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GWU thanks the students, alumni, and faculty who have helped us to become one of the elite character-building universities in the U.S. (see story, p.5)
So, Just Who Reads The Web?
And What Are They Saying?

As you are well aware, we conducted a readership survey in the March issue of The Web. We were not only enlightened, but very pleased with the number of responses. Many, many of you took the time to pat us on the back, provide constructive criticism, and let us know just who you are — valuable information that we are certainly using to pattern this publication around your interests.

While the statistical data you provided was very interesting, the "Additional Comments" section on the back of the survey was a unique source of colorful feedback. For example:

• "The most recent issue of The Web (March) was fantastic. The cover looked like an annual report from a Fortune 500 company. Great Job!"
• "The Web is excessively 'old fashioned.' Interior design needs to be more modern and articles need a more modern approach."
• "I almost wrote a letter to the president about the March Web. It is the best yet! I could not wait to read the entire issue. Overall, The Web is better than ever!"
• "The Web is too corporate looking."
• "The Web does a great job filling in the news gaps that I miss because I live so far away from campus. It is a great source of connection for me."
• "The Web just doesn’t get my attention. I have to make myself look at it because I want to know what is happening at GWU."
• "In comparison to publications that I receive from other institutions from which I have obtained degrees, The Web is excellent!"
• "The inside of The Web tends to feel crowded. Otherwise, I find it very enjoyable — I usually don’t put it down until I have read it through to the end."
• "Please encourage more alumni from the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s to send in more news!"
• "I am on the mailing list for UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest and Furman — none of their publications compare to The Web."

(Also, to all of you who wrote to tell us that we should sell bookstore materials — shirts, hats, etc. — in The Web, we’re sorry to say that because of The Web’s non-profit mailing status we cannot run advertisements in this publication.)

A total of 1,000 of you returned a completed survey. Experts tell us that a 5 percent return on a survey is sufficient to determine public opinion on a particular matter. Well, folks, you hit it right on the button! Five percent of The Web’s total circulation (20,000) is 1,000. Please enjoy the following results.

1. Is the Web your primary source for GWU news?
   Yes: 88.2%  No: 11.8%

2. If the Web is not your primary source for GWU news, please indicate which of the following:
   Newspaper: 25.7%  Personal contacts: 9.9%
   Other publications: 1.47%

3. How satisfied are you with the Web?
   Very Satisfied: 35.2%  Satisfied: 55.9%
   Neutral: 8.2%  Dissatisfied: 0.5%
   Very Dissatisfied: 0.2%

4. Are the articles in The Web informative?
   Yes: 99.2%  No: 0.8%

5. Are the articles in The Web interesting?
   Yes: 94.9%  No: 5.1%

6. Are the articles in The Web timely?
   Yes: 86.3%  No: 13.7%

7. Are the articles in The Web factual?
   Yes: 98.3%  No: 1.7%

8. Please indicate what sections of The Web you read regularly (Choose all that apply)
   Class Notes: 85.3%  Campus News: 68.0%
   Since We Last Met: 53.7%  Profile: 45.2%
   Sports: 31.6%  Campaign News: 16.9%

9. What information would you like to see more of in the Web? (Choose all that apply)
   Alumni News: 37.6%  Faculty/Staff News: 22.6%
   Feature Articles: 20.5%  Feature Articles: 20.5%
   Student News: 13.7%  Sports News: 5.7%

10. Is the layout of The Web logical, making the information you are most interested in easily accessible?
    Yes: 97.7%  No: 2.3%

11. Is the cover design of The Web attractive?
    Yes: 99.2%  No: 0.8%

12. Is the inside of The Web attractive?
    Yes: 97.6%  No: 2.4%

13. Would you like more color added to the inside of The Web?
    Yes: 50.2%  No: 49.8%

14. Do you display a copy of The Web in your home?
    Yes: 47.4%  No: 52.6%

15. What is your gender? (1.5% no response)
    Male: 41.8%  Female: 56.7%

16. What is your age group? (22.8% no response)
    Under 25: 20.22%  Ages 26-35: 25.0%
    Ages 36-45: 16.54%  Ages 46-55: 6.62%
    Ages 55 and over: 8.82%

