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It has often been said that out of the bad comes good. This has been proven many times over in the life and history of Gardner-Webb.

It was proven again this spring.

Palm Sunday was not a pleasant day in the South. Dark skies and rain alternated with the sun most of the day. By late afternoon the air was still and heavy. Warnings of possible tornadoes were on both radio and television.

It was signaled around 5 p.m. by local sirens — a tornado had been spotted in the area. The news spread quickly via police scanners, press reports and phones.

Gardner-Webb President Chris White and Boiling Springs Mayor Max Hamrick stood in Lowe’s Hardware Store in Shelby as the edge of the storm blew past and they heard the news: the tornado had actually sat down in Number One Township at the southwestern end of the county. While each was concerned for the neighboring community, they expressed relief to one another that Boiling Springs and the Gardner-Webb campus had been spared.

It was later that the leaders came to discover that the twister — knowing no boundaries — had claimed parts of the campus and the center of the town’s Main Street in its path.

There were no injuries. On campus the damage was to rooftops and structures and many of our lovely old trees downed. In town, homes and businesses were destroyed, scores of trees uprooted and roofs blown away. Yet, there were no injuries.

In the ensuing hours and days following the storm a college community and townspeople didn’t stop to define lines. Each was there for the other. Rescue teams, Red Cross, Salvation Army, area law enforcement officers and concerned citizens set out to remedy all that had been altered in those few tumultuous moments.

The North Carolina Baptist Men were on the scene within hours following the disaster. They dished out food, comfort and hard work.

Those who sustained damage to homes and property didn’t stop at their own back doors ... they sought out their neighbors and offered a helping hand. Students, faculty and staff joined efforts to drag away limbs, clean up debris and fire up chainsaws from early morning until dusk.

The good came from the bad.

The stewardship that has been the lifeblood of Gardner-Webb University since its inception was seen in a different light those few short weeks ago. Perhaps this same roll-up-your-sleeves and pull together attitude was seen when the Hamrick Building was first destroyed by fire or possibly in the lean financial years of the institution or maybe as the college and community mourned together when a traffic accident claimed the lives of three faculty members.

However, such stewardship and good will is ongoing. Support comes to Gardner-Webb in many forms every day. It is what has built Gardner-Webb University.

Sometimes it takes an unexpected circumstance to make us take notice of how much we all really do rely on one another. Such is the case with the Palm Sunday tornado.

Yes, the good came from the bad.

Robin T. Burton
Editor, The Web
Tornado Rocks the G

Pal Sunday, 1994, unfortunately will not be remembered for any of the special services held in the Boiling Springs area churches. Instead, it will live in infamy.

At approximately 5 p.m., on an ironically beautiful day, disaster struck. Skies darkened and winds howled. Reports of a tornado killing several people in an Alabama church earlier in the day made area residents and Gardner-Webb students suddenly more cautious of the approaching storm.

In an instant, the skies opened and an incredible downpour ensued. Then, just as those in Alabama had said, those in Boiling Springs experienced firsthand the sound — as if a freight train was on a collision course with the Boiling Springs city limits.

The twister came through a forest behind the Gardner-Webb baseball field. Trees were snapped from their roots by what many said looked like a tall stream of smoke. A tornado had touched down and was hurling itself toward campus residence halls and buildings.

One Gardner-Webb student recalled with amazement how a parked car in the University library parking lot floated from the ground, ascended for a few brief seconds, and landed nearly 100 yards away — upside down.

“We stood there with our mouths open, not believing what we just saw,” she said.

Within seconds, campus roofs were ripped apart and trees uprooted. Windows were blown out in some residence hall rooms and parked cars.

Another student in a duplex across from campus sought refuge in a closet. When she emerged a few minutes later, only a shell of her apartment remained. Trees and wind had stripped the roof and windows from the building.

“We’re very fortunate, extremely fortunate,” said Dr. Chris White. “Trees and buildings you can replace. Loss of life is much more devastating.”

When the winds had calmed and the storm had passed, the results were frightening.

“It looked like a war zone,” said Dr. Gil Blackburn, associate vice president and dean of academic affairs — one of the first staff members on the scene. “Power lines and poles littered the streets, and trees, glass and debris were everywhere. The campus and the town were unrecognizable.”

Students who were on campus were taken to the Dover Campus Center and provided meals and dry shelter. No evacuation was necessary but roads leading to and from Boiling Springs were practically inaccessible.

Monday, March 28, was a day of revelation. In the morning light, more damage was found at every turn. Goal posts on the football field were twisted and fallen. Trees around Lake Hollifield, the campus’ newest addition, were also destroyed.

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Paul Wilson says a blessing can often be received even when times seem to be at their worst. That sentiment was shared by about 200 North Carolina Baptist Men on the Disaster Relief Team that spent a week helping Gardner-Webb recover from a devastating tornado that swept through Boiling Springs on Palm Sunday.

Wilson, who serves as a site coordinator for one of the N.C. Baptist Men relief crews, was in charge of an effort that provided 150 workers who helped to bring order to the Gardner-Webb campus and 45 kitchen workers who served nearly 5,000 meals to tornado victims.

And, Wilson says he believes the relief team received as much of a blessing as the victims who received their assistance.

"It takes a different kind of person to be on standby around the clock, ready at any given moment to provide disaster relief," Wilson explained. "But the people who do it, they want to help turn a bad situation into a positive one."

Amid scenes of destruction and suffering, Wilson acknowledges the job can sometimes be depressing. However, comments from those who are given a meal or a shoulder to lean on are his reward.

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Gardner-Webb officially dedicated its newest campus addition, the Lake Hollifield Complex, April 21.

During the late afternoon dedication ceremony, the University honored Hughy and Wyndolyn Hollifield of Winston-Salem for their contribution to Gardner-Webb, which made the development of the complex possible. Hollifield is a 1935 Gardner-Webb graduate and Mrs. Hollifield is a member of the University’s Board of Trustees.

