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Bridge Builder
Jessup Uses Own Experience To Guide Others

With growth comes change. Gardner-Webb's School of Divinity can attest to that. Two years after its formation, the School of Divinity saw the need to create a staff position that would devote time and energy to maintaining that growth. As of Oct. 31, 1994, the title of "Director of Admissions for the School of Divinity" has been worn by Tracy Jessup.

Some describe Jessup as an exceptional alumnus. He graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1989, winning the award for outstanding male graduate in his class. He was hired by Gardner-Webb after graduation as assistant to the president. He married Gardner-Webb's 1987 homecoming queen. He followed his dream of pursuing the Master of Divinity degree at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School. He became associate pastor and minister of music at an Alabama church.

Some describe Jessup as talented. He is a noted singer, often joining his wife, Teresa, at an area church in a duet of their favorite Christian songs. Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White never passes up a chance to brag on Jessup's piano playing skills, either. Jessup himself even proclaims a passion for writing and preaching, not necessarily in that order.

Some describe Jessup as humble. During a normal conversation, he will mention eight to 10 times how he and his wife prayed diligently about a certain situation in their lives or how he spent days or weeks meditating and searching the scriptures for an answer to a specific problem.

How does Jessup describe himself? "Right now, I like to say I'm a bridge builder," he explains after a few moments of glancing toward the ceiling. "Because with the School of Divinity, you have students who know what they want to do but are not sure how to accomplish it."

"So I build them a bridge, so to speak. I try to lend guidance and encouragement and tell them that if they want to serve the Lord, we'll help equip them to do just that in the School of Divinity."

Jessup, 28, takes a philosophical approach to his new position with the University. Putting labels on people won't help them become better witnesses for Christ, he says. He feels his purpose is to extend a helping hand to those who feel the Lord is calling them into the ministry, whether or not they fit the traditional mold of what a pastor or minister should be.

"People are going to come to us from all different backgrounds, but it's not important where they've come from. What's important is why they've come and that they will graduate from the School of Divinity better prepared as a minister of the gospel."

Jessup considers his work with the School of Divinity as an honor. Counseling and meeting with future Christian leaders, he says, is a form of ministry that is very satisfying.

"That's the way I look at my situation at Gardner-Webb — it's not only a place of employment, but a place of ministry. I feel that way because I can relate personally with the decisions these students are making. I've wrestled with the same anxiety that most of them are feeling."

Realizing God was calling him to Christian higher education after serving as Gardner-Webb's assistant to the president, Jessup recalls his decision to pursue his Master of Divinity degree. Attending graduate school full-time while his wife worked, the need for reassurance was overwhelming.
But, he says, referring to Hebrews 11:8, “Like Abraham, I vowed to obey God, not knowing where He would lead me. He had provided for me and my wife so far, and I knew He would continue to do so.”

Now Jessup can take his experiences and talk one-on-one with students who may need some comfort or reassuring themselves. “Because I’ve been there, I have a genuine concern for what they’re going through. I hope to let them know, however, that they are about to confront some incredible opportunities that will reward them for the rest of their lives.”

The smile on Jessup’s face is his most prominent feature as he talks about his few short months in his new position. Simply stated, he says, “I’m just excited, I guess.”

Excited, yes. Naive, no.

“I am realizing just how much work is involved in the admissions and recruiting process,” he says. “I mean, you can’t take a ‘Field of Dreams’ approach to the School of Divinity, which is to say ‘If you build it, they will come.’”

He smiles and adds, “I’m in a new position doing new things, but at the same time I don’t want to re-invent the wheel. I just want to keep a good thing going.”

The best of both worlds, that’s what Jessup says he has right now. Drawing people to Christian higher education as well as ministering to those who need guidance and direction in following the Lord’s will. Oh yes, and visiting the local churches on the weekends for fellowship and an occasional sermon or duet with his wife.

“What attracted me to Gardner-Webb as an employee is the same thing that attracted me here as a student — this is the most caring community I’ve ever been a part of.”

There’s that smile again.
Dover Foundation Makes Second $1 Million Gift

Structure was originally completed and named Memorial Hall in 1925 to honor students who had served in World War I. At the time, it was one of two major buildings on campus. Facility was destroyed by fire in 1937. The interior was gutted and only the walls were left standing.

Financial difficulties during the depression era delayed restoration of the building until 1943, when it was named for Boiling Springs merchant Elijah Bly Hamrick (1858-1946).

E.B. Hamrick was noted for his generosity to the school, as he once marked $4,000 off his books that the college owed him, and for almost one year he fed the student body free of charge. The school's history reads: "Had it not been for E.B. Hamrick, the school surely would have closed."

The renovated facility featured the dean's office, registrar's office and other administrative departments, foreign language laboratories and an auditorium.

A student, Junius McAllister, served as foreman for the renovation project.

