

3-1993

## The Web Magazine 1993, March

Robin T. Burton

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.gardner-webb.edu/the-web>

---

### Recommended Citation

Burton, Robin T., "The Web Magazine 1993, March" (1993). *The Web Magazine*. 51.  
<https://digitalcommons.gardner-webb.edu/the-web/51>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Gardner-Webb Publications at Digital Commons @ Gardner-Webb University. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Web Magazine by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Gardner-Webb University. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@gardner-webb.edu).

# The WEB

1993, Vol. 4, No. 1



Volume 4. Number 1  
March, 1993



A publication of the Division of  
University Relations

**M. Christopher White**, *President*

**Ralph W. Dixon Jr.**, *Vice President  
for University Relations*

**Robin T. Burton**, *Editor*

**Wilson Brooks**, *Art Director*

**Mark Wilson**, *Sports Editor*

**Pam Sharts**, *Photographer*

*The Web is published for alumni,  
parents and friends of Gardner-Webb  
University. It is published four times  
a year, with issues in spring, sum-  
mer, fall and winter.*

*Please mail information and address  
changes to:*

*The Web  
Post Office Box 976  
Boiling Springs, North Carolina  
28017  
(704) 434-2361*

*Your comments are welcome.*

# The WEB

## TRANSITION

*...pages 2-6*

*Convocation Launches Semester Celebration  
Webbfest To Showcase Campus ... Fireworks and  
Air Show Highlights of Day*

## AROUND THE WEB

*... pages 7-16*

*Noel Hall Dedicated  
SACS Approves Divinity Proposal  
School Sees Largest Spring Enrollment*

## SPORTS IN THE WEB

*...pages 17-21*

*Bulldogs Go To Last Second In Championship  
All-Americans Named  
Basketball Highlights*

## ALUMNI IN THE WEB

*... pages 22-28*

*Alumni Directory Information Needed*



# University Status Formally Launched At Spring Convocation Ceremonies



**T**uesday, Jan. 19 marked the formal beginning of a new era in the history of Gardner-Webb University. The official opening of the Spring 1993 semester was highlighted by the recognition of the institution's change to university status.

University officials, faculty, staff and students welcomed dignitaries and guests for the auspicious occasion as they gathered in

the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center for the ceremony.

University President M. Christopher White notes that the change to university has been on the horizon for the last four to six years and has been in the long-range plans for three years. The Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees approved the move last year.

Dr. White said, "We are setting the course for this institution

for the next several decades. It helps to focus our vision.

"We hope to become *the* Baptist university from western North Carolina," he added.

A look at Gardner-Webb University shows a strong undergraduate degree program; course offerings on two campuses — Boiling Springs and Statesville; and work in three graduate-level areas.

The Graduate School of Education has been in place for a number of years, offering upper-level degrees for teachers, school counselors and other educators. The University also formally began a School of Divinity on Jan. 1, 1993. The Divinity School is expected to draw students from throughout the Southeast. In addition, work will begin this spring on the Graduate School of Business, with plans to open this fall. The offering of an MBA program and the School of Business will be a big boost for both Cleveland and Rutherford County.

"As far as the University is concerned our goal is not to grow," said Dr. White, "Our goal is to become better and better."

Dr. White notes that Gardner-Webb University is looking to the future, to the role of the institution in 10 to 15 years. "This is a proactive move, to me it is a natural move," he said.

Explaining that Gardner-Webb is an education business based on Christian principles, Chris White said, "We are not satisfied to be just where we are."

# Webbfest Offers Fun, Excitement For the Entire Family

Gardner-Webb University will proudly present a showcase of events when the campus comes alive for Webbfest on Saturday, April 3.

The fun-filled, adventure-packed, family-oriented day involves the entire University family — from faculty and staff to students — in a celebration of Gardner-Webb University.

People from throughout the region are invited to attend, with alumni and friends especially encouraged to make their way onto campus.

Webbfest is a "giant open house," with displays, demonstrations, exhibits, performances, lectures and clinics filling the hours between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Highlighting the day's slate of activities will be an air show, followed by the Grand Finale — a world famous daytime fireworks display.

The spine-tingling air show will begin between 2:30 and 3 p.m. and will feature WWII vintage planes doing spectacular precision and stunt flying. Parachutists with the air show entertain and thrill with jumps ... some with smoke bombs and flags.

The fireworks display, pioneered by Frenchman Pierre Alain Hubert, is performed by Southern International Fireworks. The relatively new form of daytime pyrotechnic artistry has been performed only a few times in America, including the grand opening of

Nationsbank Corporate Headquarters in Charlotte.

The campus will be abuzz with activity — from a one-act play in Dover Theatre to scientific demonstrations to amaze young and old alike ... clowns roaming the campus will offer face painting to the young and young-at-heart ... international students will highlight their native countries, introducing visitors to cultures from around the world... and Williams Observatory will be open for viewing the large telescopes that open us to the sights of a different world.

An outdoor performing stage will be booked with various performances and displays of talent throughout the day. Art students plan an exhibit in the arena, with working artists on hand.

There will be an intersquad football game at 12:30 in Spangler Stadium; a men's soccer match between GWU and Lander University at 11 a.m.; and a baseball game against Carson-Newman at 1 p.m.

Visitors are invited to come and spend the day. Bring along a picnic lunch to eat on the grounds. For those who

prefer to eat indoors, the Gardner-Webb cafeteria and snack bar will be open. Events begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with the fireworks display. Everything, except food, is free.





# The Shelby Star

**Ted B. Hall**  
PUBLISHER

**David Prather**  
EDITOR

**Steve Hudgins**  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

**T. Bruce Yelton**  
BUSINESS MANAGER

**Daniel Conover**  
CITY EDITOR

**Donald E. McGinnis**  
CIRCULATION MANAGER

## Getting the word out about Gardner-Webb

**W**hat's in a name change? For Gardner-Webb College--now Gardner-Webb University--and for Cleveland County, the answer is plenty.

Plenty, too, is the amount of work that Gardner-Webb officials are having to put into physically changing the name of the school.

From deeds of trust to rubber stamps, from visas to the school's logo in the middle of the Paul Porter Arena, from road signs to lapel pins, the university's transition steering committee, headed by visiting professor John Brock, has been up to its mortarboards in scratching out "college" and writing and printing and painting "university".

Moving from college to university status is a major change--not only in changing the letterhead but in enhancing the prestige of the school.

A quarter century ago, skeptics derided the move by the state to turn colleges at Wilmington, Asheville, Pembroke, Elizabeth City et al into universities. Yet the consolidated University of North Carolina system has proven to be a nationally renowned enterprise that has improved the quality of education in the former colleges immensely.

Private schools in our state have understood the advantages of becoming universities. Both Wake Forest and Campbell--fellow Baptist institutions of Gardner-Webb--have successfully made the move.

And now Gardner-Webb takes the plunge, capping a watershed academic year that has seen its football team gain national prominence and come within a touchdown of a national championship. But while all of the celebration deservedly continues, while Cleveland County settles in as the proud home of one of our state's universities, it shouldn't be overlooked that the people who will benefit the most from Gardner-Webb University are its students.

The new university will be able to attract and retain top flight teachers, it will be able to expand many of its high-quality existing programs and add new ones, like the proposed divinity school, and financial contributions from a proud alumni should increase greatly. The future of Gardner-Webb University--and its students--looks bright.

It's taking a lot of work to dot the "i's" and cross the "t's" in university.

But for Gardner-Webb's students and faculty, it's well worth the effort.





Several regional churches opened their doors, and their pulpits, to Gardner-Webb University for the three Sundays in February.

Each Sunday, Feb. 7, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21, University faculty, students, alumni, trustees, advisors and friends spoke at area churches. They shared the Gardner-Webb University story — the story of educating our young people in a Christian setting; the story of the thousands of people who have assisted in this effort; and the story of

Christ's blessings on the institution's endeavors.

"This experience was an important time of sharing the news of all that a Christian institution provides — for the young people we educate and for the community at large," said Gardner-Webb President M. Christopher White.

"That so many area churches opened their doors to hear our message speaks to their feelings concerning the importance of a Christian education for our children today," he added.

## Churches Open Doors For University Sundays

# University, Community Gather For Joint Prayer Celebration



Community churches gathered with the Gardner-Webb University family for a joint Wednesday Night Prayer Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 27.

The Rev. Glenn Holt, pastor at First Baptist Church in Fayetteville and President of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, delivered the keynote address for the evening.

Gardner-Webb's founding churches were honored as part of this special evening. University and church personnel also led in a meeting of joyful thanksgiving for Gardner-Webb's efforts through the years. As one, those present entered a prayerful plea for continued and expanded success. University and area musical groups performed various selections.



## Dedication Ceremonies Held for Noel Hall

Gardner-Webb University has formally introduced a striking new entrance to campus.

Friends and members of the University family gathered in January for the formal dedication of the new structure, Noel Hall.

The arched glass entranceway to Noel Hall reflects the splendor of the arched windows in adjacent Dover Chapel. Illumined, it also reveals a cross carefully carved into the wood beams.

