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# MOVING UP THE LADDER

## DIXON LEAVING GWU TO TAKE POST AT N.C.

Friday the 13th, September 1996, did indeed prove to be an unusual day at Gardner-Webb, for the staff at the University experienced a tremendous heaping of mixed emotions that day. Sad because we learned that we are losing a supervisor, a friend, a mentor and a confidant. Excited because he is on his way to lead the oldest state foundation among Southern Baptists.

On January 1, 1997, Scoot Dixon will depart from GWU after eight years of dedicated service. He'll pack his memories and head to Cary, NC, to begin a new chapter of his life as executive director of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. According to Scoot, however, his new position will continue to bring him home to Cleveland County and Gardner-Webb.

"This is home," said Dixon. "But the way I look at it, I have the best of two worlds. My work will continue to take me to Western North Carolina." He even went so far to say that he'll be back so often that those who only see him around occasionally will think he never left.

The ties that bind Scoot to this area are unmistakable. His parents and grandparents still live in the county. Both his children grew up here, even though they are now attending college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chris is a senior, Heather a freshman). He also leaves behind a staff of approximately 20 employees and a host of close friends he has made over the years.

Scoot's family and staff are not the only ones who will miss him here in Cleveland County.

He was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Young Life and the local YMCA. He had also been recently appointed to the Economic Development Commission Board for Cleveland County and says he was really looking forward to that assignment.

But no matter what your association is with Scoot, his absence will definitely leave behind a void. He was the supervising vice president for many of the most visible activities in which the University is involved. He guided the public relations, publications and sports information efforts, taking responsibility for nearly every printed word generated by GWU, from news releases to the very alumni magazine you're now reading. Probably most significant, though, was his duties as head of the

development effort at GWU. Coordinating the raising of funds from alumni, friends, churches and foundations, Scoot embraced the fact that Gardner-Webb receives no state or federal funding and must rely on contributions to ensure the success of the institution.

His track record surely proves that he was excellent in what he did. Never has the exposure given to GWU been so great. Never has the quality of printed materials been





# OF SUCCESS

## BAPTIST FOUNDATION

so evident. And never has monetary support of the University been so tremendous. And it is those very reasons that led the Foundation's search committee straight to him. The chair of that committee said very matter-of-factly, "Scoot is leading a very successful capital campaign. He is extremely image-conscious of the organization he works for, and he never meets a stranger. Quite simply, he set himself apart from the others."

President Chris White, in a letter of recommendation to the search committee on Scoot's behalf, noted, "He is one of the most outstanding professionals I have had the privilege to employ in 25 years of higher education administration. While I cannot think of a better person for the job, if Scoot is chosen for this position, my senior staff will experience a serious loss."

Scoot assures that he will be missing GWU, too.

"I have mixed feelings about the move. I really enjoy what I'm doing and who I work with. And Gardner-Webb is on the verge of coming into its own as a prestigious regional university. I'm sad I'll miss seeing that happen first-hand."

As executive director for the NC Baptist Foundation, Scoot will work with 10 different Baptist agencies, colleges and universities, including Gardner-Webb. The focus of his work will be to ensure that money invested with the Foundation is handled wisely and that returns on those investments are distributed to the appropriate beneficiaries. In explaining the significance of the appointment, Dr. White added, "In the simplest terms, Scoot has just become a peer of mine. His new position carries with it the same responsibilities as a president, the Foundation just

chooses to label their leader as executive director."

Scoot's affection for the Foundation began many years ago, he said, when he learned of the organization's exceptional reputation. "The more I realized how strongly Baptists in this region felt about the importance of the Foundation, the more I knew that it didn't take a stroke of genius to see that (the Foundation) could be of great help to Gardner-Webb."

It was this appreciation for the Foundation, as well as his connection with its leaders and activities, that enhanced his value as a potential leading candidate for the job. And even though the interview process was lengthy, some say the outcome was never in question. Dr. White says plainly, "Scoot was the obvious choice."

Scoot Dixon touched the lives of many during his tenure with GWU. Take for example the elderly lady who had never met him, but was left speechless when Scoot made a donation to the GWU Christian Service Organization in memory of her husband who had just passed away from cancer. You see, the lady's grandson was a member of Scoot's staff, and because of his relationship with that young man, Scoot felt compelled to show his support for the grieving family in a tangible way. "He's a good man," the lady said to her grandson upon learning of the gesture. "You work for a good man."

A Nobel Prize-winning philosopher once said, "For a conscious being, to exist is to change, to change is to mature." And so it is with Scoot Dixon and for this University. But while he will soon be officially employed by another organization, many agree that Scoot will always be associated with Gardner-Webb.

## GOOD LUCK TO A FRIEND

It was the nature of his job.

He was a high-profile personality who put himself in the public eye by design. It's the reason so many people knew him and became friends with him – it was his job to introduce himself and inform you about the University for which he loved to work. However, when you came away from a meeting with him, you felt as though you had someone in your corner, someone who valued the time he had spent with you.

And it is the friendships we all developed with Scoot Dixon that make it hard to say goodbye and good luck. Effective January 1, 1997, Scoot becomes the new executive director of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. Since 1989, he has become synonymous with Gardner-Webb University as the vice president for university relations. He was the supervisor for GWU's fund-raising efforts, public relations strategies, alumni and church relations, publications and sports information.

And the part about never meeting a stranger, says the chairman of the search committee for the N.C. Baptist Foundation, is one of the main reasons he was the best candidate for the position. Sure, the credentials he carries are impressive: records giving levels have been achieved at GWU; a \$20 million campaign is a tremendous success just two years into what was projected as a five-year effort; and the amount of contacts made with University friends and alumni has been immeasurable. But the ability to establish a genuine relationship with the people he met, that's what makes the difference.

Little things about Scoot are what stick in the minds of the people who worked for him at Gardner-Webb. For example, one of the first pieces of advice he gave to a young staffer who was new to the University was to write personal notes to people who had taken the time to meet with the staffer or help with a project. "It's important," he said, "to let folks know you're their friend first, and a business acquaintance second."

The GWU Public Relations Department can speak from first-hand experience about Scoot's leadership style. It was no secret that he saw the need for increased media contacts, improved publications and more spectacular special events. But rather than dictating just how all of it should be accomplished, he gave enough latitude to try new ideas and plans of action. It created a more relaxed working atmosphere, something that can't be reflected in evaluations and staff meetings.

In summing up an event or project, a favorite phrase of his is, "I'm pleased, but not satisfied." It was the kind of comment that let you know it was a job well-done, but tomorrow there's more work to do.

We get the feeling that Scoot's management philosophies will play well with the N.C. Baptist Foundation. After all, success breeds success.

So long, Scoot. And best wishes.

# SINCE WE LAST MET

*A three-month summary  
of highlights on campus*

## INDEPENDENT COLLEGE FUND DIRECTOR NAMED VP

### VAN HORN TO REPLACE DIXON

Gardner-Webb on Friday, October 4, announced that Drew Van Horn, director the Independent College Fund of North Carolina, was named the new GWU vice president for university relations succeeding Scoot Dixon. Van Horn joined the administrative staff on December 1.

Van Horn, who will now lead Gardner-Webb's fundraising and image enhancement efforts, brings 12 years of development experience to his new position after serving since May 1995 with the Independent College Fund of North Carolina, which represents the state's 27 independent institutions to the corporate community. Prior to that, Van Horn was director of development for Elon College from 1994-1995; director of alumni and parent relations at Elon from 1988-1994; assistant state director for North Carolina's Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and director of student activities at Elon College from 1983-1985.

With the Independent College Fund of N.C., Van Horn increased contributions to the organization by 12 percent, developed and coordinated all annual fundraising activities, recruited and trained the Fund's board of trustees, and organized members' presidents as volunteer solicitors.

GWU President Dr. Chris White described Van Horn, 36, as "savvy" and "a rising star" who was White's top candidate

for the position, bringing a wealth of political and corporate contacts, managerial experience, and a strong involvement with Baptist life to Gardner-Webb. Especially significant, White added, is Van Horn's administrative experience in higher education with Elon College. There, he supervised all aspects of the development program, including responsibility for major gift and deferred gift solicitations. New

strategies Van Horn implemented in the annual giving effort at Elon netted a 12 percent increase in dollars raised.

"Drew is someone who has hit the ground running since he was hired, and that's imperative to maintaining the momentum we have built with our \$20 million capital campaign," White explained. "His strengths address areas where we need improvement. It's phenomenal the amount of knowledge and experience he brings to us. He has energized each organization he's been a part

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Other professional highlights for Van Horn include successfully increasing the amount of gifts to the state's Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization by 67 percent. And as director of alumni and parent relations at Elon College, he was responsible for regional fundraising efforts for the school's \$18 million capital campaign, as well as a 118 percent increase in parent giving.

