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AS IF IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY ...

Melvin Lutz fondly looks back on his years with GWU

If you ever find yourself talking about the good ol' days with Melvin Lutz, be sure to have your facts straight.

He hardly forgets even the smallest details. Whether it's how much money he had in his pocket when he first stepped foot on the Gardner-Webb campus or the specific day an article appeared in the local paper back in the 1960s – if you're a betting person, you would be wise to put your money on Lutz for accuracy.

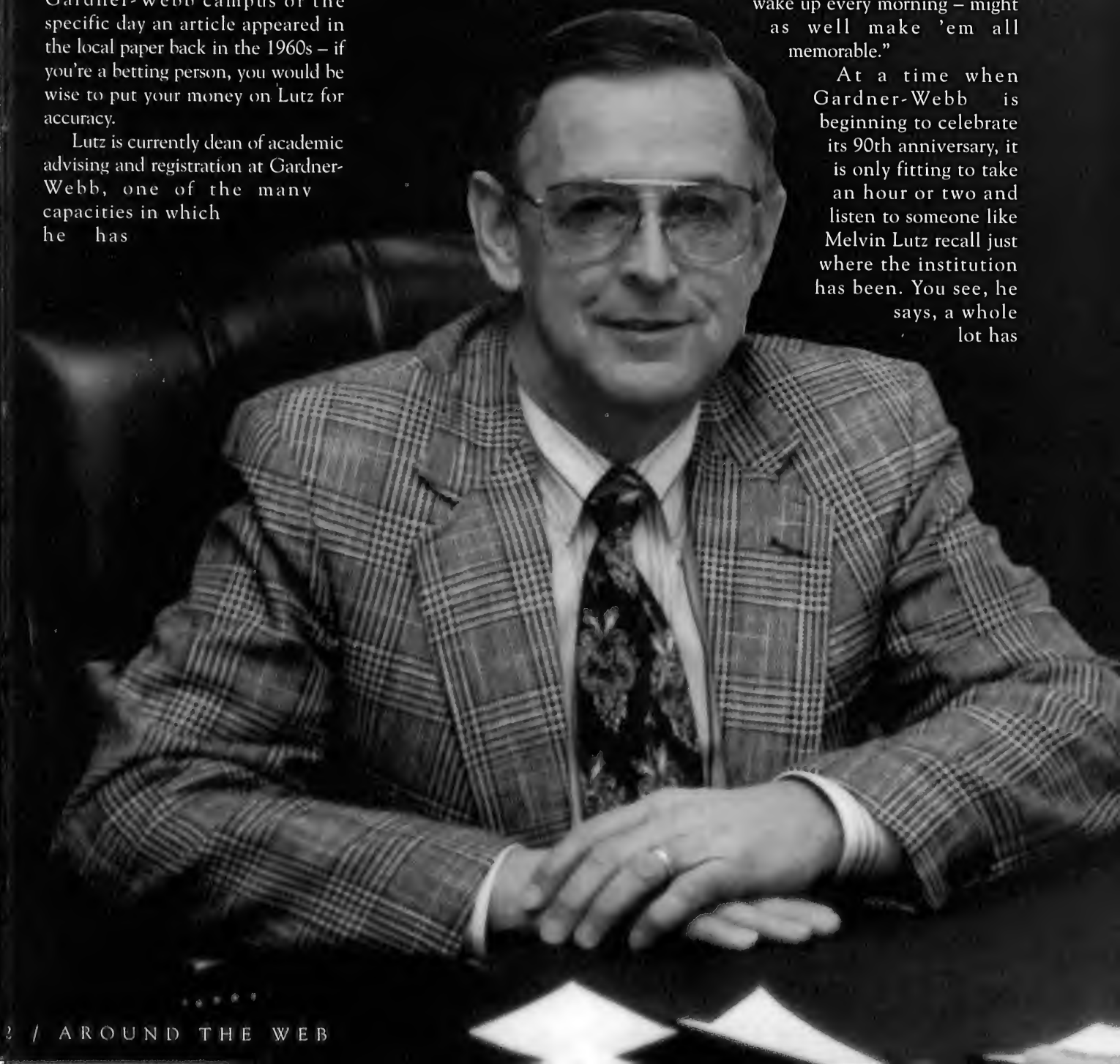
Lutz is currently dean of academic advising and registration at Gardner-Webb, one of the many capacities in which he has

served during nearly 30 years at the school, both as a student and an employee. And from the instant he first saw the Gardner-Webb campus until this very moment, he hasn't forgotten a day in between.

Lutz doesn't make much of his propensity to remember all that has

taken place around him, not just at Gardner-Webb but throughout his entire life. "Oh, I just think if you're going to bother living life, then you ought to at least try to remember some of it," he says matter-of-factly. "All of us should be pretty happy that the Lord gives another day when we wake up every morning – might as well make 'em all memorable."

At a time when Gardner-Webb is beginning to celebrate its 90th anniversary, it is only fitting to take an hour or two and listen to someone like Melvin Lutz recall just where the institution has been. You see, he says, a whole lot has



happened in a hurry over the last decade or so.

"All of that over there wasn't here," he says motioning toward Dover Chapel from his office in the Webb administration building. "I mean, it's not hard to remember what campus was like when I first got here as a student because Gardner-Webb wasn't very much back then."

When asked to recall the life of Gardner-Webb over the last three decades, Lutz drifts back through his mental timeline and is ready to deliver the day-by-day account.

"I arrived on campus on a hot August day in 1963 ...," he begins.

If a memory is the least bit unclear, you can be sure he will retreat to the bookshelves or file cabinets behind his desk to confirm his information in an old yearbook or file folder or student handbook. He even chuckles to himself when he thinks of how he once asked if he could have boxes of old Gardner-Webb housing reports rather than see them be thrown out in the trash. "There's some good statistical information about this school in those reports. You know, that's part of our history, too."

Recently, when asked about the enrollment trends of the 1960s and '70s, Lutz' eyes lit up as he pulled the old housing information from its cabinet drawer. "I knew these would come in handy some day," he said.

Although he often shifts the focus of his recollections to other people or events, it is undeniable that Lutz has had some very memorable personal experiences. An acquaintance of Lutz' says, "Melvin remembers so much because he's been involved in so

much. Heck, he's been a student, faculty member, staff member and a vice president at this place. There ain't much more you can be."

As a student, Lutz had felt the call to the pastorate and had come to Gardner-Webb for a religious education. Within a year of matriculating, he was already in the pulpit, first filling in for an interim pastor one Sunday and then being called as that church's full-time pastor.

"When it all started, I didn't even have first month's rent deposit for an apartment," he remembers. "But a pastor here took care of that and a lady who was registrar at the time looked after me. That's the thing – since the day I got here I was impressed with the caring atmosphere. Still am."

Maybe it was Lutz' rapport with the people of Gardner-Webb, or maybe it was his ability to succeed at Greek and Latin – whatever it was, one of his professors urged him to get more schooling in the classical languages and pursue a career in teaching at Gardner-Webb. After earning degrees at Mars Hill and Florida State, Lutz did just that.

From the time he joined the faculty in 1969, Lutz was held in high regard by the college's students, even serving as supervisor of the school's judicial process and coordinator of campus clubs and organizations. His work in student development caught the eye of new president Craven Williams, and by the spring of 1977, Lutz found himself accepting an invitation to be a part of Williams' progressive administration.

A major reason for dress code

revisions ("Hair below the collar and beards had previously been forbidden," he says) and the creation of a seven-day orientation process for new students, Lutz continued his student-oriented approach with the college, becoming Vice President for Student Services along the way.

A yearning for the academic side of Gardner-Webb, however, prompted Lutz in 1988 to become dean of academic advising. And he's been there ever since.

A lot has changed about the people and campus of this University through his many years of service, he says. Continually rubbing his chin and looking toward the ceiling, details of memories gone by seem to come rushing back. He starts, "Well, you know, there was the time when ..."

What usually follows is a priceless but forgotten piece of history, like when a line of students could be seen stretched across campus, carrying books from the old Craig Building to the brand new Dover Library.

And leave it to Lutz to remember that the front page of a November 1963 issue of *The Shelby Daily Star* – dominated by news of John F. Kennedy's assassination – also contained a small article in the lower right hand corner about the Gardner-Webb trustees approving the decision to become a four-year college.

He says he's almost 100 percent sure about it. But he also says he'd like to check the paper's archives just to be positive.

Chances are, it happened just the way he says he did.

Homecoming 1995





GWU TO BE HOME TO SOCCER ASSOCIATION



GCCSA President Rod Rockwell is shown with Dr. Chris White during the presentation.

In what participants called a monumental arrangement, Gardner-Webb in October announced it would become the home site for the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association (GCCSA), and that the University would pursue the development of a premier regional soccer complex on its campus.