“We do not deserve the credit for this,” Mrs. Hollifield said during the ceremony. “The Lord has provided us with the resources to do what little we have done. All thanks should be given to God.”

The nearly 300 attending the dedication were treated to a mini-concert played on America’s only traveling carillon, a two-ton system of bells that has accompanied symphony orchestras and choirs in 46 states throughout the country. Future plans for the complex include the construction of a bell tower, which will feature bells similar to those played at the dedication.

“The focal points of this complex will be the lake and the bell tower,” said Dr. Chris White. “The beauty of both, the Hollifields hope, will serve to attract students to this University.”

Although the complex suffered minor landscape damage during a Palm Sunday tornado that ripped through Boiling Springs, Dr. White announced that Gardner-Webb students had volunteered to plant new trees around the complex as part of the University’s Earth Day activities.
Morganton Pastor Receives Honorary Doctorate During Commencement Exercises

Gardner-Webb University's Spring Commencement exercises were highlighted by the school's presentation of an honorary doctorate degree to the Rev. Bob Shepherd of Morganton.

Shepherd also delivered the commencement address, "Needs and Promises," to approximately 400 Gardner-Webb graduates.

Shepherd is senior minister at First Baptist Church of Morganton. He previously served as vice president for development at Gardner-Webb from 1980 to 1982.

He has served on the General Board and Executive Committee for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and in 1990 was named Morganton Man of the Year. Currently, Gardner-Webb and friends of the University are establishing the Bob D. Shepherd Chair of Christian Theology for the School of Divinity in his honor.

Shepherd's commencement address, he explained, wasn't meant to be a recipe for future financial or professional success. Rather, it was to prepare the graduates for the good and the bad they will likely encounter once they depart from college.

"Wherever you go, whatever you do, remember that the grace of God that brought you safe thus far is the grace that will lead you home," he said. "And that's the big promise."

During the ceremony 295 students received Bachelor of Science degrees, 54 received Bachelor of Arts degrees, 52 received Associate of Arts degrees and 21 received Master of Arts degrees.

Concord Couple Benefits Christian Service Organization

Gardner-Webb has announced the establishment of the Archie and Iris Kennedy Christian Service Organization Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Fund will provide financial assistance to worthy Gardner-Webb students who have committed their lives to full-time Christian service.

The Kennedys, residents of Concord, have specified that first priority for scholarships be given to Gardner-Webb enrolled students from Kerr Memorial Baptist Church in Concord. Second preference will be given to Gardner-Webb students from the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

The Christian Service Organization at Gardner-Webb was founded in 1971 to provide financial assistance for students preparing for the ministry. Organizers were sensitive to the extraordinary financial needs of ministerial students, many of whom bore the expense of several years of theological training in college and seminary.

The Kennedys said they learned of the Christian Service Organization through a former pastor who was a Gardner-Webb alumnus. However, it was a message delivered by Gardner-Webb President Chris White at Kerr Memorial that most influenced the Kennedys' decision to establish the scholarship fund.

"It has been a dream of ours for a very long time to help ministerial students, but we weren't sure of where we could help the most," said Kennedy. "After hearing Dr. White's message that day at our church, it put Gardner-Webb in a class by itself."

Archie and Iris Kennedy look on as Dr. Chris White signs the agreement.
May Graduation Saw The End of an Era

Going to college can be a trying experience for a student. Likewise, being president of a university is laden with pressure and responsibility. But when that student and that president are father and son, and trying to coexist at the same institution, a new twist is added.

Just ask Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White. He has been there — twice.

Dr. White's oldest son, Marty, enrolled at Gardner-Webb five years ago. Andy White, the younger of the two brothers, enrolled three years ago at the University.

At a small, private university, people will notice whose father or son you are. Such is the case with the men of the White family. And how they have handled the situation is unique, if not unusual.

For the past five years, Dr. White has dealt with these circumstances. Now the era is coming to an end. Marty graduated in 1993. Andy graduated in May, after packing four years of college courses into three years.

"Sad to see it end?" mused Dr. White. "No. It's good that both of them are getting on with their lives."

He paused for a moment before adding, "But I must say that these past five years have been quite interesting."

To the ordinary observer it was hardly evident that Dr. White and his sons even knew one another, and much less evident was that they were related. But, all three agree, that was by design.

"It was an unwritten rule that we didn't cross over into each other's space," said Marty, who is completing his first year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School. "I mean, I don't think I ever visited his office until my senior year. We agreed that we would act like I had gone off to college like any other kid."

Andy White noted that he even went one step further in blending in with his classmates. "Some of the people I'm graduating with still don't know who I am or who my father is. I wanted to be treated like everyone else, not like someone whose father is the president of the college I attend. I acted like my dad was just like any other dad. I just didn't feel like it was necessary to mention who he was to every person I met."

To help integrate themselves with fellow classmates, both Marty and Andy lived in campus residence halls for all of their college years. Although their parents were only 10 miles away in Shelby, Marty said, "Neither of us visited home any more than your average college student would."

Dr. White laughed when asked if he did his part to help his sons blend in. "If I went to the campus cafeteria and saw Andy, I ignored him. That's the honest truth. If we happened to make eye contact, Andy would just give me a little wink or something and that would be it."

Sometimes, however, their family relationship just couldn't be overlooked. Marty explained that during his first few weeks at Gardner-Webb, he could sense some of the upperclassmen checking him out to see if he garnered any special favors. But that lasted only a brief time, he said, when he made a conscious effort to blend in as a regular student.
Andy agreed. "Some people thought I could give them inside information or something. Or they thought I was going to be some kind of relay to Dad."

Marty added, "Or people would ask me to go to the Bulldog Room during halftime of a ballgame and get them a Coke because I was the President's son."

The relationship between the three, all of them believe, undoubtedly matured during the years they shared at Gardner-Webb. Marty said he found himself wanting to defend his father when he overheard a group of people questioning some university issue or event.