The structure houses the University's School of Divinity as well as the religion, psychology and business departments.

Noel Hall is named in memory of the late Dr. George T. Noel and in honor of Mrs. Marguerite Warren Noel, whose generosity made the facility possible.

The wing, designed by Gardner-Webb trustee John T. McCulloch of McCulloch England Associates in Charlotte, joins existing Lindsay Hall, which has also undergone a facelift.

"Noel Hall will forever represent the love and devotion of this family for Gardner-Webb and will serve as a reminder of the dedication to Christian education that Marguerite Noel has exhibited in many ways."

In 1983, Mrs. Noel established the Dr. George T. Noel Memorial Fund for Visually Impaired Students, the first such fund for students enrolled in Gardner-Webb's program for the blind. She named the scholarship in memory of her late husband, who was an ophthalmologist in Kannapolis for nearly 30 years.

A second major endowment established by Mrs. Noel provid-

ed permanent housing in a completely renovated facility and in 1986 the Noel House, which contains the University's programs for handicapped students, was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Noel and in memory of her husband. Mrs. Noel has continued as a supporter of the programs throughout the years.

Following in her parents' footsteps, Miss Marylene Noel established the Marylene Noel Scholarship for Handicapped Students in 1989.

Mrs. Noel and her daughters, Jere Noel Blackburn of Wise, Va., and Marylene Noel of Thomasville, were in attendance for the dedication service and ribbon cutting. Mrs. Noel's daughter, Rita Noel of Munich, Germany, was unable to attend.



# SACS Approves University's School of Divinity Proposal



*Dr. Roy Smith, Executive Director and Treasurer for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Dr. Bob Lamb, Dean of the School of Divinity, share the news from SACS.*

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has approved Gardner-Webb University's proposal to initiate a School of Divinity and offer the Master of Divinity degree beginning Fall, 1993.

The M.Div. will be the second degree offered by the School of Divinity, which was established

Fall, 1992 by the Board of Trustees.

The Master of Divinity is the generally recognized foundational professional degree for vocational Christian ministry. It is a comprehensive study of the classical theological disciplines. At Gardner-Webb the M.Div. curriculum is distinctive in seeking to overcome the division which

often exists between "academic" and "practical" studies, between theological study and practice. Students are required to be in some type of ministry as they study, and the course design of the integrative ministry core requires a constant cycle of study, planning, application and reflection.

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry, begun in January 1993, is an innovative degree designed for the practicing minister who already has an undergraduate degree in religion. The M.A. seminars are offered in the afternoon and evening to permit practicing ministers to continue their education.

The School of Divinity has moved into its new location in the new Noel Hall on the front of the university campus. Dr. Robert Parsons has been appointed as Assistant to the Dean, Dr. Larry Gregg as first full-time faculty member and the Rev. Buddy Freeman as admissions officer for the School.

Gardner-Webb is the second university among Southern Baptists to establish a School of Divinity. It follows the traditional European pattern seen in the United States in such schools as Duke, Emory, Vanderbilt, Drew, Samford and Erskine.



## University Boasts Largest Spring Enrollment in School's History

**G**ardner-Webb University is boasting the largest spring enrollment in the history of the institution this semester. The total enrollment of 2080 students is an increase of 99 students over last year's spring enrollment — an overall increase of five percent.

Increases are shown in the on-campus program, with 25; the Greater Opportunities for Adult

Learners (GOAL) program, with 42; and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in Statesville, with 26. The first enrollment for the School of Divinity shows 21 students.

"This is an indication that the institution is functioning well and that our various constituencies are responding in a positive manner," said University President Chris White.

In addition to the positive numbers seen for spring semester, applications and acceptances are up for fall semester '93 as well. Deposits paid for fall were up by 27 percent as early as January.

"It is gratifying that the students are responding positively to our university status," said Dr. White, noting that the response comes even before the school has been able to implement some of the planned improvements.

## Poston Building Dedicated In Honor of Former President

Dedication ceremonies were held for the Eugene Poston Building on campus Thursday, Feb. 25.

The building, which houses the University Information Center, University Police and the student publications offices, was officially named by the University's Board of Trustees in honor of the institution's eighth president, Dr. Ernest Eugene Poston of Shelby.

In making the announcement, President M. Christopher White said, "A man of ambition and

determination, Dr. Gene Poston, President of Gardner-Webb from 1961-1976, led the institution through an unprecedented period of progress and development."

A Shelby native, Dr. Poston graduated from Gardner-Webb, Wake Forest University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was instrumental in leading Gardner-Webb from a junior college to a four-year fully accredited liberal arts college. Under his leadership the enrollment more than

doubled and significant additions were made to the campus and physical plant, including four residence halls, the Charles I. Dover Campus Center, Spangler Stadium, John R. Dover Sr. Library, Hamrick Fieldhouse, the John R. Dover Jr. Chapel and Lindsay Hall.

Dr. White concluded, "The growth of an institution is often dependent upon strong leadership. Under Dr. Poston, Gardner-Webb was blessed."

# Freeman Scholarship to Assist Those Who "Fall Between the Cracks"

**D**ue to the efforts of several leading Cleveland County business people and professionals the Joseph B. Freeman Jr. Education Fund has been established at Gardner-Webb University.

## Memorial Services Held for 3 Professors

On a warm January afternoon members of the Gardner-Webb family and others gathered in the University's Herb Garden, near the springs, to remember three professors who lost their lives in an automobile accident 10 years ago.

Dr. Michael A. Harrelson, Dr. James P. Henson and Dr. John W. Rast were returning to Boiling Springs after teaching classes in the school's evening program at Newton-Conover High School when the accident occurred on Jan. 27, 1983.

On Jan. 27, 1993 Gardner-Webb professors Sherman Parrish, Les Brown, Lansford Jolley, Vann Murrell and Roger Gaddis shared words of remembrance in a moving service, which was held in the garden that has been dedicated in memory of the three.

To date, gifts and pledges total more than \$85,000, with a goal of \$150,000.

The fund is designed to provide freshman year scholarships for promising Cleveland County high school graduates who do not have the financial resources to attend college. The financial award is intended for those few extraordinary individuals whose academic ability and motivation are good, but whose personal circumstances prohibit college.

Ed Hamilton, president of First National Bank of Cleveland County, is one of the businessmen who has been involved in the effort in honor of the late Joe B. Freeman Jr., a long-time Shelby businessman. Freeman was the head of the Interstate Johnson Lane office in Shelby.

"This fund is for the ones who can't get help from the government, through the college they want to attend or other sources," said Hamilton. "It is for those who are about to fall through the cracks," he added.

The education fund will become part of the permanent endowment of Gardner-Webb University. Although students may attend other institutions, at least half of the recipients will attend Gardner-Webb. For those who do attend Gardner-Webb as full-time students in the undergraduate program, the University will match, dollar for dollar, the amount awarded by the Joseph B. Freeman Jr. Educational Fund.

"We at Interstate feel that the scholarship fund represents a

unique opportunity to honor a very fine former employee — recognizing the achievements made during his life, both personal and professional," said Todd Newton, assistant vice president at Interstate Johnson Lane in Shelby.

Newton also noted that the fund provides a fine opportunity to help support local students in their efforts to achieve college educations, especially for those who may find themselves in financial positions that would otherwise prohibit college.

Students will be evaluated on the basis of financial need, personal motivation and initiative, academic standing, personal influences and extracurricular and leadership activities. Nominations are to be made by the principals of high schools in Cleveland County with the approval of the respective superintendents.

The amount of each scholarship and the number of recipients will vary depending upon income generated by the fund and the number of students with these special needs. The corpus of the fund is not to be spent. The fund will be used to provide tuition, housing and meals for the recipients.

"This will help them get that first year under their belts," noted Hamilton, "We want to help the folks who are helping themselves."

He added, "Hopefully, after the first year in school, if the recipients work hard and make the grades, they will be able to work out a financial arrangement with the college or obtain a job to pay for future years in school.



## Hamrick to Assume Post As Director of Foundation Relations

Harvey B. Hamrick Jr. has joined the Gardner-Webb University staff as Director of Foundation Relations.

In this role, Hamrick will be responsible for maintaining the University's relationship with foundations who make annual gifts. In addition, he will research and prepare proposals for other foundations whose goals are consistent with ours.

Hamrick has held former positions at Gardner-Webb as business advisor in the GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) program and

as staff accountant for accounts payable.

"Harvey has been an asset to the University in each of the roles he has filled here," said Ralph W. Dixon Jr., vice president for university relations, "We look forward to having someone of his calibre working with the development staff."

Hamrick is a magna cum laude graduate of Gardner-Webb University with a degree in business administration. He is a member of the Shelby Rotary Club.

## Rabon to Assume Post As Director of Church Relations

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — The Rev. Bruce Rabon has joined the staff at Gardner-Webb University as Director of Church Relations.

In this role, Rev. Rabon will be the liaison with the University and area churches. In addition, he will be responsible for identifying and cultivating resources in support of the Christian Service Organization and the School of Divinity.