White noted that Van Horn has had the luxury of visiting all 27 campuses of the state's independent colleges and universities, allowing him the opportunity to not only develop relationships with key leaders at each, but to learn new ideas and strategies from them as well.

Responding to White's endorsement, Van Horn said, "I was already familiar with Gardner-Webb's progressive reputation and I knew it was something special to be a part of. But upon learning more about the tradition of the institution, the quality of the faculty and students, and the loyal support of alumni and Cleveland County, I considered it a privilege to join this University."

Van Horn has been a sought-after speaker, often serving as a leader for Christian rallies and conferences. Other



(Left) Drew Van Horn is greeted by Tommy Hardin, trustee board vice chair; (Above) Van Horn officially accepts the position of GWU vice president.

involvements include memberships with the National Association of Fund raising Professionals, the North Carolina Planned Giving Council, and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Van Horn holds a bachelor's degree from Elon College, where he was a two-time academic all-american for the basketball team, and a master's degree from Campbell University. He and his wife, Camille, have two children, Julia Clark, 3, and Jackson Forest, 1.

He is available at (704) 434-4253 and his office is located on the second floor of the Webb Hall on campus.

## DIVINITY DEAN TO RESIGN POSITION IN MAY

### LAMB TO REMAIN ON FACULTY



Dr. Robert Lamb

Dr. Robert Lamb, dean of the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity since its inception in 1993, has announced his resignation of that position effective at the end of the current academic

year. He will remain on the GWU faculty to teach in the School of Divinity. A search for Lamb's successor is underway, said President Dr. Chris White.

Appointed in 1992, Lamb will have served as founding dean for five years upon his retirement in the spring. Under Lamb's leadership, the School of Divinity has grown from an idea into reality, from humble beginnings to a thriving force in theological education in this country. He was responsible not only for creating a curriculum and adhering to the standards of Gardner-Webb's accrediting body, but for defining the personality of just the second university-related Baptist divinity school created in the United States.

"Dr. Lamb is just a special person, the kind of individual it takes to get such a huge project off the ground," said President White. "The School of Divinity would not have evolved into a prominent and visible factor in theological education if it were not for his hard work and dogged determination."

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SCHOOL  
OF  
DIVINITY

## FOUNDERS' DAY FOUR YEARS CELEBRATED

"Let us not be accused of dreaming only small dreams," proclaimed GWU President Chris White to the many students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the School of Divinity who gathered for the fourth annual Founders' Day Celebration. "This is a celebration of beginnings and a prayer of hope for the future."

The day was indeed one of celebration – celebrating of the inception of the school in 1993 with a mere 23 students, celebrating the current enrollment of 113 students, celebrating the 16 alumni and celebrating the future of theological education.

Dr. R.G. Puckett, editor of the Biblical Recorder and luncheon keynote speaker, gave the "editor's view" of Baptist higher education from the past to the present to the personal. "We are in a whole new era...looking to the future in a positive and challenging way. The School of Divinity belongs to the next generation of Baptists, not the past one."

The service of celebration was enhanced with prayer and scripture



Dr. Gene Puckett

readings from members of the faculty and administration of the University and Dr. Gary Parker of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Dr. Frank Stagg, professor emeritus of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, began his convocation address saying, "The more I learn about the School of Divinity, the more I want to celebrate with you!"

## HOLY LAND STUDENT RECALLS TRIP

As a young boy Jimmy Britt listened as his grandfather, the Rev. B. Clyde Simpson, conducted a sermon via radio to the congregation of his Charlotte, N.C., church from the Garden of Gethsemane. As Jimmy listened he dreamed someday he too may walk where Jesus had. This past summer, Gardner-Webb helped make it possible for Britt to fulfill his dream.

Back in 1989, Britt felt a call into the ministry. He succumbed, and enrolled in what was then Gardner-Webb College. In 1995, he graduated from GWU with a degree in religious studies and decided the following Spring to enroll in the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity. Upon completion of the semester, he was given the opportunity to visit the Holy Land. With help from the CSO his dreams had quickly become reality.

Britt says the highlight of the trip was the baptismal service at the Jordan River. The service was especially meaningful for him because he was able to baptize his own wife and was able to be baptized by Dr. White.

"Since this was my first opportunity baptize someone, Dr. White gave me some pointers – he told me what to say and how to say it." This is just another way Britt says Gardner-Webb has "nurtured his calling" and "given him the direction he needed."

## WORTH 1,000 WORDS

### PAINTINGS TO BENEFIT SCHOOL OF DIVINITY

An innovative show of support for the GWU School of Divinity by Cleveland County filmmaker Earl Owensby will result in the furthering of ministerial education at the University. Owensby and investors Troy Day and Al Thigpen of Kannapolis have commissioned artist Robert W. Wilson of Woodruff, S.C., to paint 11 works of art depicting the life of Christ.

It was also announced that Wilson's famous "Agony of Jesus" series, which he completed several years ago, will soon become a traveling exhibit, the

subject of a coffee table book and limited edition prints, and the focus of a video documentary. A significant portion of the proceeds from these activities, Owensby announced in October, will be donated to the School of Divinity.

"This Is My Body, This Is My Blood," was unveiled as the first in a new series of works that recount the most recognizable moments in Jesus' ministry. This painting, along with the other 10 that are yet to be created, will also raise funds for the divinity school.



Artist Robert Wilson shows "This Is My Body, This Is My Blood."

## IMPACT FELT OVERSEAS

### AGREEMENT SIGNED

The School of Divinity has formed an exchange program with the Baptist Theological College of South Africa at Cape Town. Headed by Dr. Bob Lamb, founding dean of the School of Divinity, the agreement will begin in Spring 1998 with faculty exchanges and opportunities for cross-cultural learning for students choosing to study abroad. Lamb himself will participate in the first faculty exchange in 1998, with Dr. Gerhard Venter traveling to Boiling Springs from Cape Town.

The arrangement is the result of a partnership between the Baptist State

Convention of North Carolina and the Baptist Union of South Africa. In order to complete the agreement, Dr. Lamb visited South Africa during GWU's fall break in October, meeting with leaders of the Baptist Union, the Southern Baptist mission of South Africa, and principals of the two minister-training schools. Relationships were established in both Johannesburg and Cape Town.

"This will allow for the training of ministers as well as opportunities to work directly with the churches in that area of South Africa," Lamb said.

From the beginning, Lamb sought and hired divinity faculty, and he personally recalls the early days when he wore many hats as dean, professor, recruiter and representative. Since that time the number of full-time staff has grown to 11, and enrollment has increased this year to 113, nearly three times the amount that were enrolled when the School first opened its doors in January 1993.

"Perhaps what has been most admirable about Dr. Lamb is his faithfulness to the School of Divinity," White explained. "We chose to begin this School without all the necessary funds in hand, thereby making it somewhat a leap of faith. We had to truly believe that our needs would be met, and no one typified that confidence and belief more than Dr. Lamb. He never once stopped believing and telling others that this program would become a model program for others to follow and revere."

Many landmark achievements have taken place during Lamb's tenure as dean. The '95-96 academic year marked the first GWU divinity graduating class that had completed all of its coursework at Gardner-Webb (previous graduates had transferred coursework from other institutions). The completion of that class had significant effects on the School of Divinity's attainment of associate membership this year in the Association of Theological Schools, the first step toward full accreditation. White said Lamb would continue working with the accreditation process after completing his duties as dean.

As well, a mentor program, which is an important feature of the School of Divinity's course of study that was championed by Lamb, has drawn rave reviews among students and counterparts in theological education. The process allows for the divinity students to be paired with local ministers who are available for guidance and counseling, thus enhancing the learning experience.

"As a pastor, scholar, professor and dean, Dr. Lamb was the best for the job when we began this dream," said Dr. White. "And in the years to come when we reflect on what will surely be a nationally known School of Divinity, we will call Bob Lamb's name and give him the credit he truly deserves for his vital part in the genesis and the progress of this program."



## GWU COACHING LEGEND NAMED VP FOR ATHLETICS HOLBROOK TAKES POST

Gardner-Webb on October 19 named Eddie Holbrook as vice president for athletics and special events. In this newly created position, which is effective immediately, Holbrook is responsible for all policy, progress and structure of the athletics program on campus as well as the planning of major University events such



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as the U.S. Olympic Cycling Trials held at Gardner-Webb on June 1 of this year.

Previously, Holbrook had been serving a dual role at GWU — as assistant to the president for athletics and assistant to the vice president for university relations, with primary emphasis on fundraising projects.