Fire once again heavily damaged Hamrick Hall in 1981. The building's third story was the site of the blaze that summer. Water used to extinguish the fire accounted for a large amount of the damage.

In a ceremony attended by State Sen. Ollie Harris, Hamrick Hall was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh recognized the building as "significant to the early history of the college and the community of Boiling Springs."

December 1994 — The Dover Foundation of Shelby, N.C., pledges $1 million to the renovation of the building.

Shelby's Dover Foundation Inc. commemorated its 50th anniversary of philanthropic giving with a $1 million pledge to the renovation of Hamrick Hall on the Gardner-Webb University campus. The gift marks 50 years of giving to the University by the Dover Foundation, established by brothers John (Jack) Dover Jr., and Charles I. Dover in 1944 to fund the school's top priority capital needs. The Foundation's first gift was $22,000 to Gardner-Webb in December 1944. Following a tradition of giving, the Foundation was also responsible for Gardner-Webb's first $1 million gift, presented to the school for the 1990 renovation of the student campus center, which is named for Charles I. Dover.

The $1 million pledge given this year marks the beginning of a massive renovation project for Hamrick Hall, which has not been used for the past eight years due to damage suffered by a fire in the 1980s. Hamrick Hall is the University's oldest building and the only one remaining from Gardner-Webb's original campus.

Once renovated, Hamrick Hall will house Gardner-Webb's School of Business, which includes the graduate-level Master of Business Administration Program and undergraduate Broyles School of Business. The School of Business currently enrolls the largest number of students on campus.

The University intends to utilize Hamrick Hall in the same fashion as earlier this century when the building was the centerpiece of campus. Numerous classrooms and faculty offices were located there, and the building often was the site of campus, community and theater events. Only meals and lodging were provided elsewhere on campus during that time.

Dr. Chris White explained the significance of Hamrick Hall and the Dover Foundation pledge by saying, "With this gift, renovating the most historic building on campus is no longer a dream — it is reality. We want this facility to mean as much to the generations of the future as it has to the generations of the past."

Total cost of Hamrick Hall's renovations has been estimated at $3 million. Although state-of-the-art electronics and computer capabilities will be included, the architecture and decor will reflect a traditional 1940s style.

Dr. White stated that seeking additional funds to reach the $3 million goal has now become the University's top fund-raising priority.

White added, "We are intent on reviving a very important aspect of Gardner-Webb that the community can be proud of and depend on again."

Although Gardner-Webb has remained a major beneficiary of the Dover Foundation's generosity for 50 years, the Foundation's statement of purpose notes that it was founded "for the purpose of assisting religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational organizations...of Cleveland County and other areas of North Carolina."

Hamrick Hall
President White Joins Education Organization

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White recently joined the President's Foundation for the Support of Higher Education, a new service-oriented education organization that will assist institutions with leadership development and the financing of higher education.

Fifty current and former college and university presidents from across the United States have joined the organization to serve as mentors and consultants to the nation's 700 smaller independent institutions. Among the members' duties include the identification, pre-service training and mentoring of prospective new presidential leaders for the nation's independent colleges.

The members will also participate in a national series of workshops for parents, providing assistance with choosing and paying for an independent college education. Additionally, the members will contribute to a number of publications offering practical help to trustees and presidents.

Dr. White said, "This organization will focus on two major concerns — developing a new generation of institutional leaders for the next century, and also developing beneficial financial strategies for students who attend private colleges."

Also in December, Dr. White took part in the 99th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in San Antonio, Texas. He joined more than 3,000 delegates who took action on accreditation issues and set policy for the regional accrediting agency.

Gardner-Webb this semester has achieved its largest spring enrollment ever with 2,230 registered for undergraduate and graduate school classes.

Dr. Chris White said the figure represents the fifth consecutive spring semester in which the University has increased its enrollment. It is also the first time the University had surpassed the 2,200 plateau in enrollment for a spring semester.

Gardner-Webb's School of Divinity and MBA Program have continued to attract an increasing number of students, White explained. Other programs he pointed to as having contributed to the record enrollment were the University's Graduate School, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program, and GOAL Program.

"We feel we have weathered the storm," White said, referring to national statistics indicating the number of high school graduates from which to choose this year is the smallest its been in three decades. "We have managed to maintain stability during what have been trying times."

For the upcoming fall semester, the amount of applicants is up 24 percent from a year ago and the number of students who have paid deposits for the fall is up 23 percent from 1994.

Spring Enrollment
Largest
In School History
Marguerite Noel, a special friend and benefactor of Gardner-Webb University for many years, passed away in January. She was 81.

The students who now walk across the campus see her name on Noel Hall, the newest building on campus — home to the School of Divinity and considered the "postcard site" of the University. The building that bears her name is but one way in which Marguerite Noel's legacy is felt.