Rev. Rabon comes to Gardner-Webb from Double Springs Baptist Church, where he has served as pastor since 1988. He formerly served churches in Charlotte, Fallston, Arden, and East Enterprise, Ind.

"We are extremely pleased to have Bruce join our staff," said Ralph Dixon Jr., vice

president for university relations. "He brings a wealth of experience to his position, which will allow him to represent this University and its students well."

A former member of the Gardner-Webb University Board of Trustees and the N.C. Baptist State Convention Nominations Committee, Rev. Rabon serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Life Enrichment Center in Shelby.

A graduate of Gardner-Webb University, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Carson-Newman College and the M.Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained into the ministry in 1968 at Springvale Baptist Church in Lugoff, S.C.

## Carpenter Provides Computer Lab

Gardner-Webb professor Wallace Carpenter has provided the University with a completely equipped computer lab.

The lab, to be located in the newly-renovated Lindsay Hall, includes 21 PCs, a number of printers and furniture. The lab is primarily for students in the Broyhill School of Management, but will be available for use by all Gardner-Webb students.

In a unanimous vote, the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees decided to name the lab in honor of Professor Carpenter.

# Gardner-Webb Names New Slate of Trustees

The first slate of new members has been named to the Gardner-Webb University Board of Trustees. The trustees, approved by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will begin terms this year and will serve through 1996.

Those named include John L. Bethea of Charlotte, George Blanton Jr. of Shelby, C.E. Hamrick Jr. of Boiling Springs, John H. Hendrick of Shelby, Nancy L. Kistler of Charlotte, Eleanor Y. McCall of High Point, John T. McCulloch of Charlotte, Dr. H. Gene Washburn of Boiling Springs and William J. "Billy" Williams of Shelby.

**John L. Bethea** is a staff instructor for IBM in Charlotte. He is a graduate of Hampton University with a degree in business management and accounting.

A former member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees, he served on the Executive Committee from 1987 until 1991. Bethea is a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Mayor's Commission, ASTDA, the Disability Commission in Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College's MET/IMT Education Review Board.

He and his wife, Pauline, have three children. They are members of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte.

**George Blanton Jr.** is Chairman of the Board and former President of First National Bank of Shelby. He is president and director at Eagle Roller Mill Company, vice president and director of Seal Wire Co. and director of Planters & Merchants Warehouse Co., Inc.

A former member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees, Blanton serves as director for Cleveland County United Way, vice president and director of Cleveland County Fair Association, director of the Foundation for the Carolinas, trustee of the Gardner Foundation, director of Historic Shelby Foundation, honorary trustee of the Cleveland County Historical Association, trustee of the Cleveland County Museum and as a member of the advisory committee of the Cleveland County Community Fund and Communities in the Schools.

He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters. They are members of First Baptist Church in Shelby.

**C.E. Hamrick Jr.** is president of C.J. Hamrick and Sons, Inc. in Boiling Springs. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in marketing.

Mr. Hamrick, a former member of both the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors and Board of Trustees, is a member of Carolina Dealers Association and the Boiling Springs Rotary Club.

He and his wife, Mary Etta, have five children. They are members of Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

**John H. Hendrick** is owner and president of Hidden Acre Farms, Inc. in Shelby.

A member of the Christian Service Organization at Gardner-Webb, he is chairman of the Board of Directors of First Citizens Bank in Shelby and a member of the Board of Directors for the Cleveland County Fair Association.

President of the Cleveland County Poultry Council, he is also

chairman of the Advisory Committee for Poultry Diseases for the State of North Carolina, reporting to Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham. He served as past president of the National and N.C. Turkey Federation and the N.C. Poultry Federation.

He and his wife, Osteen, have three daughters. They are members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, where he serves as Sunday School director.

**Nancy Kistler** is self-employed as manager of Scotland Colony Apartments in Charlotte. She is a graduate of Meredith College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Kistler, a former trustee of Gardner-Webb, has also served as secretary in the Missions Division of the N.C. Baptist State Convention. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Charlotte.

**Eleanor Y. McCall** is retired vice president and treasurer of Twin Oaks Car Wash, Inc. in High Point. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with an A.B. degree in sociology and psychology.

A former member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees, she has served as two-term president of the High Point Junior Women's Club, is a member of the Board of Advisors for High Point University, a member and director of the American Heart Association in High Point and a member of the State Board of the American Heart Association. She and her late husband, Robert D. McCall, have three children. She is a member of Emerywood

*Continued on next page*



## 19 Named to Who's Who

Students named this year from Gardner-Webb University include:

Mark David Akerman, Brent Thomas Barbee, Toni Ann Brown, Harrison Blaylock Dean, David Martin Elmore, Edward John Faille, Jill Ann Galloway, Christopher Allan Glaves, Steven James Lankford, Lauren Kay Lee, Martha Dee Pollard, Carole Reams Roberts, Andrea Starr Sells, Amy Joellen Sharpe, Aimee Michelle Stewart, Crystal Ann Timmons, John Anthony Todaro, Keith Allen West, Martin Lynn White.

The 1993 edition of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 19 students from Gardner-Webb University.

Students have been named on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leader-

ship in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

### New Trustees Continued

Baptist Church in High Point, where she serves as assistant treasurer and as member of both the building and grounds committee and music committee.

**John T. McCulloch** is president of McCulloch & England Associates Architects in Charlotte. He is a graduate of Clemson University.

McCulloch has been a part of the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees since 1981. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture and the American Hospital Association of Hospital Planners. He has also served as vice moderator of the Mecklenburg Baptist Association.

He and his wife, Lou, have three children. They are members

of Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte.

**Dr. H. Gene Washburn** is a medical doctor in Boiling Springs. He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb and Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

A former member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees and the Gardner-Webb Bulldog Club, he also serves as the University's physician. He is a member of the American Association of Family Practice, the N.C. Medical Society and the Cleveland County Medical Society and is president of the Boiling Springs Lions Club.

Dr. Washburn and his wife, Billie, have three children. They are members at Boiling Springs Baptist Church, where he serves as

chairman of the Board of Deacons.

**William J. "Billy" Williams** is former co-owner of Harrill Chemical Paper Co., Inc. in Shelby. He now serves as a business consultant.

He is a member of the Economic Development Commission, served as a member of the Commissioners of the Cleveland County Sanitary District, is a Shriner, a former member of the Chowan College Board of Trustees and is past president of the Boiling Springs Rotary Club.

He and his wife, Grace, have one daughter. They are members at Sandy Plains Baptist Church, where he teaches Sunday School and is church historian. He is also a past chair of the Board of Deacons.

# God *and* Man *in* Russia

By Dr. Gilmer Blackburn

**Editor's Note:** Dr. Blackburn, along with other Gardner-Webb faculty members, students and community persons, visited Russia a few months ago. Here, Dr. Blackburn shares his account.

Our tour group entered the Baptist Church near Red Square with some trepidation. Although I knew a good deal about the country from my 20 years of teaching Russian history, nothing could have prepared our group for the experience of seeing Russia's religious revival first hand.

From previous reports, we expected to have difficulty getting seats in the sanctuary, but our definition of a "crowded service" had to be radically revised. First of all, the ushers had difficulty making a path for us through the mass of humanity gathered in the vestibule.



None of us had ever seen such hunger for the Word: the lower portion of the auditorium was jammed with worshipers; the isles and the area around the walls were tightly packed; the balcony was also filled to capacity; likewise, the isles and the area around the walls of the balcony were filled with throngs of people who were hanging on every word of the minister. Some were even seated on the steps leading to the balcony where they could hear, but not see, the pastor.

The Russian Baptists sensed somehow that we were Americans,

and some of those who were fortunate enough to be seated immediately began to rise and offer us their own seats. A plainly dressed, grandmotherly lady with deep lines in her face, motioned for me to take her seat. I shook my head politely, convinced at that moment that my southern ancestors would roll over in their graves if I took a seat from a weary old lady. The woman motioned more vigorously and I again shook my head. She wouldn't give up; she smiled and motioned a third time. This was getting serious, I thought. There was no way that I was going to



take the Russian lady's seat, but I did not know how long this test of wills could go on without distracting the worship service. Finally, I shook my head and waved my arms with sufficient force that the kindly lady gave up and left me alone. I had won the battle of wills but I must admit that this old, Russian woman won my heart. Her kindness spoke volumes, and the passage of time will never erase the image of her earnestness from my memory.

The Russian worshipers had no hymnals, no bulletins, nor any of the other paraphernalia of worship. Choir members read the words of hymns from small sheets of paper. Nevertheless, their lack of the barest essentials of worship did not in any way dampen their fervor. When the absence of air conditioning and the stifling heat caused one lady to faint, the service was not distracted for long. The unconscious lady was gently carried out and the service continued. The sermon was typically Baptist: forthright and clearly enunciated, and, even though we could not understand a word of the minister's delivery, we were profoundly moved. The cadence of his message and the expressions on the faces of the worshipers made this one of the most memorable religious experiences of our lives. (Our guide took notes and related the essence of the message to us after we left.)

