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A Leader Remembered

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The impact of Scott’s leadership, however, was felt much farther than the confines of the Gardner-Webb University campus.

The following is an editorial that appeared in the Shelby Star two days after Scott’s death, entitled “County Loses A Leader For All Races,” which was written by editor David Prather:

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The Cleveland County community is surely poorer — poorer in leadership, wisdom and commitment to progress — with the untimely death of Jerome Scott.

Scott died, apparently of cardiac failure, while participating in a retreat for Gardner-Webb University administrators. He died, therefore, in the midst of one of his great loves: planning how to make education more effective for those who sought its many treasures.

As dean of student development and a GWU vice president, education was Scott’s profession and an abiding love.

He had taught previously in the classroom at Cleveland Community College. And he served with distinction as a member — and formerly as chairman — of the Shelby Board of Education.

But his good work as an educator may not be Jerome Scott’s greatest legacy to the young people of this county.

Especially to young blacks, Scott was a model for what can be accomplished by an intelligent black man in today’s South. A Shelby native, he used his gifts and his personal commitment to education to become an important voice throughout Cleveland County.

But Scott accomplished something even more important than setting an example for young blacks to follow.

He also became one of the strongest bridges between the races, a man respected by the white community while advocating the issues that are important to the black community.

Jerome Scott proved that those who think only racially diminish themselves. He proved that blacks and whites can work together as equal partners for the good of humanity.

For that reason, people of all races lost a friend and a champion when Jerome Scott died Friday.

Surely his fervent hope would be that others — black and white — would follow his footsteps down the path of education, brotherhood and progress that he walked during his too-brief lifetime.”

This issue of The Web is dedicated to the memory of E. Jerome Scott
You Can’t Outdo God

You might have great wealth, more than the average man
but the power of that wealth is no comparison to God’s mighty hand

You might have power, gained from the vote of man
but God rules all nations, there’s nothing He can’t withstand

You might have fortune and fame, be the envy of every man
but God’s name, it’s known throughout all lands

You might be recognized by your fellowman, for acts of sacrifice
but God gave us His only Son, He paid the supreme price

You can’t outdo God, even though you may try
You can’t outdo God, his greatness we magnify

by E. Jerome Scott, 1995

The family and friends of Dean Scott have established the E. Jerome Scott Memorial Scholarship at Gardner-Webb. The scholarship recognizes the extraordinary contributions Scott made to the institution. In awarding the scholarship preference will be given to graduates of Shelby High School in Shelby, N.C. Anyone wishing to participate in this endowed scholarship may send a gift to the Division of University Relations, GWU, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.
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Your comments are welcome.
You've heard of leading by example? Bobby Lutz, who was recently named Gardner-Webb's new men's basketball coach, says that Bulldog players and fans in the coming years can expect just that.

Lutz, 37, explains that his upbringing, his strong relationships with family members, his own personal academic achievements and his burning desire to win are reasons he can make an impact on his players and the school's supporters.

"Living it is much more important than saying it," Lutz says, answering the question of how he has become an outstanding leader in the world of college basketball. "If, each and every day, people can see strong family values, a strict work ethic in and out of the classroom and a competitive spirit — they know it's genuine."

He must be doing something right. Over the past nine years, Lutz built the Pfeiffer College basketball team into an NAIA national power. In his last five years there, he amassed an incredible 131 wins and only 29 losses. He produced talent that included a player — Antonio Harvey — who is currently a member of the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA.

This past season, Lutz led his team to the national championship game, which was seen on national television in March.

Needless to say, Bobby Lutz's success made him a hot commodity and one of the most talked-about coaches in college basketball. But talking about himself almost seems to make Lutz uncomfortable.

Nevertheless, the questions about his place in the spotlight are still asked. Why the success? Why all the attention? Why the sudden subject of numerous interviews?

"I just love the game of basketball," he says, staring out of his office window with a slight grin. "I'm glad people appreciate what I've been able to accomplish. But to tell you the truth, I wasn't aware that many people even knew who I was."

He does, however, know why the Gardner-Webb faithful are excited. His ability to build a winner through recruiting, a fiery coaching style and personal attention to his players have many fans already discussing where the next championship banner will hang in Paul Porter Arena.

But, Lutz warns, the operative word here is "build".

"I know what matters to the fans — winning," he explains. "And don't get me wrong, I hate to lose probably more than anyone I know. But the real satisfaction for me comes from molding a program and its players and watching them steadily grow into something special."

He says it would be unrealistic to expect a Division II national championship next season.
People take time to adjust to new things and new systems, he says. But the challenge of taking Gardner-Webb's basketball team back to those championship glory years is a primary reason Lutz chose to coach the Bulldogs.

"You've got the tradition, the resources, the fan support ... this is a great place to be a basketball coach. The people here have tasted that success. I want to taste it here, too."

Lutz uses the word "thankful" often when he describes his climb up the basketball ladder.