*Editors' note: Some demographics results (marital status, income, etc.) were omitted from this report for space considerations.
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The Web is available on audio cassette tape. To obtain a copy please contact the Office of Public Relations at (704) 434-4637.
"We feel we've found a home."
That's how Dr. Wayne Stacy, newly appointed dean of the School of Divinity, describes the feeling he and his wife have about Gardner-Webb.

As he elaborates on the visions, expectations and opinions he has for his new position, his voice is soothing, something you might expect from a seasoned pastor. But you sense that it's not just his professionalism that makes him easy to talk these days - Wayne Stacy truly feels comfortable with the role he has accepted with the University. He conveys a calm excitement, but excitement nonetheless.

“I've stepped into a wonderful situation,” says Stacy, a professor of religion for two years at GWU before being named dean in May.

“Compare our faculty, our administration, our progressive attitude to other colleges and universities and you'll see why I believe we're poised to take our place among the elite Baptist institutions within the next few years.”

At 46, Stacy somewhat breaks the mold of what you might perceive as dean of a divinity school. He has a striking presence, a commanding (but not harsh) voice, and an unmistakable charisma that combines intelligence with personality. Those who have heard him in the pulpit can attest to his ability to captivate an audience with a piercing message. Said one member of a church in which Stacy served as interim pastor, “It's simply a gift of his – relating to people, lifting them up, extolling knowledge upon them, and with such great feeling. I've not met another in the ministry who can wrap you up so tightly in the Lord's Word the way he can.”

Therefore, it should be no surprise the same quiet confidence that Stacy exudes from the pulpit is also present when he stands before a chalkboard, something he will have plenty of opportunities to do because he also carries the title of professor of New Testament and preaching. Simply put, you have what is called a “teaching dean.”

"We cannot spare this man's knowledge in the classroom,” said President Chris White. "His ability to help guide our divinity students in their development should be so much more far-reaching than just determining curriculum – he needs to be a part of that curriculum.”

Stacy's duties will differ in some ways from those of Dr. Bob Lamb, the founding dean of the School of Divinity. Nurturing the program from the drawing board to reality, Lamb filled a more administrative capacity by overseeing day-to-day operations and other on-site duties. Stacy will more than likely spend a greater amount of time on the road, raising the profile and explaining the mission of the GWU School of Divinity to churches and supporters.

Dr. White said Stacy's presence in the public arena is crucial to the continuing development of the School of Divinity. "His persona is the kind you want out there meeting and greeting people. He's an intriguing man who is ideal for this role as leader.”

Yet another characteristic that is distinct about Stacy is his affinity for technology and how it relates to his calling. During the press conference in which he was named dean, he clearly announced his "commitment to technology as a powerful tool in the preparation of new ministers." He explains that Gardner-Webb's new campus-wide, state-of-the-art computer network that is currently being put in place will allow for numerous possibilities to enhance the divinity's students' classroom experience.

"Because we are not a residential divinity program, students are often only in class here one or two days a week. Therefore, they are not constantly engaged in the subject matter all week long. By using new technology that is coming available to us here at GWU, I hope to create web sites for our classes in
which students can utilize their computers for discussion about pertinent subject matter from their homes or place of business.

"If for instance we are studying geography or culture, I may have students log onto the front page of the Jerusalem Post, read it and be prepared for discussion next class period. I also hope to create 'chat rooms' on these web sites that will allow students to interact with me and their fellow classmates about the subject matter."

Stacy says, however, that while technology can enhance the learning experience, it cannot take the place of classroom learning and face-to-face interaction. "Using computers, the Internet, and our campus' Intranet can be used as a continuation of what students learn the few days a week they are here. I'm a firm believer in that."