Scanning the faces of the worshipers during the service, we could tell unmistakably that they were suffering and that life had battered them unmercifully. But, also clearly visible on their faces was the look of triumph of those in possession of transforming faith. Russians can take punishment. Their history leaves no doubt about that; however, the Russian Baptists wore their hardships well. Radiance penetrated through the deep facial lines to warm the hearts of all of us. It would sound trite to

say that I was impressed: I was moved almost beyond description by what I witnessed.

The experience in the Russian Baptist Church, without question, brought the long, bitter Cold War to an end for me. All of my life I had despised communism, and with an unwavering passion, I had longed to see the walls of the Kremlin crumble to dust. More than anything, I had feared that communism would eradicate Christianity forever in the unhappy lands that it controlled. Now I know that I should have taken more seriously the pledge Jesus made to Peter, recorded in the 16th chapter of Matthew: "...upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The "hell" of the Communist Gulag certainly did not extinguish the Christian faith, although some of our guides expressed great indignation that the communists had murdered 20,000 of their priests and dynamited hundreds of churches. The churches that remained, even when closed to worship, stood through those 74 gruesome years as witnesses of the country's Christian past. People are now flocking back to them.

The West had good reason to worry about Russia during the Cold War. More than 60 million Russians met violent deaths at the hands of their own government. I still remember the shudder that went through my young mind in 1953 when I stared at the huge newspaper headline that announced Stalin's death. There was little question in my mind that both this man and the system that he controlled were the incarnation of evil. As a child of the Cold War, I did not need Ronald Reagan to pronounce Russia the "Evil Empire." For me, and for my generation, it had always been so.

Many Russians apparently also believe that their former masters

presided over an "evil empire." One of our guides, a beautiful lady in her 40s, told us with quiet, dignified passion that she considered the country's present suffering to be retribution for their leaders' persecutions of the church. Revelations coming from Russia's present leaders confirm the judgment that communism was not only an abomination but a blight upon the history of the nation. Overlooking the gross moral deficiencies of the regime, it may take decades for Russians to dig their way out of the economic morass that communism has left in its wake.

Even years of teaching Russian history left me ill-prepared for the scenes of economic chaos behind the old Iron Curtain. In many ways, the country has become one giant flea market. Literally everything is for sale. It caused me pain to see people selling their family treasures. I turned down an offer to buy a battered World War I medal that I surmised had been awarded to the seller's grandfather decades ago. Remembering that my own father had served in that war, I politely declined the offer and tried to explain that I could not purchase something with money that someone else has earned with his blood.

The Russian people are really struggling, but they appear determined to fight their way to prosperity and to respectability. I think that they will make it, although it is difficult to predict how long it will take. I sincerely hope that the West will help them. So many Russians deserve a better lot in life than they are presently getting. Fortunately, there is some good news: God is alive and well after all. We should never have doubted that his Church would survive the ordeal that it was forced to endure. That fact alone makes me glad that I made the journey to that fascinating and mysterious land.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

- 16 Independence Through Deafness and  
Blindness  
Anindya Bhattacharyya, G-W Student  
from India  
9:25 a.m./10:25 a.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 21 Senior Recital  
Ron Sexton, Saxophone  
3 p.m.  
Dover Chapel
- 30 Awards Day  
9:25 a.m.  
Paul Porter Arena

## APRIL

- 1 "Festival of One-Acts"  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 2 "Festival of One-Acts"  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 3 Webbfest
- 3 "Festival of One-Acts"  
2:30 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 4 "Festival of One-Acts"  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 6 Concert Choir  
Phil Perrin, conductor  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 6 William Clyde Bearden Endowed  
Convocation Series  
Rev. Aaron Johnson  
Pastor, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church,  
Fayetteville  
Former Secretary, Dept. of Corrections  
(1985-1992)  
9:25 a.m.  
Paul Porter Arena
- 8 Senior Recital  
Tena Greene, soprano  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 13 DIMENSIONS  
Dr. Richard Furman  
Watauga Surgical Group, P.A., Boone

- 9:25 a.m./10:25 a.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 15 Senior Recital  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 18 Artist Series  
Asheville Symphony/Choral Groups  
4:30 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 20 Ballet Magnificat  
The John and Anna Hodgin Hanes  
Foundation  
Guest Artist and Lecture Series  
9:25 a.m./10:25 a.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 20 Symphonic Band Concert  
Stephen Plate, Conductor  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 26 University/Community Orchestra Concert  
Stephen Plate, Conductor  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 27 DIMENSIONS  
Mrs. Vicki Wyatt  
VP, Cleveland Co. Mothers Against Drunk  
Driving  
9:25 a.m./10:25 a.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 27 Senior Recital  
Jonathan Turner, baritone  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 29 Chorale Concert  
Phil Perrin, Conductor  
8 p.m.  
Dover Theatre
- 30 Theatre Awards Show  
Entertainment by Alpha Psi Omega  
Honorary Drama Fraternity  
7:30 p.m.  
Dover Theatre

## MAY

- 4 Academic Awards Day  
9:25 a.m.  
Paul Porter Arena
- 15 Commencement  
10 a.m.  
Paul Porter Arena

## Oh, So Close for the Bulldogs!

The season began auspiciously with a loss to NCAA Division One AA Central Florida and ended in a heartbreaking last second NAIA Championship loss to Central State, but oh, what a ride the Runnin' Bulldog football team took us on in between.

A school record 12 straight wins, over 20 school, 20 conference and a half dozen national records fell by the wayside as Coach Woody Fish's squad laid waste to all in their way.

When the smoke had cleared and the final cheers in Spangler Stadium faded away, the Gardner-Webb faithful could be proud of their Bulldogs, whose domination of the South Atlantic Conference, winning over SAC opponents by an average of over 27 points per game, has never been surpassed. The Dogs led the entire NAIA in Scoring Offense averaging over 40 points per game, and in total offense, rolling up over 470 yards a contest. The Total Offense numbers also led the entire NCAA Division Two as well.

Leroy Perkins scored on an eight yard run with only 0:36 remaining to give Central State a stirring come-from-behind 19-16 win over Gardner-Webb in the NAIA Division One title game. The Marauders, who finish the season 12-1, claimed their second championship in three years.

Central State, trailing 16-7 midway through the fourth quarter, were sparked by the return of senior quarterback Henderson Mosley, who had left the game in the first half with an ankle injury.

Mosley guided Central State to a pair of late scores, the first on a 14 yard pass to Charles Thompson with 7:51 left. Mosley, who completed 12 of 36 passes for 190 yards, was named the "Offensive Player of the Game." His heroic and dramatic fourth quarter return to spark a

struggling offense was all the more remarkable due to a painful ankle injury that severely limited his mobility.

"In all my years in football, I have never seen such an exhibition of courage and determination," remarked Central State Coach Billy Joe. "I felt that when Mo (Henderson) went out in the first half that his day was over but the coaches told me he was asking to go back in early in the fourth quarter. I watched him move around on the sideline before making the switch, and the rest is history."

Gardner-Webb, which saw a 12-game winning streak halted with the loss, was led by the play of defensive back James Harbison who intercepted three passes and also blocked an extra point. A junior, Harbison was named "Defensive Player of the Game" for his efforts.

Linebacker William Stevenson with 16 tackles (8 solo), led a Central

State defense that held Gardner-Webb's heralded offense to only 287 yards in total offense. Gardner-Webb was still able to set NAIA single season records for Total Offense-6,459 and Passing Offense-4,823.

Senior wide receiver Rodney Robinson was also outstanding for the Bulldogs, grabbing 10 catches for 89 yards, running the ball 3 times for 48 yards and returning 3 punts for 39 yards. Robinson, who already has broken most school and South Atlantic Conference records for pass receiving, eclipsed the NAIA one season mark for pass reception yardage as he finished with 1,792 yards on 114 receptions.

"Defeat is difficult to accept right at this moment," said Gardner-Webb coach Woody Fish. "But, I could not be prouder of our team and the season they had. My hat is off to Central State and Coach Joe, they are a great team and Mosley's return was certainly the difference."

### University Rakes in Historic Number of All-Americans

The accolades and honors for the Gardner-Webb football team continued to roll in throughout the holidays and into January. When it was all through the Bulldogs had landed more All-Americans than any individual school in the history of NAIA football. Nine of Woody Fish's players earned All-American recognition and 10 earned All-SAC honors.

"We are very proud of our young men," said Fish. "I

know its hard to believe, but there are even more players who deserved recognition for their outstanding play this season." Listed below are the players who received post-season awards.

**Archie Wood** was a first team all-SAC offensive lineman and an honorable mention NAIA Coaches All-American.

**Andre Kwasnik** was a first team all-SAC place kick-

*Continued on next page*

## Senior Linebacker Reflects on Championship Moments

All of our hard work, sweat and dedication had paid off, the time had come, the big game was here. No one ever thought that we would reach this point. I have to be honest, neither did I. But we were here. Throughout my years here at Gardner-Webb I have had my share of ups and downs. That's why being here is so special.

As I stood side by side with my teammates during our introductions I thought, "This is it — the last game of the season and probably my whole career." I knew I had to go all out and do everything I could to win this game.