A champion of causes who provided assistance to those in need, Mrs. Noel's generosity also touched Gardner-Webb with the Noel Programs for the Disabled. Unmistakably, it was her caring, Christian nature that allowed Gardner-Webb to offer this unique learning program to a special group of people.

Jesus, as recorded in Luke 6:38, said, "Give and it will be given to you; good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Such is the ideal description of Mrs. Noel.

During her funeral services Dr. Chris White explained that, after her husband's death, Mrs. Noel began devoting her life to giving in order to make life better for others.

He added, "She was partial to people who had some problems in life. She was partial to institutions that help people. And she was partial to causes that fostered hope for the future.

"She liked the past but she wanted people to live happier and gracious hostess, world traveler, philanthropist, intellectual, friend.

It was agreed that Mrs. Noel was all of this and more.

Not to be forgotten was her strength and determination. Several years ago, Mrs. Noel suffered a heart attack and a stroke. She had been scheduled to receive an honorary doctorate from Gardner-Webb but, in light of her physical condition, plans were made for her daughters to accept the degree on their mother's behalf. Determined, however, to make an appearance on campus, Mrs. Noel fought to recover from her setbacks and she accepted the degree again personally at a later commencement ceremony.

Strength and determination, indeed.

"Gardner-Webb's relationship with her was special," Dr. White said. "We developed genuine respect, mutual trust and abiding friendship. But what about the impact of her life? Is it over? With all the emphasis I can muster, the answer is 'No'."

Addressing Mrs. Noel's children, Dr. White concluded, "In the words of one of your mother's favorite verses, 'Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!'" (Psalm 27:14)
3 New Scholarships to Benefit School of Divinity

The School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb recently announced three new scholarships have been established to provide assistance for students preparing for the ministry.

The J. Harold and Peggy Craig Endowed Scholarship Fund for the School of Divinity was initiated by Penelope Baptist Church in Hickory in honor of its former minister of music Harold Craig and in memory of his wife, Peggy.

The scholarship will not only benefit worthy students who have committed themselves to full-time Christian service, but preference will be given to those students who will be concentrating in sacred music. Preference will also be given first to School of Divinity students from Penelope Baptist Church and second to students from the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

The Christian Service Organization at Gardner-Webb, which provides assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students preparing for the ministry, has also announced that two new scholarships were recently created to assist School of Divinity students.

Dr. Robert Morgan has initiated The Gilbert and Sue Morgan Memorial Endowed Christian Service Organization School of Divinity Scholarship Fund in memory of his parents’ commitment to Gardner-Webb University and theological education.

Dr. Morgan is a professor of French and mathematics at Gardner-Webb. He said his parents’ continuous support of aspiring ministerial students, as well as their involvement in numerous activities during lifelong memberships at Green Hill Baptist Church near Rutherfordton, inspired him to establish the fund in their memory.

Also created recently was The Edward H. and Mafrey Richardson Sessom Christian Service Organization School of Divinity Endowed Scholarship Fund.

GWU President Dr. Chris White said the couple established the fund because of “a strong desire to lend a helping hand to School of Divinity students who have pledged their lives to spreading the Word of God.”

Contributions by interested individuals to any of these scholarship funds are welcomed. For more information, please call the Office of University Relations at (704) 434-4253.

Gardner-Webb Names New Trustees

This year Gardner-Webb welcomes nine new members to its Board of Trustees. The newcomers will serve four-year terms and participate on select trustee committees. Serving through 1998 are:

Garland Bolejack of Hoechst Celanese Corp. in Charlotte. He and his wife, April, live in Shelby. He will serve on the Student Affairs Committee.

Udean Burke of Burke Christian Tours in Newton. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Maiden. He will serve on the Student Affairs Committee.

Tommy Causby of Belmont Textile Machine Corp. in Belmont. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Belmont. He will serve on the Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Rance Henderson, retired, former superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton. He and his wife, Betty, live in Morganton. He will serve on the Education Affairs Committee and the Divinity School Committee.

Thomas Philson, V.P. of Human Resources of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority in Charlotte. He and his wife, Vivian, live in Charlotte. He will serve on the Financial Affairs Committee.

James Putnam of Putnam Distributors in Shelby. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Shelby. He will serve on the Student Affairs Committee.

James Robbins of Tri-City Concrete Co. in Forest City. He and his wife, Robin, live in Forest City. He will serve on the Educational Affairs Committee and the Divinity School Committee.

Dr. John Roberts of the Baptist Courier in Greenville, S.C. He and his wife, Helen, live in Greenville. He will serve on the Development Committee.

Wade Shepherd, owner of Wade Shepherd Co., will serve on the Financial Affairs Committee and Divinity School Committee. He and his wife, Sophie, live in Hickory.
Joe Wright, a longtime Gardner-Webb friend and benefactor, passed away Sunday, Jan. 22. He was 91.

Born and raised in Cleveland County, Wright was a renowned attorney, churchman and philanthropist. He married Margaret King in 1935 and although they had no children, they claimed many "symbolic" children among their friends.