"Sometimes I wanted to say 'Hey, you don't know the whole story. You don't know what you're talking about. Things don't work that way.' But I learned to bite my lip or phrase things diplomatically so I wouldn't come across as sounding like the President's son."

Andy added, "I didn't like to hear people talking about Dad like he was a principal or something. So, I just developed a shell from any derogatory president remarks."

Dr. White looks at the past few years as a time when he grew professionally while learning more than ever about the University.

"Marty and Andy gave me eyes through which to view Gardner-Webb in an entirely different perspective. I would bounce things off of them for feedback and they would tell me honestly what students thought was a hassle or needed changing. I'm going to miss that."

And all agreed that roommates and classmates also had a difficult time figuring out the unusual relationship. Those who would visit the house, Andy explained, often asked if it was necessary to wear a tie or some sort of formal attire.

"That's true. Some of my friends seemed surprised when I would say 'Hey, it's no big deal.' I guess they had this strange perception of our family."

But when all three were asked about their impressions of the past few years, each said he wouldn't change a thing.

Marty believes the small size of Gardner-Webb and its personable environment allowed him to immerse himself more into campus life than if he had attended a larger school. He was a sports writer for the campus newspaper and student representative of Alphi Chi, Gardner-Webb's most prestigious honor society. He also found time to serve as an intern for politicians in Washington, D.C., and Raleigh.

Andy also agreed the Gardner-Webb atmosphere helped him get the most out of college life. He worked for the campus newspaper and was a member of both Alphi Chi and the Student Entertainment Association. And as a composer of original music, Andy has formed his own band, "Catdaddy."

Dr. White said he is pleased that both Marty and Andy chose to attend Gardner-Webb, but not only because they are his sons.

"They both had been accepted to more well-known institutions. It validates a school's credibility when outstanding academic students such as them choose to attend. And that makes me feel good, both as a university president and a father."

Even though this unusual era is coming to an end, all three believe they have grown closer because of their time spent on the same campus for so many years. Marty explained, and Andy agreed, "We have a little more in common now because we were in the same place at the same time with each other."

But, Dr. White can't help himself from laughing one last time at his and his sons' conscious effort to steer clear of each other around campus.

"It was a big game, us staying out of each other's way," he said. "You know, I don't think I ever even knew Andy's room number."
Barry Hambright Named Fleming-White Award Winner

Dr. Barry Hambright, professor of political science and history, has been named the recipient of the 1994 Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is presented annually to an outstanding Gardner-Webb University professor who exhibits the highest standards of the teaching profession.

In presenting the award, Dr. Chris White noted, “Many times the efforts of an exceptional educator go unrecognized. I am glad to see this is not the case with Dr. Hambright. He has approached his work with such vigor and dedication that both his students and his peers have been moved to speak in favor of his receiving this honor.”

A 1961 graduate of Gardner-Webb and 1963 graduate of Carson-Newman College, Dr. Hambright earned a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1967. He received his doctorate in 1981 from the University of South Carolina, where he was named as a Richardson Fellow. He joined the faculty of Gardner-Webb in 1969. The Shelby native is a current resident of Gastonia, where he attends Hampton Woods Baptist Church. His wife, Mary, is a teacher with Gaston County Schools. He is a member of the Southern Political Science Association and held the position of vice-chair of the faculty from 1988 to 1990. Dr. Hambright also served as faculty co-chair of Gardner-Webb’s three-year fundraising campaign from 1987 to 1990.

The Fleming-White endowment was established in 1986 by President and Mrs. M. Christopher White in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin White, all from Hartwell, Ga.

The award was presented during the annual Apples and Accolades luncheon, held at the conclusion of the Spring semester each year to honor faculty and staff members of Gardner-Webb. Other presentations included 25-year awards to Dr. Robert Blackburn, Dr. Hambright, Julius Hoyle, Melvin Lutz, Dr. Phil Perrin, Dr. Dan Proctor and Dr. Bill Stowe.

Given 10-year awards were Ben Davis, Sandra Earl, Kitty Eeds, Russell Hardin, David Jones, Kevin Jones and Valerie Parry. A retirement award was presented to Dr. Jeffrey Chang.

Past winners of the Fleming-White award are Dr. Dee Hunt, Dr. Tony Eastman, Dr. Alice Cullinan, Dr. Frieda Brown, Dr. Ted Monroe, Dr. Robert Morgan and Dr. Charles Andrews.

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Assistant Dean of Student Development and Director of Residence Life Wayne Johnson, a.k.a. “The King,” serenades Dr. Sue Camp at the annual Apples and Accolades luncheon held May 5 on campus. Elvis also sang a few bars of “Hound Dog” to Dr. White.
MBA Director Named
Program Prepares for 2nd Year

The Master of Business Administration program at Gardner-Webb is nearing its second year of classes and highlighting the program's sophomore season will be a new director, Dr. Keith Griggs. Griggs has served for the last four years as chairman of the Broyhill School of Management at Gardner-Webb. He says this coming year will not only be exciting for him, but for the program as well.

"I am obviously entering into a positive situation with the MBA program," he said. "At the end of this coming year, we will be seeing the first graduating class of the program. And that group has given us some very positive feedback about the quality of professors, curriculum and program in general."

The MBA program, students say, was sorely needed in the Cleveland County area. Competition in the marketplace has sent many people back to the classroom for more education.

"A bachelor's degree doesn't really suffice anymore. The world is changing and if you want to be successful you have to change with it," said Bill Greene, a student in the program who is employed at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby. "It's almost like saying if you're not the best, you're going to lose."

The Gardner-Webb MBA program is a two-year course of study designed to allow those who work to attend classes at night.

For anyone thinking of pursuing an MBA from Gardner-Webb, consider this:

* In 1992 the starting salary for individuals holding an MBA was approximately $10,000 more than those with only a bachelor's degree.
* More than 80,000 MBA degrees were earned in 1993, as compared to 6,000 earned in 1964.
* Ninety percent of the students in the Gardner-Webb MBA program cited location and flexible scheduling as major factors for enrolling.
* Nearly half of all MBA students at Gardner-Webb said that their employer paid 90 to 100 percent of the program's costs for them.