During pregame I thought about the two championship games I was a part of in high school. Neither compared to the feelings I had about playing for a national championship.

I realize not all high school athletes get a chance at playing college sports. It made me feel extra lucky to be playing on this level of competition and also playing for a national championship.

As the game progressed, it was as if it were any other game. I had to do whatever it took to win. It wasn't until the final minutes of the game that I realized how important this game really was. I was playing for a national championship — and, only two teams have that opportunity.

I looked around once again and I saw 48 players who had worked their butts off to get to this moment. It seemed like a never-ending road, a road which began back in January with our winter workouts and continued throughout spring practice and a long summer. We finally made it — the NAIA National Championship!

I'm still in disbelief. It's a great feeling to end a dream season playing for a national championship. Though we lost the game, I still came out a winner. To have coaches who care, players you enjoy having as friends and teammates and the support of family and others is a wonderful feeling.

I would have loved to win. Who wouldn't? But having these things on my side are just as good, or better.

Dunsey Harper  
*Senior*

## All-Americans Continued

er, second team selection on Don Hansen's NAIA All-American team, first team NAIA Coaches All-American, and the leading Kick Scorer in the entire NAIA.

**Richie Ambrose** finished fifth nationally in punting and was a second team All-SAC performer.

**John Craven**, first team all-South Atlantic quarterback, received honorable mention by the NAIA Coaches All-American committee and was named first team NAIA All-American by Don Hansen. Hansen also named Craven Most Valuable Offensive Back and also NAIA Player of the Year.

**James Harbison** was a first team all-SAC defensive back selection, first team NAIA Coaches All-America, first team Don Hansen NAIA All-American and Hansen also selected Harbison as NAIA Defensive Player of the Year.

**Dunsey Harper** was also a first team all-SAC linebacker, first team NAIA All-America, and first team on Don Hansen's NAIA All-America squad.

**Gabe Wilkins** was a first team all-SAC defensive end, a first team NAIA Coaches All-America, and a first team member on Don Hansen's NAIA All-America squad.

**Raymond Jennings** was a first team all-SAC linebacker, second team NAIA Coaches All-American, and a second team selection on Don Hansen's NAIA All-America team.

*Continued on next page*



# Bulldog Baseball Coach Optimistic About Season

Gardner-Webb University baseball coach Clyde Miller, who is entering his 23rd year as a head coach in the collegiate ranks, is optimistic about the 1993 season despite what he feels is the toughest schedule GWU has had since his tenure began with the Bulldogs four years ago. "Our South Atlantic Conference schedule is always tough and combine this with our international tournament in San Diego and you can see we will have our work cut out for us," explains Miller.

Despite the pre-season coaches poll that tabbed the Bulldogs seventh and the challenging schedule, Miller hopes to improve on last season's 19-26 record. "In order to contend, we have got to stay free of injuries and do a better

## All-Americans Continued

**Terry McGowen** was a first team all-SAC strong safety, and a second team NAIA Coaches All-American.

**Rodney Robinson** was a first team all-SAC wide receiver and the South Atlantic Conference "Player of the Year". Robinson was a consensus first team Small-College All-American, earning the honors from the NAIA Coaches All-America, Don Hansen, Associated Press Small College and Kodak Small College All-American. He finished the season with 114 catches for over 1792 yards and led all NCAA Division Two receivers in total yardage.

Gardner-Webb Head football coach **Woody Fish**, was selected NAIA National "Coach of the Year" by Don Hansen.

job of executing the fundamentals of the game," explains Miller.

"We have more depth than in the last three years (14 lettermen return and as many as four freshmen could start) and we have four seniors, first baseman Chris Bortnick, right handed pitcher Steven Hodge, infielder Doug Jones, and lefthanded pitcher Chris White, who will provide leadership and maturity. The outfield, expected to be a strength, will have to be revamped following the academic casualties of freshman Mark Holman and 1990 NAIA All-American Mickie Munn to fall semester grade woes.

Leading the returnees will be two-time All-SAC performer Terry Wright. The lefthanded hitting outfielder set school records last season with at bats (172), runs (40), hits (61), and triples (5). He also led the team with 14 stolen bases and in hitting with a .355 batting average, while capping team MVP honors. Andy Collins, an All-SAC performer at catcher last season after hitting .336 with three homeruns and 23 rbi's, will make the move to first base this year and will be counted upon for his offensive firepower. Another top returner, infielder Doug Jones, will also be adjusting to a new position — second base. Jones, who has seen action at both short and third during his Gardner-Webb career, hit .260 a year ago with one home run, 16 rbi's and seven stolen bases. Catcher/Designated hitter Troy Ozias, will provide some punch to the line-up when not pitching. Ozias despite hitting only .213 a year ago, led the team with four roundtrippers and 37 runs batted in. Add to this offensive equation, the return of power hitting Will

Choate behind the plate, and the addition of several promising freshmen and the Bulldogs look to significantly improve their offensive output.

Senior Steven Hodge returns for his senior year as the anchor of the Gardner-Webb pitching staff. The righthander was 5-4 a year ago with a 3.75 earned run average and showed excellent control with only 12 walks in 57-plus innings pitched.

Another senior, leftie Chris White, is hoping to bounce back from a sub-par season a year ago (2-7, 4.61 era) and will probably hold down the second spot in the starting rotation.

White was the team workhorse last season with 61 innings pitched but was plagued by the gopher ball, giving up eight homeruns.

Mark Jolly, a righthander with a 3-2 record, Shane Gunn, another rightie with a strong arm, and Steve Queen, a rightie who was 1-1 in '92 are the other top returnees battling for a starting spot in the rotation.

Gem McCutcheon, a junior righthander, was used exclusively in a late inning closer's role last season and should anchor the bullpen this season as well. McCutcheon was 1-1 with 1 save last season.

Top newcomers include freshmen pitchers Chris Davis of Statesville and Zeke Alicea of Miami, Fla.; Hiawasee Junior College transfer Travis Poole, a shortstop; freshman catcher Marty House of Homasassa, Fla.; freshman infielder Jason McQuinn of Tampa, Fla.; and freshmen outfielders Reggie Cobb of Shelby, Jody Dean of Sumter, S.C., and Phil Rogers of Forest City.

# BULLDOG HOOPSTERS IMPRESSIVE IN SAC PLAY

## ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

*By Mark Wilson*

Gardner-Webb, in third place in South Atlantic Conference play midway through the season, struggled down the stretch losing five of their last season regular season games.

As a result, the Bulldogs finished fifth and drew a pairing with fourth seeded Elon College in the first round. The outlook wasn't optimistic for Gardner-Webb fans, as Elon had defeated GWU 85-76 in Boiling Springs the previous

week.

However, the players and the coaches were optimistic with a week's worth of vigorous practice as an indicator of better play.

"We had outstanding practices all week, and you could see that the players were determined to play well in the tournament," said Head Coach Jim Johnson.

Elon scored first and cherished what would be their only bright spot of the evening.

Gardner-Webb erupted for 16 straight points and the rout was on. The Bulldogs extended their lead to 45-23 at intermission.

It got worse for Elon. Gardner-Webb led by as many as 53 points on three different occasions and when the smoke had cleared the Bulldogs had defeated the Fighting Christians 111-64, breaking or tying seven conference records in the process. Chad Marley's baseline jumper with 6:51 left gave GWU a 89-47 lead and broke the tournament one game team scoring record of 88 points.

The final margin of 47 points was easily a new SAC Tournament record. The Webb also set a new record for field goals made with 47, highest field goal percentage 64.6 (47-73), and assists with 27.

Sophomore Lance Bain tied a single game record with 11 field goals, junior Chad Marley tied the record for field goal accuracy at 88.9 percent (8-9), and sophomore Billy Palagonia also set a record with 11 assists in the contest.

The win advanced the Bulldogs into the semi-finals where they would face top seeded Presbyterian College. The Blue Hose captured the regular season crown, and entered the tournament with a 24-2 record and a No. seven

## LADY BULLDOG WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WRAP-UP

*By Mark Wilson*

Gardner-Webb University's women's basketball team finished a disappointing 10-17 after losing a first round contest 88-61 to Carson-Newman in the Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament hosted by Gardner-Webb Feb. 19.

The Lady Bulldogs' dark-horse hopes of capturing the SAC Tournament vanished when junior point guard Mickie Drum went down with torn ligaments in her knee during the 90-77 win at Lenoir-Rhyne Feb. 10. Drum, who was averaging 8.1 ppg, directed the offense, dished off 139 assists and added 54 steals before her injury. Drum is progressing

nicely following knee surgery.

Coach Brenda Halford tried to fill the spot with senior Sherri Allen and freshman Damenda Dellinger, but it was clearly evident that this was not the same team without Drum directing traffic. The Lady Bulldogs dropped their final three contests (minus Drum) by an average of 23 points a game.

Gardner-Webb started out of the gates fast winning four of their first five, suffered through a mid-season slump in which they lost 10 of 12, and then regrouped to win four of seven, including impressive wins over Elon and Lenoir-Rhyne before Drum's injury.

ranking nationally in the NAIA.