Wright touched the University and Cleveland County with far more than his financial generosity. He showed us that whether we are rich or poor, we should give of ourselves to those around us.

Dr. Chris White was a close acquaintance of Wright and his wife, Margaret.

The following contains excerpts from Dr. White's remarks as he presided at the funeral on Jan. 24. White spoke in reference to Micah 6:8 and entitled his remarks "The Measure of the Man."

"Joe Wright was born in humble circumstances, but he was the possessor of tremendous talent, intellect and determination. He did not seem to mind long work. Physical labor did not offend him. Long hours was accepted as part of life. From all of this, Joe became a 'self-made man.'

When asked about Joe, Margaret would say he was a 'good man.' Perhaps that is all that needs to be said — a good man. Oh, if that could honestly be said of all of us!

His reputation was clean. He did not make enemies. He acted justly.

Joe Wright cared about his clients. He charged very low fees. Only God knows how much free legal service he provided the poor of this county.

He loved mercy. He dispensed mercy as best he could. He downplayed personal gain.

He was frugal. He conserved everything and wasted nothing. He gradually amassed a fortune over the years, yet he was humble about his wealth.

The term 'misunderstood' could be used to describe Joe Wright. However, I prefer the term 'not understood.' He was private about his affairs, particularly finances. Unlike so many of us, he shunned materialistic trappings.

Joe Wright came to understand the Biblical teaching that 'to whom much is given, much is required.' Over the last few years of his life he became determined to use the wealth God had allowed him to accumulate for good causes. He was interested in improving humanity, improving the quality of life for all people.

He approached giving the same way he approached work itself — with vigor and thought.

Joe Wright's long earthly life is over, but his spiritual life continues in another realm that we call Heaven.

My closing words are those of the Old Testament prophet Micah. 'And what does the Lord require: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.' Amen."
Local Interest Prompts New Program

In January Gardner-Webb began offering the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree on its Boiling Springs campus in response to renewed interest in the program by the local nursing community.

A survey of 300 area registered nurses conducted in 1992 revealed that the absence of a local BSN program was a primary concern. Since then, Gardner-Webb has taken steps to establish the program on its main campus, where it has not been offered since 1987. Under the leadership of BSN program director Dr. Cindy Miller, courses are now underway.

Dr. Miller explained that a study conducted by the Area Health Education Center recently identified the Shelby area as having the second greatest need for bachelor's degree nurses in North Carolina. "The need and the demand are the reasons for the BSN program," she said.

Nursing administrators strongly urge registered nurses to obtain the BSN degree in order to pursue leadership and managerial positions within the profession. Also, more and more health agencies are requiring broader educational backgrounds from employees, with the BSN degree as the desired credential.

The degree focuses more on issues in nursing and health care than the intense clinical education nursing students must undergo when preparing for licensing exams. The BSN degree courses build on a nurse's existing knowledge and offer information about topics like home health care, health assessment, management/leadership strategies, and nursing research. The courses also focus on the continuity of health care as well as health promotion and illness prevention.

Several factors separate the Gardner-Webb BSN program from other similar programs, according to Dr. Miller. Noting that some competing BSN programs use satellite link-ups and teach only through the use of a television, Dr. Miller stressed the Gardner-Webb program's luxury of face-to-face interaction between students and instructors in the classroom as well as access to library resources. Another feature is a flexible schedule of courses for both full-time and part-time students, available during the week and at night to accommodate nurses working various shifts.

Since January, both the associate degree in nursing (ADN) and BSN degree have been offered through the Gardner-Webb Department of Nursing on the Boiling Springs campus, explained Dr. Shirley Toney, department chairman and director of the ADN program.

The BSN curriculum is designed for registered nurses who are graduates of associate's degree and diploma programs. The department's curriculum is structured so that the BSN degree will build onto the ADN degree, thus creating a two-year plus two-year plan for completing the bachelor's degree.

Those interested in applying for the BSN program may do so through the Gardner-Webb Office of Special Studies at 704-434-4276. For more information about the program, please call the Gardner-Webb Department of Nursing at (704) 434-4360.

Former V.P. Rejoins GWU Staff

Dr. Thomas (Tom) J. McGraw of Boiling Springs has been added to the University's development staff on a part-time basis. Previously, Dr. McGraw was employed at Gardner-Webb in 1962 as Director of Development. He also held several other positions with the school through 1978, including Executive Vice President of the College, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Academic Dean.

Upon his departure from Gardner-Webb, he became Clerk of the Federal Court for the Western District of North Carolina, a position he retired from in 1994.

Dr. McGraw holds a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, a master's degree from Appalachian State University, and an honorary doctorate from Campbell University. He and his wife, Bettye, live in Boiling Springs and have three grown children.