Required for enrollment in the Gardner-Webb MBA program is a four-year undergraduate degree, no matter the concentration of study. Less than half of those currently enrolled in the Gardner-Webb MBA program hold undergraduate degrees in business.

Keefer Humphries, human relations specialist at Duke Power Co. and MBA student, says he had considered pursuing an MBA for years before enrolling at Gardner-Webb. Location and convenience, he said, convinced him that now was the time to get the degree.

"I'm not driving very far after work to take my classes," he said. "That was the key. This program fit around my schedule."

Both Humphries and Greene agree that the Gardner-Webb MBA professors have consistently worked to meet students' special needs.

"It's phenomenal how available the professors make themselves," Greene said. "I've not had a professor yet who hasn't been willing to take time outside of class to answer questions."

He added, "If you're climbing the ladder, the MBA degree is a very important rung. And if someone is ready to pursue this degree, they are making a mistake if they don't take a hard look at the Gardner-Webb program."

For more information about the Gardner-Webb MBA program, please call (704) 434-GRAD (4723).
Gardner-Webb University, in conjunction with University supporters, has announced the initiation of the Bob D. Shepherd Chair of Christian Theology for the School of Divinity.

A statewide effort has been launched to raise the necessary funds to establish this faculty position for a full-time professor who will focus on the teaching of Christian Theology in the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity.

Approximately $100,000 of the $500,000 needed to establish the position has been pledged. Committees working to raise additional funds have been established in Morganton, Sanford and Mooresville as well as the Shelby/Boiling Springs area.

The Chair of Christian Theology is being named in honor of the Rev. Bob Shepherd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Morganton. Shepherd has also served in North Carolina at First Baptist Church of Sanford and First Baptist Church of Mooresville.

Gardner-Webb learned in March that 2,187 total students were enrolled in its undergraduate and graduate programs for the Spring 1994 semester, resulting in the largest spring enrollment in the institution's history.

The total represents a five percent increase from the Spring 1993 semester, at which time 2,085 students were enrolled.

According to Ray Hardee, director of admissions, the increase can largely be attributed to the addition of the School of Divinity, Master of Business Administration (MBA) program and a thriving GOAL program. The GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) program classes are held at night on 13 satellite campuses across North Carolina and are aimed at adults who have completed the equivalent of two years and are seeking to complete their four-year degrees.

“The graduate and GOAL programs have really taken off,” Hardee said. “However, expanded recruiting efforts from our admissions department are starting to contribute to those numbers as well.”

Those efforts include the Early Decision Plan, which allows high school seniors who commit to the University before Dec. 1 of their senior year to enjoy benefits such as early registration for classes.

For the 1993-94 academic year, the number of first-time freshmen increased 10 percent over last year.
Students Spend Spring Break Witnessing for Christ

For most college students Spring Break means time off from school, sleeping late or working on a tan. For 52 Gardner-Webb students, however, the nine-day break gave them an opportunity to do mission work.

For these students, vacation time was spent witnessing to inner-city residents of Atlanta, leading revivals in Florida and helping with church construction in Puerto Rico.

The Atlanta team, consisting of 10 students, worked through the ministries of Metro Assembly Church. Under the leadership of Suzanne Reece, campus ministry intern at Gardner-Webb, the team assisted the church's extensive children's ministry by preparing meals and providing day care and bus supervision. Additionally, the team helped with facility maintenance, general repair and visitation within the city's public housing projects.

The Atlanta church ministers to over 3,000 children each week through its programs. Amy Sistrunk, a junior from Sanford, noted, "You don't have to go to Africa to find people with needs such as food, shelter and Jesus' love."

Approximately 35 students, divided into three teams, also ministered in eastern and north central Florida by leading revival services in six different churches. Gardner-Webb students witnessing for Christ are no strangers to Florida during Spring Break, as the University has taken groups there for more than 25 years.

Several teams had the chance to speak in junior and senior high schools and some led youth seminars, including sessions with a "True Love Waits" emphasis. Jim Davidson, a Gardner-Webb student from Charlotte, said, "I found out how much I need constant renewal in my own life through my trip to Florida."

Billy Griffin, of Winston-Salem, added, "God showed me during this trip that it's amazing how much He will work through me if I just allow Him to do so."

A final group of seven students was part of a larger team that helped construct Sunday School classrooms at a church in Puerto Rico. Undaunted by the late arrival of most of the building materials, the students made good use of their extra time by witnessing to prospective church members during the week.

Shawn Childress, a sophomore from Charlotte, said, "Construction is a different kind of ministry. We learned patience with each other and with God on how to handle circumstances outside of our control."

The week of March 3-14 was evidence of the strong missions commitment that Gardner-Webb students are willing to display. Burdette Robinson, Gardner-Webb campus minister, was encouraged by the students' attitudes and hard work.

"I am excited that so many students are willing to give up their time to do mission work for the Lord," he said. "When students go out and minister to others, they often return with the feeling that they, too, have received a blessing."

Campus minister Burdette Robinson, far right, is shown with one of the student groups who spent Spring Break on a witnessing mission.
A trust fund memorializing Gloria Dionne Allen has been established by nursing students at Gardner-Webb to provide future financial assistance for Ms. Allen's daughter, Dionna. Allen was a freshman enrolled in the Gardner-Webb nursing program when she was fatally wounded by a gunshot on Nov. 27, 1992.

Fellow students of Hall's decided recently to organize the fund, which will primarily be used to cover the expenses of a college education for 4-year-old Dionna.

Sharon Murray, a Gardner-Webb senior nursing student and a close friend of Allen's, has helped coordinate fundraising, which has included the selling of pens and calendars. Plans are being made to sell other items with proceeds designated for the trust fund.