Presbyterian narrowly averted a first round upset when they squeaked by host Catawba 79-78.

The game was nip and tuck the entire first half. The lead changed hands 12 times and there were 10 ties in the first

period. However, the Blue Hose tallied the last seven points and led 43-35 at the break.

Gardner-Webb continued to play evenly with the heavily favored Blue Hose throughout the second half and pulled to within one on several occasions, the last time at 58-57

with 10:44 left on a running jumper by junior Art Hinton.

However poor foul shooting down the stretch 9-20 in the second half and 17-35 overall prevented the Bulldogs from overtaking their foes. Presbyterian held on for a 86-77 win, ending the season for the Bulldogs.



*Gardner-Webb University President Chris White presents a plaque to former basketball great Fredia Lawrence during halftime ceremonies of the Presbyterian College game Jan. 30.*

*Lawrence, the school's all-time leading scorer (2,201 points) and rebounder (1220 rebounds), had her number "21" retired during the halftime festivities. Also participating in the ceremony were (background, left to right) former Bulldog women's basketball coach Bud Black and current women's coach Brenda Halford. (photo by Blair Ellis)*

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I wish you could be here ... I wish you could be here for so many reasons — to see the many physical changes taking place on our campus, to be exposed to the highly-contagious enthusiasm and excitement here at Gardner-Webb, to meet the wonderful people who make up our student body, to talk with the faculty and staff members who have become Gardner-Webb institutions and to see for yourself that the more we change, the more we stay the same.

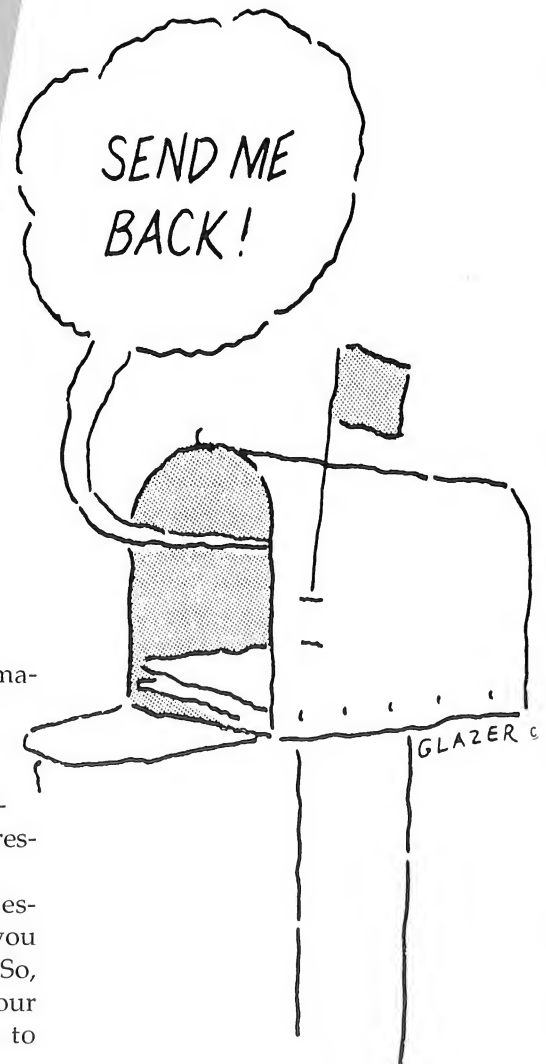
Gardner-Webb University is still the same small "college" nestled in the foothills. It is the same place made up of those who care about individuals, not just people in general, but individuals. With over 2000 students and 16,000 alumni, that may be difficult to convey at times. However, the commitment to caring is still here, just as it has always been — and, with God's blessing, will always be.

This year, 1993, is going to offer you several opportunities to return to your alma mater ... to be here. Yield yourself to these feelings of nostalgia and come back to the university that still has all the advantages of a small college.

Make Gardner-Webb a part of your life again. You are a legacy. We need to be able to tell you that we are proud of you. We need you ... to be here.

Sincerely,

Mickey Sharpe



## Alumni Directory Survey

All alumni with current addresses should have received an important Alumni Directory Questionnaire in the mail by now. This questionnaire is sent to give every alumnus the opportunity to be accurately listed in the upcoming new Gardner-Webb University Alumni Directory.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR DIRECTORY QUESTIONNAIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Once received, your information will be edited and processed by our publisher, Harris Publishing Co., Inc. Over 13,000 of our great alumni will be included in this impressive new directory.

If you don't return the questionnaire there is a possibility you may be inadvertently omitted. So, don't take a chance ... fill out your questionnaire and remember to return it promptly.



## C L A S S   N O T E S

### The '90s

**Cassandra (Sandy) Lewis '92** is employed with Duke Power as a computer specialist at the Marshall Steam Station. She lives in Catawba.

**Angela D. Lane '92** is working as a social worker trainee with Polk County Mental Health in the Gateway Program for children ages 5 to 13. She lives in Tryon.

**Pam Myers '91** was named Teacher of the Year for Fallston Elementary School, where she teaches first grade.

**Trent A. Jessup '91** graduated from Converse College in July with a master's degree in education. He is teaching sixth grade at Flat Rock School in Mount Airy.

**Barbara Garmon '90** was named Teacher of the Year for Wilkes County Schools. She teaches second grade at C.B. Eller Elementary School.

**James E. Westmoreland '90** graduated in December with an M.Div. from Southeastern Theological Baptist Seminary. He is serving as pastor at Harriet Baptist Church in Henderson. He and his wife, Patti, have two children, Mary Lou, 10, and Joe, 8.

### The '80s

**Tony D. Colvard '89** has been named chief of police for Clinton. He and his wife, Sandy, now live in Clinton.

**Frances Corbin '89** is an instructor for Asheville-Buncombe Technical

Community College, working with the Department of Human Resources. She and her husband, Buddy, live in Asheville.

**Joyce Hosch '88** has been named instructor/recruiter for the Human Resources Development Department at Cleveland Community College.

**Malcolm Allen '88** and **Eva Allen '88** live in Kernersville. Malcolm has been named retail sales representative for the Burger King Corp. He handles local and national marketing promotions for 46 company restaurants in the Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point areas. Eva is an instructor at Wake Forest University.

**Alan Grant Roland '87** and **Sara Greer Roland '80** have moved to Columbia, S.C. Alan is senior engineering systems CAD analyst with Square D. They have two sons, Christopher Alan, 8, and Jordan Craig, 16 months.

**Kaylynn Watts '86** is director of social services at Hillcreek Manor Nursing Home, a long-term care facility in Louisville, Ken. She earned her master's degree in social work from Southern Seminary in December 1991. She and her daughter, Hope, live in the Louisville area.

**Karen C. Fulcher '86** has been named to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Church Business Administrators. She is church business administrator for Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in High Point. She and her husband, Hugh, live in Winston-Salem.

**Vicki Robertson Bostic '86** is quality control manager with DHL Laboratories Inc.

in Gaffney, S.C. She and her husband, Yates, have a son, Trey, 4, and a daughter, Paige, 2.

**Ron H. Lindler '85** has been named senior vice president at Southern National Bank of Hickory. He and his wife, Debbie, have two sons.

**Doyle C. Edwards '85** has been appointed chief of police for the Town of Taylorsville. He and his wife, Jaquitha, have two children, Summer and Chad.

**Ramon Mark King '85** has been called as pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Shelby. He and his wife, Pat, have two children, Joel and Ashley.

**Jerry L. Cloninger Jr.** has been called as pastor of Bear Creek Baptist Church in Mocksville.

**Mary Beth Hicks Williamson '84** is employed with social services for the State of Kentucky. She and her husband, Steven, have one son, Gyle, 4, and twin daughters, Amarie and Eleanor, 23 months.

**Robert M. Dockery '84** and **Debra Little Dockery '82** have been named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They will live in eastern Europe, where he will start and develop churches and they will be involved in outreach ministry. They have two children, Heather Marie and Nathan Wade.

**Sandra Ledbetter '83** has been named program director for the School of Math and Science Immersion at Washington Elementary School in Shelby. She is also an adjunct professor at Gardner-Webb University. She has two daughters, Jody and Beth.



*Kelvin Moseley '81*



*Margaret Fortenberry '79*



*Russell Guffey '79  
Sheila Guffey '77*

**Loresa P. Heyward '83** has been ordained as a minister at Bonsack Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., where she serves as minister of education and youth. She and her husband, Curtis, live in Roanoke.

**Doug Walker '83** is employed as human resources director with Lenoir Living Center, a nursing home. He lives in Lenoir.

**Bridget P. Purdy '83** is a seventh-grade science teacher at Catawba Middle School.

**Joe Saylor '83** has joined the Lenoir Police Department as a patrolman.

**Mary B. McNeilly '82** is a resource teacher at Casar Elementary School.

**Connie Hodge '82** is minister of music and activities at Adaville Baptist Church in Spindale.

**Jackie Sumner '82** has been named president of the Sumner Group, a Gaston County advertising agency.

**Kelvin Moseley '81** earned a D.Min degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in July. He is pastor of Baptist Temple in Oklahoma City, Okla. He and his wife, Lynda, have two children, Luke, 6, and Kelsey, 5.