Bill Young, district attorney for Cleveland County and GCCSA director of tournament activities, also announced a regional tournament at Gardner-Webb, which was held in November with teams competing from across Western North Carolina. The event, which brought more than 60 youth teams to Boiling Springs, was one of three state qualifying tournaments held in North Carolina.

For some time, Gardner-Webb's long-range athletic goals have included plans of improving its soccer facilities. When the University's administration, Bulldog Club and Board of Advisors learned of the GCCSA's need for a home, all parties felt the timing was perfect for the new arrangement, as the GCCSA could benefit from the improvements made to the GWU playing facilities while centralizing all of its soccer activities.

The arrangement means the GCCSA's 700 young people, from preschool to high school ages, will play all league games together at one location on Saturdays for a minimum of 14 weeks each year. In addition to those games, the University's facilities will be used for all tournaments and special camps coordinated by the GCCSA.

In accepting Gardner-Webb's invitation, GCCSA President Rod Rockwell said, "You have Gardner-Webb University offering what will be the best soccer facility in the western portion of North Carolina. That is a gift most soccer families will never get the opportunity to enjoy."

Dr. Chris White explained that developing the premiere soccer complex in the region has now become a priority for the University. "It is a dream we will actively pursue from this day forth," he said. "The excitement is there, for the University and the soccer association. It is a great occasion, a great day, as our two organizations show what can be accomplished together for our young people."

Roger Holland, vice president and board member of the GCCSA as well as a member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors, said that the agreement is a "win-win"

situation for Gardner-Webb and the Association. He credited Dr. White and Gardner-Webb for having a progressive vision for the University and the county.

"The soccer players, their friends and families will immediately realize the benefits of Gardner-Webb's outstanding facilities," Holland explained. "And the University will become a focal point of activity for hundreds of young people several times a year. This partnership is definitely advantageous to the soccer community, the community at large and the region."

Representatives from the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission, Boiling Springs Town Council and Cleveland County Commissioners joined hundreds of GCCSA members who were present for the announcement.

The crowd that gathered for the news conference also included a multitude of parents and coaches that are closely involved with the Association. When the agreement was made official, a standing ovation was given to Dr. White and Gardner-Webb officials responsible for the new arrangement.

DONORS DUBBED 'ANGELS OF GOODWILL'

Members of the University's administration circle the November date each year — Gardner-Webb's Scholarship Luncheon and Reception. The annual event brings together those who have established scholarships and those students who are recipients of the scholarships.

"It's a red-letter day around here when we hold this luncheon," Dr. Chris White says. "What could be more important to the donors than meeting the young people they are benefitting, and likewise the students can express their appreciation for the donors' generosity. It's really special to witness."

Vice President for University Relations Scoot Dixon says the Luncheon and Reception has an atmosphere like that of a class reunion or family gathering. "That's because the donors and the students become close friends very quickly and there's much anticipation when the day comes to get together with their friends."

Approximately 400 donors and students were at the University in November to enjoy the event. In addition to lunch and musical entertainment, the audience heard GWU sophomore Brian Burgess share how donors are doing more than just giving of their resources, they are giving of themselves — in a truly Christian way.

"We as students see that you care enough to support not only us, but an institution dedicated to building better representatives of God," Burgess said. "In essence, you are reaffirming our faith and our decision to pursue an education at a Christian university. You are being a witness to the students you are helping."

Henry Lee Weathers Sr. and his sister, Pearl Weathers, attended the festivities. They were there on behalf of the scholarship named for their father. Both looked around the Paul Porter Arena where the event took place and agreed that Gardner-Webb has

progressed largely because of donors who have established scholarships.

"This school has really blossomed," Mr. Weathers explained. "We are grateful that we can be a part of attracting a number of great students to Gardner-Webb. It's becoming a place that the young people really want to be a part of. Cleveland County is lucky to feature a school such as this."

Before departing, donors were each presented with a hand-made angel as a reminder of the day's activities. Dr. White noted the appropriateness of such a gift for the distinguished guests.

"The students who attend school because of your scholarships look upon you as angels of goodwill, and so do we at this University."

Gardner-Webb celebrated an enrollment milestone with a record 2,518 students registered and accounted for this fall semester in the undergraduate and graduate programs. The total represents an eight percent increase over last year's 2,323.

All-time highs were surpassed in the School of Divinity, the GOAL Program and the full-time undergraduate program. School of Divinity enrollment rose an impressive 30 percent as 102 students were enrolled compared to 72 last fall. The GOAL Program, which offers working adults the chance to complete their four-year degrees at night at 14 satellite locations across North Carolina, had a final count of 852. That total is six percent higher than last year's 807.

Earlier in the semester the University learned it had enrolled 1,203 full-time undergraduate students, an 11 percent increase over last year's 1,066.

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White said that the increase is particularly evident on the Boiling Springs campus as classroom and dormitory space is at a premium.

SCHOOL OF DIVINITY HIGHLIGHTS GWU RECORD ENROLLMENT

"It's really a wonderful situation to be in," he said. "It shows that our university and its programs are appealing to more students than ever before. It's very encouraging."

Dr. White also praised the University's School of Nursing, which has reported a record combined enrollment of 300 on its Boiling Springs and Statesville campuses. The two-year associate degree in nursing (ADN) program and the four-year bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program have reported a surge in applications. Dr. White said the news of the ADN program's 100 percent passing rate on this year's state board licensing exam has drawn applicants' attention to the quality of the School of Nursing.

"These days, many schools are considering it a great accomplishment to simply keep the students they've got," White added. "A large number of schools can't imagine how Gardner-Webb feels to be increasing its enrollment."

HOLY LAND TRIP DESCRIBED

"This tour is awe-inspiring, even to the

Dr. Chris White says, "We like to say Gardner-Webb is a world-class university. And that is based as much on the experiences we gain outside the classroom as those we gain inside the classroom." For three Gardner-Webb faculty members and many students, this past summer wasn't so much about vacationing as it was about discovering.

Dr. Sue Camp, Dr. Anthony Negbenebor and Dr. Frieda Brown joined a group of 24 others on a 10-day trip through the Holy Land on a

journey of Biblical proportions. With stops in such places as Bethlehem, Egypt, Jerusalem, and the Sea of Galilee, tour members were shown the significance of these ancient sites as they pertain to the Bible and, most importantly, the life of Jesus Christ.

The tour is led by Dr. White, who received his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies and led his first trip to the Holy Land in 1976. Dr. Negbenebor, an associate professor of economics who assisted in the tour's coordination, said the Gardner-Webb trip separates itself

from other trips because Dr. White adds his insight and Biblical knowledge to each site visited. Dr. White sets aside time for devotion, personal reflection and scripture analysis that enhances the trip and gives tour members a new appreciation for the historical locations.

Dr. White smiles at the recollection of the tour, "This tour is awe-inspiring, even to the most well-traveled person. It has become more and more special to me with each visit, especially to see the effect it has on



The group pauses for a moment at the Seven Arches Hotel, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem. Row 1: (kneeling) Zak Jamjoum; Row 2: (left to right) Hidesada Sakuma, Michelle Remy, Mistie Ivie, Dr. Sue Camp, Dr. Frieda Brown, Joy Low, Stacy Stanley, Charlene Gardner, Crystal Padgett, Ben Parton, Eddie the bus driver; Row 3: (left to right) McFarland Remy, Jerel Olson, Mrs. Alice Eaton, Tommy Brown, Mrs. Annabelle Boehm, Leslie Starr, Mrs. Linda White; Row 4: (left to right) Mike Snelgrove, Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, John Sharpstene, Jim Eaton, Ken Boehm, Frank Shelton, Dr. Chris White, Danny Smart, Tripp Atkinson, Robert Scott

AS "EXTREMELY POWERFUL"

most well-traveled person." – Dr. Chris White

the faculty, students and friends of the University who take the trip."

"The tour takes your breath away, literally," said Dr. Negbenebor. "I saw people stare at the tomb that Jesus arose from and just be frozen, overcome with emotion. It is extremely powerful. And Dr. White does a great job of preparing you for the significance of where you're standing."

Dr. Camp, a professor of business, and Dr. Brown, professor of psychology, both agreed it was the trip of a lifetime. Often, there were opportunities to participate in extra special events. Take, for instance, the boat ride on the Sea of Galilee as the sun was rising. There is a visit to the site of the multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, as well as the City of Jericho. There was also time for communion in the Garden of Gethsemane and to hear the Sermon on the Mount preached at the exact spot where it originally was heard – 2,000 years ago.