"Dionna was one of those people who had seen some trying times in her life, but was pulling herself up by the bootstraps," Ms. Murray said. "It's a tragedy what happened to her because she was making great progress."

The first gift to the fund was a $500 donation from the Gardner-Webb chapter of the Student Nurses Association.

Anyone interested in contributing to the fund may do so by contacting Sharon Murray at (704) 482-4047 or the GWU Nursing Program at (704) 434-4360.

Morgan Elected Vice President Of Honor Society Organization

Dr. Robert Morgan, professor of French and mathematics at Gardner-Webb, was recently elected as a regional vice president for the Alphi Chi National Honors Scholarship Society.

Elected in March at the honor society's regional meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., Morgan will serve as vice president from 1994 to 1996 and as president for the organization from 1996 to 1998.

Morgan will hold his offices for Alphi Chi's Region 3, which includes eight Southern states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Among his duties as vice president will be the coordination of the Alphi Chi regional convention in 1996.

"By being elected to this office, I am most pleased for Gardner-Webb University," Morgan said. "This will hopefully serve to further our reputation as an outstanding academic institution."

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Roofing crews discovered the absence of many shingles and chimneys.

After given a day to realize what damage had been done, Gardner-Webb staff members set their minds to the task at hand — cleaning up.

Joining with American Red Cross Disaster Relief teams and various members of the community and nearby church associations, Gardner-Webb tackled the massive job.

Chris White and fellow staff members donned work clothes and pitched in to saw trees and drag fallen branches.

"I've never seen such a coming together before," said one television news reporter covering the clean-up. "It's remarkable the attitude that these people have in helping one another."

The North Carolina Baptist Men Disaster Relief group set up a trailer on campus, provided meals and a shoulder to lean on for students and area residents. Likewise, men from churches as far away as Winston-Salem and Thomasville and a group from the State Baptist Convention office in Cary pitched in to help restore the lives of shaken residents and students.

With more than 300 people working during the few days that followed the tornado, the Gardner-Webb campus began to clear. Although the once beautiful landscape has been mauled, Dr. White noted that Gardner-Webb and area residents should be counting their blessings.

"It's miraculous no one was hurt," he said. "Let's just be glad it's over."
New Recruiting Video Has a Fresh Approach

In this day of space-age technology and MTV, the younger generation is harder to impress than ever.

When it came time for Gardner-Webb Admissions to produce a new recruiting video, they realized that a unique concept was imperative.

The new video, entitled “People Who Care,” has been sent to prospective students in the past few weeks.

John Brock, visiting professor of theatre at Gardner-Webb, developed the video's concept and supervised its production, along with production assistant Barry Whitfield.

Picture this: two high school seniors are debating which college to attend. One gives the other a computer disk designed to match a student’s desired college characteristics with the appropriate college choice.

The result? The two students in the video seek a small, private, church-related, liberal arts university in the Southeast and the computer tells them there’s but one ideal selection — Gardner-Webb University.

The video is unlike any other Brock has seen. While researching other schools' video concepts, he realized a key to the project's success would be to show, rather than just tell, the story of Gardner-Webb.

The video is highlighted by various campus shots, ranging from summer activities on campus to winter sports events. The process, however, was not new to Brock and Whitfield.

In 1988, Brock developed the last recruiting video for the University, which won the first place Gold Award from the N.C. Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (ISBC). The new video, Brock says, is more sophisticated.

“This project is more classy from start to finish. We realized that glitz alone is not enough to impress everyone.”

Both the Gardner-Webb Department of Admissions and Brock agreed that recruiting by video is now becoming the norm among the cutting-edge universities.

“We are in a visual age,” Brock added. “I think students are now expecting to be approached with more than just information on a sheet of paper.”

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“We often hear people say ‘Why in the world would you come here?’ or ‘You’ve helped us through a difficult time,’” he added. “That kind of thing makes us remember why we’re doing this.”

N.C. Baptist Men relief teams are situated in 10 regions across North Carolina. Wilson’s team, from Region 5, appeared on the Gardner-Webb campus around 2 a.m. Monday with crew members from the Winston-Salem, Asheboro and Lexington areas. That crew stayed on campus for four days before being replaced by a team from the Charlotte/Concord region.

The N.C. Baptist Men work in conjunction with the American Red Cross to provide disaster relief.

Wilson said the relief process has become like clockwork. A call comes from the Red Cross notifying the Baptist Men of where they are needed and what supplies and meals should be provided. Volunteers are then contacted to be on standby, ready when it is determined that the time has arrived to move out.

Three feeding units are also situated throughout North Carolina, one in the mountains, Rowan County and in Wilson. The largest unit, in Rowan County, was called to the Gardner-Webb scene.

Without questions, the volunteers who make the N.C. Baptist Men’s relief efforts succeed are ready at a moment’s notice. Their work is funded from donations by North Carolina Baptists and they are reimbursed for food and supplies by the Red Cross.

Wilson described the relief efforts the N.C. Baptist Men provide as simply “a ministry.”

“Everyone here is rewarded by helping his fellow man through a crisis situation,” he said. “Providing meals is a service, but extending God’s love to wherever it’s needed is our mission.”
The Gardner-Webb University Board of Advisors has established the Lt. Col. William S. Barkley Jr. Scholarship Fund in memory of the 1975 GWU alumnus and former student body president.

Barkley's father, William S. Barkley Sr. of Hickory, is a current member of the Board of Advisors.

The endowed fund will provide financial assistance to worthy Gardner-Webb students who are entering their sophomore, junior or senior year. The scholarship was structured for annual renewal.

Barkley, a U.S. Marine Corps officer who was stationed in Quantico, Va., was a command pilot for the Presidential helicopter squadron when he and three other officers were killed in a crash during a maintenance flight May 19, 1993.

Barkley was survived by his wife, Sylvia, also a 1975 GWU graduate, and three children, Wes, Travis and Lisa.

In addition to serving as student body president of Gardner-Webb in 1975, Barkley was also named to the Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities that same year.