**Nancy Hopper '81** has been named literacy/computer lab coordinator recruiter at Cleveland Community College in Shelby.

**Brenda Hollifield '80** is a math and remedial reading teacher at Harris Elementary School.

## The '70s

**Margaret McKinley Fortenberry '79** and her husband, Robert, live in Moselle,

Miss., where she is a homemaker and substitute teacher. In addition, she is serving as Missions Friends Director for the Jones County Association. They have two children, Bethany, 7, and Charissa, 3.

**Russell Zane Guffey '79** was named Spartanburg Hospital System's 1992 Employee of the Year. He is a registered nurse in the critical care unit of the Heart Center at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in Spartanburg, S.C. He and his wife, **Sheila Boling Guffey '77**, and their son, Zane, live in Boiling Springs, S.C. Sheila is also a registered nurse at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

**Cindy Nixon '78** has been elected assistant vice president of First Factors Corp. in High Point.

**George Thomas Swinney '78** is director of family services for the Georgia Baptist Childrens Homes and Family Ministries on the Baxley campus.

**George S. Crouch '78** and **Julia G. Crouch '76** now live in Laurinburg, S.C.

**Gaylin Wylie Huff '77** is employed by the Baptist State Convention at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Caswell as summer staff/retreat and conference coordinator. She also writes for the Sunday School Board. Her husband **Douglas Garner Huff '77** is pastor of Oak Island's First Baptist Church. They have three sons, Nathan, 8, Ryan, 5, and Kevin, 1.

**Lewis Smith '77** is been named to the position of health educator and director of the Teen Education and Crisis Hotline for the Crisis Center in Clyde.

**Kenny Corn '77** is the new pastor at Valley Hill Baptist Church in Hendersonville.

**Kenneth A. Warise Jr. '77** has been elected assistant vice president of Wachovia Operational Services Corp. in Winston-Salem. He is a lead analyst/programmer in the Information Services Group.

**John (Hap) Jernigan '76** has been called as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Lenoir. He and his wife, Coyene, have three children.

**Robert Plummer '75** and **Linda Plummer '62** are serving as Southern Baptist missionaries to the Dominican Republic. Robert is serving as treasurer and does evangelism work in La Romana as well as assisting existing churches and missions in San Pedro. The two hosted a volunteer construction team from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Georgia in August.

**Ann McElheny '75** was named Outstanding Elementary Teacher for 1992 in Stanly County. She teaches sixth grade at Badin Elementary School.

**William S. Barkley Jr. '75** has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps. He is assigned to Quantico, Va., where he serves as maintenance officer of the Presidential Helicopter Squadron, HMX-1. He is also a command pilot, flying the President of the United States worldwide. He and his wife, **Sylvia Johns Barkley '75**, have three children.

**O.L. Hollar '75** has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps. He is assigned to U.S. Central Command, based at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. He and his wife, Simone, live in Tampa.

The Rev. **W. Louis Crawford '74** and his wife, Grace, have been named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. They will



Gary Simpkins '71



Betty Snipes '61

live in equatorial Brazil, where he will start and develop churches and the two will work with outreach ministries.

**Joel Jenkins '72** has been named pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlottesville, Va.

**Gary Simpkins '71** was recently honored by South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation for his 20 years of state service. He is special services coordinator in the department's Rock Hill office.

## The '60s

**Wayne Troutman '66** is president and general manager of Troutman Motors, Inc. in Concord.

**Carolyn Queen '65** has been promoted to the position of bookkeeper at Cleveland Community College. She and her husband, Floyd, have three sons, Robert, Jeff and Jimmy.

**Shirley Luckadoo '63** has been named dean of instruction at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. She earned her doctorate in adult and community college education from N.C. State University. She and her husband, Gerald, have three sons.

**James E. Sams '63** is chief of chaplain services at the VA Medical Center in Asheville. He was recently presented the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy.

**Betty Stott Snipes '61** is administrative assistant to the principal and assistant principals at Tri-County High School in Buena Vista, Ga. She and her husband, Don, live in Ellaville, Ga. They have two children, Becky and Barry.

**Billy D. Martin '60** is pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Ellenboro. He also owns

and manages WGMA radio in Spindale and WAAK radio in Dallas. He has a D.M. from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla.

## The '50s

**Carolyn Sparks Diemer '58** and her husband, Carl, live in Lynchburg, Va., where she is associate professor of education at Liberty University. She is also a doctoral candidate at Nova University.

**James B. Sides '56** has been called as pastor of Newbridge Baptist Church in Asheville.

**Paul Riggs '54** has retired as pastor from First Baptist Church in Mocksville.

**Carl Greene '52** has been called as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Casar.

## The '30s

**Margaret Eisenberger '39** lives in Richmond, Va. After retiring in 1978 from Civil Service employment, she earned a degree in mass communications from Virginia Commonwealth University.

# Deaths

**Marvin Ray Walters '59** passed away Nov. 14.

**Marlowe Arthur Stroup '46** passed away Jan. 20.

**James A. Hodge** passed away Jan. 7.

**Julian O'Daniel** passed away Dec. 30.

**Marcus B. Morehead '52** passed away May 10.

Nursing student **Dione Allen** was the victim of a shooting in November.

**Lt. Ricky Edgar Lowder '87** passed away Jan. 6.

**Rev. James M. Wilder**, former professor of religion and Bible at Gardner-Webb, passed away Aug. 25.

## The '90s

**Julie Kendall Jones '92** and Christopher Scott Rabb were married Dec. 19. The bride is a nurse with Gaston Memorial Hospital. The bridegroom is employed with K-Mart in Gastonia. They live in Gastonia.

**Christina Margaret Sain '92** and Vincent Harold Bowman were married Oct. 31. The bride is employed by the Cleveland County Schools. The bridegroom is employed by Cleveland Mills Co. They live in Lawndale.

**Roger Nelson Evans '92** and Gerry Lynn Shires were married Sept. 19. The bride is employed by Rutherford Hospital and Mid Carolina Orthopedic Clinic. The bridegroom is the assistant manager of Winn Dixie, Inc. in Forest City. They live in Forest City.

**Amy Elizabeth Carswell '92** and William Eugene Willis were married in October. The bridegroom is a mechanical refrigeration technician at Perdue in Dillon, S.C. They live in Dillon.

**Angela Denise Bennett '91** and William Andrew Farthing were married Sept. 26. The bride is currently employed at Watauga Medical Center in the OB department. The bridegroom is employed with the N.C. Department of Transportation in Boone. They live in Boone.

**Teresa Ann Goforth '91** and Terry Lawrence Cranfill '91 were married in October. The bridegroom is an associate laboratory technician for The Texwipe Corp. in Kernersville. They live in Kernersville.

**Laura Michelle Lambeth '91** and Edward Glenn VanOtteren were married Feb. 29, 1992 in Raleigh. The bride is teaching privately as a piano teacher. The bridegroom is employed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as a wildlife technician. They live in Jesup, Ga.

**Melinda Kay Harper '91** and Christopher Graham Poston were married Nov. 28. The bridegroom is employed by the City of Shelby as a firefighter. They reside in Shelby.

**Joye Lynne Neal Zafuto '91** and William Harvey Hearn were married Nov. 1. The bride is a customer-service coordinator for

Sara Lee Direct Telecommunications. The bridegroom is a sales representative for Browning-Ferris Industries. They live in Winston-Salem.

**Teresa Lynn Huckabee '91** and Lindsay Alexander Parsons were married Nov. 14. The bride is employed with Hamlet Hospital. The bridegroom is employed by Associated Business Systems. They live in Hamlet.

**Harold Allan Davidson '91** and Laura Lynn Kish '90 were married Nov. 14. The bride is director of Mt. Ridge Group for Lutheran Family Services in Cherryville. The bridegroom is employed as assistant manager of Footlocker Corp. in Spartanburg, S.C. They reside in Gastonia.

**Joan Kyles '90** and Earl Hampton Godfrey were married Oct. 6. The bride works at Skilled Personnel Services in Charlotte. The bridegroom is a professor in the Broyhill School of Management at Gardner-Webb. They reside in Gaffney.

**John B. Keeter '90** and **Julie Fain '88** were married May 12, 1990. Julie works for N.C. Baptist Hospital as a Unit Financial Coordinator. John is employed by Wachovia Bank and was recently promoted to Network Operations Manager. They live in Winston-Salem.

**Beth Renae Sain '90** and Edwin Harold Shuford III were married in November. The bride is employed by Siecor Corporation in Hickory. The bridegroom is assistant vice president of Piedmont Farm Credit Bank in Lincolnton. They reside in Conover.

**Nancy Ann Reid '90** and Charles Moses Owen were married Nov. 21. The bride is a staff psychologist with Stanley Mental Health Center in Albemarle. The bridegroom is a customer service representative in the estimating department with Admark Graphic Systems Inc. in Charlotte. They live in Concord.

## The '80s

**Jeffery Todd Yelton '89** and Tina Charlene Campbell were married Sept. 19. The bridegroom is manager of B&D Thrift and Loan in Forest City. They live in Forest City.