In fact, Stacy currently serves as not-your-typical interim pastor for Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He travels to the church on Sundays to deliver sermons but keeps in close contact with church members during the week from his Boiling Springs home via the Internet. Because a large portion of the membership is regular users of computers, Stacy can communicate with the majority by way of e-mail. Thus, it isn't surprising that he's been called this state's first "virtual pastor."

But describing his accomplishments and characteristics can explain only so much about the new dean. You must take time to hear his philosophies to truly size up what drives Dr. Wayne Stacy.

Explaining that the marketplace is now more competitive than it was when the School of Divinity was created five years ago, he says firmly, "We have to carve out a niche for ourselves, setting us apart from the other schools. My challenge in the coming year will be to forge that new identity." He cites three distinct directives he would like to pursue in distinguishing the School of Divinity from the others.

"My own background is both as pastor and professor," he says. "And having lived in both worlds it's very apparent to me that churches want people who are effective communicators. This is the first area in which we can benefit our students."

Second, ministry students need to learn within a global context, according to Stacy. "One of the best gifts we can give ministers here in the U.S. is to help them overcome our American provincialism. If funding is available, requiring that students spend two to three weeks, if not a semester, in an international setting is the most unique and effective way we can do this."

Finally, Stacy feels the School of Divinity can distinguish itself from others by moving theological education closer to the congregation or parish. "I would like to pioneer a congregational-based theological education, not doing away with the classroom, but not relying entirely upon it either," says Stacy. "I see the congregation becoming a laboratory, an extension of the divinity school."

These ideas and goals are within reach, he feels, but not without the help of an experienced faculty. "Being trained in a seminary, I had entirely too many professors who had not spent one day in the parish trying to reach me to be an effective pastor. Men and women with valuable church experience are as important to the School as those who have spent a lifetime as scholars."

Stacy is quick to turn his attention back to the students after so much talk about himself and the faculty. "What's exciting is that there is no longer a typical student of ministry or divinity. We are seeing more and more people who were successful in another vocation put that on hold as they felt called to a theological career. And they come from a variety of theological persuasions as well. But regardless of their backgrounds, we have but one ultimate goal - to make their educational experience here unprecedented in value."


Since We Last Met

A three-month summary of highlights on campus

National Awards Put GWU In Spotlight

U.S. News, Foundation Give Prestigious Recognition

GWU graduates have long known the impact the University has made in their lives. Now, the institution is being recognized with two of America's most prestigious honors.

It was learned recently that GWU had been selected as one of only a handful of U.S. colleges and universities to be named to the John Templeton Foundation's 1997-98 Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges and Universities.

According to the Foundation, only about 100 institutions of higher learning receive this distinction every two years. A national announcement of the Honor Roll was made this fall in Washington, DC, and 100,000 copies of a book containing the select few schools will be distributed across the United States.

All four-year accredited undergraduate institutions in the U.S. are invited to submit their qualifications as a character-building college. Hundreds of letters of application are written each year by presidents of these schools hoping for Honor Roll consideration. But an examination of applicants is based on strict criteria, evaluating the extent to which an institution:

1) Inspires students to develop and strengthen their moral reasoning skills;
2) Encourages spiritual growth and moral values;
3) Provides community-building experiences;
4) Advocates a drug-free lifestyle; and
5) Conducts a critical assessment of character-building programs and activities.

Drew Van Horn, vice president for university relations and advancement at GWU, said of the honor, "To be recognized for upstanding moral character and spiritual growth may be the most important and meaningful distinction we could achieve."

An added surprise came when GWU was approached about being on the cover of the prestigious book. The book's publishers had seen a photo taken on the Gardner-Webb campus that had appeared in another national publication and called about obtaining a copy of it for the cover's design. The book, along with GWU featured on the cover, also will be unveiled at the ceremonies in the nation's capital.