Especially memorable for Dr. Camp was a visit to the Jordan River. Dr. White, himself an ordained minister, offered the chance for tour members to be baptized in the place where John the Baptist performed the same ritual with Jesus. Although she was saved when she was a child, the urge for Dr. Camp was too great to resist.

And in an act of reaffirmation of her faith, Dr. Camp was baptized. "It was life changing," she said. "The whole trip made me view life in a different perspective."

Robert Scott, a GWU student and member of the football team, agreed wholeheartedly with Dr. Camp. "There's only one thing I need to say about the trip – it changed me forever. I'll never forget what I saw."



GWU President Dr. Chris White, an ordained minister, baptizes faculty member Dr. Sue Camp in the Jordan River. Many in the group took advantage of this opportunity.

The faculty members describe the incredible feeling of opening their Bibles, reading a passage, and then looking around to see themselves standing in that very spot mentioned in the scriptures. One commented, "I can't help but think of that song, 'I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked.'"

Above all, tour members beamed about the first-class quality of the trip. The best in travel, meals and housing are provided for the group, including a stay at the Mena House, named yearly as one of the world's top 10 hotels. It is the site where Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill met to plan D-Day. Located at the foot of the famed Pyramids, the Mena House is truly an unforgettable stop on the tour.

A Gardner-Webb student touring with the group noted how the tour

has had a residual effect on his life, months after returning from the 10-day trip. "You can't imagine the new outlook you have when you come back and attend Sunday School or a sermon at your church," he said. "It's as though you can close your eyes and picture standing in the very place that they are talking about. That can only strengthen your Christian convictions."

Such is the excitement surrounding the trip that many faculty, students and friends of the University have already begun inquiring about next year's trip. To ensure receiving information about the 1996 tour, which is scheduled for Aug. 4-14, please call the President's Office at 704-434-4236.

Several friends of the University initiated scholarships this fall to benefit a wide variety of students.

In September, the Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Davis Christian Service Organization Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by the couple as a show of support for Christian higher education.

Begun in October were the Kenneth H. Cole CSO School of Divinity Endowed Scholarship, established by Lucille Cole, and the J. Hugh and Mildred Cornwell CSO School of Divinity Endowed Scholarship, which was started by the couple to provide assistance to worthy divinity students at Gardner-Webb.

Other scholarships begun this fall include the Dorothy Scism Seagraves Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was created to support students at Gardner-Webb who are seeking a degree in music education or sacred music.

Mrs. Seagraves, a current Gardner-Webb trustee, and her husband, Jim, established the fund not only to recognize their deep appreciation and love for sacred and spiritual music, but to provide financial assistance for students in the Fine Arts Department at the University.

Also established in September was the E. Jerome Scott Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund. Scott was an esteemed member of the Gardner-Webb administrative staff as vice president and dean of student development before his untimely death in May of this year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS
ESTABLISHED**

DR. WYAN WASHBURN DONATES BOOKS TO UNIVERSITY

Dr. Wyan Washburn's "Little Black Bag" holds many memories – memories of his medical services in the Boiling Springs community and of his services to Gardner-Webb.

In yet another service to the University, Dr. Washburn is donating many of his medical books as well as correspondence to the Gardner-Webb Archives and to the John R. Dover Memorial Library.

It is his hope, he says, that some science or medical students will find them interesting and valuable in their research of the development of medical services.

Two of the rare books donated are Sir William Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England (laws used by the colonies, 1884), and Gray and Lewis, Anatomy of the Human Body (1924).

Dr. Washburn's roots are with Gardner-Webb. Dr. Washburn now holds the distinction of trustee emeritus, having served as a trustee from 1946 to 1959. Other members of his family have served as board members, faculty and staff and as students.

Dr. Washburn served as the college physician and director of the clinic and hospital for 35 years.

A noted community historian, Dr. Washburn has captured much of Gardner-Webb's history through the minutes of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, which he has microfilmed since 1963.

In 1965 he was honored with a Distinguished Citizen Citation. And, in 1981 he was honored by the Board of Trustees, which he chaired for three years.



U.S. AND MEXICAN TRADE OFFICIALS HIGHLIGHT GWU CONFERENCE

The first major project for Gardner-Webb's new World Trade Resource Center Organization (WTRCO) was the conference, "Making World Trade Work For You" in which North Carolina, United States and Mexican trade representatives spoke on trade-related issues.

The conference was highlighted by Fernando De La Hoya, Assistant Trade Commissioner of Mexico. He discussed the Mexican trade market and how United States businesses can become competitive with their cross-border counterparts. Also, Elliott Feldman of the U.S. Customs Service and Tom Guthrie of the North Carolina State Ports Authority addressed trade developments on the federal and state levels, respectively.

Such conferences are designed to fulfill the WTRCO's mission of clearing up the often complicated web of customs laws and regulations. Leaders say people are usually frightened away by what they don't understand, particularly if it pertains to their businesses and bottom line.

The WTRCO is excited about the response to its efforts and organizers say future seminars could include Canada and representatives from other nearby countries. Jim Crawley, dean of the Gardner-Webb School of Business and a WTRCO founding member, noted, "We're continuing to see a lot of interest in exports. It seems to be growing more and more, especially in this area of the state and country ... and that's our goal."

Begun this summer, the WTRCO is a resource base made up of Gardner-Webb business faculty and administrators, chambers of commerce and successful area business leaders. It is designed to lend guidance and counseling to new importers and exporters seeking to expand their knowledge of international trade and the global market. WTRCO headquarters are on the Gardner-Webb campus and membership in the organization includes the opportunity to participate in regular international trade meetings, workshops, seminars and highly effective networking with international specialists.

In addition to exploring new developments and topics about customs laws and international trade, the conference allowed participants the opportunity to take part in concurrent sessions with the program's speakers. Afterward, those in attendance were treated to a visit to the World Trade Resource Center facilities on campus.

The conference was sponsored by the Gardner-Webb WTRCO, Cleveland County Economic Development Commission, Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, Shelby Small Cities Program and the Broyhill Academy of Gardner-Webb University. As a non-profit, non-political association, the Gardner-Webb World Trade Resource Center Organization encourages the development of foreign trade between and among all nations.

From a gathering in 1990 at the University of Colorado, an event called Promise Keepers has grown into a nationwide series of Christian rallies at some of the nation's most recognized arenas. In October, Gardner-Webb witnessed just what the excitement was all about.

Promise Keepers are gatherings of men who are seeking a spiritual renewal, men eager to cross denominational and racial barriers to share their Christian faith and unity. Area churches joined Gardner-Webb in sponsoring the four-hour rally that took place in Paul Porter Arena on campus.

Several hundred men made the journey to campus for the rally.

Jim Johnson, Promise Keepers Day coordinator and GWU math instructor, said, "The major aim was to get area men from different churches and denominations together to share their faith and to praise God. However, the invitation was open to all men, even those who aren't church members."

By focusing on men, Promise Keepers seeks to inspire them to improve their relationships with their wives and families, to hold one another accountable, and have a closer walk with Jesus Christ. The idea has caught on from coast to coast, and stadiums and arenas have regularly been filled in recent years with as many as 70,000 men at a time. A local man promoting the event described the Promise Keepers movement as having spread across the United States "like the journeys of St. Paul across the Roman Empire."

**RALLY COMES
TO CAMPUS**

DIMENSIONS DRAWS RAVE REVIEW

MISS AMERICA COMES TO GARDNER-WEBB, DELIVERS MESSAGE OF HOPE

Miss America 1995 Heather Whitestone addressed the student body, met with University President Chris White and attended a reception given in her honor during a visit Tuesday, November 14, to the Gardner-Webb campus.

Miss Whitestone, who is deaf but has the ability to conduct speaking engagements without the use of an interpreter, spoke to students about achieving dreams despite experiencing obstacles that often clutter the way. Due to a large expected attendance from students and the public, the program was given in the 5,000-seat Paul Porter Arena on campus. Silent Touch, a nine-member sign language choir that has performed internationally, joined Miss Whitestone for the event.

As the first-ever hearing impaired Miss America, Whitestone developed a platform centered around overcoming difficulties and limitations in life, such as deafness, through a five-step S.T.A.R.S. program.

S.T.A.R.S. (Success Through Action and Realization of your DreamS) states: Have a positive attitude; believe in your dream; face your obstacles; work hard; and build a support team. That platform was the focus of her address to the Gardner-Webb students.

"It is our responsibility to overcome the barriers that prevent us from reaching for our dreams," Whitestone said. "As a profoundly deaf woman, my own experiences have shown me the impossible is indeed possible ... through hard work."

She recalled the dance she had prepared to Christian music for the talent portion of the Miss America

I'm not going to worry about it. After that, I relaxed and had a great time."