**Evelyn Gwaltney '89** and Conrad Dallas Yount were married Dec. 5. The bride is a

treasury analyst with Lowe's Companies in North Wilkesboro. The bridegroom is employed as an MIS analyst with Lowe's Companies. They live in Wilkesboro.

**Charles F. Hinson '89** and Diann K. Scott were married Oct. 3. The bride is vice president of Action Awards, Inc. The bridegroom is a senior claims representative with Nationwide Insurance. They live in Concord.

**James E. Chappell Jr. '88** and Lisa Jones were married Sept. 28. The bridegroom is an account representative for Bell and Howell. The bride is a payroll accountant with HEPACO. They live in Charlotte.

**James Derek Ray Deaton '88** and Mel Paige Browning were married in October. The bride is a sales associate for Belk Department Store. The bridegroom is a probation officer for the State of North Carolina in Greensboro. They live in Greensboro.

**Kippi Lea Boggs '88** and Michael Roger Smith were married in October. The bride is a legal assistant for the District Attorney's Office in Winston-Salem. The bridegroom is a warehouse worker for Hinkle's Inc. They live in Lewisville.

**Candace Robbins Ahmad '88** and her husband, Khalid, have announced the birth of a son, Taric James, born Sept. 17. They also have a daughter, Mia Ashley, 2. They live in Asheville.

**Michelle Rhinehart Ashley '88** and her husband, Chip, have announced the birth of a daughter, Courtney Taylor, Oct. 21. They also have a son, Christian, 2. They live in Lincolnton.

**Martha Kimberly Byrd '88** and Charles Samuel Dockery Jr. were married Nov. 21. The bride is a nurse practitioner with the Iredell County Health Department in Statesville. The bridegroom is vice president of Piedmont Knitting Co. They live in Statesville.

**Gary Dean Patterson '88** and Jennifer Dane Deal were married Oct. 24. The bride is a teacher at Sugar Loaf School. The bridegroom is employed with United Financial Services of Taylorsville. They live in Taylorsville.

**Lisa Mathis Courtney '87** and her husband, Scott, have announced the birth of a son, Caleb Donald, born Aug. 25. Lisa is



employed as associate campus minister with the BSU at Western Carolina University. They live in Sylva.

**Cherri Thompson Arnett '87** and her husband, Ford, have announced the birth of a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, born July 2. They also have a son, Ryan. Cherri is a registered nurse at Watauga County Hospital in Boone. They live in Banner Elk.

**Charlotte Conner Hensley '87** and her husband, Mike, have announced the birth of a son, Patrick Alexander, born Oct. 22. Charlotte is a teacher with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. They live in Monroe.

**Kathy Hagler Richards '87** and **Johnny Richards '85** have announced the birth of a son, Nathan Todd, Oct. 31. They have a daughter, Heidi, 4. Johnny is minister of music and youth at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Forest City.

**Anna Thomasson Feather '86** and **Keith Feather '85** have announced the birth of a daughter, Adelyn Kate, July 28. Keith is associate pastor of education and family life at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Union, S.C. Anna is a textile chemist for Cone Mills in Carlisle, S.C. They live in Union.

**Janet Clare Page '86** and **Edward Stephen Taylor** were married Nov. 7. The bride is a data analyst for Booke and Co. The bridegroom is a warehouse supervisor for Excalibur Enterprises. They live in Tobaccoville.

**Ricky Lee Joyce '86** and **Karla Anne Haas** were married in November. The bride is employed by the City of Lexington. The bridegroom is employed with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department.

**James Gibson Nolen '86** and **Pamela Denise Leonhardt** were married Nov. 21. The bride is a sales representative for Carolina School Plan. The bridegroom is co-owner of J.B. Ellis Locksmith. They live in Shelby.

**Jerry Lee Cook '86** and **Brenda Mary Stout** were married Jan. 9. The bride is employed with First National Bank in Ramseur. The bridegroom is a N.C. intensive probation officer in Asheboro. They live in Asheboro.

**Lisa Atkins Ballantyne '85** and her husband, Bruce, have announced the birth of a son, Erik Thomas, born Aug. 8. Lisa is

employed as secretary and bookkeeper for Highland Dental Lab, which the couple owns. She is also assistant secretary for Canton Freewill Baptist Church. They live in Maggie Valley.

**Stanley Liston Law '85** and **Anita Renee Barnette** were married Oct. 24. The bride is a public health nurse with Mecklenburg County Health Department. The bridegroom is community development director with the Johnston Memorial YMCA/Success by Six. They live in Charlotte.

**Beverly Donese Badgett '85** and **Timothy Alan Hembree** were married Dec. 26. The bride is employed by the Anson County School System. The bridegroom is employed at Ansonville Welding Inc. They live in Wadesboro.

**Kevin Scott Tuttle '85** and **Janice Denise Goble** were married in December. The bride is a teacher at First Baptist Preschool in Morganton. The bridegroom is a sales engineer with Normag Corp. in Hickory. They live in Lenoir.

**Ila Jane Sermons '84** and **Stuart Jelenick** were married Oct. 4. The bride is employed as a nail specialist with Healthy Nail. The bridegroom is a sales representative with International Bio-Synthetics in Charlotte. They live in Charlotte.

**Tammera Lynn Daniels** and **Chris Lindsey Earnhardt '84** were married Dec. 5. The bride is director of human resources for Somar Inc. The bridegroom is administration commander for the Salisbury Police Dept. They live in Salisbury.

**Pamela Gay Sheppard '84** and **Ray Von Goforth Jr.** were married in October. The bride is an auditor for USAir. The bridegroom is a technician for the Imperial division of Burle Industries. They live in Winston-Salem.

**Sylvia Coor Richards '84** and **Thomas Scott Richards '83** have announced the birth of a son, Ryan David, March 1, 1992. Sylvia is manager of billing and receiving systems for GE Capital Mortgage Co. Scott is president and owner of T.S. Richards Enterprises. They live in Raleigh.

**Terry Teague Lyons '83** and her husband, Charles, have announced the birth of a daughter, Taylor Ann, born June 25. Terry is volunteer coordinator for Carolinas Medical Center. They live in Charlotte.

**Kimberley Stout Jessie '83** and her husband, David, have announced the birth of a daughter, Danielle Nannette, on July 11. Kimberly is minister of education and youth for Severn Baptist Church. They live in Odenton, Md.

**Judy Allen Mendez '83** and her husband, Frank, have announced the birth of a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth, on Sept. 7. Judy is secretary for Focus on the Family. They live in Colorado Springs, Col.

**Jane Seay Myers '82** and **Steven Myers** were married Aug. 22. The bride is a licensed clinical social worker with Our Lady of Peace Hospital. The bridegroom is assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology for the University of Louisville. They live in Louisville, Ken.

**Rhonda Lynne Mixon** and **Rick Fancher '82** were married Dec. 19. The bridegroom is minister of music and youth at Clover First Baptist Church. They live in Clover, S.C.

**Timothy W. Ledford '81** and his wife, Pam, have announced the birth of a son, Bradley Wayne, July 28. They also have a daughter, Heather Michelle. Timothy is a senior systems engineer with Michelin Tire Co. They live in Simpsonville, S.C.

## The '70s

**Russell Zane Guffey '79** and **Sheila Boling Guffey '77** have announced the birth of a son, Russell Zane Guffey Jr., born Aug. 10. Both Russell and Sheila are registered nurses with Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Medical Center. They live in Boiling Springs, S.C.

**Becky Wilson Locke '78** and her husband, Del, have announced the birth of a daughter, Leah Marie, Jan. 16, 1992. They also have a daughter, Charlie, 8, and a son, Aaron, 3. They live in Memphis, Tenn.

**Joel Clyde Lovin '70** and **Toni Beaty Putnam** were married Oct. 3. Both the bride and bridegroom are self-employed at Sta-Chris Chemical. They live in Gastonia

# Alumni Board Seeks New Members

The Alumni Board of Directors, the 30-member board which sets the policies for the Gardner-Webb Alumni Association, is looking for a few good alumni.

Each year 10 seats become available to members of our alumni association for a three-year term of service. Areas of

work for the Alumni Board include Admissions, Career Planning and Placement, the Annual Fund, Homecoming and many others. The majority of work is accomplished in four quarterly meetings.

If you, or an alumnus with whom you are acquainted, would be interested in serving as a mem-

ber of this board, please complete the form below and return to Mickey Sharpe, Director of University Relations, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017. It will be placed into consideration by the nominating committee of the board.



## Alumni Board Nominee Form

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and mail to:

Mickey Sharpe, Director of Alumni Relations  
Gardner-Webb University  
P.O. Box 997  
Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017

## ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NEWS NOTE INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
If female, include maiden name

City

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or box

State

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip

SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a photograph if possible.

Complete, clip and mail to Mickey Sharpe, Alumni Office, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017

The Web  
A publication of Gardner-Webb University  
P.O. Box 997  
Boiling Springs, NC 28017

Address Correction Requested

Non-Profit Organization  
Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Gardner-Webb University