Yet another bit of great news came when GWU learned that it had been selected for the first-time ever to be included in U.S. News and World Report's Guide to America's Best Colleges. GWU was cited for its business program, the 10th largest in the Southeast in terms of students enrolled according to the magazine.

Gardner-Webb was the only North Carolina college named in those rankings. The rankings issue is one of the most widely read sources for those students and parents seeking to choose a college or university.

Also, among other colleges that are similar in size and programs in the Southeast, GWU was listed as having the highest average SAT score among those who are selected for admission.

New Year Makes History

Records Breaking, Campus Improving

The 1997-98 academic year at Gardner-Webb University began like none other in the school's history when undergraduate classes got underway August 20. With new facilities, a record enrollment of 3,040 (GWU has grown 30 percent over the last three years), and the most stellar class of new faculty ever to enter the University at one time, the fall semester figures to be perhaps the most eventful ever at GWU.
Construction crews worked frantically to complete new on-campus apartments by August, when wide-eyed new tenants began arriving. The state-of-the-art units are easing the housing shortage brought on by booming enrollments in recent years. Named University Commons, the apartments overlook the Lake Hollifield Complex and house approximately 150 students. Each unit features the most modern of accommodations such as Internet capabilities in students' rooms. Ground was broken for the apartments March 19.

Donnie Clary, vice president for business and finance, said the new apartments present only advantages for the University. "First, students now have choices in regard to what kind of living accommodations they want on campus. Second, we now have a concept of student housing that is on the cutting edge, something very few institutions can say. Third, the developer of the apartments created a site plan that will allow us to build up to five additional buildings when needed. Fourth, we have addressed a need for increased on-campus housing. And fifth, the apartments represent quality, which is what the University is all about."

The apartments (shown at left) are a direct result of skyrocketing enrollments over the last few years. Fall 1997 continued to shatter records as over 3,000 students were enrolled for the time ever in the University's undergraduate, graduate and night school programs. Statistics from admissions officials indicate that new freshmen entering this fall are averaging a 1,035 SAT score and a 3.5 GPA, also record highs for GWU.

Gardner-Webb VP and Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Gil Blackburn has said this fall boasts of the most impressive group of new faculty ever recruited to the University. From a former CEO to a renowned photojournalist, the group is filled with high-profile, highly talented individuals. (Please see pages 15-16 for a complete listing of new faculty and their professional highlights.) Said Blackburn. "It ranks as one of the premiere faculty groups with which I have ever been associated."

The upcoming year will witness the completion of several new landmark projects as well, such as the renovation of Hamrick Hall (see photo at left), future home to the GWU School of Business, and the implementation of computer technology that developers hail as the most advanced for any college or university in the Southeast, if not the nation.

Stay tuned for the exciting results!

NEW HISTORY BOOK ALREADY A HIT

The first and only book to detail Gardner-Webb's 90 years of history from its founding in 1905 to the present is fresh off the presses and being distributed. "Dreaming, Daring, Doing ... The Story of Gardner-Webb University" is the result of several years work by Lansford Jolley, former GWU professor and current historian-in-residence.

The new history book is currently available for purchase only through the Gardner-Webb bookstore on campus (704-434-4273), and soon by order through the University's Internet site at www.gardner-webb.edu and at select functions where GWU will have the book on display. The book features the Lake Hollifield Carillon and the Huggins-Curtis Building - the newest campus addition and the institution's first building in its history, respectively - on its cover and sells for $20. Hundreds of copies have already been sold and more orders are pouring in, according to bookstore staffs.

In the book's foreword, current president Dr. Chris White said interest in the University's history is at an all-time high because of its increasing status within the academic arena. "More and more, people have become fascinated with Gardner-Webb's origin and evolution from a struggling boarding high school into one of the major, independent universities in this region," White explained. "It's a remarkable story, one that is cherished by all alumni, friends, supporters as well as the community that's fostered its growth."