His new position will allow him to continue working with donors to the University while maintaining ultimate responsibility for athletics. New duties for Holbrook, however, will include the supervision of the Sports Information Department and Bulldog Club, and the organization of large-scale events and activities that will advance the visibility and involvement of the University within the community and the region.

Dr. Chris White noted that Holbrook also will begin pursuing the development and funding of several of the campus' long-range goals, including the creation of a soccer complex, construction of a wellness center in an enhanced and revitalized Bost Gym, renovations to Paul Porter Arena and improvements to Ernest W. Spangler Stadium, its press box and field house.

"We feel Eddie's new position will help him transform many of our dreams into realities," White said at the Gardner-Webb Hall of Fame induction ceremonies where the announcement was made.

"Whether it's coaching, or building a rapport with key constituents of the University, or organizing an Olympic Trials event, he has proven himself to be a successful and prominent figure at Gardner-Webb. He will be the driving force in elevating the athletics department to a state of progress consistent with the rest of the University."

A cornerstone of Gardner-Webb history since his legendary period as basketball coach from 1964-1978, Holbrook accumulated a miraculous 328-67 won-loss record. A Gardner-Webb Hall of Fame member himself, he coached many of the University's most notable athletes, including Artis Gilmore, John Drew and George Adams, all future NBA players, and several other basketball All-Americans.

Holbrook immediately joined the GWU Senior Staff, which consists of President Chris White, Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Frank Bonner, Dr. Gil Blackburn, Bruce Moore, John Brock, Donnie Clary and the newly appointed Drew Van Horn.

He became the second Gardner-Webb vice president to be named within a two-week period, after Van Horn was announced earlier in October as the new vice president for University Relations, replacing Ralph "Scoot" Dixon.

## ENROLLMENT RECORDS SHATTERED

### FIGURES UP 10 PERCENT

GWU officials announced a record enrollment of 2,760 undergraduate and graduate students for this fall, a figure that eclipses last year's mark by 241, or nearly 10 percent. The overall enrollment for the University has increased in the last two years by approximately 19 percent, up from 2,325 students in 1994.

Every area of the university experienced an increase in students this academic year, according to Dr. Chris White. The undergraduate day program is up 77 students to a total of 1,376; the graduate studies program is up 4 percent to 175; the School of Divinity continues its yearly growth with a total of 113 enrolled, up from 102 a year ago; the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program, bolstered by the addition of classes on GWU's Statesville (N.C.) campus, shows an increase of 69 students that bring the total to 161 enrolled; and the GOAL Program, which offers night classes to working adults on 14 satellite campuses around North Carolina, shows the largest increase in students with 935 registered, up 9 percent.

"We're bursting at the seams," White said. "And even though classroom, office and dorm space is completely full, that's not necessarily a bad thing. We are to a point where we have to decide what's going to happen in the very near future — are we going to grow or are we going to level off and stay where we're at? Our trustees have said to grow, so that's where we're headed. It's a nice problem to have."

The president said an expansion of facilities within the next year is being scheduled, with top priority being placed on Hamrick Hall, the most historic building on campus that is now vacant but soon to be renovated. He added the University is also discussing the possibilities of expanding or creating housing facilities on campus.

Explaining yet another year of record enrollment, White said GWU is simply maximizing its niche, offering strong service-oriented programs such as education, nursing, ministry and business, all the while maintaining its commitment to harboring a Christian environment to live, study and succeed within.

# AT A GLANCE...



(Above) At the Lake Hollifield Bell Tower construction site, Dr. White and Mrs. Hollifield stand behind bells inscribed in honor of the Hollifields and in memory of their late son.

(At right) The largest bell – 1,996 lbs. – is set in place in early November.



(At left) Melvin and Joann Lutz receive the 1995-96 Bulldog of the Year Award for outstanding support of the GWU Athletic Program.



Gardner-Webb students Paul Leigh and April Adair were featured recently in the title roles of the GWU opera theatre production of "Chip and His Dog".

# LUNCHEON BRINGS FRIENDS TOGETHER

## STUDENTS, DONORS BECOME ACQUAINTED

Once a year, many students profess to especially looking forward to a particular date on their calendars. Although they enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas as much as anyone, the annual scholarship luncheon held on campus is an event that is unlike any other at GWU.

The day brings together all donors who have established scholarships at the University with the students who receive those scholarships. It's a chance for a different kind of thanksgiving, President White says. Often the students who receive this monetary assistance could not attend college without the help of these donors, and this provides the opportunity to show appreciation. Likewise, the donors who wish so badly to benefit Gardner-Webb are able to personally meet with the young people whose lives are being affected by the givers' generosity.

"Of all the gifts that are made to Gardner-Webb, I get most excited about scholarships," White said to a crowded Lindsay Court on October 31. "That's because scholarships make such a significant impact on both the donor and the recipient. It's an emotional thing – there is a unique story behind why each scholarship has been established, and there is a unique story behind every student who receives those scholarships. Bringing student and benefactor together really sends out a warm feeling to all who are involved with this luncheon."

Nearly 50 banquet tables were full of donors and students this day, allowing for nostalgia and greetings to be exchanged. The crowd was treated also to the testimony of two students, Joy McKibben and Michael Mustian, who gave students' perspectives on being scholarship recipients. "Thank you for being obedient and willing," McKibben told donors in the audience. "I can say personally that without the scholarship offers that were given to me, I would not have been able to attend Gardner-Webb."

Approximately 260 scholarships are currently endowed at GWU, with 99 of those being designated for the Christian Service Organization.

# NURSING HONORS FIRST ADN DIRECTOR

## LEE HAILED AS PIONEER

The Gardner-Webb nursing program held a reception to honor Grace Lee in October as the first director of the University's Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program, which is the oldest program in the state. According to Dr. Shirley Toney, dean of the School of Nursing, Lee led the movement to bring nursing education to Gardner-Webb and college campuses in North Carolina. A portrait of Lee was unveiled during the reception and will be on permanent display in Elliott Hall.

Lee is a native of Belmont, N.C., and a graduate of Rutherford Hospital School of Nursing. In addition to her position at Gardner-Webb University, Lee served as the first president of the North Carolina Associate Degree Council. Dr. Gil Blackburn, GWU vice president and dean of academic affairs, credits Lee with "planting a seedling that has grown into a powerful oak."

The ADN program was a cooperative effort between Rutherford Hospital, Cleveland Memorial Hospital and Gardner-Webb Junior College that was developed in the 1960s. Gardner-Webb was the first college to develop a diploma program after the pilot program at UNC-



Ms. Grace Lee

Greensboro. In its 31 years, the ADN program has expanded to 170 students served by 14 full-time faculty. Now, more than 1,000 graduates of the Gardner-Webb ADN program are serving all over the world. Lee praised the current ADN staff for their skill and determination in making the program grow. She said, "The people here are just what nursing education needs."

## MORE RECORDS BROKEN VIP DAY ATTRACTS 750

Need further proof that Gardner-Webb has caught the interest of more high school students than ever before? Consider this:

One duty of the GWU Admissions Department is to host VIP days throughout the year for perspective students to converge on campus on selected Saturdays to gather information about the University. The previous record crowd to attend one of these VIP days is 260. We say previous because on November 16, that record was eclipsed by three times that number.

According to John Brock, the VP for marketing who has responsibilities for student enrollment and admissions, approximately 750 students and parents attended the November 16 VIP day.

At a VIP day, top prospective students who are high school seniors are invited to spend dawn to dusk with GWU personnel, learning about everything from admissions procedures to campus life to department curriculums – and they're treated to a football game as a bonus.

"It's truly remarkable the interest being shown in Gardner-Webb by these students," Brock said. "If this keeps up, we don't know where we're going to put them all for future VIP days – but that's a nice problem to have."

## PHONE BOOK REFLECTS GWU SPLENDOR COUNTY DIRECTORY UNVEILED

The 1997 Cleveland County telephone directory was unveiled recently by BellSouth Telecommunications to reveal Gardner-Webb on the cover. A photography layout features the GWU campus and honors the University's 90th anniversary.

The cover was made possible as part of BellSouth's \$100,000 commitment to GWU's current \$20 million capital campaign. In a presentation at the University's October Board of Trustees meeting, Pam Massey, director of corporate



Dr. Chris White and BellSouth representative Pam Massey reveal the directory cover.

and external affairs for BellSouth, presented framed copies to Dr. White and Board chair Dr. Gene Washburn.

Directories began being distributed to Cleveland County homes in mid-November. Along with the honor of featuring GWU on its directory, BellSouth also made a three-year cash pledge as part of its campaign commitment.

## TRUSTEE HONORED FEDERATION GIVES AWARD

John Henry Hendrick, a member of the GWU Board of Trustees, was awarded the North Carolina Poultry Federation's Distinguished Service Award at the federation's annual convention in Greensboro this August.