In addition to talent, Lutz personally learned that it took a great deal of support from those around him — especially his wife, Janet. ("The ultimate coach's wife" is how Lutz describes her.)

"Oh man, she's great," a wide-eyed Lutz proclaims. "She never misses a game and she understands the intensity it takes for me to stay on top of things. And she establishes herself as a presence at the games, too."

By that, Lutz explains, Janet knows when the players need a little extra guidance. "She'll fuss at them when they're out of line. But that's a lot of what makes our teams feel like family. She's a good role model — both as a mother and a wife."

Janet and Bobby Lutz are often seen together around the gym with their daughters, Natalie and Christine. That image is one the new coach hopes will send a message to his players.

"I apologize if this sounds corny, but I think it's important for the players to sense a feeling of love and togetherness. To make it in professional basketball is a long shot, especially from the Division II level. So, I want these young men to see what's really important in life. Good values, a strong sense of family — those are things that can be a constant in life when basketball isn't there anymore."

Lutz has experienced that personally. Growing up, he had yearned to play professional basketball. But when those dreams seemed to become out of reach, he looked for success in the classroom. His academic credentials now rival his professional achievements.

He was valedictorian of Bandys High School in 1976 with a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and psychology in 1980 from UNC-Charlotte with a 3.92 GPA. In 1981, Lutz received his A.B. degree in secondary education from Lenoir-Rhyne with a 4.0 GPA. He earned his master's degree in teaching from Winthrop College in 1985 with a 4.0 GPA. In 1986, he received his Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from Clemson University ... needless to say, with a 4.0 GPA.

Leading by example.

"The old saying is 'Never ask someone to do something you wouldn't do yourself,'" he says.

Now the challenge is to use his example to create yet another winning program. He confesses that the task sometimes seems daunting. But to a man who chose coaching over attending law school some years ago, the love of the game makes it all worthwhile.

"I'm a firm believer that if you have faith, the Good Lord will look after you," he concluded. "I feel like I'm where I'm supposed to be."
Olympic Hopefuls Come to GWU

Gardner-Webb played host in May to the U.S. National Cycling Team, here to participate in the Carolina State Bank Criterium in Shelby.

Cyclists who will represent the United States in the 1996 Olympics will be chosen primarily from the team that visited and trained at Gardner-Webb for those five days.

Clay Moseley, arguably the team's most recognizable member, arrived early at Gardner-Webb when he was forced to drop out of this year's Tour DuPont due to sickness. Moseley was the individual time trials champion at the 1995 Pan Am Games and he currently holds the distinction as National Individual Time Trials Champion.

Team members include Moseley, Fred Rodriguez, John Lattew, Kirk White, Scott Moyer, Chris McNeal, Chris Yang, Joerg Lichtenpoint, Chris Whitten, and John Price. Terry Hawley from the U.S. Postal Service also benefited from the team's stay.

Sprinting, climbing and speeding down Cleveland and Rutherford County roads for most of the week, the U.S. National workout to better prepare for the Shelby race,” Moseley said.

Moseley used words like “dogfight” and “drag race” to describe the race in Shelby. And, he added that he would personally return to the team's headquarters in Colorado with the suggestion that the 1996 Olympic Cycling Team should seriously consider a return visit to Gardner-Webb during next year's games in Atlanta.

Kevin Jones, Gardner-Webb's director of athletic training and an avid cyclist, was instrumental in bringing the team to campus. Jones and Gardner-Webb's Williams Observatory director Tom English were also heavily involved in coordinating the Criterium race that was held in Shelby.

“The Tour DuPont stage that ran through Shelby last year, as well as the Carolina State Bank Criterium this year, have really boosted awareness about the sport of cycling,” Jones said. “We are hoping to become a prime location for more of these events in the future.”
Gomez Inspires Grads
Presented Honorary Doctorate

On a day when the School of Divinity boasted its first-ever class of graduates, it was only fitting that one of the world's most recognized ministers deliver the commencement address and formally give the charge to those cap-and-gowned divinity students.

The Rev. David Gomes of Brazil presented Gardner-Webb's 362 graduates with an inspired message about the importance of service to their fellow man. Gomes knows that importance firsthand — he has worked for over five decades in his native South America to spread God's Word through preaching, teaching, conferences, revivals, special education opportunities, media involvement and social outreach.

For that endless passion of Christian service, the Rev. Gomes was presented the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White during the graduation ceremonies.

After the ceremony, the School of Divinity graduates collectively admired the perseverance and success of Gomes, and each said his message was an encouraging one.

“He typifies what we all should be — faithful servants of Christ,” said Ken Lida, a School of Divinity graduate. “We graduates are now armed with a greater ministerial knowledge and I think each of us aspire to serve God the same way the Rev. Gomes has done throughout his life.”

Gomes' accomplishments include service as a professor of theology, pastor of three Brazilian churches, author and translator of over 20 books, professional journalist, founder of The Bible School of the Air in Brazil, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, and organizer of more than 60 elementary schools, a children's home, medical assistance programs for the interior of Brazil and more than 50 Baptist churches.