Above: Mezzo-soprano Rita Noel performed in Gardner-Webb's Kathleen Dover Theatre this spring. Joining her as members of the alto trio were Julia Adams, violist (pictured at right), and Michael Zenge, pianist.

Below: Students Daryl Bridges of the U.S. Navy, left, and John Miller of the U.S. Army assist with the presentation of the United States flag during formal dedication ceremonies for the Gardner-Webb University flag. Bridges and Miller are rising seniors. Miller will serve as SGA president for 1994-95.

Right: The flags, presented to Gardner-Webb by the Student Government Association, fly in the University quad area.
Wilkins Claims National Attention

By John Glennon
Staff Writer, The Charlotte Observer

It's a small college in a tiny town, a school more famous for producing ministers than middle linebackers.

But Gardner-Webb is earning considerable national attention thanks to one of its largest students.

Gabe Wilkins stands 6-5, weighs 300 pounds and can run 40 yards in about the time it takes you to syrup your pancakes.

He's a defensive lineman for the Bulldogs and he's also the reason scouts from every NFL team have discovered the way to Gardner-Webb. Most feel Wilkins will be picked by the end of the third round of the NFL draft Sunday.

How often does this happen at little Gardner-Webb, a school tucked in a one-stoplight community 15 miles from the closest major highway?

Oh, about as often as tornadoes roar down Main Street in Boiling Springs.

And, come to think of it, Wilkins, 22, might just be strong enough to mend the school's tornado-mangled goalposts, bent by the twister last month.

"He's quite a physical specimen," said Dom Anile, the Cleveland Browns director of college scouting. "He certainly passes the eyeball test. There's no question his height, speed and athleticism make him a heck of a prospect."

A scout from every team saw Wilkins, a Cowpens, S.C., native, one time or another this year.

Some liked him so much they returned for a second visit. Some, such as San Francisco, Cleveland, Green Bay and the L.A. Raiders came back for a third.

It's hard to believe a few years ago, Wilkins was just a big kid. He didn't even play football until his junior year at Spartanburg's Broome High.

"Once I started playing the game, I fell in love with it," he said. "It was the only thing I was ever rewarded in. Somebody would pat you on the back and say 'Good job.'"

Big colleges such as Clemson recruited Wilkins, who was already 6-5 and 250 pounds as a senior. But he didn't score at least 700 on his Scholastic Aptitude Test, meaning he would only have been allowed to play three years at a Division I school.

Instead, he chose Gardner-Webb, a Division II school that allowed him four years of eligibility after he sat out his first season.

"Really, he was not a very good football player coming out of high school," Gardner-Webb coach Woody Fish said. "We took a chance on him. Hey, you can coach him to become a football player. You can't coach him to be 6-5, 300 pounds."

By the time he finished his playing career, Wilkins had helped Gardner-Webb to the NAIA championship game and been named an All-American three times.

He also expects to graduate in May with a degree in business administration. He has a 2.5 grade point average.

Athletically, Wilkins hasn't reached his peak yet, says Fish.

And Wilkins understands he still needs to improve to make the pros.

"When I watch a game on TV, I see a lot of big guys out there," Wilkins said. "I want to get stronger."

Maybe that's why Wilkins won't even let himself get too excited — yet.

"I won't realize it until it happens," he said, "until I'm actually picked and I get on a team."
Gardner-Webb's baseball team enjoyed its finest season in over 20 years, winning a school record 29 times and advancing to the final four tournament in the South Atlantic Conference for the first time ever. In addition to a 29-18 won-loss record, the Bulldogs set numerous conference and school single season marks while handing Head Coach Clyde Miller his 600th career coaching win.

Gardner-Webb set new school records with 306 runs, 456 hits, 56 doubles, and 29 triples. The mark for three-base hits also set a new standard for a South Atlantic Conference team. An excellent fielding team, Gardner-Webb also was ranked fourth nationally in NCAA Division II Fielding.

Coach Miller claimed his 600th win with a 3-2 win over Catawba College in Salisbury on April 14. A veteran in the collegiate coaching ranks for 24 years, Miller was honored prior to the season finale with a special presentation and award from Dr. Chris White and Athletic Director Ozzie McFarland.

A chief component of the Bulldogs' success was the play of senior centerfielder Terry Wright, who closed out a brilliant baseball career at Gardner-Webb in grand fashion. He was recently selected to the All-South Atlantic Conference first team for the fourth consecutive year. For Wright, All-American honors and a pro career might be in store in the near future.

The fleet-footed outfielder has rewritten the Gardner-Webb record books with broken or tied five South Atlantic Conference records this season. He finished the year hitting .408 at the plate (80-196).

Wright obliterated the SAC record for triples, which was previously set by Billy Knight of Mars Hill, who had six in 1991. Wright's 12 three-baggers this season ranked him first nationally in NCAA Division II. A three-triple performance versus Central Wesleyan also set a conference mark.

A native of nearby Ellenboro and a former East Rutherford High School standout, Wright established Gardner-Webb single season records for 195 at-bats, 49 runs, 80 hits, 12 triples, and 43 RBI's, all set this season. His RBI total is especially impressive, considering he hit from the lead-off spot the entire season. He also holds school career records for 679 at-bats, 155 runs, 254 hits, 20 triples, 65 stolen bases and .364 batting average for a four-year career.

Possessing great range and a strong arm (seven assists in '94), Wright was the lead-off hitter in Coach Clyde Miller's line-up in every game for four years.

Also closing out outstanding careers were shortstop Travis Poole and All-SAC catcher Will Choate. Choate finished the season among the SAC leaders with a .375 batting average, 8 home runs and 42 RBI's.

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Gardner-Webb has announced an 11-game football schedule for the 1994 season.

The Bulldogs open the season Sept. 3 with a 7 p.m. contest at Wofford College.

Along with the traditional seven South Atlantic Conference contests are games slated with NCAA Division I University of Tennessee-Chatanooga, J.C. Smith, and Newberry College.