Hendrick, of Shelby, is owner of Hidden Acre Farms Inc. and is the current president of the Cleveland County Poultry Council. Also a member of the GWU Christian Service Organization, Hendrick was described elegantly during the award ceremony as "...a man of honor and integrity, known throughout North Carolina and the nation for his many leadership qualities."

## Alum Gives Cash, Land

In yet another strong show of support for the "Dreaming, Daring, Doing" campaign by a Gardner-Webb trustee, Dr. John Roberts and his wife, Helen, have committed an outstanding pledge to the effort with cash and real estate holdings. The couple has chosen to designate the gifts in the areas of communications and the School of Divinity.

According to campaign leaders, the real estate is located in a prime area of Greenville, S.C., and has significant value. Dr. Roberts is a longtime resident of Greenville and is recently retired from the editor's post of *The Baptist Courier*, the state Baptist paper of South Carolina that is headquartered in Greenville. He was honored upon retirement with the title of editor emeritus.

Because Roberts, who is an alumnus of Gardner-Webb, received the Distinguished Male Graduate Award at his commencement ceremonies in 1949, the University has responded to his show of support by naming that award in his honor. The award is now permanently endowed with Roberts' name forever attached to it.

In addition to contributing resources to the \$20 million fund-raising effort, Roberts' involvement in University life is remarkable in many aspects. As a trustee, he is not only a member of the board's executive committee, but lends his leadership as chair of the development committee. As a former employee, Roberts, a Cleveland County native, molded the promotional activities of the college as the institution's first-ever director of communications. As a graduate, he achieved well-deserved academic recognition, married a fellow Gardner-Webb alumnus, and had a close relationship with one of the most memorable figures in University history, his mother-in-law Mom Goodwin, the late GWU dorm mother.

## Trustee And Wife Drive Campaign Toward Goal

In an unusual but remarkable show of commitment to Gardner-Webb, trustee Udean Burke and his wife, Nancy, have given a gift like none other received by the University's \$20 million "Dreaming, Daring, Doing ..." campaign.

A portion of the Burke's significant pledge to GWU has been a pair of mini-buses that are for use primarily by athletics, but will be available to University student groups and other activities as well. Terms of the gift are for the institution to use the mini-buses in two-year cycles, after which the Burkes have agreed to exchange them for newer versions of the vehicles.

Each of the modern buses is a Ford diesel with all-power options and customized with seating for 25 passengers and both exterior and overhead storage areas, unique features of mini-buses. Hardly any comparable colleges or universities have the luxury of utilizing one mini-bus, let alone two, said Eddie Holbrook, GWU vice president for athletics and special events. He added that because of limited van transportation at GWU, often vehicles had to be rented in order to accommodate travel plans for more than one athletic team or student group at a time.

"This fills a dramatic need for not only athletics, but the entire University,"

Holbrook said. "Of course we avoid costs of purchasing, leasing or renting – however, what the Burkes have done is meet our needs and exceeded them. We will feel the impact these buses make immediately."

Residents of Maiden, N.C., the Burkes own and operate Burke Christian Tours, among other business ventures. The business, which began as a hobby for the couple, has grown into a full-time endeavor. With all members of the Burke

family working with the company, the operation has evolved from one that mostly attracted church groups to a business that serves many different individuals and organizations. Year-round, Burke Christian Tours organizes trips to destinations worldwide, including places such as China, Turkey, the Holy Land and Alaska.

It is the Burke's expertise in travel that allowed them the opportunity to recognize Gardner-Webb's need for mini-bus transportation. The willingness of the family to assist the University, however, is not a recent development. Udean Burke attended Gardner-Webb Junior College and he lends his time and resources as a valued member of the Executive Committee of the GWU Board of Trustees. He is also an esteemed member of the Bulldog Club.

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## THREE ANONYMOUS GIFTS TOTAL NEARLY \$3M

GWU has announced that three anonymous gifts totaling \$2.6 million have been contributed to the institution's \$20 million "Dreaming, Doing, Doing" capital campaign. The gifts are valued at \$1.1 million, \$1 million, and \$500,000, respectively.

Each of the three gifts were made by private individuals and set up in a variety of ways, including a cash commitment, trusts, and benefits to paid upon the settlement of a donor's estate. The funds will support endowed scholarships, technology, and the renovation of Hamrick Hall, the most historic building on campus that is soon to become home of the Gardner-Webb School of Business.

Although wishing to remain anonymous, the donors were praised by President Chris White for what he called "investing in an economic force in this state." Citing a consistent annual growth in enrollment (GWU has experienced a 19 percent increase in students the last two years), an operating budget of \$26 million and the employment of 300 full-time faculty and staff, White explained the impact of Gardner-Webb on this region is tremendous.

"I think it is becoming clear that the people who work here and the students who attend classes here pump quite a bit into the area economies. We are an industry in many ways, and investing in a thriving, growing industry is a wise move for individuals and organizations who are financially able to do so."

Campaign officials say the fund-raising effort has been so successful – \$16 million has been committed to the \$20 million goal just two years into the five-year campaign – because planned giving options that are being presented by GWU provide donors with ways to benefit from their contributions. Don Durham, director of gift planning at Gardner-Webb, said many people may not realize that it is often more advantageous to make gifts through trusts than to hold large sums of money and pay enormous amounts of taxes.

"These days, most major gifts are not made by writing a check," Durham said. "For example, stocks might be placed in a charitable trust and the returns would provide income for the donors or their heirs until death, when assets then would be transferred to Gardner-Webb. It's a way donors and the University can both benefit."

In pondering the millions that have been committed to the campaign, Dr. White said to consider also that Gardner-Webb is a relatively young senior college, having become a four-year institution in 1971. Therefore, the oldest graduate from a GWU four-year class would be only 43 years old, far younger than when most alumni are capable of contributing large gifts to their alma mater.

"We could not be more pleased with our success thus far," he said. "We are building a reputation as a regional university, and people are showing they want to be part of that."

## — Athletics Gets Boost —

Student-athletes at Gardner-Webb now have an advantage thanks to people like Frank and Mary Beam of Shelby.

These longtime supporters of the Gardner-Webb athletic program have established an endowed Hall of Fame Scholarship in the amount of \$50,000. This scholarship is awarded annually for a male or female student-athlete.

Frank and Mary Beam have been active members of the Bulldog Club for several years. Frank Beam, vice president of Lowe's, is a past president of the Bulldog Club and

is currently a member of the executive committee for athletics. Mary Beam sits on the Board of Directors of the Bulldog Club.

According to Eddie Holbrook, vice president for athletics and special events, the money is used to help endow athletic scholarships. Holbrook also notes that the scholarship is not geared for a particular sport or gender.

"With the high caliber of athletes in the region, scholarships are necessary to keep us competitive," he said. "It's a great thrill to feel the support of people like the Beams."

Dr. Helen Stinson of Greensboro, a Gardner-Webb trustee, has furthered the Board's commitment to the \$20 million campaign with the establishment of a trust that names the University as beneficiary. According to Don Durham, GWU director of gift planning, Dr. Stinson had been an ardent supporter of the campaign since its inception but, until recently, was unsure how to benefit the fundraising drive personally. Then something unusual happened.

Many years ago Dr. Stinson and others had purchased stock in a local health care organization. Because of inactivity, however, the shares were thought to have little or no value. Much to her surprise, a national health care alliance notified her and the other shareholders one day about buying the rights to the local organization. The national group was willing to trade stock in their company for the stock of the local organization, thereby making Stinson's nominal investment profitable.

Suddenly faced with the obstacle of a capital gains tax if the shares were sold, many of Stinson's fellow stockholders were left pondering this new financial situation. Stinson, however, found great pleasure in the realization that here was a chance to benefit the campaign.

Durham notes that Stinson's shares were transferred into what is called a charitable remainder unitrust. The trust sells her stock, bypasses capital gains taxes, and uses the full investment to pay Stinson a regular income for life. GWU is named beneficiary of the trust upon the future settlement of her estate, and the money will then be used to establish a women in science scholarship for female students choosing to enter careers similar to that of Dr. Stinson's.

A "win-win" situation, the trust allows a donor to receive a regular income for life and gain the satisfaction of making a gift. This is especially satisfying for Stinson, who wanted to help young women avoid the financial problems she encountered when completing her college education and preparing for the medical field.

THE JOY  
OF GIVING

# THIS SOCCER PLAYER KNOWS HOW TO USE HIS HEAD

On a small college campus that's big on sports tradition, an exceptional athlete garners quite a bit of attention. But the images of that athlete's prowess are usually created on the field or the court.