Spring Commencement a Milestone for School Of Divinity

The Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity's first-ever graduates highlighted commencement ceremonies May 13 as they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and then strode into the institution's history books.

School of Divinity students who were part of the inaugural divinity class in 1993 now have sheep-skinned evidence of their hard work, determination and faith. Brian Johnson of Lawndale, Phil Frady of Gastonia, Ken Lida of Monroe, Jerry Bryant of Spartanburg, S.C., and Mike Eller of Seagrove now officially hold the honor of being the first alumni of the School of Divinity.

Although the School of Divinity graduates comprised only a small portion of the 362 Gardner-Webb students who received diplomas on this special day, they were aware of the significance of the occasion.

A dinner honoring the graduates was held the day before graduation on the Gardner-Webb campus. Dr. Chris White beamed as he took a moment to recognize the group of graduates during the event.

“I know you don’t want to be boastful, but you have good reason to be proud of yourselves,” White said. “You had faith, took a chance and placed your lives in the Lord's hands. I hope you can now look back on these last two years and say your time at the School of Divinity was worth it all.”

“Remember, all of these students served in ministry while they were taking classes,” said Dr. Bob Lamb, dean of the School of Divinity. “All of their schedules were tight for two years. But the thought of realizing their goal, which was to better prepare them for serving the Lord, kept their spirits high. We believe their experiences here, the things they’ve learned, will be invaluable to them.”

The Rev. David Gomes, one of Brazil’s most noted and accomplished pastors, delivered the commencement address and formally gave the charge to the School of Divinity graduates.
University Reveals New School of Education  
Names Dean, Announces Accreditation

Gardner-Webb has announced the establishment of its new School of Education along with the appointment of the School's first Dean. Additionally, the University has noted the national accreditation of its teacher education program, designating the program as superior.

Dr. Delores (Dee) Hunt, a 17-year member of the Gardner-Webb faculty and most recent chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education, was named as the School's first Dean. Hunt, a 1993 recipient of the University's most prestigious faculty award for excellence in teaching, has discontinued her duties as department chair to assume her new administrative role. Hunt will continue to teach a selected number of courses on a part-time basis.

The new School of Education represents the consolidation of Gardner-Webb's Department of Education, Department of Psychology and Department of Health and Physical Education, according to Dr. Frank Bonner, Gardner-Webb's provost and senior vice president.

"This is another major step in Gardner-Webb's evolution and emergence as a recognized regional university. It also completes the establishment of the University's professional schools," Bonner said.

He said the University was notified recently of its national accreditation after an extensive campus-wide review by NCATE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, which is located in Washington, D.C., and is the only nationwide accrediting standard in teacher education in the United States.

"The accreditation brings official recognition to our teacher education program," Bonner explained. "Achieving approval from NCATE means that a program is superior in all areas."

Bonner also noted that while the formation of the School of Education and the national accreditation are significant for the University, these events also represent the excellent relationship Gardner-Webb has enjoyed with the education community.

"The educators who have continued to pursue degrees from our education program have helped us build a superior curriculum and environment for academic excellence," Bonner noted.

The teacher education program at Gardner-Webb is now the third University program to receive national accreditation, along with the institution's nursing and music programs.

Dr. Delores (Dee) Hunt

Education:
1969 — M.Ed., Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
1976 — Doctor of Arts, Physical Education, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

GWU Experience:
1978-88 — Associate Professor of Health Education and Physical Education
1988-1995 — Professor of Health Education and Physical Education; Chair, Department of Health Education and Physical Education
April 14, 1995 — Named as Dean, School of Education

Honors/Achievements:
1984 - Presented with Faculty Merit Award for Excellence in Teaching, GWU; 1993 - Presented with Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award.

Activities:
Former Head Coach, Volleyball and Softball

Dr. Dee Hunt speaks during a press conference naming her Dean of Gardner-Webb's new School of Education. Dr. White and Dr. Bonner look on.
Fleming-White Award Honors Tom Jones

Gardner-Webb in May held its annual awards luncheon, Apples and Accolades, to name the recipient of the University's educator of the year award as well as to recognize service achievements among its faculty and staff.

The Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually to an outstanding Gardner-Webb faculty member, was presented to Dr. Tom Jones, professor of biology. The winner is determined by nominations and recommendations made by Gardner-Webb faculty, staff and students. Recognition consists of a cash award and an engraved plaque.

Also presented at the luncheon were 10-year service awards, which were given to Thomas Rabon, Lou Ann Poston Scates, Mary Ruth Dixon, Wanda Stutts, Roberta Parris, Saundra Rogers and Barbara Selph. A 25-year service award was given to C. Sherman Parrish.

Four retirees were also recognized at the event. Paul W. Jolley, Vann C. Murrell, Dan W. Proctor and Marie A. Wellmon were each given a personalized Gardner-Webb captain's chair.

