Tavener. They make their home in Marion, N. C.

Maria Gibson recently married Patrick Watters. Patrick is a nuclear engineer for B & W in Lynchburg, Va. Marian and Patrick make their home in Lincolnton.

Kenneth Sharpe is pastoring Galvary Baptist Church in Canton, N. C. He and his wife, Nancy Jo Belk Sharp (‘79), are the parents of two children, Bridget, 3, and Ken Jr., 1.

Joe Morris is the owner of a Montgomery, N. C., video store with one main location and two branch stores.

David Brown is a full-time minister of youth and children at Oxford United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Marie, live in Oxford, N. C.

James B. Parker has recently received a promotion with ServiceMaster Management Services to the position of recruiter in the southeast education market. Parker and his wife, Deborah (‘79), reside in Stuart, Va., with son John.

Derek Kevin Poarch has been promoted from lieutenant to captain in the detective division of the Lenoir Police Department.

Dwanda Chapman Haynes and Gerald William Rhoney were married September 21, 1986. The couple lives in Vale.

Ken N. Kessler and wife, Teresa, announce the birth of their first child, Sam Jr., on February 16, 1986. Ken and Christa Hutcherson Warise are now living in Lexington, Va. Warise is a plant manager for the Wrangler plant in Mt. Hope, W. Va. They have one daughter and one son.

Alfred D. Snipes and his wife, Joyce B. Snipes, make their home in Bunn, N.C. Alfred teaches psychology, sociology, and history at Nash Senior High School. He also does interior decorating.

Margaret Cox was named “Citizen of the Year” by The Daily Independent in Kannapolis, N. C. Margaret is the director of the local CCMM (Cabraro Crisis Assistance Ministry). She and her husband have one daughter.

Ralph Edward Boney and Barbara Gail Williams were married in January 1987. Ralph is operations manager with Graybar Electric in Spartanburg. Barbara is a buyer for Smith Drug. The couple make their home in Simpsonburg, S. C.

Tom Johnson has been named chief of the Mauldin Police Department in South Carolina. Johnson is married to Evelyn Poston Johnson. They have one daughter, Stacy.

Charles Presbyterian Morrison and his wife are working with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and presently live in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, W. Africa. They have one daughter and one son.

Rev. Robert Bryant Livingston began his ministry at Yadkin Baptist Church in Patterson on October 6, 1986. Robert and his wife, Martha, reside in Patterson.

Danny M. Wall and his wife, Patricia, make their home in Franklin, Tenn. Danny was elected vice president of the support services for Southwestern Great American Company, Inc.

Daniel E. Ritchie has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the U. S. Army. Daniel is an automatic test equipment operator in South Korea with the U.S. Army Materiel Support Center.

Ben L. Reavis has joined Network Computing Corp., a Charlotte-based computer software and services company, as applications consultant. He and his wife, Lin (‘74), live in Gastonia.

George Carpenter Jeffries Jr. and Toni Renee Jordan were married November 29, 1986. George is a manufacturing representative for the La-Z-Boy Chair Company. George and Toni live in Raleigh, N. C.

Steve L. Walker has assumed duties as a member of the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce executive committee. He and his wife, Pati, have one daughter.

Michael Ray Parker and Teresa Norton Wilson were married in Asheville on November 17, 1986. He is employed by the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Patricia Ann Kramer and Mitchell Ray Kennedy were married October 18. Ann is a kindergarten teacher at Rosenwald Elementary School. Mitchell is self-employed as a tobacconist. The Rays live in Fairmont, N. C.
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Theological Seminary in May 1986. He is currently serving as pastor of the
Oswego Southern Baptist Church in Oswego, New York. He and his wife,
Michele Spangler Barber, make their home in Oswego, New York.

Robyn Claudine Crompton and Jeffrey Lynn Fuller were married on April 5,
1986. She teaches handicapped preschool
child and is also working on her master's
degree in special education at Lynchburg
College. Jeff is a pricing manager for
Winn-Dixie in Danville, Virginia. The
couple lives in Chatham, Va.

Max S. Pettryjohn has been named as the
associate pastor of Woodfield Park Baptist
Church in Columbia, S.C.

William Douglas Walker is assistant
manager of Pro-Am Sports. He makes his
home in Lenoir, N.C.

Julie and Anthony ('82) Strange announce
the birth of a daughter, Ashley. They
make their home in Richmond, Virginia,
where Julie is a real estate agent and
Anthony is a systems analyst.

William D. Weese and Kimberly
Denise Dixon were married in December 1986. Both Thomas and Kim are
employed with the Kings Mountain District School System.

Jeffrey Keith Johnson and Ginger Lee
Howard were married December 28, 1986.
Jeff is employed as a teacher at Township Three
Elementary School in Cleveland County.
James is employed as a deputy sheriff by the
Cleveland County Sheriff's Depart-
ment.

Jill Elizabeth Sweezy and James Lee
Clary were married in January 1987. Jill is
employed at a registered nurse in
UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C.