Jerome Lee Yaw is no exception. But there is one thing – the attention he gets from Gardner-Webb fellow students, as well as faculty and staff, comes just as often when the grades are being handed out in one of his classes.

A soft-spoken native of Point-A-Pierre, Trinidad, Lee Yaw is not only the all-time leading goal scorer in the history of the South Atlantic Conference, of which Gardner-Webb is a member, but a strong candidate for valedictorian honors at GWU as well.

Never before at Gardner-Webb has an athlete gained All-American honors for athletics and academics in the same year. Until now. So when you hear a classmate saying, "Way to go Jerome," you have to ask whether those congratulations are for a three-goal performance or the 99 he just made on his latest accounting exam.

The attention almost seems to make Lee Yaw uneasy. Embarrassed even. But it's hard to ignore the awards and accolades that are being heaped upon him. When his coach says very matter-of-factly, "He's the best there's ever been at Gardner-Webb.

Period," it's evident this young man is setting himself apart from the rest.

At age 21, Lee Yaw was living in Trinidad, working and playing the most popular sport in that country, soccer. He had always dreamed of going to college, the opportunity just had not presented itself. On a trip to the United States, Lee Yaw was noticed by GWU Head Soccer Coach Tony Setzer when Gardner-Webb played his team from Trinidad. That meeting began what has been one of the most successful connections between coach and athlete, and student and university.

Lee Yaw is the leading goal scorer in Gardner-Webb history as well as the South Atlantic Conference. So far in his career, he has been named South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year in 1995, he has garnered the SAC Player of the Week honors five times thus far and was a National Player of the Year candidate.

Along with these honors, Lee Yaw was also an NSCAA All-American, first team South Region, 1995 first team All-Conference, GWU Male Athlete of the Year and probably most important, GTE Cosida-Academic All-American.

Not only is Lee Yaw an exceptional athlete, he is what all his professors call an "excellent student." While he is most often



recognized on campus for his athletic ability, his academic record speaks for itself. In his senior year, Lee Yaw boasts a 3.8 grade point average. One of his professors, Dr. Russell Hardin, even went so far as to say, "He's one of the brightest accounting majors I have."

Lee Yaw's thirst for knowledge is evident by his career goals. He says if he has the chance he would certainly like to continue to play soccer. If the opportunity does not arise, he will pursue a Master of Business Administration. His accomplishments are certainly enough to make any parent proud. Unfortunately, Lee Yaw has not seen his parents, who reside in Trinidad, since 1994. Although they have never had the chance to see their son play collegiate soccer, it is a small price to pay for the education Lee Yaw yearned for while in Trinidad.

Long after Lee Yaw is gone from GWU, his record-breaking feats will surely stand for years. It is obvious why the United States Interregional Soccer League is looking at him for possible post-college play. But whether Lee Yaw continues to play soccer or furthers his education, his coaches and professors say he is a "can't miss" prospect to succeed.

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## WRESTLING OUTLOOK

Head Coach Dick Wince will count on nine key returnees and a NCAA Division I transfer as Gardner-Webb opens the 1996-97 wrestling season.

Senior Vinnie Mehovic leads a strong cast of returnees. Mehovic was ranked nationally and finished third in the NCAA Regionals last season at 167 lbs. Senior Chris Austin was the NCAA regional champion at 142 lbs. and senior Gary Eller finished third in the regionals at 134 lbs. Senior Bob Mobley returns at 118 lbs. and will face a challenge from brother

Ben Mobley, who returns for his junior year after red-shirting last season. Also returning are junior Pete Scott and sophomore Brian Blow at 150 lbs. and sophomore Kenneth R. Cox who won his last 15 regular season matches in 1995-96. Veteran Jason Morris has been impressive in pre-season at 190 lbs. and also placed in the NCAA Regionals last spring.

Top newcomer is sophomore James Short who will wrestle at 190 lbs. before

Christmas and 177 lbs. after the holidays. Short transferred from Purdue University, where he was impressive in several Big 10 matches. Short is originally from Hendersonville, NC, where he was twice named a High School All-American and also earned a national championship in Greco-Roman style wrestling.

## — WINTER SPORTS PREVIEWS —

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Leading Gardner-Webb University to a 15-12 finish in his first season wasn't enough for Head Coach Rick Scruggs. He now has his sights set on the school's first South Atlantic Conference championship since 1991-92. Despite the loss of four starters, Gardner-Webb looks to improve on last year's third place finish in the conference (7-7).

Gone is All-American Rob Turner and his 22.6 points per game. He will be replaced by a group of quality players the Bulldogs inked during the off-season.

Top newcomers include 6-9 post player Willis Johnson, who averaged 20.3 ppg and 9.4 rebounds at North Greenville (JR) College. Joining Johnson up front will be 6-7 junior Jermel Perry and 6-7 junior Tremayne Booker. Both rebound well and have solid offensive abilities. 6-4 Senior forward Matt Cates is the top returnee in the frontcourt, after scoring 7.0 ppg last season.

Senior point guard Bo Graves returns to quarterback the squad after starting all 27 games last season and averaging 7.6 ppg and a team high 4.5 assists per game. Junior transfer Travis Sensabaugh of Walters State Community College will have an immediate impact on the Runnin' Bulldogs' perimeter game. The 6-5 Sensabaugh hit 96 of 200 three pointers last season while averaging 15.1 ppg.

Also expecting to contend for playing time in the backcourt are 6-3 senior Carlton Hurt, 6-2 junior Troy Fowlkes, 6-0 senior Mark Lynch, 6-0 junior Elliot Ingle, 6-2 junior Gary Cannon, 6-1 junior Aaron Walker, 6-1 freshman Corey Rodgers and 6-0 freshman Patrick Norman.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming off a spectacular 22-7 season in which the Lady Bulldogs made their first NCAA Division II tournament appearance, Coach Eddie McCurley could be satisfied. But there was something missing from last season, a South Atlantic Conference title. This season, GWU will

look to take that next step toward that title and another trip to the NCAA's.

Preseason All-SAC choice Susie Gaines (5-4, Sr.) and tough inside player Tayuanee Dewberry (5-10, Sr.) should lead the charge.

Gaines turned in one of the top all-around performances in the conference last season, averaging 9.6 ppg, finishing second on the team with 6.2 rpg and leading the conference with 6.1 assists per game and 3.1 steals per game.

Dewberry led the team in rebounding last season and is sixth on Gardner-Webb's career list. She has the ability to score on the blocks and will give GWU valuable leadership in the post.

Other returnees that will contribute are Damenda Dellinger (5-8, Sr.), Katie Joseph (6-0, So.), Stacy Farmer (5-4, Sr.), Jennifer Nufer (6-1, So.) and Sadie McClean.

Versatile freshman forwards Katie Jordan (6-0, Denver, N.C.) and Jaime Boyles (5-11, Lincolnton, N.C.) headline the group of newcomers who enjoyed spectacular prep careers. Also expected to play big roles this season are juniors LaTosha Walker (5-8, G) Lori Gordon (5-10, G) and Holly Flournoy (6-0, F), sophomore Heather Hauser (5-9, G) and freshmen Dion Cartwright (6-1, C) and Kristen Abernethy (5-6, G).

## THREE JOIN HALL OF FAME

On October 19, the Gardner-Webb Athletic Hall of Fame recognized three of its former sports standouts. Football star Richard Grissom, basketball/track and field performer Eugene Drew Bridges, and baseball power-hitter Joseph Brown were each inducted.

Grissom became an all-American in 1973 as a star linebacker for the Bulldogs. He has gone on to earn Coach of the Year honors at Wilkes Central (N.C.) High School. Bridges earned regional honors for his prowess on the basketball court from 1965-67, and was named Most Valuable Player for the track team. He has since gone on to have a distinguished career as a physician and psychiatrist. Brown earned all-American honors on the baseball diamond in 1969. He later became a member on three national championship softball teams.

Each were presented with custom-made GWU Hall of Fame rings, an award that Gardner-Webb plans to present all past and future inductees.



Inductees show off custom-made rings that GWU presented to them during the ceremonies.



➤ Mrs. Lenna McLean accepted the Young Alumnus of the Year Award on behalf of her daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Hicks Walker, class of 1985. Her husband, Lawrence McLean, joined her on stage.

◀ Nancy Burks and Larry, both of Dallas, Texas, provided entertainment and served as emcees for the alumni dinner.



➤ Arnold D. Isaacs, member of the class of 1957 and recipient of the 1996 Alumnus of the Year Award, expressed his appreciation to the crowd at the annual alumni dinner.



**D**o you remember being called into the dean's office for getting caught in . . . I'll never forget the history class that we didn't open a book for until the night before exams . . . I can't believe that guy graduated. I doubted he'd make it out of bed every morning . . .