The Fleming-White Award was established in 1986 by Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White and his wife, Linda, in honor of their parents. Past recipients are the late Charles Andrews, Robert Morgan, Ted Monroe, Freida Brown, Alice Cullinan, Anthony Eastman, Delores (Dee) Hunt and Barry Hambright.

Administration Positions Reorganized

Dr. Chris White has announced the reorganization of several senior-level administrative positions, including the appointment of the University's first Provost.

Calling the structure changes "a sign of Gardner-Webb's maturation and evolution as a university," Dr. White explained that Dr. Frank Bonner will assume the newly created position of Provost and Senior Vice President effective immediately. Dr. Bonner had formerly been Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

Bonner's position reflects his status as Gardner-Webb's most senior administrator other than President Chris White. In addition to serving as a representative of the other senior-level officials, Bonner will also work closely with foundations and become more involved in major University development projects.

John Brock, formerly Gardner-Webb's Director of Marketing, has been named Vice President of Marketing, signifying his increased responsibilities for student recruiting in all campus programs.

Other appointments included the promotion of Dr. Gil Blackburn to Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, and E. Jerome Scott to Vice President and Dean of Student Development. (At press time no successor had been named for Dean Scott, who passed away May 18.)

Dr. White clarified that the Gardner-Webb Senior Staff consists of himself, Drs. Bonner and Blackburn, Brock, Donnie Clary, who is Vice President of Business and Finance, and Ralph W. "Scoot" Dixon, Vice President for University Relations.

Also announced was the appointment of the Rev. Charles W. "Buddy" Freeman as the University's first Dean of Admissions and Financial Planning. Freeman had previously been Associate Director of Admissions.

Due to the addition of several new programs in recent years, Dr. White pointed to Brock's appointment as a way to centralize the University's recruiting efforts under one senior administrative official for the sake of efficiency and cost containment.
Sign Language Program
Unique to Region

Gardner-Webb this fall will offer a course of study unique to this region when the school's two-year interpreter training degree expands into a four-year American Sign Language (ASL) program.

Currently, the only other four-year program in North Carolina is offered at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. However, that program is for educational interpreting only. Gardner-Webb's expanded offering will distinguish itself from the one at UNC-G by including curriculum requirements in deaf culture, literature, folklore and social issues within the deaf community, according to Barbara Selph, director of the University's Sign Language Program.

She added that Gardner-Webb's new four-year major will be language intensive and a minor in interpreting will be offered.

The National Association of the Deaf and the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, two groups that monitor the progress of sign language education, have both stated that two-year programs fall short of changing expectations in the deaf community.

The two groups add that four-year programs, which allow greater opportunities for linguistic fluency and exposure to the deaf culture, are capable of producing graduates who are adequately prepared to become full-time certified interpreters or who want to pursue graduate-level degrees.

When classes begin in August 1995, Gardner-Webb's new four-year program will utilize the University's Noel Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as an invaluable resource for sign language majors to work with deaf students. The Noel Programs provide special learning opportunities for students pursuing their college education who have hearing and sight disabilities.

Ms. Selph explained, "The success of a sign language program depends upon the amount of contact that students have with members of the deaf community. The Noel Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Gardner-Webb will provide regular interaction between both groups of students."

The American Sign Language offering will also count as a foreign language credit for Gardner-Webb students who need to fulfill that requirement, Ms. Selph said.

Gardner-Webb Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Frank Bonner noted that most of the resources for a bachelor of arts degree in American Sign Language were already in place and additional courses have been added with relative ease.

"This program has the opportunity to become a prototype for others in North Carolina and nationally," Dr. Bonner said. "The Associate of Arts two-year program we have had is an excellent foundation to build upon."

Both Dr. Bonner and Ms. Selph agreed that the need for people fluent in American Sign Language and those knowledgable in the area of deafness is rapidly increasing with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more information about the American Sign Language Studies program, please call (704) 434-4418.

Lifetime Advisors Named

Minna Bolling Rice and Martha Kline were recently recognized for their years of service and devotion to the Gardner-Webb University Board of Advisors. Both Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Kline were named lifetime members of the Board of Advisors. Mrs. Kline is secretary to the Board. Shown are Dr. Chris White, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Kline and Board of Advisors Chair H. Fields Young III.
Dover Foundation Inc. of Shelby held its annual Awards Luncheon in May to present more than $30,000 in college scholarships to 10 local high school seniors, five of whom will attend Gardner-Webb this fall.

According to Dover Foundation officials, at least half of all its scholarship recipients each year are students who plan to attend Gardner-Webb.

"The Foundation has long been recognized as a major benefactor of the University," said Dr. Chris White. "This is yet another way in which it supports our mission, our principles and our students."

Those students attending Gardner-Webb this fall are Amanda Marie Keen, Kings Mountain High School; Jamie Renee Hubbard, Burns High School; Heather Rae Bowen, Crest High School; Solomon Lee Willis, Cherryville Jr./Sr. High School; and Lesley Faye Swafford, Shelby High School.