The book makes special mention of the institution's Christian roots and how on more than one occasion the school's future was made possible solely through faith. The author also gives descriptive portrayals of the many colorful personalities that have shaped the institution's heritage, tradition and mystique. From former North Carolina governor O. Max Gardner to the Reverend Billy Graham, stories and memories are abundant of the many people who continually shepherded the school with love, prayer and resources.

Mr. Jolley offers a unique perspective on Gardner-Webb's history because he is a Boiling Springs native, he attended Gardner-Webb and then taught at the school for 33 years. Jolley was awarded the honorary doctorate of humanities degree at this May's graduation ceremonies in recognition of his dedication and persistence in compiling and writing the history. The only previous work written in reference to Gardner-Webb's history was "Lengthened Shadows," which compiled various facts and anecdotes about the institution from 1907 to 1956. It was written by Francis B. Dedmond."}

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Supporter, Russian Leader Honored At Graduation

Colorful Group of Grads Also Spotlighted

GWU Summer Commencement exercises held August 2nd took time to recognize one of its most dedicated supporters as well as a renowned world figure.

H. Fields Young III, prominent Shelby business leader, and Mikhail Alexeevich Ovchinnikov, president of the Moscow State Conservatory in Russia, both were presented honorary doctorate degrees in appreciation for their relationships with the University. The presentations were made just prior to the conferring of 180 degrees to undergraduate and graduate students.

Degrees were awarded for the associate in arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in nursing, bachelor of arts, master of arts, master of business administration, and the master of arts in Christian ministry.

Young has devoted much of his time over the last several years to the progress of GWU, having most visibly served as national chairman of the University’s current $20 million “Dreaming, Daring, Doing” capital campaign, which was announced in 1994. He also is completing a term as chairman of the GWU Board of Advisors, a group of leaders that lends guidance, support, and attention to the University’s development into a recognized, regional institution.

Young and his wife, Maggie, also have given generously of their resources for the establishment of scholarships, to the creation of the new Walk of Honor that pays tribute to all donors of the current capital campaign, and for the purchase of a striking new clock that overlooks the Walk of Honor and honors the parents of the Youngs.

Young delivered the commencement address and reminded the new graduates, “Whatever the mind of man can believe and conceive, he can achieve. Those words will allow you to fulfill God’s request of you — to build a better world.”

Ovchinnikov is a gentleman with whom Dr. Chris White has developed a relationship during White’s efforts to increase Gardner-Webb’s international presence in recent years. A distinguished personality in the fields of music and music education, Ovchinnikov has been widely recognized for his efforts to establish ties between Russian musicians and artists in Europe, Asia and America.

White described the Moscow State Conservatory as the Russian equivalent to the Juilliard School of Music, saying it has a worldwide reputation for excellence and prestige. Ovchinnikov is scheduled to soon receive a citation from the North Carolina Senate in appreciation for goodwill efforts on behalf of his native country.

White and Ovchinnikov became acquainted through meetings of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and have worked toward an agreement that would allow for the exchange of liberal arts faculty and students between the two schools. White
is scheduled soon to travel to Russia and receive the first-ever honorary doctorate given by the Moscow State Conservatory.

OTHER GRADUATION STORIES OF INTEREST:

- **Art Duckworth**, who works in Charlotte with Duke Energy, announced he was promoted to senior-level administrator with the company as a direct result of his receiving the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. He also became the first graduate of GWU's Statesville MBA Program – and in just 15 months, faster than any other student in the program's four-year history.

- **GWU Vice President for Business and Finance Donnie Clary** was among those receiving his degree this Saturday - he completed the requirements for his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. (Clary was the first VP named by Chris White after White was named president of GWU 11 years ago.)

- **Marc Rabb**, who for the last two years has been a graduate assistant in the GWU Sports Information Office, received his master's in Physical and Health Education ... then he joined the Gardner-Webb staff as executive director of the Bulldog Club (GWU's booster club for athletics).