Vice President for University Relations Scoot Dixon noted, "We are excited that Tom has brought his expertise back to the University Relations Office."
Alumnus Gets Award
55 Years Later

The span of five and a half decades didn't diminish Helen Borders Blanton's proud achievement as Most Outstanding Bible Student at Gardner-Webb University in 1939. There was just one thing — she never received the plaque that made her accomplishment official.

After calling this oversight to her son’s attention recently, Blanton finally received something to show for her award. Dr. Chris White officially presented her with the 1939 Most Outstanding Bible Student Award Dec. 19 in the President’s Office.

Unsuspectingly, Blanton was led to Dr. White’s office for what she was told was part of a campus tour arranged by her son, David Blanton of Harrisburg.

Mrs. Blanton revealed that because of the Depression actual awards, plaques and medals were only given when someone donated them.

“I was handed an envelope at Award’s Day that said I would receive my medal later,” she said. “But I realized the school just couldn’t afford to spend money left and right for every award. I’ve just been satisfied all these years with the thought that I did well in my studies.”

Now, Mrs. Blanton says, she’s got some actual proof of her academic prowess. And, she adds, she couldn’t be prouder.

Dr. Gil Blackburn, Gardner-Webb Associate Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, said, “She had no idea that she would finally be receiving her award. We hope this helped to make her Christmas a little more special.”

Don Durham joined the Gardner-Webb staff in July 1994 as Assistant to the President and Director of Gift Planning. He is a 1991 Gardner-Webb graduate. Don and his wife, Gaye, live in Boiling Springs.
The Gardner-Webb sponsored 1994 tour of the Holy Land and Egypt drew rave reviews from those who participated. Now plans are being made to revisit this historic area once again.

This year’s trip is scheduled for Aug. 6-16 and Dr. Chris White says it is guaranteed to be a memorable one. Under Dr. White’s direction, the tour group will visit the most notable sites in Biblical history, pausing long enough at each location for personal reflection and group discussion.

“The trip is entirely first class,” Dr. White says. “Group members will enjoy only the finest in travel, dining and overnight accommodations.”

Among the most impressive stops is the Mena House in Egypt. Annually rated as one of the top 10 hotels in the world, the Mena House will provide group members with an unforgettable experience.

Most importantly, the group will benefit from Dr. White’s Ph.D. expertise in Biblical Studies. From the Garden Tomb to the Sea of Galilee, from the Pyramids to the Dome of the Rock — everyone who witnesses these sites will come away inspired.

“Imagine actually standing where Jesus stood,” White adds. “Imagine hearing the Sermon on the Mount at the spot where it took place. The whole trip is filled with these kinds of events. We all come away spiritually enriched.”

The tour is limited to 30 participants to move the group from site to site without delay. Friends and alumni of the University should call the President’s Office at (704) 434-4236 for further information about the tour and reservations.

Bolivia Again Site of Mission Trip

For the third time in four years, a team of 19 Gardner-Webb students spent a portion of their Christmas break ministering to the people of Bolivia, South America.

During the 10-day mission trip, the group was divided into six smaller teams, each of which worked with two churches. At the 12 churches, the Gardner-Webb teams assisted with youth programs, evangelistic visitation and worship services each night.

Presenting the gospel message in public parks with clowns, drama and puppetry, the students used their knowledge of the Spanish language to personally witness to the crowds attracted by the presentations. Several group members also sang or shared their testimonies in Spanish during worship services.

The students were primarily based in the area of Santa Cruz, a growing city of approximately 500,000 where Southern Baptist work is centered. Bolivia is the smallest and newest Southern Baptist mission in South America and the Gardner-Webb students worked alongside Southern Baptist missionaries during the trip.

Cindy Whitaker, a senior English/Spanish major from Mocksville, noted, “I was touched by the example set by the missionaries. I learned that missions does not always occur in perfect situations. I was encouraged by the joy and commitment of the missionaries as they served in difficult situations.”

Students were responsible for raising the monies necessary for the trip. Although some received assistance from their churches and families, additional funds were raised through bake sales, benefit concerts and a “Mile for Missions” event.

Burdette Robinson, Gardner-Webb campus minister and trip organizer, said the students are now making presentations to Boiling Springs area churches about the trip.

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Auction, Roast To Benefit Athletic Program

An auction to benefit the Gardner-Webb Athletic Program will be held Friday, April 7, in the Paul Porter Arena on campus. The event will begin with dinner at 6 p.m.

Among the list of items to be auctioned are:
Sports Memorabilia — Three Super Bowl jackets, a Kansas City Chiefs autographed football, a Green Bay Packers autographed football, a football autographed by Washington Redskins quarterback Heath Shuler, a Mike Schmidt autographed baseball, a Tommy Lasorda autographed baseball, and Gabe Wilkins autographed gloves.

Vacation Items — One-week stay at a beach house in Myrtle Beach, a one-week stay at a house on the ocean front in the Florida Keys, and a three-night stay in Orlando, Fla.