The luncheon recognized two students each from Shelby High School, Crest High School, Burns High School, Kings Mountain High School and Cherryville Jr./Sr. High School for outstanding achievements and leadership abilities in academics and extracurricular activities.

Dr. White addressed the award winners, saying, "When I look at you, I see the future. And from my viewpoint, the future is bright."

Dover Foundation President Hoyt Bailey added, "We have no doubt that each student from this group will carry on the standard of excellence that comes with being named a Dover Scholarship winner."

Scholarships Recently Formed To Benefit GWU

Several scholarships have recently been established as part of the University's overall endowment fund. They include the following:

* The Rev. and Mrs. J.L. McCluney of Spartanburg, S.C., announced that two scholarships would be formed at Gardner-Webb with the majority of funds coming from their estate. Both J.L. and Nettie McCluney attended Gardner-Webb when it was known as Boiling Springs Junior College. Nettie McCluney is an alumnus and J.L. McCluney served from 1944-46 as a trustee for the school.

The equally funded scholarships to be established will be The Rev. J.L. and Nettie McCluney School of Divinity Scholarship and The Rev. J.L. and Nettie McCluney School of Nursing Scholarship.

* Established recently was the Grace Welch Blanton Endowed Scholarship Fund, initiated by Lyn Blanton Kirkland in honor of her mother.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to worthy Gardner-Webb students, with preference given to Cleveland County natives.

Grace Welch Blanton is a longtime Shelby resident.

* The Sara McFarland Suttle Memorial Endowed Teacher Education Scholarship has also been established in memory of Mrs. Suttle by her children, Carol Suttle Arey, J. Linton Suttle and James Vance Suttle.

In support of their commitment to Christian higher education, the family has designated that the scholarship fund should assist full-time undergraduate students at Gardner-Webb who are enrolled in the teacher education program.

Sara McFarland Suttle was a longtime Shelby resident who was heavily involved in civic and goodwill activities that affected the lives of numerous Cleveland County residents. The late Mrs. Suttle’s husband, J.L. Suttle, is a noted Shelby businessman and philanthropist.

* The Paul Wilson Sunday School Class Christian Service Organization School of Divinity Endowed Scholarship Fund was recently formed by class members and friends to provide financial assistance to worthy School of Divinity students who have committed their lives to full-time Christian service.

* In March, The Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Abrams Christian Service Organization Endowed Scholarship Fund was initiated by Donna Kay Abrams to honor her parents. The scholarship fund will financially assist worthy students who have committed their lives to full-time Christian service.

The Christian Service Organization at Gardner-Webb was formed in 1971 to provide funds for University students who were preparing for work in the ministry. The CSO awards scholarships to worthy recipients twice a year.

All of the above scholarships are open-ended and individuals interested in contributing to any of these funds are invited to call the Gardner-Webb Office of University Relations at (704) 434-4253.
Campus Program Offers
Renewal Classes for Educators

Gardner-Webb this summer has launched its new Summer Renewal Program for teachers, counselors and school administrators who must take renewal courses to maintain their certification.

On June 13, the Gardner-Webb Graduate School began offering one-hour graduate courses that count as one and a half hours of license renewal credit. A second set of renewal courses is also planned for July. All classes are held on Gardner-Webb's Boiling Springs campus.

Dr. Darlene Gravett, dean of Gardner-Webb’s graduate studies, noted, “This program is an effort to allow educators to gain renewal credits without taking the standard three-hour graduate school courses. We see this as a public service for our area’s teachers.”

All public school certified personnel must complete 15 hours of renewal credits every five years to maintain their certification. Credits may be obtained through state department approved workshops or by taking coursework at colleges and universities.

“Convenience is no doubt a large benefit of this program,” Dr. Gravett said. “Before now, for example, Cleveland County’s educators would have traveled to neighboring counties and even into South Carolina for one-hour graduate courses.”

In July, courses to be offered include “Restitution: A Discipline Program That Works”, “Exploring the Solar System”, and “Sports for Children: What Are We Doing For (To) Our Kids.”

“Gardner-Webb is proud of its reputation as a leader in the education field, through both our undergraduate and graduate programs,” she said. “The Summer Renewal Program was the next logical step — offering those educators the pertinent classes they need for renewal credits and continued success.”

Cost for each course is $148. However, educators showing proof of current licensure will receive a $25 discount per semester hour, bringing the charge to $123 per course.

Dr. Gravett added that early registration is a must. To enroll in the Summer Renewal Program or to receive a brochure detailing course offerings and registration, please call the Gardner-Webb Office of Graduate Studies at (704) 434-4723.

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Gardner-Webb on April 4 named Bobby Lutz as its new men's basketball coach during a campus press conference.