- **The Rev. John Watkins**, who lives in Spindale (Rutherford County) and pastors Moore's Grove Baptist Church in Polk County, was the only graduate this summer from the School of Divinity. He became the second African-American graduate (the Rev. Charles Turner was the first in May) of the School of Divinity.

GWU in September received some long-awaited good news when it was informed that The Kresge Foundation in Michigan, one of the most prestigious national foundations, had chosen to support the “Dreaming, Daring, Doing” capital campaign with a $650,000 challenge grant. The foundation’s gift will help to complete funding for the renovation of Hamrick Hall, the final project of the campaign seeking funding.

University officials announced that the campaign goal has been raised to $30 million, as over $26 million in pledges has been secured. Terms of the Kresge gift stipulate that the $30 million must be raised by September 1998 before the Kresge funds will be awarded.

“Very few universities are awarded challenge grants from The Kresge Foundation,” said GWU President Dr. Chris White. “A university must be growing and able to show financial stability before it can even submit to the foundation. Being awarded funds by this national foundation confirms what we already knew - that we have emerged as a regional university.”

The challenge will be used in several different ways, including the reduction of the price of naming a seat in Hamrick Hall. Seats can now be named for $500. The original cost was $1,000. According to Drew Van Horn, v.p. for university relations and advancement, “Now is the time for all our alumni and friends to step up and show the nation we can complete this campaign. When the challenge is complete, The Kresge Foundation grant will be the largest one-time grant in GWU’s history.”

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Your legacy as a loyal supporter of Gardner-Webb University can live on with a $500 gift designated for the naming of a seat in the newly renovated Hamrick Hall.
GOAL Program Expands to 16 Sites
Night School Classes Branching Out

The GOAL Program’s two newest sites are very different but organizers say their purposes are the same ... to offer college degrees to working adults.

Cabarrus County, just 30 minutes northeast of Charlotte, and Polk County, one of the smallest and most western counties in the state, have little in common except that both now have students enrolled in the GWU program that offers undergraduate classes at night.

Nursing students last month were the first to open the center at the Cabarrus College of Health Science in Concord. “We’re really excited about this one,” said Jeff Renn, director of GOAL admissions. “It is located in a state-of-the-art facility and is our nicest campus by far.”

The doors of the Concord campus opened with 38 applicants, more than most centers begin with. “There’s an overwhelming interest there,” says Renn. “In fact, we were the ones approached about that site rather than the usual method of us going to them.”

Renn recruits students from 25 to 30 community colleges that feed into the GOAL Program’s 16 sites and says he is also optimistic about the new opportunity in Polk County, a center that opened in May in Columbus. “We targeted Polk County because there’s no other university presence there and it’s only 40 minutes from the main campus.”

Renn says recruiting students there will be challenging because of the county’s smaller population, which is largely retirement age.

It’s no surprise that the initial Polk County class was small and began with the typical business administration course of study, but Renn expects it will grow and offer more courses. “Eventually we can expand even farther west,” he says.

The GOAL Program, now at 16 campuses, is flourishing. “We’ve had a booming year,” says Renn. “Our largest campus, in Valdese, began the fall semester with 120. Summer enrollment was nearly 1000, up 32 percent from last summer.” Even last spring was a big semester for the program, he says. “I think we’re beginning to break the mindset that students have to start school in the fall. Enrollment last spring surpassed that of the fall semester, something that’s almost unheard of.

Total enrollment for the GOAL Program reached over 1,080 students this fall semester.

Pictured is Fuad Sakhnini, a GWU alumnus, with Dr. Chris White during the Gardner-Webb Holy Land Tour this spring. Fuad, a Nazareth native, is pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, believed to be the only Baptist church in that area. Fuad for many years has served faithfully as pastor of the church and also runs a school for needy Arab children on the same property, an effort he says is an integral part of his ministry. Fuad and his wife shared their testimonies with the GWU group, which included the University's Concert Choir.
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New football head coach Steve Patton welcomed back 16 starters from last year's team, and quickly mixed in talented newcomers with the veterans to win the first two games of the season. The Runnin' Bulldogs played better than their 2-9 record indicated at times during 1996 as four losses came against teams ranked in the NCAA Division II top 20.