Miscellaneous Merchandise — a television with VCR, vacuum cleaner, VCR, drill, Oriental rug, sports equipment, paperback recorder, yard spreader, and telephones.

A date is yet to be determined for the roast and induction. Tickets will go on sale soon for $100, which will admit the ticket holder and one guest. The event will take place in the Ritch Banquet Hall in the Dover Campus Center.

McFarland noted, “Anyone who has ever been associated with the Gardner-Webb Athletic Department, Eddie Holbrook or Artis Gilmore will not want to miss this night. Both Coach Holbrook and Artis Gilmore helped write much of Gardner-Webb’s athletic history. We are proud to have this chance to honor them and recognize the legacies they both left at this school.”

For more details, please call (703) 434-4340 or write GWU at P.O. Box 877, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

### 1995 Bulldog Baseball Schedule

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Baseball

Last season the Bulldogs won a school record 29 games and advanced to the SAC semi-finals for the first time ever. Head Coach Clyde Miller (601-478 in 24 years) will have a difficult time replacing All-American centerfielder Terry Wright, now in the Cincinnati Reds organization, All-SAC catcher Will Choate and shortstop Travis Poole. Together they combined to knock in 111 runs in 1994.

"We should have more pitching depth this spring and again should be solid defensively. However, it will be difficult to top last season's glove work (GWU ranked sixth nationally with a .964 fielding percentage). Our offense and overall team speed are our greatest concerns," notes Miller.

Top returnees include third baseman Jason McQuinniff, an excellent defensive corner who hit .311 with 2 hrs and 27 rbis as a sophomore and junior pitcher/infielder Bobby Hill. Hill was 7-4 as a sophomore and junior comer who hit .311 with 2 hrs and 27 rbis. Collins, Holman and Lloyd will be counted on heavily for their offensive output this spring. Junior infielder Brad Taylor returns after having his season cut short a year ago due to knee surgery.

Newcomers expected to see plenty of action include catcher Walt Moser, shortstop Brian Alderson, second baseman Andy Collins, and first baseman John Hill.

Joining Bobby Hill on the mound will be veteran hurlers Chris Davis (6-4, 4.87 era), Lee Hill (4-2, 6.03 era) and Joey Lynch (2-5, 3 saves) Brad Teague (3-1, 2 saves) and Preston Allen (1-0).

Newcomers to the pitching staff David McDowell, Chris Emery, Jay Lemonds, John Hill and Brian Rhodes should provide pitching depth and hopefully a few pleasant surprises.

"This is the toughest schedule we’ve faced in the five years I’ve been at Gardner-Webb," states Miller.

Golf

Third-year head coach Franklin Jett welcomes back four letter-winners from last year’s third place South Atlantic Conference team.

All-conference performer Tommy Barker returns for his senior season. The Bulldogs will look to Barker and fellow senior Kerry Cooke for leadership. Inconsistent play hampered the Bulldogs in the fall. Newcomers Sam Dawson, Chad Shumate and Chad McGillister must provide consistent play if the Bulldogs hope to contend for the conference crown.

"I’m very impressed with the progress of freshmen Chad Shumate and Chad McGillister, however the upperclassmen must pick up their games and meet the challenge if we are to be successful," notes Jett.

Men’s Tennis

The Bulldogs have to replace four of last year’s top eight players and first-year coach Andy Smith hopes that junior transfer Konrad Olson of Alpharetta, Ga., and the addition of several walk-ons will strengthen the chances of another winning season.

Top returnees Doug Clark, Brian Reijgoud and Kevin Bess give Smith a solid nucleus on which to build.

Women’s Tennis

With newcomer Laura Bugg firmly entrenched in the number one singles spot, the Lady Bulldogs are in position to be a serious contender in the South Atlantic Conference. The British standout won both tournaments she played in the fall and teamed with Julie Smith to win two doubles titles.

The doubles lineup has also been strengthened by combining veterans Andrea Dockery and Jenny Traband in the number two position and having Mindy Mallard and Leah Robinson at number three.

GWU has an interesting mix of experience and young talent that positions the Lady Bulldogs as a new force in the conference.

Softball

First-year coach Ellen McGinnis returns four starters from last year’s 10-20 squad that finished fifth in the SAC regular season standings.

McGinnis was busy on the recruiting trail and was able to bring in nine outstanding freshmen, several of whom should have an immediate impact on the program.

Leading the list of returnees is sophomore pitcher Kerryanne Rishko, 10-19 with 191 innings pitched, only 24 base on balls and a 4.00 earned run average. Rishko was also very productive at the plate with a .352 batting average, 3 hrs, and 16 rbis.

Junior outfielder Tonia Ballard, .338 ba, 1 hr, 10 rbis, senior infielder Jennifer Hamby, .275 ba, 1 hr, 14 rbis, and sophomore infielder Crystal Brown, .259 ba, 0 hr, 6 rbis, will also be called upon to provide leadership and experience.