Anthony Strong and wife Julie ('83) announce the birth of a daughter,
Ashley Brooke, on November 3, 1986.

Dennis Wilson Connell is in the
ministry in Tokyo, Japan. He and his wife,
Debbie, have two sons, Clay and Phillip.
They make their home in Higashi Kurume-Shi, Tokyo, Japan.

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with honor from the U.S. Air Force pilot training. He was awarded silver wings as Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. Russell and Carol Jane Beartie were married November 9, 1986.

Kelly Scott Tuttle accepted the position as part-time minister of youth at Central Baptist Church in Lenoir.

Todd Farell Brantley and Stephanie Gail Cook were married January 17, 1987. Todd is employed as a production scheduler in data processing at Graniteville Company in Graniteville, S.C. Stephanie is employed as a secretary in the credit department at Graniteville Company. The couple make their home in Aiken, S.C.

L. Lynn Edwards joined the GWC staff in February 1986 as an admissions counselor. Lynn lives in Boiling Springs.

Class Of 1986

Charlotte R. Johnson has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Stephen C. Summers is attending Southwestern Seminary and is working for the ACTS Network of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

James Paul Huggins and Lori Lea McKee were married on July 20, 1986. The couple's home is in Shelby.

Elizabeth "Liz" Todd has completed the Allstate Insurance Company sales training course at the Allstate Field Training Center in Atlanta, Georgia. She will represent Allstate Finance in the sales location at the Sears Store in Shelby. She and her husband, Raymond, and their son, Michael, live in Shelby.

Julia Rachel Canter and Jack Anthony Yarbrough were married September 6, 1986. The couple resides in High Point.

Ernie Harold Bridges and Kelly Marie Abernathy were married September 20, 1986. The couple's home is Gastonia.

Dina Marie Rubendall and William Scott Bean were united in marriage on September 21, 1986. The couple make their home in Boiling Springs.

Cristal Dawn Hamrick and Robert Wesley Barlow were married October 11, 1986. Cristal is employed at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Robert is employed at S and R Dental Lab.

Clayton Ernest James and Janet Carol Harmon ('85) were married October 4 in Brevard. He is an employee of Capella Resorts Investments, Inc. in Columbia, S.C.

Stephen George Helton and Tiffany Michelle Nanee were married October 25, 1986. Stephen is employed by Reid Helton Construction Company and Tiffany is employed by Sound Shop. The couple make their home in Ellenboro.

Julie Anne Ward and Edwin Brooks Nash Jr. were married November 29, 1986. Julie is employed by the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina Inc. as an administrative assistant. Brooks is employed as an assistant manager with Blazer Financial Services in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ginny Strickland was commissioned as a Journeyman by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in February 1987. She will be assigned as assistant program director at the Kyoto Friendship House. She will be leaving for Japan in March 1987.

Sheila D. Stevens has been named director of the SAIE and J.E. Broyhill Caldwell Senior Center in Lenoir, N.C.

Rick Hamrick has been called as full-time minister of education and youth of the Polkville Baptist Church, Polkville, N.C.

Amanda Jane Oliver and F. Bruce Meurer were married in December 1986. She is employed by the Holiday Inn in Jonesville. He is attending Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Jimmy Robert Ledbetter and Sandra Dee Huffstiecker were married February 14, 1987, in Spindale. She is employed as secretary and receptionist at Metro 8-Sheet Network, Inc. He is employed by United Parcel Service in Shelby.

Randy Rogers has been employed as a loan officer trainee at the Mountain Farm Credit Service in the Waynesville office.

Daniel D. Elliott Jr. is a customer service representative in the branch manager training program with Transamerica Financial Services in San Bernardino, California. He lives in Colton, Calif.

Timothy B. Hagler of Manville, Rhode Island, is employed with Edward D. Jones and Company Brokerage Firm. He has also been selected as a member of The Outstanding Young Men of America in recognition of his service to his fellowman and his community.

Deaths


Jane Irvin Gold ('31) died in Winston-Salem on September 12, 1986.

Reverend Hubert Theodore Huggins ('31) of Dallas died August 30, 1986.

Nina Mae Erell Moffitt ('39) of Chesnee, S.C., passed away November 14, 1984. She was the wife of Mr. Talmadge Moffitt.

Margold Long Moss (Mrs. Cecil L. Moss) ('46) of Asheville died October 30, 1986, from injuries sustained in an accident. She was the daughter of Thomas T. Long, a former trustee of the College.

Mildred Hoover Davidson ('47) of Stony Point passed away October 30, 1985.


Dorothy Robertson Selecman ('52) of Pfullstown passed away April 21, 1986, after an extended illness.

Donald Shull ('57) of Charlotte passed away September 11, 1983.

Barbara Marsh ('73) of Boiling Springs died after an extended illness on February 4, 1987. She was a teacher at Proctor Elementary School in Rutherford County, N.C.

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