This new breed of Bulldog is bringing excitement to Spangler Stadium, with a high-powered offense and swarming defense leading the way.

One area that the Dogs hope to improve in is defense after allowing 340 yards of total offense per game last season. New defensive coordinator Will Holthouser brings a new 4-3 scheme with him from Western Carolina University and has some veteran talent to implement it.

The Runnin' Bulldogs' defensive front four is deep and talented. Leading the charge is Division I transfer Brian Brooks (6-6, 250, Jr.), who played at NC State University in 1995. He had 33 tackles and one sack for the Wolfpack that year, and has the size, speed and power to overwhelm opponents this season. Keon Stewart (6-3, 245, Sr.) has played well after registering 41 tackles last season. The interior positions are also strong and deep, with Rashad Bratton (6-1, 265, Sr.) recording a career-high 85 tackles as a junior. Starting alongside Bratton is another Division I transfer, Chris Mintz (6-4, 275, So.), who came to the GWU family from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Leading the corps of linebackers this season is 1996's leading tackler Bo Shannon (5-10, 215, Jr.), who had a career-high 127 total hits last season. Veteran safety Tim Dasher (6-1, 190, Sr.) had a solid spring and starts at free safety after a junior season in which he recorded 39 tackles and five passes broken up. Junior College transfer Tal Mims (6-2, 195, Jr.), an athletic player with outstanding size, has been the favorite to start at strong safety.

The new offensive strategy is predicated on balance, similar to offenses used by the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers. Last season's SAC offensive "Freshman of the Year," QB Clint Connor (6-1, 205, So.), is wise beyond his years under center, and has a full season's experience on the college level. Last season he became the first GWU quarterback to throw for over 1,000 yards, complete 50 percent of his passes and throw more touchdowns than interceptions since 1992 NAIA National Player of the Year John Craven accomplished that feat.

One position Patton and his staff have re-stocked is running back. No fewer than six talented players are competing for time in GWU's two-back set, led by...
returning talent Charles Palmer (5-11, 245, Jr.). Justin Richardson (5-10, 225, Fr.), who joined the squad this spring, has a working knowledge of the offense but has battled injuries. He originally signed with N.C. State and brings an exciting combination of speed and power. Speedster Courtney "CoCo" Henderson (5-9, 165, Jr.) came to GWU from North Greenville (S.C.) College, and sees time at running back and at receiver. True freshman Kinte Kilpatrick (5-11, 205) runs a 4.55 in the 40-yard dash and could have the biggest impact of any rookie on the team this season. He ran for 1,147 yards and 19 TDs at Notre Dame (Tenn.) High last season. The ultra-strong Kilpatrick (355 lb. bench press) will likely see plenty action at fullback, but is a versatile player who could play halfback as well.

One area that appears to be as good, if not better, than last season is the Runnin' Bulldogs' punter. All-American candidate Trey Greene (6-0, 170, Sr.) returns after earning first team all-SAC honors last season. He led the conference with 37.6 yards per punt. Ryan Cieslak (5-11, 171, So.) handles the place-kicking duties after knocking in five of nine field goal attempts as a freshman.

This year, coaches say, is the year the Runnin' Bulldogs may recapture the conference's title of Best In The SAC.

**Spotlight: Women's Volleyball**

GWU Picked Second in Pre-Season Poll

This fall the GWU Women's Volleyball team won't be sneaking up on opponents like it did in 1996. Last year was Angell Kirkpatrick's first season as head coach and she promptly picked the Lady Bulldogs up off the mat and led the team to a second-place regular season finish. With a record of 27-10, the team achieved its best mark ever, and now the rest of the South Atlantic Conference is on guard.