1995 Spring Sports Outlook

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The Making of Homecoming

Dear Alumni,

There are many factors for a builder to consider when undertaking a new project. Quality materials, skilled labor, budgeting, marketability — all of these impact the success of an endeavor. However, the one component that determines whether a structure stands the test of time or crumbles to the ground is the strength of its foundation.

Building a Gardner-Webb Homecoming is much like building a structure of bricks and mortar. We plan a variety of events (quality materials) and employ the services of an enthusiastic volunteers (skilled labor) to help hammer down all the details. Publicity blankets our constituency and community (marketing) and, of course, it all happens as cost effectively as possible (budgeting).

But what is the foundation for a successful Homecoming? Your participation in the weekend! Once a year you have the opportunity to gather your "Webb Family" together and reminisce about some of the best days of your life. Those relationships and your memories are important. They deserve to be remembered and celebrated.

Make it a priority to be a part of Homecoming 1995 on Oct. 6 and 7. Call your friends and come on home. And remember, if the Alumni Office can be of any assistance to you in planning a reunion, please call us at (704) 434-4255 and let us know. We are ready to help!

Sincerely,
Mickey Sharpe
Director of Alumni Relations

Homecoming '95

Dates: Oct. 6-7
Game: GWU vs. Elon College

Thank you,
Rusty Patterson
Director of the Annual Fund
1929

RETIREMENTS: Jessie McCluney Wallace, as Union County Deputy Registrar, Union, S.C.

1939

RETIREMENTS: Bertie Elvira Ruppe Thomas, as elementary school teacher, Covington, S.C.

1941

RETIREMENTS: Dorothy Sue Hamrick, as home economics teacher, Crest High School, Boiling Springs.

1944

LOCATION: Clyde F. McAllister lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

1946

RETIREMENTS: Anna Lundien Brown, as art teacher, Annandale, Va. Now doing freelance portraits, painting and drawing.

LOCATION: Ruth Hastings Price lives in Stanley.

1949

RETIREMENTS: Ray D. Shyrle, Mount Ulla, Rev. Clifford L. Holland, Clemmons, July 1, as pastoral minister.

1952

ACHIEVEMENTS: Alex M. Bromir, Miami, inducted into the Florida High School Activities Association Hall of Fame. He is region superintendent of Dade County Public Schools.

1953

RETIREMENTS: Rebecca Ann Luffman Calloway, Garner, Spring, 1994, as teacher in Marlboro County.

1958

RETIREMENTS: G. Kenneth Wilson, Hixson, Tenn., July 1, as principal of Hixson Elementary School.

1965


1967

RETIREMENTS: Howard Watson, from U.S. Air Force, Sumter, S.C.

1967

ACHIEVEMENTS: Susie Bridges, named Teacher of the Year by Shelby City Schools.

1973


NEW POSITIONS: H. Edwin Middleton, senior pastor, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Cincinnati.

DEGREES: Lois Virginia Gee, Master's in Elementary School Counseling, University of South Carolina.

1974


1975

NEW POSITIONS: Cathy Bird, assistant principal, Inman Elementary School, Inman, S.C.

1976

NEW POSITIONS: Jeffrey T. Wylie, program director, McCracken County Office of the Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health Center.

WEDDINGS: Mary Beth Beasor and Steve Hawkins, Huntsville, Sept. 4.

1977

ACHIEVEMENTS: Karen Willis, R.N., Gastonia, received the Great 100 award, shared by only 100 of North Carolina's 60,000 registered nurses.

BIRTHS: Michael and Michelle Mayhugh Lee, a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, Sept. 12.

1978

ACHIEVEMENTS: Ray Wickham, Apex, presented Church Planter of the Year Award by the Church Extension Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

NEW POSITIONS: R.N. Jane S. Talley, Forest City, director of Adult Day/Health Program, Carolina Community Care.

1980

DEGREES: Bill M. Jones, Newland, Doctor of Ministry, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is senior minister at First Baptist Church in Newland.

LOCATION: Karl Weston Benoy lives in Fayetteville. He is an inspector with the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

1981

DEGREES: Paul Jeffrey Clark, Goldsboro, Doctor of Ministry, Drew University. He is senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Goldsboro.


LOCATION: Malinda Dunlap Fillingham lives in Louisvile, Ken. She is a minister and writer.

1982

BIRTHS: David and Beth Hoffman Lynn, Gastonia, a daughter, Miranda Beth, April 12. Scott and Susan Jewel Heise Burson, Wilmore, Ken., a son, Ryan Quincy, May 15.

NEW POSITIONS: Donald L. Barnes, Winston-Salem, computer programmer/analyst, Pepsico. He is married to Lisa Gilmore Barnes '81.