Miss Whitestone, 22, is currently leading the nation's largest public service campaign to identify early hearing loss. She also serves as an executive member on President Bill Clinton's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Another highlight of Miss Whitestone's visit to the University was the opportunity for her to spend time with students and instructors from the Gardner-Webb Noel Program for the Hearing Impaired at a short reception. The program allows hearing impaired students to receive a genuine college experience through the help of interpreters, tutors and state-of-the-art equipment that assists them with their day-to-day activities.

Her visit was also a notable occasion for students majoring in the University's American Sign

Language (ASL) Program as well as the school's interpreter training program. The GWU Deaf Advisory Board and GWU Sign Language Choir were also invited to meet with Whitestone.

Although she handed over her crown in September to Miss America 1996, Heather Whitestone continues to



pageant. An onlooker proposed that she should drop that kind of music if she had any hopes of winning. Miss Whitestone declined.

"God is the most important thing in my life. I thought if God made the world He has the power to make anything happen if it's in His will, so

WS FROM CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

address organizations such as the CIA and the National Press Club during her national speaking tour. She also often takes time to meet many of the 75 recipients of the STARS award – \$1000 scholarships given by the

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf to deaf students who adopt Miss Whitestone's positive, achievement-oriented approach to life.

ONE YEAR LATER, DEALING WITH THE PAIN — FATHER ADDRESSES CAMPUS —

Doug Bennett fights his emotions when he describes how Sept. 24, 1994, will be forever – horribly – etched into his memory.

It was that fateful day when law enforcement officers accompanied a minister to the front door of Bennett's West Chester, Penn., home to deliver the news that Patty, Doug Bennett's daughter and a GWU student, had been killed in an automobile accident in North Carolina, just minutes from the Gardner-Webb campus.

Bennett tearfully recalled the details of his daughter's death when he addressed the Gardner-Webb student body on Oct. 24 during the campus' weekly convocation program DIMENSIONS. The Kathleen N. Dover Theatre, where Bennett spoke, was filled to capacity, yet completely silent as the speaker approached the podium.

"It was 13 months ago today ...," he softly began.

Patty Bennett was an outgoing, athletic student at Gardner-Webb, just beginning her sophomore year when tragedy struck. A car carrying Patty and four friends ran off the road and into an embankment. Patty was the only fatality. It was a situation Bennett describes as "beyond belief."

He further explained, "Our family had always avoided life's storms. It had always happened to somebody else. But in an instant, we were fully engulfed in a raging, life-changing storm."

Anger, he said, was the one and only emotion he was experiencing. Bennett confesses it was anger directed at God. Shaking his fists toward the sky, he recalls saying, "God, where were

you? I have prayed for my daughter's safety every single day and this is how you pay me back!!"

Bennett told the audience it was at that moment he felt he was at a crossroads in life. He admits to thoughts of throwing away a 23-year relationship with Jesus Christ and taking hold of the anger that ran through his mind. "Thankfully," he says, "rather than turning my back on the only thing that could deliver me from the terrible situation, I turned toward God and jumped into His arms."

The words of the Psalmist came to him, "For in you, my soul takes refuge." Another verse was remembered, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Doug Bennett then realized what a great role God had taken in his family's life.

"Patty's mother and I prayed that she would walk closer with the Lord than she had been when she left for Gardner-Webb. And the summer before her accident, she rededicated her life to Jesus Christ. She told her friends she was ready to meet God at any time. She was truly prepared for what would happen to her."

Doug Bennett told the GWU student body that with God, all of life's storms are bearable and all of life's battles are able to be conquered. And if anyone questioned the saving grace and mercy that the Lord can provide when the days seem their darkest, he and his family serve as living proof.

A standing ovation was evidence that the students agreed.

AIDS VICTIM TELLS EMOTIONAL STORY TO STUDENTS

LaGena Lookabill Greene addressed the Gardner-Webb student body in the Nov. 7 DIMENSIONS program with a message about living and dying with AIDS.

Mrs. Greene, a former Hollywood model and actress, first told the world of her health status last January. Since that time she has spoken to hundreds about abstinence and AIDS prevention, what she calls her greatest role ever.

The 34-year-old Charlottean told students about her high school years when she was named a N.C. Junior Miss and how she was always labeled a "good girl" because of her Christian-based choice to abstain from pre-marital sex. After graduating from The University of North Carolina, Mrs. Greene won the title of Miss Hawaiian Tropic, a victory that would lead her to Hollywood where she would soon find fame.

The single young woman modeled in exotic locations for magazines like *Cosmopolitan* and *Seventeen* and embarked on an acting career. Though she rubbed elbows with stars like Sylvester Stallone and Sally Field, she says she never compromised her values.

In the early 1980s she felt the pull to get back to her roots and eventually decided to return home to Charlotte, where she became reacquainted with former boyfriend and race car driver, Tim Richmond.

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Mrs. Greene and Richmond rekindled the old flame and were engaged in September 1986. Shortly thereafter, Richmond told his fiancée he was taking a short trip. He never returned.

Mrs. Greene made several unsuccessful attempts to reach Richmond; however, she was unaware of his whereabouts until a newspaper reporter contacted her to ask her assistance in an article featuring Richmond. The reporter informed her of news that Richmond carried the then mysterious disease called AIDS. Mrs. Greene was astounded and, needless to say, terrified.

After exhausting tests and much bloodwork, Mrs. Greene was diagnosed H.I.V. positive, and with no will to live she attempted suicide.

Bouts of depression overtook Mrs. Greene's life, until she decided to attend a local church with future husband, Daniel Greene. It was at this point that she began to deal with her disease and her future.

Nine years after her diagnosis, Mrs. Greene is attempting to enjoy the remainder of her life in rural Union County (N.C.) with support from family and friends. She speaks at least once a week to groups of all ages and backgrounds. Mrs. Greene was recently honored with the Long Leaf Pine Award, the highest award given by North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt to a civilian for integrity, service and courage.

The only thing left to do, she says, is to make people aware of her story while putting faith in a higher power.

"How do I handle the pain? I find relief in praying," she told the students. "And in the power of God."

GWU SYMPOSIUM MEANS BUSINESS TO AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Gardner-Webb University in October hosted its annual High School Business Symposium for area high school students who are considering careers in business-related fields. Approximately 150 students from 10 area high schools attended.

Students from Shelby, Crest, Kings Mountain and Burns high schools joined their counterparts from Bessemer City, Chase, Cherryville, East Rutherford, R.S. Central and Gaffney high schools for the day-long event, which allowed students the opportunity to meet and listen to successful business personalities.

The theme for this year's symposium was "Beating the System." Keynote speaker for the occasion was Business North Carolina magazine managing editor David Bailey, whose topic was "What I Picked Up Interviewing People Who Are Richer and Smarter Than I'll Ever Be." Also addressing the students was Beverly Shuford, president of Personnel Services Unlimited (PSU) Inc., whose topic was "The Glass Ceiling." The third speaker was Jim Bishop, general manager of WCAB Radio in Rutherfordton and president of JBF Communications Inc. and Isothermal Broadcasting Company Inc. His topic was "How To Save Your Sanity In An Insane Society."

Organizers of the symposium said that while famous and nationally

known speakers draw a lot of attention, it is especially important to have locally successful business professionals as speakers so that students can witness firsthand the outstanding achievements of people from their own towns and counties.

Shuford is a local success story, having expanded PSU to locations in Shelby, Forest City and Kings Mountain. As Cleveland County's only locally owned, independent staffing service, PSU reports revenues in excess of \$10 million. Bishop also brought an enormous amount of business experience to the symposium, at one time serving six years as head of the western N.C. office of the governor for Jim Hunt.

Students attending the High School Business Symposium also interacted with Gardner-Webb business faculty and administrators. They also heard presentations from GWU business students, took guided tours of campus and had lunch in Ritch Banquet Hall at the Dover Campus Center.

Along with the University's undergraduate Broyhill School of Management, the event was co-sponsored by Gardner-Webb's Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts, which presents speakers, workshops and conferences to raise the public's awareness of the free enterprise system and trends in business.



Beverly Shuford of Personnel Services Unlimited Incorporated

AIDS VICTIM
CONTINUED

RECITAL TO BENEFIT CRIBB SCHOLARSHIP

The Gardner-Webb Fine Arts faculty will be presenting a fund-raising recital on Friday, March 29, 1996, at 8 p.m. in the Dover Theatre. Money raised through ticket sales and additional contributions will be applied to the George R. Cribb Music Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Cribb was chair of the Fine Arts Department for 22 years before retiring in 1992. The fund must reach \$15,000 to become a fully endowed scholarship that is listed in the University catalog and awarded in Dr. Cribb's name. Faculty and friends of the Fine Arts Department are eager to see the fund reach that goal.