If you guessed those comments were heard at the five-year reunion for the class of 1991, it would be a reasonable guess, but it would still be wrong. Believe it or not, all those things and more were heard while talking with members of the 1946-47 football team. They gathered for a 50th reunion celebration during Homecoming 1996. Many of these from Gardner-Webb's first post-war football team had not seen each other in half a century. Even so, the laughter, the hugs and the war stories from the gridiron (not to mention an occasional glance at a returning cheerleader) melted away the years as if they were reminiscing about events from the previous week.

Homecoming 1996 was a wonderful weekend. The food was tasty. The entertainment was exceptional. The Bulldogs won. And the fellowship was the best ever, especially for the 1946-47 football team. Their reunion added the perfect touch of nostalgia to the celebration – as reunions should do. Few fans in attendance at the game will forget the spine-tingling standing ovation the reunion football team received when they were introduced at half-time. It was special.

Perhaps you would be interested in reuniting with teammates, hall buddies or other special groups that remain close to your heart. You are encouraged to do something about it. All it takes is one person writing a letter or making a telephone call to spark the interest of the entire group. The Alumni Office is ready to assist you by providing lists of addresses and phone numbers, as well as ideas and resources for publicity. Call the Alumni House at 434-4255. We want to give you a reason to come home to the Webb for Homecoming 1997.



◀ Gina McWhirter, class of 1989, held the audience in the palm of her hand as she carried them from Broadway to Nashville with her beautiful voice.





◀ The Grayson County High School marching band added their high-stepping sounds to the annual Homecoming parade under the direction of Bonnell Young, class of 1983.



▲ Joy McKibben of Charlotte, was crowned the 1996 Homecoming Queen. With her is (L to R) Krista Sheppard, 1995 Homecoming Queen; Steve McKibben, Joy's father; Dr. Chris White; Amanda Williams, SGA Vice Pres.; and Michael Mustian, SGA President.



◀ Wowing the audience with the wide range of her talents, Rachel Schlafer-Parton, class of 1981, performs a selection on the flute.

➤ Rick Webb, class of 1977, sings praises to the Lord all over the world, but on the night of October 4, he sang praises before a delighted crowd of alumni and friends in Boiling Springs.



∇ Bob Williams, Gabe Austell and John Arndt reminisce as they look through yearbooks at the reunion for the 1946-47 football team.



▲ 1946-47 Football Team

Front row, left to right: Bob Humphrey, Carroll Raines, Bob Hoffman, Norris "Pee Wee" Jones, Zeb Lowery, Joe Swing, Douglas Stallings, John Pettigrew, W.A. Spangler, Sam Freeman, Johnny Bradburn (son of Coach Wayne Bradburn); Second row: Bill McEntire, Buck Page, Eugene Washburn, John Arndt, Cecil Bolick; Third row: Frank Wall, Robert Neill, Reese Roark, Clyde Rhyne, Harry "Doc" Parker, Gabe Austell, Jim Spivey, Bob Williams, Jim Hullender, Joe Sherrill, Jim Whittington, Jim Kirby.

# THANKS TO HER CLASSMATES, STUDENT VISITS FAMILY IN RUSSIA

by Sunny Benton

A young student from Russia, studying for a life in Christian ministry and yet constantly praying for the future of her native land, Elena Vishnevskaya has one of the most intriguing stories that you'll ever hear.

At the request of Dr. Sheri Adams, assistant professor of church history and theology, Elena gave a presentation on the history of Christianity in Russia. She told a personal story about a family member, in the ministry, who was banished to Siberia in the 1930s for not preaching what the government dictated. She also explained to her fellow classmates how the parliament of her country could easily return to communist control.

Upon hearing her story, students in the class were curious to know how long it had been since she had been to Moscow. Elena said it had been about two years, and the students questioned why. She explained that political unrest could make a trip difficult and unsafe. After much coaxing, she admitted the fact that finances were an additional obstacle to her return home. Though her father is a military science professor and her mother a general practitioner, they still have too little income to afford a plane ticket for Elena.

Without her knowledge, classmates donated money to send Elena home. In less than two days, the students collected \$1540, enough to pay for a \$1010 plane ticket to Moscow and any additional expenses incurred. Many gave sacrificially, but it was worth it.

One of Elena's peers, Jimmy Britt, explained it best, "Gardner-Webb's motto is 'People Who Care.' And, that's true – not just the faculty and administration, but the students as well. We really do care."

# STUDENTS RAVE ABOUT MEMORABLE ASSIGNMENT

Five Gardner-Webb University students, two GWU staff members and one alumnus spent September 1 in Charlotte working as assistants to 14 of the top photographers in the world hired to document the Carolina Panthers regular-season debut in the brand new Ericsson Stadium.

Students Scott Brisken, Karen Brower, Garry Eller, Amanda Williams and James Julian joined GWU Public Relations staffers Matt Webber and Shannon Kennedy, as well as alumnus Noel Manning on an unforgettable assignment.

Each member of the Gardner-Webb group was assigned to a photographer for the entire day of September 1, from dawn to dusk. The photographers were working on a project to produce a book that would tell the story of opening day in pictures. The book became available to the public in November. All facets of game day were caught on film, including the sunrise over the stadium, pre-game tailgate parties, player preparation in the locker rooms, fan participation, luxury box festivities, game action, and post-game activity.



The GWU group poses with Carolina Panthers Head Coach Dom Capers (center).

While the group members collectively marveled at their "all-access" status in the stadium, they were equally impressed with the photographers they were assigned to assist. The top talent in the photography field was assembled that day, including two Pulitzer Prize winners and representatives from National Geographic, Time, Life, Sports Illustrated, and U.S. News and World Report, to name a few.

"The whole experience was overwhelming," said Julian, a senior at GWU. "Between working with a Pulitzer Prize winner, seeing an awesome stadium and an NFL game, the atmosphere of the day gave me goosebumps."

The Gardner-Webb group was formed when a representative of the company producing the book called the GWU Public Relations office for possible student assistance on the Panthers' game day project. The representative had previously worked with GWU on the June 1 Olympic Trials Cycling event held at the University.

## OH, IF ONLY THESE

It's amazing the ideas that will cross your mind when you have been studying for too long. It wasn't a real problem when I was a freshman. With three years left at Gardner-Webb, I could dream the big dreams. Now, as a senior, the big dreams are still inside me, but I'm faced with more realistic issues such as "How can I make my mark on GWU in the time I have left?" and "Where will I go when I leave HAPY dorm, room 137?" The senior year is a mixture of anticipation and fear, but it is a rite of passage. I know that I am not the first

and will not be the last to leave this little dorm room to pursue my dreams. In fact, just by opening my closet door, I am reminded of the people who have gone on before me. The former residents of HAPY 137 over the years have scrawled their names on my closet door that once belonged to them.

There was Sandie Brown back in 1965. She used a permanent black marker to write her name in huge print. I suppose she wanted to be certain that her legacy would live on at GWU. She probably loved the college. I wonder if

# The Psychology of Voice Mail

by Crystal Carson

New technology has infiltrated GWU and the students are overwhelmed. While most of these changes have been positive, the buzz around campus surrounds the installation of voice mail. Students are exposed to extensive options and menus that take some time getting used to. They are also disoriented by the fact that their phones ring only twice before voice mail picks up. This "miracle of modern technology" is impacting off-campus relationships as well because callers never receive a busy signal. So what's the problem? If a line is busy, voice mail takes the call as if no one were in. This often leaves students explaining their whereabouts to family and friends.

As a psychology major, I've analyzed these situations and identified disorders resulting from our voice mail system.

**Depression:** "I can't believe I missed his call. Now my boyfriend from back home thinks that I wasn't in my room at midnight on a Tuesday. Will he believe that voice mail picks up when the line is busy and that my roommate was on the phone for three hours trying to figure out the "options" menu?"

**Withdrawal:** "If I go to the bathroom my phone might ring. There is no way that I'll be able to get to it before the voice mail picks up. I think I'll sit right here beside the phone instead."

**Bipolar Disorder:** "Alright! My boyfriend called to ask me to marry him. Since we talked for half an hour, I guess I better check the voice mail....Oh no!! My father, whom I haven't seen in weeks was driving through Shelby and want to take me out to dinner. He got my voice mail and thinks I'm not in. Now he's somewhere between Gaffne South Carolina, and Tampa, Florida."

**Paranoia:** "I can't talk on the phone wi someone on campus or I'll miss a long distance call from home and I'll have to call them back on my bill."

**Anxiety:** "My roommate has been on th phone discussing the varieties of nail polish with her best friend down the hall for over an hour now. What if Ed McMahon has called to tell me I've just won a million dollars?! I must check my voice mail!"