Lutz, who led Pfeiffer College to the NAIA National Championship game in March, compiled a 181-91 record at Pfeiffer during his nine-year tenure at the school. Over the last five years, he amassed a 131-29 record (81.9 winning percentage) while earning three Carolinas Conference “Coach of the Year” awards during that same span. Additionally, he led Pfeiffer to six consecutive NAIA National Tournament appearances.

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White hailed Lutz for building a national power at Pfeiffer while maintaining his focus on academics. Lutz recruited 37 student-athletes while at Pfeiffer, 30 of whom have graduated or are scheduled to graduate.

“Bobby exemplifies what every school is looking for in a head coach,” Dr. White said. “Through talking with him, I learned that he is a very intelligent man who values intelligence in his players. His association with Gardner-Webb will be a great asset to us.”

Gardner-Webb officials echoed Dr. White’s comments by noting that Lutz met all the criteria the school had set for its next basketball coach.

“From the beginning of our search, we were looking for someone who had attained consistent success at a comparable level,” said Athletic Director Ozzie McFarland. “We were very impressed with his philosophies on and off the court in regard to athletics, academics, community and church involvement.”

Former Gardner-Webb Head Men’s Basketball Coach Eddie Holbrook, now a member of the University Relations staff at Gardner-Webb, described Lutz as the ideal candidate for the Bulldogs coaching position.

“There is so much that impresses me about Bobby,” Holbrook explained. “Basketball aside, one look at his resume shows you that you’re not dealing with just an average person here. Everything he has encountered in life, he has succeeded.”

Lutz holds a bachelor’s degree from UNC-Charlotte and achieved a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average while obtaining two master’s degrees, from Winthrop College and Clemson University. He and his wife, Janet, have two daughters, Natalie and Christine.

Other professional highlights for Lutz include serving as an assistant coach to Cliff Ellis at Clemson University from 1984-86.

Lutz has named Rob Moxley as an assistant coach. Moxley served under Lutz at Pfeiffer. Orlando Early will also continue to serve as assistant coach.

Gardner-Webb University in May held its annual Athletic Reception to honor the school’s student-athletes.

Highlighting the night’s events was the naming of Bill Parker as “Bulldog of the Year” and the presentation of the President’s Senior Achievement Awards to women’s soccer standout and student athletic trainer Kerry Kettenacker and two-time Academic All-American men’s soccer performer Edwin Odugba.

Parker was honored by the Bulldog Club for his support of Gardner-Webb athletics.

Also presented for the first time were the Fellowship of Christian Athletes’ Male and Female Athletes of the Year.


**McCurley to Coach Women’s Basketball**

Gardner-Webb named Eddie McCurley as its new women's basketball coach during a May 4 press conference at the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus.

McCurley comes to Gardner-Webb from Anderson College where he compiled a 73-22 won-loss record. He guided his team to back-to-back appearances in the NJCAA National Tournament, advancing to the Final Four in 1993-94 with a 31-4 record and finishing sixth in 1994-95 with a 32-2 won-loss record.

He was named Region 10, Carolina Conference, and National District “Coach of the Year” in 1994.

Previously, he served as head girl's coach at Hart County (Ga.) High School from 1984-92, where he compiled an overall 152-58 record and won four straight Georgia AAA titles during his final four seasons. He amassed a spectacular 109-10 won-loss record those four championship years.

During his tenure at Hart County High School lie was selected as Georgia “Coach of the Year” three times each by the Atlanta Constitution, Anderson Independent and Georgia Athletic Association. He also was named Georgia Girls “Coach of the Year” twice by the Atlanta Tip-Off Club.

The new coach addressed media, Bulldog Club members, Gardner-Webb employees and friends by saying, “I’m the kind who has a fire in my belly. I can’t be satisfied with just being good — I want this women's team to be great.”

McCurley holds a bachelor's degree in education from Georgia Southern College. He and his wife, Kathie, have two daughters, Liza and Erin.

He replaces Mark Hannuksela, who owned an 18-36 overall record during his two seasons at Gardner-Webb.

McCurley recently named Melissa Knick to the assistant coach’s position.

**’95 Football Welcomes Veteran Squad**

Head Coach Woody Fish welcomes back a veteran squad in 1995 that should contend for the South Atlantic Conference title after finishing with a 5-6 record in 1994. Eight starters return on offense and nine return on defense for the Bulldogs.

Forty-one lettermen return, including 6-2, 205-lb. junior tailback Terry Guess. Guess earned All-American, All-Region and All-SAC honors as a kick-return specialist in 1994 after returning an NCAA record six kick returns for touchdowns. Guess averaged 8.3 yards per carry and grabbed 29 passes for 379 yards. He also led the nation in Punt Returns, averaging 19.5 per runback.

Anchoring the defense is 6-3, 255 lb. lineman Jason Brewer, who returns for his senior year after collecting 83 tackles, four sacks and a school record 21 tackles for loss as a junior. Brewer was named All-SAC in 1994.