Head Coach Woody Fish is hoping to improve on last year's disappointing 1-9 record. An outstanding recruiting effort coupled with the return of senior quarterback John Craven gives the Dogs hopes of a return to the form that allowed them to capture the South Atlantic Conference championship in 1992.

Barring injuries Craven is on a pace to break NCAA Division Two career records for Passes Attempted and Completed, Passing Yardage, TD Passes and Total Offense. After three seasons he has completed 709 of 1343 passes for 8,808 yards and 70 touchdowns.

1994 GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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* South Atlantic Conference contests

Former Gardner-Webb football standouts Rodney Robinson and Chris Poston have recently earned roster spots with the Charlotte Rage Professional Arena Football Team.

Robinson was a member of GWU's national championship runner-up squad in 1992 and earned NAIA All-American honors while leading the nation's Division Two receivers in total yardage.

Poston was an All-South Atlantic Conference performer for the Bulldogs twice, in 1987 and 1988. He will begin the Rage's season on the injured reserve list. He is expected to join the team's regular practice sessions in time for the Rage's season opener.

GWU Head Coach Woody Fish said Robinson and Poston should both make outstanding contributions to the Rage.

"Rodney is definitely a game-breaker type of player, which he proved many times for us during his career at Gardner-Webb," Fish said. "He has all the skills to compete on the professional level."

Fish added, "And Chris will give the Rage an aggressive player in their secondary."

Former GWU Standouts Earn Spots On Charlotte Rage Professional Football Team

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The '90s

Anna Houston '93 was recently certified as an in-patient obstetrics nurse at Caldwell Memorial Hospital, where she is staff nurse in labor and delivery. She and her husband, Mack, live in Hickory. They have seven children and 10 grandchildren.

Samanthia McIntosh '93 was recently presented the honor of Caring Heart of the Year at Caldwell Memorial Hospital, where she is employed as an emergency room nurse.

Johnny Leon Morris '93 is a poet whose work has appeared in literary magazines in the Cleveland and Rutherford County area. He resides in Shelby.

Dawn Marion Smith '92 has been named account executive with Family and Business Insurance Center in Asheboro.

Beverly Haltiwanger '91 is head of the Nontraditional Careers Program at Richmond Community College.

Richard Alan Scruggs '91 received the M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in December. He is pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church in Blacksburg, S.C., where he and his wife, Debbie, live.

Penny Nicole Sharts '91 received her M.Ed. degree from The Citadel. She is employed by Cleveland County Schools as a Job Training Partnership Act coordinator.

Gene Klump '90 lives in Lexington, where he is athletic director at West Davidson High School.

Cecelia Meade '90 has been promoted to the position of controller for Parkdale Mills Inc. in Gastonia.

The '80s

Charles F. Hinson '89 has been promoted to Regional CLASS Training Specialist with Nationwide Insurance Co. He and his wife, Diann, live in Charlotte.

Bob Broadway '89 has earned the MBA degree from Pfeiffer College.

SarAnn S. Sutliff '88 was recently named 1994 Young Career Woman by the Morganstern Business and Professional Women's Club. She is program administrator with the Burke County Department of Social Services. She and her husband, Jeffery, live in Morganton.

Randy Hall '88 has been named assistant vice president for the Bank of Granite in Granite Falls. He is a certified public accountant and is also assistant treasurer of Bank of Granite Corp.

Jan Rutledge '88 and Kevin Rutledge '80 are Southern Baptist missionaries with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. They are teaching English to 40 students as an outreach through their local Czech Baptist church. Their new address is Sokolska 19, 41201 Litomerice, Czech Republic.

Wendy Webber Smith '88 was named Teacher of the Year at Elizabeth Elementary School of the Cleveland County School System. She and her husband, Scott, live in Shelby.

Audrey Harris '87 was recently named as North Carolina Secondary Health Education Teacher of the Year. She is the healthful living teacher at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Lisa Mathis Courtney '87 is serving as associate campus minister with the Baptist Student Union at Western Carolina University. She and her husband, Scott, have a son, Caleb. They live in Webster.

Tamara Nance '87 is employed as a clinical consultant in Adult Psychiatric Services at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory. She was recently named a nationally certified counselor by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

Andi Morris Wilson '86 has been named church and community ministries director for the Randolph Baptist Association in Asheboro. She and her husband, Randy, live in Asheboro.

Lisa Ledford Wassen '83 recently joined PolyGram as a customer service representative. She and her husband, Kurt, live in Shelby.

Candy Kegarise '83 is director of the Literacy Laboratory of Mitchell Community College.

Ronald "Rusty" Chapman '83 is probation officer with the North Carolina Department of Probation in Statesville.

Miriam "Mimi" Harding Ezell '80 recently completed the Rocket City Marathon in 4:31:11. She and her husband, Tim, live in Huntsville, Ala. She is employed as an accountant with Teledyne Brown Engineering.

The '70s

R. Patrick "Pat" Spangler '79 is part-owner of Cleveland Equipment Company in Shelby. He is also vice president and secretary of the company. He and his wife, Millie, have two children. They live in Shelby.

John Stallings '78 was recently named Outstanding Educator at Mountain Heritage High School in Burnsville. He is chairman of the social studies department and is the "Voice of the Cougars" as announcer for football and basketball on radio station WKYK in Burnsville. He and his wife, Melanie, have two children.