The recital will be preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. in the Ritch Banquet Hall of the Dover Campus Center. Dinner reservations must be made by March 11. All monies raised

through recital tickets will go toward the scholarship fund. Any donation above the ticket price for the recital and/or the dinner will be tax deductible.

Donors will receive receipts for their donations through the mail. Music major alumni will receive a letter in January giving more details concerning the recital program and dinner menu. Others who wish to receive this letter should respond to the University by using the form located on the back page of The Web.

A ticket order form is also located on the back page of The Web. Please respond to the Fine Arts Department by March 11.



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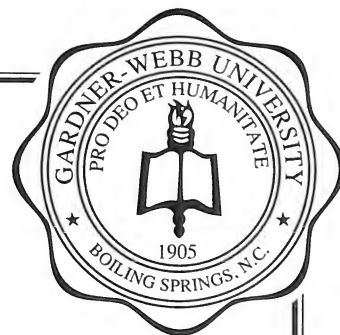
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PAM SCRUGGS NAMED ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Pam Scruggs has been promoted to the position of Assistant Athletic Director at Gardner-Webb, making her the first female to fill a senior role in athletics.

Mrs. Scruggs, who has served in the athletic department since 1980 and most recently as assistant to the athletic director, will oversee all women's athletic programs at the University, and address their needs.

"This is definitely a positive step for Gardner-Webb athletics," Dr. Chris White noted in making the announcement.

"As a result of this promotion, I feel that I will be in a better position to serve the University's female athletes and coaches of those sports," Mrs. Scruggs said. "I am very thankful for this opportunity, and

hope that I can make a positive impact on Gardner-Webb athletics."

Eddie Holbrook, Assistant to the President for Athletics, says he believes Mrs. Scruggs' promotion is a progressive move for the athletic department. "Pam has been an integral part of Gardner-Webb athletics for many years," said Holbrook. "Her knowledge, loyalty and commitment have been a bright and shining star. As we strive to elevate women's athletics, I can think of no one to better represent, guide, and direct those programs."

Gardner-Webb Athletic Director Ozzie McFarland is also one of Mrs. Scruggs' most enthusiastic supporters. "This is one of the most deserving promotions that I've seen since I've been at Gardner-Webb. Pam is one of the hardest working and most



competent people that I have been associated with. She is, and will continue to be, one of our most valuable assets."

Currently, the school sponsors six intercollegiate athletic programs for women; soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, tennis and softball.

SAC FIRST UNION SCHOLAR-ATHLETES NAMED



The South Atlantic Conference recently named Gardner-Webb's Edwin Odugba and Heather Robertson as its First Union Scholar Athletes.

The award goes to one athlete in each of the conference's sports who most exemplifies high academic and athletic standing.

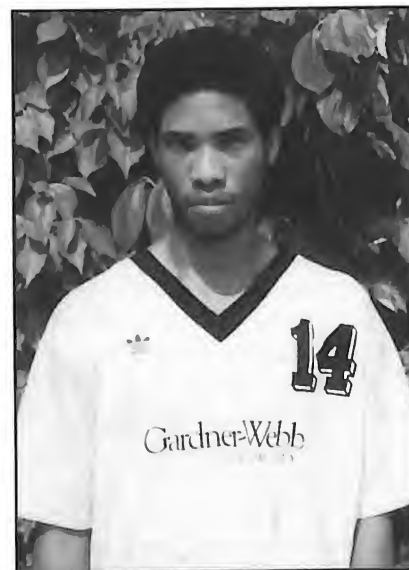
Odugba, a senior soccer player from Lagos, Nigeria, was also last year's recipient of the soccer First Union award. This fall, he was awarded the SAC

President's Award as 1994 top student-athlete. Nominees were the previous year's First Union Scholar Athletes from all sports.

Odugba is attending graduate school at Gardner-Webb, and carries a 4.0 GPA in accounting. Odugba was second on the team in scoring with 6 goals and 9 assists.

Robertson, a senior volleyball player from Mooresville, carries a perfect 4.0 gpa in biology and has been accepted to medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Heather tallied 69 kills, 27 assists, 14 service aces, 64 digs and 20 total blocks on the season.



Soccer player Jerome Lee Yaw was named South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year. Yaw, a junior from Point-A-Pierre, Trinidad, led the Bulldogs in scoring with 20 goals and 6 assists.



HALL OF FAME

On October 28th Gardner-Webb inducted four of the most recognizable athletes in school history into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Pictured are (above) football legend Jim Garrison being inducted by former teammate Bill Bates; (top left) basketball great Artis Gilmore being congratulated by Eddie Holbrook; (bottom left) women's basketball standout Carolyn Dewberry Greene with former coach Phyllis Moore; and (below) gridiron great Frank Taylor receiving his Hall of Fame plaque from family members.



ARMSTRONG SINGLED OUT

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OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Traditionally, Gardner-Webb alumni select two fellow graduates to be honored for outstanding accomplishments — the recipients of the Alumnus and Young Alumnus of the Year.

This year, the group broke with tradition. One nominee stood alone above all others.

Doug Armstrong.

The 1988 graduate from McGehee, Ark., excelled as a student and has continued to demonstrate extraordinary abilities. "The accomplishments and accolades of this young man qualify him to be our honored alumnus for 1995," said Dr. Chris White during his presentation, "But the impact of each one is doubled when you consider the fact that the recipient is blind."

While a student at Gardner-Webb, Armstrong was a Presidential

Scholar and Dean's List student. Peers recognized him as a natural leader and elected him as Student Government Association Senator for four years. In addition, he was president of the Math and Computer Science Clubs. He excelled in athletics and received the Most Valuable Cross-Country Runner Award.

At the commencement ceremonies in which he received a B.S. degree with a double major in Math and Computer Science and a minor in Political Science, Armstrong was also noted as an Honor Graduate and voted by the faculty as the most outstanding male graduate.

Upon graduation, he entered Wake Forest University School of Law where he earned the Juris Doctorate in 1992. While a student at Wake Forest, his list of



accomplishments lengthened — Deans' Award for inspirational example and contribution to the life of Wake Forest University School of Law; Bureau of National Affairs Law Student Award; the American Jurisprudence Award; Student Bar Association Representative; Best Oralist in First-Year Moot Court Competition; named Treasurer of Black Law Student Association.

Currently a resident of Winston-Salem, Armstrong is an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina and is assistant editor of *Computer Law Monitor*, a quarterly legal publication. He has also served as the Unity Campaign Coordinator of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, which included assisting the Clinton and Gore advance teams with preparation for political rallies.

Gardner-Webb has remained close to his heart. He has served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Noel Programs for the Disabled since 1989.

In commenting on Armstrong and his accomplishments, Dr. White said, "I would suggest that although Doug does not possess the sense of sight, he has a vision that knows no boundaries ... a vision that will continue to positively impact his alma mater, his community, his profession and his world."

The Career Services office has designed several events to assist students with making contacts and seeking job opportunities.

One of the events on slate is Alumni Career Day, which will include visits to classes, a career fair and a special speaker at convocation. Also being planned is a Nurses Career Fair.

A Teacher Education Career Fair, from 9 a.m. until noon on

Feb. 16 in the Dover Campus Center Banquet Hall, as well as a Business/Liberal Arts Majors Career Fair, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on April 23 in the Dover Campus Center Banquet Hall are set for the upcoming semester.

Anyone interested in attending any of the events is invited. Both student/alumni participants and employer or organization participants are welcome. Contact the Gardner-Webb Career Services Office at (704) 434-4562 for information. Deadline for school participation in the Teacher Education Fair is Jan. 31, 1996.

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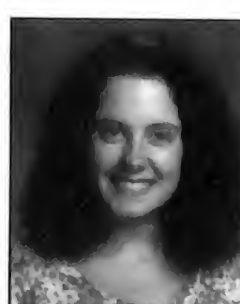
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MARATHON OPENS DOORS FOR WITNESSING

By Tim Cummins, *Special to The Web*



DURBAN, South Africa — When Southern Baptist missionary Gary Threatt says, "I'm going out for a little jog," he may not be back for several hours.

Threatt, a Gardner-Webb graduate from Marshville, N.C., ran 50 miles a week to prepare himself for the Comrades ultra-marathon. It's a grueling 56-mile race held each year in Durban to commemorate soldiers who died in World War I.

Recently, Threatt (pronounced Threet) successfully maneuvered the tarmac course in sweltering 90-degree heat to complete the race in the required 10 hours.

"It's the longest run I've ever made," said Threatt, 41-year-old former pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

"It was the hardest thing just to finish," added the Foreign Mission Board missionary, who is in Tshaysina, Ethiopia, with his wife, Rebecca Cheyne Threatt of Richmond, Va.