**Delusions of Grandeur:** "Well, I've been out of the room for five minutes, I guess I should check the voice mail. Some gorgeous guy probably has called with an urgent message and I need to contact him immediately."

**Separation Anxiety Disorder:** "I purchased a 100-foot long telephone cord so that I can carry my phone with me anywhere on the hall. That way, I can always get to it before the voice mail picks up."

*Thank You For  
Holding.....  
Hello! Are You  
There?...*



**Obsessive/Compulsive Disorder:** "It took me so long to check my messages on the voice mail system! I guess I should check to see if someone tried to call while I was on the line checking my messages." (In extreme cases, this cycle can become endless.)

Obviously, this new system is impacting the psychological states of students around campus. I would love to tell you more but the phone just rang and, well, you know the rest.

*(Editor's Note: Crystal Carson is a senior psychology/communications major working in the GWU Public Relations Department.)*

## WALLS COULD TALK

BY CRYSTAL CARSON

she has ever returned for Homecoming. Three names were written in a row, all with the years of '61 and '62 accompanying them. I assume that Janet Cagle, Helen Norman, and Sandy Davis were the best of friends back then. Maybe they have remained close after all this time. I understand that college friendships are the most meaningful that you'll ever form.

Beside Ms. Brown's bold writing is a simple penciled signature of Beth Abernathy. Instead of leaving behind the date, she chose to include her hometown of McAdenville. She might have been a

new student a GWU or simply attending a summer camp. It seems she was experiencing the typical homesickness that all college students must face. I can't help but wonder if she stayed or moved on to another place.

As far back as 1948-49, Joan Minton stayed in HAPY 137. It's possible that Joan lived in HAPY during her entire stay at Gardner-Webb just like me. She probably wondered who would take her place in the room. I know I think about who will have my little space when I'm gone. She was followed by Helen Painter. Maybe Joan

knew Helen or maybe she didn't. Maybe she left a special note for the next resident hidden in one of the dressers or dropped by to visit after her graduation.

Maybe one of these women prayed for all the other women who would inhabit HAPY 137 in the years to come. That's how I want to leave my mark on the University - by preparing the way for those who will take my place.

*(Crystal Carson is a senior who proudly cherishes her memories of GWU and HAPY dorm, room 137.)*

# CLASS NOTES

## The '40s

**Dr. E. Eugene Poston '43**, former Gardner-Webb president, was installed as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. He was honored for his tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

## The '60s

**Clyde '62 and Geneice Mauney '58** will retire after more than 44 years in helping professions.

## The '70s

**Marna Rector Davenport '79** recently graduated for the University of South Carolina with a Ph.D. in Educational Administration. She was also promoted to director of military programs with Coker College in Hartsville, SC.

**Lynn Marek '79** is an administrative assistant with the JC Penney Home Office. She lives in Plano, TX.

**Robin D. Mikalunas '79** serves as choral director for Wichita Falls Rider High School. Recently, she returned to Gardner-Webb University to be a guest clinician for the Fall choral clinic.

**David Underhill '79** is the new principal at North Myrtle Beach High School (S.C.).

**J. Allen Ball '77** and his wife, Melanie, announce the birth of a son, Matthew William, born June 28, 1996. They live in Grassy Creek, NC.

**Betsy Rorie Leonard '77** has taken a new teaching position at Providence High School in Charlotte, NC.

**Hazel Boyd '76** retired from Gaston Baptist Church in August 1995.

**Sharon S. Starr '76** is currently teaching nursing at Gaston College and has started a master's program in nursing at UNC-G.

**Hammond Coates '74** was recently elected to the Board of Trustees at Bluefield College. He will serve from 1996-2001.

**Alphonso M Graves '74** has been named department supervisor at the Timken Company's Lincolnton (N.C.) Bearing Plant.

**Eva B. Helton '74** has completed requirements for certification as a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse.

**Barbara G. Ivie '74** was promoted to assistant vice president for her bank's main Shelby office.

**Dr. Charles L. Hutchens '73** was appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church in Taylorsville, NC. Dr. Hutchens and his wife, Susan, have two children, Les and Jonathan.

**Stan Napier '73** has taken a position teaching position with North Stanley High School. He teaches English and civics.

**Jerry Carlton Allen '70** was named pastor of Milford Hill Church in Salisbury, NC. He and his wife, Pam, have two children, Carlton and Carly.

## The '80s

**Martha Hughes Ford '89** has been elected vice-president of Wachovia Bank of North Carolina in Winston-Salem. She is investment management services senior representative in the Bond and Money Market Group.

**Melissa Whitlow Mericle '89** and Jeffrey William Whitlow announce the birth of a daughter, Amanda Christine, on September 27, 1996.

**Laura Rogers Moore '89** and Jeff DeBerry announce the birth of a son, Andrew Jeffrey, on July 6, 1996.

**Michael Lynn Ward '89** and Tammy Ward announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Renee, on May 23, 1996.

**Charlotte Conner Hensley '88** and Mike Hensley announce the birth of a son, Caleb Brooks, on September 19, 1996.

**Barton Combs Hill '88** and Margaret Ellen Hege were married on July 27 in Winston-Salem, N.C. He works for Niblock Financial Systems. She is employed by Hauser Rental Co. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

**Lori Jones '88** and James Benson were married on Saturday, June 29, 1996. She is employed by the State of North Carolina. He is a certified CNC. The couple resides in Hickory, NC.

**Mark W. Nelson '88** and his wife, Melanie, announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, born on August 17, 1996.

**Danny Reece '88** and Jennifer Norman Reece '91 announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Lee, born October 5, 1996. The family lives in North Wilkesboro, NC.

**Gary Willis '88** was named the Surry County Schools Teacher of the year for 1996-97. He teaches pre-algebra, algebra I and consumer math at East Surry High School.

**Nancy Ellen Fortenberry '87** is now working as the youth choir accompanist at Westview Baptist Church in Shelby, N.C. She is employed by the U.S. Postal Office in Kings Mountain as a rural carrier associate.

**Hank Guess '87** was promoted to lieutenant at the Hickory Police Department.

**Brad Jamison Lowder '87** and Alicia Renee Hough were married on May 18, 1996. He is employed with Howell's Center. She works at Wal-Mart. The couple live in Badin, NC.

**Ernie Bridges '86** has accepted a position as the head coach for the East Gaston (N.C.) Warriors.

**Jamie Johnson '86** is receiving local and national attention for his ministry work. He serves as co-director for a basketball camp that teaches the fundamentals of the sport as well as the love of Christ.

**Julie Anne Ward '86** and Stephen Michael James were married in September. She is the president of The Summit Agency, a booking agency for Christian recording artists in Nashville. The couple resides in Nashville, TN.

**Lisa Atkins Ballantyne '85** has taken a position with Canton Freewill Baptist Church as Assistant Music Director.

**Carlisle Koonts '84** was hired as the new football coach at Carolina Academy.

**Gina Miller Sharpe '84** and her husband, Paul, are the proud parents of two sons, Tyler and Kyle Alexander. Kyle was born on July 26, 1995.

**D.Z. Brown '83** retired from his position of chief of police at the Statesville Police Department after 32 years of service.

**Kimberley A. Stout Jessie '83** and her husband, David, announce the birth of their second daughter, Claire Nicole, on July 22, 1996.

**Daniel Lee LaGrange '83** and Brenda Beth Zeigler were married on September 14 at Northside Baptist Church in Orangeburg. He is employed by Carlisle Tire and Wheel in Aiken. The couple resides in Cope, SC.

**Olivia Riddle '83** has been named assistant principal at Troutman Middle School in Statesville, NC.

**Don Gibson '82** and Myra Kistler Gibson '82 announce the birth of

## FORMER GOLFER SHOWS OLD FORM

Steve Sherman, a cornerstone of the Gardner-Webb golf team that won the NAIA national championship in 1977, hasn't lost his touch. In August, he sped the top of

the leader board in the Cleveland County Amateur Golf Tournament and stayed put through the final day to win the event in impressive fashion.

Steve, who resides in nearby Shelby, is now the head pro at Shelby's Municipal Golf Course.



their third child, Kayla Jo, who was born on September 25, 1996. She joins Keri, 9, and Joshua, 7.

**Zane Kevin Reavis '82** is serving as associate pastor with responsibilities in youth and music ministries for Faith Baptist Church in Durham, NC.

**Charles Nelson Lineberger '81** and **Kristen Carmel Long** were married on May 11, 1996, in Blowing Rock, NC. The groom is employed by New York Life. The bride is a teacher at Pinewood Elementary School in Mount Holly, NC. The couple now resides in Gastonia.