Dorries S. Byars '78 is a U.S. Navy lieutenant with the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base in Camp Lejeune. She recently received the Navy
Achievement Medal.
Diane Bailey '77 is a Southern Baptist missionary and teacher at a seminary in Santiago, Chile. She teaches Christian education, music, pastoral ministries and theology at the four-year college.
Bulo Ervin “B.E.” Price '76 is the owner of Ora Supermarket at the Farmer’s Market in Shelby and is pastor of Mull’s Memorial Baptist Church. He and his wife, McAlynn, have two children, Jessica, 11, and B.E., 8.
Edith Couch Bailey '76 and '61 has been recognized by the Alaska State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for outstanding work with the deaf. She is a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and holds the rank of commander. She is stationed at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, where she is chief of health information services. She and her husband, Vincent, have four children and two grandchildren.
Rick L. Hill '76 has been promoted to vice president of customer services and exports for Councill Craftsman.
Samuel O.B. Ostwalt '75 is utilities technician at the Proctor and Gamble plant in Brown Summitt. He lives in Rockingham County.
Dick Johnson '75 is sales manager at Yadkin Valley Chevrolet-GEO. He and his wife have two children. They live in Denton.
Roy R. Blanton '75 is a deputy sergeant with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two sons. They live in Shelby.
Dale Marie King '75 was recently selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 1994. She is a third-grade teacher at St. Paul School in Spartanburg, S.C.
Deborah Burgin '74 is a District Court Judge for Rutherford, Polk, McDowell, Henderson and Transylvania counties. She was recently named 1993 Region C Law Enforcement Judge of the Year. She and her husband, Tom, live in Forest City.

The '90s
Cammy S. Reed '93 and her husband, Chuck, have announced the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Allison, born Sept. 18, 1993.
Tina McDaniel '93 and Jeff Wright were married Jan. 15 in Blacksburg, S.C. The bride is a teacher at Kings Mountain High School. The bridegroom is employed by Oshkosh Chassis. They live in Blackburg.
Crystal Elaine Rice '93 and Brian Thomas White were married Jan. 8 in Asheville. The bride is a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville. The bridegroom is employed with Liberty Chrysler Plymouth. They live in Fairview.
Teresa Louise Johnson '92 and Gordon Skidmore were married Jan. 29 in Lake Wylie, S.C. The bridegroom is self employed. They live in Fort Mill, S.C.

The '80s
Troy D. Smart '89 and wife, Jeanne, have announced the birth of a son, Dillon Garrett, Sept. 12, 1993. They have two other sons, T. Daren Smart Jr., 6, and David Nathaniel, 4. Troy is a truck driver.
with Bernhardt Furniture. They live in Lenoir.

Beth Maloney Carroll '88 and John Kevin Carroll '85 have announced the birth of a daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, Nov. 3, 1993. John is employed as a social work supervisor with the Cleveland County Department of Social Services. Beth is employed as a teacher with the Rutherford County Schools.

Greg H. Gaddis '88 and his wife, Janet, have announced the birth of a daughter, Rachel Faith, Dec. 2, 1993. Greg is associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Troy, Ala. They live in Troy.

Kevin S. Tuttle '85 and his wife, Janice, have announced the birth of a son, Caleb Benjamin, June 26, 1993. Kevin is regional engineering sales manager with Normag Corp. in Lenoir. They live in Lenoir.

Cheryle Butler Cain '85 and her husband, Michael, have announced the birth of a daughter, Sarah Lauren, Oct. 2, 1993. They live in Charlotte.

Krista Colle Gibson '84 and William Carl Gibson '84 have announced the birth of a son, Connor Colle, Sept. 24, 1993. They also have a 3-year-old son, Taylor. William is general merchandise manager with J.C. Penney in Atlanta. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Jane Maynard Lee '84 and her husband, Danny, have announced the birth of a daughter, Morgan Danielle, Nov. 30, 1993. They have another daughter, Maggie Jane. They live in Rutherfordton.

Renee Briscoe Brinton '84 and her husband, Matt, have announced the birth of a daughter, Danielle Olivia, July 15, 1993. They have two other children, Matthew, 5, and Natalie, 3. They live in Shelby.

Daniel Boyd Proctor '83 and his wife, Kimberly, have announced the birth of a daughter, Autumn Michelle, Aug. 24, 1993. They also have a son, Zachary Sutton, 1. Daniel is project engineer with Plastic Odxilites, Inc. They live in Shelby.

Janet Snuggs Noblett '82 and her husband, Jerry, have announced the birth of a daughter, Sarah Spencer, Dec. 9, 1993. They also have a 3-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. They live in Gastonia.

Gary E. Allen '81 and Linda Garrison Allen '80 have announced the birth of a son, Christopher Saul, Oct. 2, 1993. Gary is a machine operator with Copeland Corp. in Shelby. Linda is a secretary with PPG Industries in Shelby. They live in Kings Mountain.

James B. Parker III '80 and Deborah Lankford Parker '79 have announced the birth of a son, Taylor Joseph, May 5, 1993. They also have a son, John. Deborah is a registered nurse with the Carillion Health Care System at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Jim is recruiting/personnel manager with ServiceMaster Management Services. They live in Vinton, Va.

Sally Johnson Nordlinger '80 and her husband, Larry, have announced the birth of a son, Lex Henry, Sept. 22, 1993. They also have a 3-year-old daughter, Lucy Claire. Sally is a registered nurse. They live in Hendersonville.

The '70s

Benita Rhymer Beard '79 and her husband, Eddy, have announced the birth of twins, a son, Taylor Lancaster, and a daughter, Jordan Claire, May 5, 1993. Benita is a nursing instructor at Catawba Valley Community College. They live in Hickory.

Kathy Mack Grantham '79 and her husband, Michael, have announced the birth of a son, Garrett Michael, Jan. 13, 1994. Kathy is an elementary school guidance counselor. They live in Gainesville, Fla.

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Pamela Evans Hicks '76 and her husband, Henry, have announced the birth of a son, Chadwick Mitchell, Feb. 7. They also have a 3-year-old son, Joshua Allen. Pamela is a teacher with the Forsyth County Schools in Winston-Salem. They live in Winston-Salem.

Deaths

Larry Smith '71 passed away Feb. 20
Mary McSwain Cline '56 passed away Dec. 31, 1993
Talmadge G. Downs '47 passed away Feb. 24
Tyner Ivester, charter member of the Christian Service Organization, passed away recently

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