"I wanted to quit for a long time. At one point, I thought I had to quit. My legs wouldn't respond; my muscles were too cramped. I could only walk"

Threatt topped a hill with 14 miles to go and knew that if he walked he wouldn't finish in the required time. "I knew that meant I couldn't take a medal home to show my kids," he said. "I had to try.

"So I prayed and walked down the hill. When I reached the bottom, I could jog and even run fairly rapidly for awhile. The Lord's presence helped me do that because I wanted to quit. Instead, I finished."

Africa is known for runners, but an American out stirring up a dusty road is an unusual sight in Tshaysina, Threatt said.

"People keep asking me where my truck was," he said. "They've never seen a foreigner not driving or riding in a vehicle."

Running is an integral part of Threatt's work as a general evangelist in Ethiopia.

"It's a great way to meet people and witness," he said. "The people all know me now. It gives me a good chance to speak to them. Then when I'm doing other events — like showing the 'Jesus' film — they feel like they know me. I see it as a foundation, a basis for ministry."

Threatt also sees running as a spiritual metaphor for life. "I use it to talk about the seasons of life," he said.

"We have some times when we soar above problems and feel the Lord lifting us up like eagles. But we experience other times in life that I call 'sprinting times'. You run and don't get weary. That's like the first part of the race, the first 20 or 30 miles. You're making progress. Those are the good times.

"Then there are times like the last part when you walk and try not to faint.

Life's like all three of these times, he said.

"Sometimes we're above problems. We feel God's presence. Other times we find His strength to meet problems. Other times we feel like fainting and can't really feel his presence. But He keeps us moving — keeps us walking.

"That's what I felt like the last 20 miles of the marathon," Threatt said. "Life's more like a long-distance run than a sprint."

(Tim Cummins is a media missionary in eastern and southern Africa.)

GWU GRADS CAN KEEP IN TOUCH

Thanks to modern technology and the efforts of one Gardner-Webb alumnus, the school's alumni now have a new method of keeping in touch with one another.

Gary L. Dudley, a 1990 graduate of Gardner-Webb, is the owner of North State Online in Germantown.

Through his online computer service graduates are more readily linked by dialing (by modem) (910) 591-8512.

1946

UPDATE: Martha Connor Nanney and her husband, Joseph, live in Spindale. They have three daughters and 11 grandchildren.

1947

UPDATE: Dr. G. Hanford Hamby has been preaching 57 years. He is serving as a supply minister in Black Mountain. His wife passed away in 1973. Betty Lee Peeler Johnson is retired from the N.C. Department of Transportation. She and her husband, Glenn, live in Lawndale.

1950

UPDATE: Margie Fay Nanney Metcalf is a retired teacher. She and her husband, Bill, live in Granite Falls. They have four grandchildren. Alma J. Riley is retired. She and her husband, Richard, live in Columbus, Ohio. They have seven grandchildren. Dr. Zeb and Evelyn Krause Moss will complete 37 years with the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries in Africa in 1996. They plan to retire in 1997. They are now in Harare, Zimbabwe.

1952

RETIREMENTS: Frances Allen Kiser, as teacher with the Cleveland County Schools after having taught 40 years. She and her husband, Jake, live in Shelby.

1955

RETIREMENTS: Louise Gladden Fisher, as speech therapist with the Wake County School System. She lives in Raleigh.

ACHIEVEMENTS: The Rev. Richard E. Plyler and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, were recently honored for their 31 years of service at Patterson Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Rev. Plyler is pastor of the church.

1963

RETIREMENTS: Thomas H. Watson, from the Catawba County School System in Newton. He was principal of Claremont Elementary School in Claremont. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Newton.

NEW POSITIONS: Bill McEntire, as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Red Oak, Va.

1965

NEW POSITIONS: N. Jerry Armstrong, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Aberdeen. He is a former member of the Gardner-Webb admissions and development staffs.

1971

ACHIEVEMENTS: Edward Rufus McGimpsey II has been named to the board of directors for First Citizens Bank in Morganton. He is owner of Ebony Funeral Services in Morganton.

NEW POSITIONS: William Lutz "Bill" Burton, as director of marketing at Lutz-Austell

Funeral Home in Shelby. He and his wife, Robin, live in Shelby with their daughter, Meredith, 2.

1972

WEDDINGS: Gail Davis and Harold Taylor Butts Jr., July 17, Tuscon, Ariz. They live in Dunn. Ethel Shytte Bumgardner and C.J. "Pete" Pedersen, July 8, Polkville. They live in Polkville.

NEW POSITIONS: Gary W. Wortman, financial investment counselor with Centura Securities Inc. in Shelby.

ALUMNUS PENS BOOK ABOUT SON

Patsy Crowder Cabiness, a 1964 graduate of Gardner-Webb and a resident of Shelby, has recently published a book, "Boyd's Mark".

The book, published by Providence House Publishers, is written about Mrs. Cabiness' son, Boyd, who lost a two and one-half year battle with cancer at the age of 20.

Boyd Cabiness suffered a stroke, underwent a bone marrow transplant and experienced other complications, "yet he faced each new difficulty with a smile, a sense of humor and determination".

The book is now in some area book stores and is available from Country Classics, 2018 Washburn Rd., Shelby, NC 28150.

1974

NEW POSITIONS: Carroll Morris Lowder, as clinical science associate with Genzyme Tissue Repair, which is a new surgical procedure for autologous chondrocyte transplantation. Based in Charlotte, he manages five Southern states. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Charlotte. R. Dale Winn, as financial services officer with Centura Bank. A member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors, he and his wife, Teresa, live in Boiling Springs. Roger Lee

McSwain, as principal of Crest High School in the Cleveland County School System. Dan Greer, as advertising account representative with KTC Broadcasting in Shelby.

1975

ACHIEVEMENTS: Dale Marie King was recently selected to attend the Dow Brands Institute of Physical Science and Chemistry at Roper Mountain Science Center in Greenville, S.C. She is a third grade teacher at St. Paul School in Spartanburg, S.C.

BIRTHS: Donna S. and Lee Ramsey Clayton, Belmont, a daughter, Natalee Nicole, July 7.

DEGREES: Vickie Marlowe, bachelor's degree in nursing at Lenoir-Rhyne College. A certified post anesthesia care unit nurse, she is employed at Catawba Memorial Hospital. She and her two sons live in Catawba County. Charles H. Cockerham Jr., master's degree in educational leadership, Nova Southeastern University.

UPDATE: Kenneth R. Reid is pastor of First Baptist Church in Blacksburg, S.C. He and his wife, Betsy, have three daughters.

NEW POSITIONS: Charles H. Cockerham Jr., promoted as assistant principal and director at South Miami Middle Community School. He and his wife, Glenda, live in Miami.

1976

NEW POSITIONS: Robert Norman III, as pastor of East Baptist Church in Gastonia. A former missionary-in-residence at Gardner-Webb, he and his wife, Mickie, served as Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda, East Africa and Greece. They have two sons. Jill Haney Coy, as clinical nursing instructor in the Gardner-Webb School of Nursing. She and her husband, Bob, live in Belmont. They have a 3-year-old son.

RETIREMENTS: Jill Haney Coy, as a member of the U.S. Air Force in January, 1995. She and her husband, Bob, live in Belmont with their 3-year-old son, Rob.

1977

ACHIEVEMENTS: Johnny Henderson is now executive director for the Christian Action League of North Carolina. He is pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Seagrove and is coordinator of N.C. Baptist Men's Correctional Ministries.

1978

NEW POSITIONS: Richard Gray Craft, as owner of an accounting firm in Hickory. A licensed CPA in Florida and North Carolina, he specializes in consulting companies in the areas of finance, accounting and information systems.

DEGREES: Ricky Erwin Sain, completed requirements for a limited contractor's license. Assistant site manager for M.B. Kahn Construction, he is also an area coordinator for Excel Telecommunications. He and his wife, Sandy, have two children, Matthew and Jordan. They live in Vale.

BIRTHS: Gina Long Bearden and the Rev. Ray Bearden, a daughter, Christina Marie, Oct. 13.

UPDATE: Gina Long Bearden and her husband, the Rev. Ray Bearden, live in Woodbridge, Va. She is a self-employed cake decorator and owner of Gina's Cakes. They have four daughters, Stephanie, Rebecca Melissa and Christina Marie.

1979

BIRTHS: Alexia and David W. Cribb, Colorado, a daughter, Katie Alexia, Oct. 31, 1994.

UPDATES: David W. Cribb and his wife, Alexia, live at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. They have two children, Adam, 6, and Katie Alexia, 1. Karen Calton and Scott Brisendine '80 now live in Calhoun, Ga. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Leah Allison.