Two-time All-SAC Lonnie Custer (5-10, 175 lbs.) returns at a wide receiver slot after grabbing 50 passes for 576 yards and six TDs last season. Kelwin Witherspoon (6-3, 290 lbs.) returns to the offensive line after garnering second team All-Conference honors as a sophomore. Also returning to the offensive backfield is junior tailback Shed Harris (6-0, 210 lbs.). Harris carried the ball 126 times for 686 yards and five TDs in 1994.

The biggest question will be at quarterback. Battling for playing time will be junior Todd Vice (6-2, 175 lbs.), senior Robbie McDonald (6-2, 195 lbs.) and freshman Tyrone McGill (6-0, 180 lbs.). Vice completed 65.4 percent of his tosses for 472 yards and three TDs in 1994. He was named SAC “Player of the Week” after guiding Gardner-Webb to a 63-19 win over Catawba in one of his two starts last season.

McDonald brings the most experience to QB, having completed 68 of 150 passes for 1,143 yards and seven TDs in three years of back-up action. McGill is the most athletically gifted of the three, possessing excellent speed and great breakaway ability. After earning All-State honors at Gaffney (S.C.) High School, McGill originally signed with the University of Virginia.

Defensively, the Bulldogs will as talented and as deep as they have ever been. Key returners include 6-0, 255 lb. junior DL Jason Barnes, junior DB Thomas Marsh ( 5-10, 210 lbs.), senior LB Lasman Darby (6-1, 195 lbs.), sophomore LB Odell Peoples (6-1 230 lbs.), junior DB Tim Copeland (5-9, 170 lbs.) and junior DB Speedy Mickles (6-0, 165 lbs.).

(For information on the 1995 GWU Football Schedule, contact Mark Wilson at 704-434-4355.)
1979
LOCATION: Patricia Queen Fortenberry and her husband, Carl, live in Shelby. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Deborah Lankford Parker and her husband, James B. Parker III '80, live in Vinton, Va. She is a part time nurse in psychiatric services with Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

NEW POSITIONS: Jerry McCall, Public Safety Captain, Morganton Department of Public Safety. James B. Parker, Director of Employment Services for ServiceMaster.
LOCATION: Angela Dunn Barker resides in Roxboro. She is a teacher with Person County Schools.

1980
NEW POSITIONS: Herb Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Yadkin County School system.
LOCATIONS: Jeff Carlson, M.S. in Information Technologies Management, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Program.
DEGREES: Lt. Jeff Carlson, M.S. in information technologies management U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He is training to become chief engineering officer of the U.S.S. Samuel B. Roberts. He and his family live in Virginia Beach, Va.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Dr. Steven and Jane Seay Myers, Louisville, Ky., a son, Jonathan Lee, Feb. 21
BIRTHS: Timothy and Brenda Brackett Crawford '91, Shelby, a son, Jonathan Lee, Feb. 21

1981
LOCATION: Dr. Kelvin Moseley lives in Seminole, Okla. He serves as pastor at First Baptist Church of Seminole.
NEW POSITIONS: Malinda Sunlap Fillingin, Center Administrator of Southern Baptist Women in Ministry and Editor of Folio, the SBWIM newsletter.
BIRTHS: Timothy and Brenda Brackett Crawford '91, Shelby, a son, Jonathan Lee, Feb. 21

1982
BIRTHS: Dr. Steven and Jane Seay Myers, Louisville, Ky., a son, Alexander Christian, Jan. 17.
BIRTHS: Johan and Patricia Vandepoll, Belmont, a daughter, Kristina Marie, Nov. 21.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Michael R. Thompson, music instructor at Central Middle School in Whiteville, recently conducted the All-County Middle School Band at Celebrate the Arts in Whiteville.
DEGREES: M. S. in information technologies management U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Program.

BIRTHS: Johan and Patricia Vandepoll, Belmont, a son, Austin Raleigh, Nov. 21.
LOCATION: Timothy Brantley and his wife, Michelle, live in Warrenville, S.C. He is a chemical operator for Amoco Corp. Dianne Davis Murray lives in Callowhee.

1983
ACHIEVEMENTS: Miriam Cline named Teacher of the Year for Catawba Springs Elementary School.
DEGREES: Randy Charles Bridges, Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in Madison, N.J.

1984
BIRTHS: Roger and Christine Walker Iwvks, Forest City, a daughter, Kristen Alisha, Sept. 16.
LOCATION: Charlene B. Wallace and her husband, Jerry, live in Columbus. She is employed as senior personal lines underwriter with State Auto Insurance Companies. Donna Franklin Craig and her husband, Michael, live in Arden. She is a registered nurse with Asheville Gastroenterology Associates. They have a son, Andrew Loyd, 2.
1985

NEW POSITIONS: Bruce Brown, pastor, Northside Baptist Church in Burlington; Julie Blackburn Lancaster, registered nurse with Northern Kentucky District Health Department. She and her husband, the Rev. W. Gene Lancaster ’89, live in Melbourne, Ky.