LOCATION: Cheryl Waters Nix lives in Benbrook, Texas. She is a second grade teacher at Deer Creek Elementary School.

1983


NEW POSITIONS: Gary L. Dixon, Graham, corporate training coordinator, Culp, Inc.


LOCATION: Susan Jones lives in Morgan, She is a special education department head at Liberty Middle School in Burke County.

1984

ACHIEVEMENTS: Alfreda B. Bowman, Newton, was named First Union Outstanding Educator for 1994.

BIRTHS: Rodney and Gina Rae Smith Baker, Hickory, a daughter, Rachel Elaine, Joe and Julia Cline Pruett, a daughter, Leah Marie, Jan. 13, 1994. Stuart and Ha Jane Sermons-Jelemic, Charlotte, a

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Alum Breaks New Ground In The Ministry

The former pastor of Shelby's Zoar Baptist Church, the Rev. Dennis Hester '76, received training from The Center for Congregational Health at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He has put that training to good use by directing a new ministry called The Institute for Christian Spiritual Health and is serving as an Intentional Interim Minister (IIM).

The trained interim pastor is a ministry of spiritual healing. The pastor generally agrees to serve the church for a year and help make the transitional period one of reflection and growth. As the church comes to terms with its past, the IIM is responsible for reaffirming the church's place in the ministry and developing its new identity. Rev. Hester says he believes his efforts will enhance a church's ability to call another pastor.

The Intentional Interim Ministry is new to Southern Baptist churches, but it has already been recognized as beneficial by those churches that have experienced the planned time of transition between pastors.

**1985**


NEW POSITIONS: Maximine Parsons, Boiling Springs, finance director, City of Kings Mountain. Lisa Caryl Atkins Ballantyne, Maggie Valley, vice president of Highland Dental Lab, Inc.


LOCATION: Claire Lockaby DiBlasi lives in McComb, Mich. She is quality advisor with Electronic Data Systems.

**1986**

ACHIEVEMENTS: Steven G. Helton, Ellenboro, was selected Teacher of the Year for his school system and served as grand marshall of the 1994 Carolinas' Carnevals Parade.

NEW POSITIONS: Christopher H. Roberts, Gastonia, minister of music, Boiling Springs Baptist Church.


**1987**


NEW POSITIONS: Steven D. Starnes, Monroe, associate counsel to public attorney Koy Dawkins. Abigail Stephens Kalaf, Boiling Springs, residential counselor and adjunct faculty member, Gardner-Webb University.

**1988**


NEW POSITIONS: Perry W. Sheppard, Clemmons, department chairman for respiratory care technology, Forsyth Technical Community College.


**1989**

ACHIEVEMENTS: Amy L. Warren, Wake Forest, was named Teacher of the Year for Warren County Schools. Nancy B. Hulett, Greenville, S.C., was named Teacher of the Year at Sunny View Elementary School in Columbus.

**1990**

ACHIEVEMENTS: Derrick T. Puckett, Winston-Salem, has been elected trust officer of Wachovia Corporate Services, Inc.


LOCATION: Kenneth J. Horvath lives in Harrsiburg. He is employed as manufacturing manager with Oiles America Corp.

**1991**

ACHIEVEMENTS: Joyce Pearson, Claremont, has been awarded her Graduate, Realtor Institute professional designation. Missionary Bobbie Charlotte Low, Lakeside, Mont., has released her first solo album, Touch of Love. Yvette Moore, Atlanta, is frequent soloist of the National Anthem prior to Atlanta Braves baseball games.

DEGREES: David Magnet, Fairfax, Va., Master's in Christian Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is associate pastor of youth and education, Fairfax Circle Baptist Church. Paul Louis Benson, Norcross, Ga., MBA, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is program analyst for Data Systems and Management in Norcross.

NEW POSITIONS: Laura Lambeth VanOtteren, Douglas, Ga., chorus teacher, East Coffee Middle School.

**1992**


DEGREES: Lisa Thompson Cauthen, Salisbury, Mont. in Nursing, Magna cum laude, N.C. at Greensboro Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program. She is a nurse practitioner, VA Medical Center.

NEW POSITIONS: Aimee Michelle Stewart, Asheville, third grade teacher, Pisgah Elementary School.

LOCATION: Jacqueline Lyon lives in Holderness, N.H. She is a teachers assistant at Plymouth State College.

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**DEATHS**

1931

Madge Spurling Little, Shelby, Nov. 18, retired teacher.

1938


1942

Rev. Edly Byron Hicks, Shelby, Oct. 9, Baptist minister.

1947


1955

John Franklin Beal, Lincolnton, Sept. 21, former owner of Mill Outlet Stores and Beal's Shirt and Slacks Store.
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Please complete and detach the form below and return it, with a check made payable to Gardner-Webb University, to:

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Boiling Springs, NC 28017

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Graduation date: ☐ May ☐ August, 19_______
Degree earned: __________________________

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