1980

NEW POSITIONS: Scott Brisendine, as manager of production and inventory control for the woven products division of Crown Crafts, Inc. He and his wife, Karen Calton Brisendine '79, have a 1-year-old daughter, Leah Allison.

UPDATE: Dr. Jeffrey Wisdom and Brenda Perry Wisdom live in Goldsboro. Jeffrey is pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church and Brenda is a registered nurse working in a surgeon's office. Brenda is active in medical missions and recently led a group of medical team volunteers to Venezuela. They have a 4-year-old daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. Harvey Shropshire is assistant to the principal at Myers Park Traditional Elementary School in Charlotte. He also teaches with the Metrolina Extension Center-Seminary and serves as tutorial director of the Earle Village Learning Center in Charlotte. Harvey was featured in an edition of Mecklenburg Neighbors earlier this year and noted for his rapport with the students. He and his wife, Cassandra, have a daughter, Dawn Elisha, 26.

1981

BIRTHS: Rick and Sherri Diehl Ellis, Naples, Fla., a son, Reid Alexander, Jan. 15. Bob and Anne Feagin Donahoo, The Woodlands, Tex., a daughter, Kathryn Anne, May 22.

UPDATE: Sherri Diehl Ellis and her husband, Rick, live in Naples, Fla., where she is senior program director for the YMCA of Collier County. They have four children, Chip, 8, Steve, 6, Ashley, 4 and Reid Alexander, 11 months. Anne Feagin Donahoo is a counselor at the John Cooper School in The Woodlands, Tex. She and her husband have two children, Ben, 4, and Kathryn Anne, 7 months.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Captain Derek Poarch of Lenoir, promoted to the rank of major with the Lenoir Police Department. Robin Chunn, named teacher of the year at Rural Hall Elementary School. She teaches kindergarten at

the school. She and her husband, Jeff, have three children, Ashley, 10; Joshua, 7; and Katie, 5.

1982

NEW POSITIONS: Michael Ennis, as minister of music and senior adults at First Baptist Church of Stanleyville in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Carol, have two daughters, Sarah and Rebecca. Myra Troutman Thompson, as nursing instructor at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville. She and her husband, Michael '83, live in Whiteville.

'74 ALUM BECOMES SHELBY MAYOR

Mike Philbeck '74 etched a place in Cleveland County's political history when he became Shelby's first new mayor in 16 years on November 8.

After serving on Shelby's city council for the last four years, he originally questioned whether to run for mayor.

"I'm glad I did it," Philbeck said. "Those who know me know I did it with the motive of trying to contribute something in a positive way to Shelby."

In addition to a B.A. from GWU, Philbeck earned a master's from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Texas.

1983

BIRTHS: Scott and Brenda Turnmire Killian, Monroe, a son, Hunter Robert, Aug. 22, 1993. Johan and Patricia Vandepoll Chapman, Belmont, a son, Austin Raleigh, Nov. 21, 1994.

UPDATE: Patricia Vandepoll Chapman is secretary of Belk Store Services. She and her husband, Johan, live in Belmont, with their two sons, Patrick, 3 and Austin Raleigh, 1. Michael R. Thompson is a teacher with the Whiteville City Schools. He and his wife, Myra Troutman Thompson '82, live in Whiteville.

NEW POSITIONS: Susan Cardine Jones, as assistant principal at Liberty Middle School in

the Burke County Schools. She lives in Morganton. Jeff Carswell, promoted to branch manager of the Belmont Main Office of Wachovia Bank. He and his wife, Janet, have two children.

1984

BIRTHS: Timothy and Deborah Seagroves Robson, Kannapolis, a son, Isaac Edward, July 25.

UPDATE: Deborah Seagroves Robson is a first grade teacher at Landis Elementary School. She and her husband, Timothy, have a son, Isaac, and live in Kannapolis. Hillary Padgett is a pianist with Berryhill Baptist Church in Charlotte. She also owns a piano studio in Tega Cay, S.C. She lives in Tega Cay.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Sybil Houser was named North Carolina Vendor of the Year. She is head of sales and client relations for Scott Vending Co. of Forest City. She and her husband, Ron, have a 13-year-old daughter, Monica.

NEW POSITIONS: Vince Hefner, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Shelby. He and his wife, Sherry, have two sons, Lee and Paul, and twin daughters, Natalie and Kelly. Bruce Wilson, as processing technician in the Learning Resources Center at Cleveland Community College in Shelby.

1985

NEW POSITIONS: Joy Anthony Anderson, as intake coordinator and education nurse for Grace Home Health in Morganton. She and her husband, Lee, have a daughter, Chelsea Leigh, 7 months. Billy Gene Sheehan, an office/accounting position in the Marion branch of Tri County Oil Co., a division of Cason Companies. He lives in Marion.

BIRTHS: Lee and Joy Anthony Anderson, Morganton, a daughter, Chelsea Leigh, May 1.

1986

UPDATE: Bobby F. Watson is a CPA and the director of administrative services for Cleveland Home Health Agency in Shelby. He lives in Mooresboro. Nancy Land Martin is a homemaker in Fairfield, Calif., where she and her husband, Tim, make their home. They have two daughters, Danielle Elisabeth, 2, and Kathryn Ruth, 6 months. Bridget Turnmire Franklin is a proof operator with First National Bank in Shelby. She and her husband, Scott, have a son, Dylan Cole, 9 months. They live in Shelby. Thom and Mary Hartman live in Forest City. Thom is minister of education and youth at Adaville Baptist Church in Spindale. Mary is a third grade teacher at Forest City Elementary School. They have a son, Landon Robert, 5 months.

DEGREES: Gale Dent, M.Div., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Upon graduation this month, she plans to move to New Mexico.

BIRTHS: Katherine and James Paul Huggins, Cherryville, a daughter, Margaret Ruth, May 29. Tim and Nancy Land Martin, Fairfield, Calif., a

daughter, Kathryn Ruth, June 17. Scott and Bridget Turnmire Franklin, Shelby, a son, Dylan Cole, Feb. 3. Thom and Mary Hartman, Forest City, a son, Landon Robert, July 12.

NEW POSITIONS: James A. Cook, as hospital chaplain for Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury. He and his wife, Ladonna, have a son, Micah Brandon, 2.

1987

ACHIEVEMENTS: Nathan C. Wriston, a UH-60 Blackhawk Pilot with the U.S. Army, has been promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2. He was transferred in March from Fort Campbell, Ken., to Hanau, Germany for a three-year tour. He and his wife, Julie, live in Germany. Jo Ellen Shore Norris has been selected as one of the "Great 100 Registered Nurses in North Carolina for 1995." She is senior vice president for patient care at Watauga Medical Center. Teresa Brandon Cooper was recently promoted to business unit marketing manager with Contract Data Services in Charlotte. She and her husband, Paul, live in Fort Mill, S.C.

UPDATE: Bobbie Shannon is a director of the Found-A-Friend program, administered by the Polk County Mental Health Center in Tryon. She recently taught child growth and development psychology courses at Isothermal Community College in Spindale. Sally Owens Matheny and her husband, Stephen Lawrence Matheny '89, live in Forest City with their two daughters, Meriana, 3, and Emily Lauren, 21 months. Sally is a teacher at Harris Elementary School in Rutherford County.

NEW POSITIONS: Marlene Johnson Thomas, as director of community health education at Dorminy Medical Center in Fitzgerald, Ga. She and her husband, Gerald Thomas, live in Fitzgerald. He is associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald. Lisa Mathis Courtney, as minister of youth at First Baptist Church in Rural Hall. She is also teaching a music program for preschoolers, "Music Makers." She and her husband, Scott, have two sons, Caleb, 3 and Casey, 1. They live in Rural Hall. Maryjohn Blanchard, as sales representative serving North and South Carolina for The Booksource, which supplies libraries and classrooms with supplemental books. Maryjohn lives in Raleigh. Michael J. Rousseaux, as associate of the new law firm Templeton & Raynor, P.A. His practice is concentrated in the area of civil litigation with a focus on insurance defense litigation.

1988

WEDDINGS: Pamela Joy Warrick and Ronald Glenn Cochran, Asheboro, Sept. 9. They live in High Point.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Jean C. Moore was recently named Clerk to the Board for Iredell County Board of Commissioners. She and her husband live in Iredell County.

BIRTHS: Jody and Cynthia Hollifield Watts, Rock Hill, S.C., a daughter, Sarah Catherine,

Oct. 11. Mark and Cindy Grady Childers, Granite Falls, a son, Blake Adam, May 19. Amy and Raymond Scott Henson, Hermitage, Tenn., a daughter, Anna Catherine, Sept. 14, 1994.