**Charles Turner '81** recently retired from Shelby High School after 33 years in the Public Education System. He taught science, math and social studies and coached several different sports.

## The '90s

**Mistie Dawn Ivey '96** and **Jerel Anthony Olson '95** were married September 21, 1996. She is employed by First Carolina Federal. He is an admissions counselor with Gardner-Webb. They reside in Shelby.

**Kerry Kettenacker '96** was recently employed with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as a physical education and health teacher and head athletic trainer. She lives in Matthews, NC.

**Lea Ann Lail '96** and **Joseph Jeffrey Gragg** were married August 10, 1996. She is employed with Miller Sherrill Blake CPA PA. They live in Shelby, NC.

**Jason McQuinniff '96** signed a contract with the the Welland (Ontario) Aquaducks of the independent North Atlantic league.

**Phillip R. Rogers '96** was recently employed as a social studies teacher at Rutherfordton-Spindale High School. He is also coaching junior high football and basketball and baseball at R-S High. He resides in Forest City, NC.

**Lynn Michelle Bennick '95** and **Joseph John Green** were married July 20, 1996. Lynn is employed with the deputy clerk of the McDowell County Superior

Court. The couple lives in Nebo, NC.

**Marie Yvonne Cross '94** and **William Lee Daniel III** were married on July 13, 1996. She is a teacher for the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools. He works for B&H Supply in Winston-Salem. The couple lives in Clemmons.

**Carmalita Fredell '95** was selected to be on the Council of Logistics Management Arrangements Committee in Orlando, Florida. Only 50 students from around the world were selected to work at the

meeting of international executives in the logistics industry. **Carmalita** was the only student selected from the region. She is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Gardner-Webb.

**Jeffrey Glenn Harris '95** and **Tricia Beth Branson** were married July 20, 1996. He is a zone transportation supervisor with Guilford County Schools. They live in Whitsett, NC.

**Robert Michael Layton '95** was recently employed by the Mooresville Police Department as a patrol officer.

**Kathy Ann Biggerstaff '94** and **Terry Lee Lindsay** were married on August 17, 1996. She is employed by Colony Lake Lure Golf Resort and R-S Central High School. He is employed by A.G. Industries, Inc. They live in Forest City, NC.

**Gregory Franklin Daniels '94** and **Daphne Colleen Gilliam** were married June 22, 1996. He is employed as an evaluator with Foothills Comprehensive ADAP. They reside in Marion, NC.

**Michael C. Edwards '94** has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force

## Alum Ready For "Lights, Camera..."

**Noel Manning '94** came to Gardner-Webb because, he says, GWU was the only school that took the time to make a personal call and not just send a letter. And it was at Gardner-Webb where he met **Beth Lamb '88**, now his wife. And while at Gardner-Webb, he interned at a CNN affiliate called Shelby Headline News, at which he now serves as senior producer. Pretty eventful college career, huh? But that's not all.

Also while a student, Noel heard about the filming of the blockbuster movie "Last of the Mohicans" in Western North Carolina. He and another student showed up on the set and asked for work. He says the experience of working with a successful film was invaluable and the first big step towards shaping his life's goals.

It was, Noel says, unusual opportunities like working on that film while at Gardner-Webb has helped lead to his latest achievement. In October, he was awarded a \$1500 grant from the Arts & Science Council in Charlotte, N.C., to underwrite expenses to produce a full-length documentary on the life of North Carolina filmmaker and Shelby resident, **Earl Owensby**. Another grant, made anonymously, was the break Noel was needing to pursue something he says he's always wanted to do. His hope is for the project is to attract the interest of PBS or other feature-oriented network for broadcast.

"The story of **Earl Owensby** is one that people outside of Cleveland County need to know. I mean, here's a man who literally started out with nothing and ended up

creating the largest independent movie studio outside of Hollywood," Noel explains. "Since 1973, he has made 40 movies, all of which made money – and against all the odds. He is truly a pioneer in the industry, and someone who has made a definite economic impact in filmmaking."

And while the notion of making a documentary will have its rewards, it's not all glamorous work, Noel added. "There is tons of research and groundwork to be done even before you ever turn on the camera. And then, once you do begin filming, well...it becomes a tedious process."

No matter the outcome of this latest venture, Noel says what's important is to look back and say you did it. "Sure I want this project to be a success, but more importantly, I want to gain the personal satisfaction of setting a goal and completing it."

But his new documentary is only a portion of what keeps Noel busy these days. A newborn daughter and aspirations to complete his master's degree make time a hot commodity in the Manning household.

"Things are definitely exciting right now," he says with a characteristic grin. "I sometimes wonder if there are enough hours in the day to do it all."



# Former Football Star Wins Big

**Dunsey Harper '93**, a former GWU football All-American and member of the 1992 national title game squad, was part of a tag-team duo of police officers to win this year's Civitans of the Year award presented by the Shelby Civitan Club. Harper and his partner on the Shelby Police force, Jeff Willard, are the two designated Community-Oriented Police (COPS) officers for Shelby, a new program that has the officers not only patrolling a dangerous section of the city, but also getting involved with the lives of its residents.

Perhaps most notably, Harper and his partner purchased and renovated an

apartment building that is currently fully occupied. Several events have been organized by Harper and Willard for that area as well, including a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for children of all ages.

Harper and his partner's supervising sergeant said, "Between the purchase of property, the involvement in the lives of children and residents, and just being outstanding ambassadors of the COPS program, they have really done a lot of great things."

Said Harper upon hearing his name called as the award's recipient, "My heart just about beat out of my chest."

after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

**Dean Russell Gordon '94** was named Probation/Parole Officer in Stokes County. He lives in Pinnacle, NC.

**Lawrence Mark Kennedy '94** was recently employed as a social worker at the Cleveland Center in Shelby. Larry was also named an Outstanding Young Man of America. He lives in Boiling Springs with his wife, Shannon, who is Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations at GWU, and their son, Jake.

**Matthew Shelton Rice '94** and Dana Lynn Qualls were married July 20, 1996. He is currently attending Southeastern Theological Seminary. They live in Wake Forest, NC.

**Jeffrey Mark Rape '93** and **Christina Lavonne Hess '94** were married August 3, 1996. He is employed by Larry Hess & Associates. She is pursuing a Master in Counseling at Lenoir-Rhyne College. They live in Salisbury, NC.

**Keith West '93** recently completed graduate work and is now the co-director of Kanakuk Christian Kamp, the largest Christian sports camp in the world. He lives in Lampe, MD.

**Regina Faith Deal '91** and **Joseph Rocco Martucci Jr.** were married July 27, 1996. She is a teacher with Catawba County Schools. They live in Newton, NC.

**Gary Lynn Hart '91** and **Susan Jane Frye** were married June 22, 1996. He is employed with American General Finance Company in Sanford. The couple resides in Bear Creek, NC.

**Randy Charles Head '91** and **Christine Margaret Brackett** were married on August 3, 1996. Both are employed by Milliken & Co.

**Alana Jones '91** was the subject of a feature article in the July 7, 1996 edition of The Shelby Star. Alana is an English teacher and actor.

**Danielle Welch Schroeder '91** and her husband, Dirk, announce the birth of a son, Bradon Remington, May 24, 1996. They live in Brownlee, NE.

**Susan Renae Stewart '91** and **Joe C. Brooks III** were married on June 29, 1996. She is a kindergarten teacher at Jonesville Elementary School. They live in Statesville, NC.

**Michele S. Watkins '91** and **Randy F. Mazey** were married August 17, 1996. She is employed by Victoria's Secret. They live in Athens, GA.

**Kimberly M. Wilson '91** and **Samuel Todd Capps '89** were married on September 7, 1996. She is the registrar of deeds. He is the minister of pre-school and children at Manley Baptist Church. They live in Morristown, TN.

**Arvil Dale Blevins '90** and **Cathy Ellen Waldrop** were married on August 11, 1996. He is employed by the Siecor Corp. in Hickory. She is pursuing a master's degree in

communication disorders at ASU. The couple live in Valdese, NC.

**Nancy Boyd Lemke '90** and **Bob Lemke** announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Claire, born on July 9, 1996.

**Joe T. Robbins '90** was recently promoted to plant superintendent with Georgia Pacific Company.

## Deaths

**James Noland Faucett '79** died on September 2, 1996, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

**Lucille Combs O'Neal '55** passed away on July 27, 1996, at Guardian Care of Elkin.

**Wade Ruff '46** passed away on Tuesday, October 22 at his home in Rutherfordton, NC.

**Eloise Greene Hamrick '43** died Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at her home in Boiling Springs, NC.

**Mary Black Davis '36** passed away on November 1.

**Rebecca Lutz '30** died on October 21, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby

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