DEGREES: Mitti Renn Ruff Dominguez, doctorate in education, University of Houston. She is instructor and counselor with the Marine Military Academy. She and her husband, Richard, live in Harlingen, Texas.


RETIREMENTS: Steve Warren, as captain with the Morganton Department of Public Safety.

NEW POSITIONS: Kathy J. Walls, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class. She serves at the Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla.

BIRTHS: Mike and Susan Welch Sharpe, Asheville, a daughter, Katherine Samantha, Dec. 22. Mark and Melanie Biggers, Charlotte, a daughter, Sarah Kathleen, Feb. 23. Mark and Beth Robinson Quattlebaum, Portsmouth, Va., a son, Thomas Dylan, Jan. 29. Joel and Patricia Chambers Riley, Hamptonville, a daughter, Rebecca Ann, March 7. Scott and Charlotte High Harris, Belmont, a daughter, Virginia Marie, Feb. 2.

LOCATION: Alice Barthold Gaeta lives in Southern Pines. She is assistant instructor in accounting and business math at Sandhills Community College. Jonathan A. Wirt is a master's student at Oral Roberts University. He is employed part-time with Delta Airlines in Tuba. He and his wife, Melinda Moore Wirt ’87, live in Tuba.

1986

NEW POSITIONS: Randall C. Hall, Vice President of Finance and Secretary-Treasurer of the Bank of Granite Corporation.


LOCATION: Mark W. Nelson and his wife, Melanie, live in Greensboro. He is a software trainer with DP Solutions, Inc. Jeffrey W. Arechis lives in Rutherfordton. He is business administrator with Rutherford Pediatrics, PA.

1987

ACHIEVEMENTS: Susan Neely appointed to the Gaston County Women's Commission. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital.


NEW POSITIONS: W. Gene Lancaster, ordained in June, 1994 as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Melbourne, Ken. He and his wife, Julie Blackburn Lancaster ’85, live in Melbourne. James C. Faw, a certified public accountant and certified financial planner, has opened an office in Taylorsville. John Dean, a certified public accountant, has formed a partnership in the firm Ritchie & Dear, CPAs. Melanie McDaniel, social worker with Kings Mountain District Schools at Parker Street School, a new alternative school for students in grades 6-12.


BIRTHS: Angie and Mickey Milliken, Charlotte, a son, Brent Austin, Dec. 28.

LOCATION: Ellen D. Hotchkiss lives in Lexington, Va. She is a first grade teacher with the Rockbridge County Schools.

1989

ACHIEVEMENTS: John B. Keeter, elected information services officer for Wachovia Operational Services Corp. in Winston-Salem. He is switched network services manager with Wachovia.

DEGREES: Melinda Moore Wirt, Master of Arts in Christian Counseling, Oral Roberts University. She works at Children's Medical Hospital in Tulsa, Okla., where she and her husband Jonathan A. Wirt ’87 live.

NEW POSITIONS: Mary Secrest, assistant marketing manager, Neuville Industries, Inc., Hildebran.


BIRTHS: Jamie and Robyn Lindsay Morris, Shelby, a daughter, Shea Lindsay, May 20, 1994.

LOCATION: Melissa H. Laws lives in Walkertown.

1990

ACHIEVEMENTS: Keith Varner recently participated in the 49th Annual Short Course on Concrete and Aggregates. He is plant manager with Wellington Hanrick, Inc. in Boiling Springs.


LOCATION: Sara Baker lives in Asheboro. She is personnel technician with Randolph County government. Ruth Smith McKinney lives in Hildebran. She is data entry, traffic manager with Upholstery Designs of Hickory. Michelle Clay Mullis lives in Columbus. She is a registered nurse with St. Lukes Hospital.

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NEW POSITIONS: Dorethia Miller, executive director for Partners with Kingstown Youth (PKY), an alternative activities program for students ages 11 to 18. Pam Greene, director for Youth Assistance Program of Cleveland County (YAP). The program matches adult volunteers with youths ages 7 to 17 who are referred by juvenile court, law enforcement officers or child-related agencies.


Deaths

1934

George Mauney of Lexington, former all-star athlete and retired assistant chief of police for the City of Lexington, passed away March 16.


Eliza Margaret Buffington and Donald Richard Byrd of Columbia, S.C., March, 11.

BIRTHS: Tonya and Baron Smith, Linlithgo, S.C., a daughter, Jacqueline Nicole. Randy Roy and Jeanne Porter Ruff, Forest City, a daughter, Jenna Rae, March 6.

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1993

NEW POSITIONS: Doc Pollard, program director for women's sports, Shelby City Park.

DEGREES: Sally Beth Patterson Taylor, graduated first in her class from N.C. Highway Patrol Academy. She is stationed in Mecklenburg County.

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Homecoming '95

Dates: Oct. 6-7

Game: GWU vs. Lenoir-Rhyne College


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