NEW POSITIONS: Lee V. Coyle, as pastor of Lavonia Baptist Church in Mooresboro. He and his wife have three children. Carlton E. Absher, as accounting manager with Lowe's Companies Inc. in North Wilkesboro. He and his wife, Kaylene, have a son, Bradford. They live in Wilkesboro. Pamela J. Sharts, as marketing director at Cleveland Mall in Shelby, with Faison of Charlotte. She lives in Shelby.

ALUM WORKS WITH PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Political consultant Henry L. "Hank" Harrison of Cleveland, S.C., has rolled up his sleeves for the 1996 Presidential Campaign.

Harrison, a 1976 graduate of Gardner-Webb University, is an owning partner in Impact Communications Group based out of Dallas, Texas. His latest venture is the promotion of Republican Pat Buchanan in his campaign for President of the United States.

In addition, Harrison is working as a consultant for several congressional candidates for the 1996 campaign.

UPDATE: Raymond Scott Henson is a senior analyst with Thomas Nelson Publishers in Hermitage, Tenn.

1989

WEDDINGS: Tammy Rene Lamb and Wayne Anderson, Georgetown, July 8. They live in Georgetown.

BIRTHS: Michael T. and Belinda Long Pondo, Charlotte, a son, Luke Michael, April 20. Randal and Elaine Brady Abernathy, Hickory, twin daughters, Hailey Elizabeth and Jessica Rachel, March 20.

UPDATE: Michael T. and Belinda Long Pondo live in Charlotte. Michael is a salesman with Hav-A-Cup Coffee Service. Belinda is assistant vice president at NationsBank.

NEW POSITIONS: Stephen Lawrence Matheny, as controller with Benninger Corporation in Spartanburg, S.C. He and his wife, Sally Owens Matheny '87, live in Forest City with their two daughters, Meriana, 3, and Emily Lauren, 21 months.

1990

WEDDINGS: Tonya Roxanne Lambert and Colin Frans Brady, Taylorsville, Sept. 9. Melissa Mayes and Douglas Lee Simmons, Boiling Springs, June 24. They live in Forest City.

UPDATE: Tiffany Davis Sosbee and her husband, Scott, live in Spartanburg, S.C. She is account executive with Newstalk Radio WORD and was recently chosen to direct the production of the WORD video presentation for a corporate managers seminar. Ronda Owens Worley is a technical assistant with Mutual of Omaha. She and her husband, Roger, live in Gastonia with their son, Dalton Nolan, 4 months. Roxanna C. Smith is a physical education teacher and coach at South School in Lexington. She and her husband, Christopher, have a son, Cameron Ray, 15 months.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Joe T. Robbins was recently promoted to Quality Manager and PCS Coordinator with Georgia Pacific Corp., in Owosso, Mich. He and his wife, Rhonda Patton Robbins, live in Owosso.

BIRTHS: John and Dorothy-Jane Cross Kozlowski, Greensboro, a daughter, Tirzah Marie, July 2. Roger and Ronda Owens Worley, Gastonia, a son, Dalton Nolan, Aug. 16. Christopher and Roxanna C. Smith, Lexington, a son, Cameron Ray, Sept. 10, 1994.

NEW POSITIONS: Jeffrey L. Sims, as vice president of finance of Masco Contract Furnishings in Morganton. Masco is a division of Masco Home Furnishings Inc., the largest furniture manufacturer in the world. He and his wife, Julia, have two children. They live in Greensboro.

1991

WEDDINGS: Ronda Rene Forner and Max Dean McRae Jr., Shelby, Sept. 17. They live in Spartanburg, S.C.

NEW POSITIONS: Anne Marie Lawing, as fifth grade teacher with Gaston Christian School at the Catawba Heights campus. She lives in Charlotte. Joy E. Cole, as a chiropractor with Hay Clinic of Chiropractic in Gastonia.

UPDATE: Angela Brower Waisner is a controller with Mid-State Plastics. She and her husband, Mark, live in Asheboro. Emily Parker Powell is human resource assistant with Scott Vending Company. She and her husband, Webb, live in Lawndale with their 6-month-old twin daughters.

BIRTHS: Sharice and Robert Shawn Bowling '94, Shelby, twins, Elijah Robert and Erica Rae,

Aug. 19. Webb and Emily Parker Powell, Lawndale, twin daughters, Kayla Sloane and Krista Lauren, June 25.

1992

WEDDINGS: Tina Darlene Suddreth and Edward Thomas Hart II; Granite Falls, Aug. 6. They live in Granite Falls. Jennifer Christine Reynolds and Arthur Patton Cohen, Shelby, Sept. 23. They live in Shelby. Roxanna Lynn Everhart and Kevin J. Gentile, Thomasville, July 1. They live in Thomasville. Patricia Corns and Don Comire, Wilmington, July 14.

NEW POSITIONS: Thomas E. Doby, as probation/parole officer for the State of North Carolina in Mecklenburg County. He lives in Huntersville. Teresa Diane Sidden, as accounting supervisor II with Lowe's Companies Inc. in North Wilkesboro. Bet U. Gannon, as branch manager of the Rockingham Main Office of First Union National Bank. She and her husband, David, have two daughters, Bryanna and Allyson.

UPDATE: Patricia Sue Corns is a fifth grade teacher at Supply Elementary School. She and her husband, Donald, live in Wilmington. Cindy Dancy Deviney is a registered nurse at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville. She and her husband, Christopher, live in Statesville with their son, Jacob Matthew, 5 months.

1993

NEW POSITION: Darin Shook, as a commercial lines agent with Cordell Harris Insurance Agency in Hickory.

WEDDINGS: Loris Angela Smitherman and Danny Odell Coe, Yadkinville, Sept. 2. They live in Yadkinville. Jan Denise Sprinkle and

Patrick Todd Davis '95, Dobson, July. They live in Morganton. Cynthia Hill and Ronnie Simpson Jr., Mt. Airy, April 23.

DEGREES: Jason T. Crook, MBA in Marketing, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in Philadelphia. He is project manager with Eshelman & Townsend, Ltd.

UPDATE: Cynthia Hill Simpson is store manager at Revco in Henderson. She and her husband, Ronnie, live in Henderson.

1994

WEDDINGS: Stella Ruth Lail and John Nelson Perrin, Taylorsville, July 8. They live in Shelby. Amy Jo Brackett and Gary Todd Lavender, Golden Valley, July 15. They live in Bostic. Jennifer Alice Turner and Scott Eric Shuford, Gastonia, June 24. They live in Kings Mountain. Kelly Horton and Tommy J. Barker '95, Mill Spring, Sept. 23. They live in Mill Spring.

NEW POSITIONS: Delinda Diane James, as production planner at Delta Mills Marketing Co. in Wallace, S.C. Martha Jane Pennell, as probation officer with the N.C. Department of Corrections. She lives in Taylorsville.

UPDATE: Major Ray Barlowe recently graduated from the first Law Enforcement Executive Program, sponsored by the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is commander of field operations with the Morganton Department of Public Safety. He and his wife, Sherry, have a daughter, Cindy.

1995

WEDDINGS: Christi Cox and Robert Nolan Kirkman, Mount Airy, Aug. 12. They live in Pilot Mountain. Jennifer Leigh Mitchell and Murray Allen Shelley, Stanley, July. They live in Mars Hill. Diana Marie Robinson and Kevin

Todd Bess, Kings Mountain, July 15. They live in Asheville. Michelle Dawn Burns and Patrick Lee Chappell, Greenville, S.C., Aug. 26. They live in Rockingham. Melissa Dawn York and Phillip Andrew Whitaker, Mount Airy, July. They live in Mount Airy.

UPDATE: Captain Ronald E. Hill is a member of the Mount Airy Police Department. Melissa Sebastian is an accountant with Royal Cake Company in Winston-Salem.

BIRTHS: Christopher and Cindy Dancy Deviney, Statesville, a son, Jacob Matthew, July 2.

NEW POSITIONS: Jeff Dean, promoted to customer service assistant manager in the circulation department of The Greenville News in Greenville, S.C.

DEATHS

Clifford Lewis Holland passed away Sept. 13.

1924

Veola W. Jolley of Mooresboro passed away Oct. 17.

1932

Zula Mae Marlow Long of Charlotte passed away Feb. 25.

1941

Doris Cline Palmer of Rochester, N.Y. passed away Nov. 28, 1994 as a result of heart failure.

1943

Dr. Ernest Carl Upchurch of Raleigh passed away Aug. 16.

1948

Thomas Eugene Black of Eden passed away May 25. The Rev. Olen Kendrick of Forest City passed away June 6.

1973

Homer Lee Gowan of Forest City passed away in April.

1974

The Rev. Ray Hill Craig of Salisbury passed away Sept. 27 following a battle with cancer.

1980

Floyd Marion Loftin of Davidson passed away June 27.

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