An 11-3 conference mark last season was good, says Kirkpatrick, but the team won't rest until it captures its first SAC title, something that insiders say is well within reach this year. Although three starters were lost to graduation this year, Kirkpatrick is raving about new recruits that have come in strong and immediately made an impact. Trisha Beatty, a 5-9 freshman from Largo, Florida, is hailed as an outstanding player who is looking to replace graduate Kellie Williams in the starting lineup. Also tabbed as players to keep an eye on are Linette Ramseur and Teresa Harrison, high school teammates coming from Fred T. Foard High School. The dynamic duo led its team to back-to-back state championships the past two seasons and look to take the SAC by storm as freshmen. In fact, says Kirkpatrick, Ramseur was named state tournament MVP last year, a testimony to her ability to dominate a match with strong leaping ability and savvy court presence.

But newcomers take time to mature, the head coach reminds us, and the crafty veterans will be called upon to maintain the standard of excellence that was achieved last season. The talented trio of Kathy Smith, Tracy Schroeder and Heather Hauser last year combined for 1,199 of the team's 1,772 total kills and 471 of the team's 579 total blocks. Add to the mix Jodi Baughn, a key defensive specialist, and it's no wonder the Lady Bulldogs were picked number two in the SAC pre-season coaches poll.

An added bonus for GWU volleyball fans this season will be the Food Lion SAC Tournament on November 14-15, an event that Gardner-Webb has been selected to host in Paul Porter Arena. “Not only will we be excited to welcome the conference to our arena,” says Kirkpatrick, “but we feel the conference title will come down to us and Presbyterian. It’s a great feeling to be labeled as a contender, especially when you may have the chance to win it all in front of the home crowd.”

**1997 Remaining Volleyball Schedule**

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(Note: The Food Lion SAC Tournament will be held this year at GWU's Paul Porter Arena. Call 704-434-4340 for details.)
recently assumed his new duties as executive director of the Bulldog Club.

Rabb’s status as a Cleveland County native and his work with the sports information office have deepened his appreciation and loyalty to GWU athletics, said VP for Athletics Chuck Burch. “His skills and his enthusiasm will help encourage growth of the Bulldog Club and expand our corporate sponsorship program. His appointment is indicative of the commitment we’re making toward the improvement of the athletics program.”

A Pfeiffer College graduate, Rabb himself was a collegiate athlete as a four-year letter-winner with the Pfeiffer lacrosse team, helping the Falcons to a number five national ranking in 1994. He also graduated in August from GWU with his master’s degree. He says his educational and professional experiences have sparked a desire in him to help improve and enhance the support system for student-athletes.

“I can think of no other place I would rather be than Gardner-Webb,” said Rabb. “The University is making great strides as a whole and with its athletics program – it’s an honor to be a part of that.”

Currently, the Bulldog Club has a membership of over 300 supporters, but Rabb reports that many, many more have been enlisted over the last few weeks.
1997 Women's Soccer Schedule

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Dr. Carolyn Jackson remembers sitting in her second grade class thinking about the things she'd like to do as a teacher. “I just never wanted to leave school I guess,” she says, “because I've always known that's what I wanted to do. I've never even flirted with trying anything else.”

Recently named the new dean of the College for Extended Professional Studies (GOAL Program), Jackson says Gardner-Webb is the fifth North Carolina Baptist school with which she's been involved. She came from the Midwest to attend the first, Mars Hill College (her first visit to GWU was as a Mars Hill cheerleader). She and her husband, Dr. Jerry Jackson, vice president for University Relations at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., have either worked at or been affiliated with three others – Campbell University, Wingate University and Chowan College. “It just always seemed to be a valuable place to make my educational contributions,” she says of Baptist schools. “They have the mission I’m interested in. They invest in young people’s education with a Christian overlay.”

Jackson has spent the majority of her career in public and private education of grades K-12 and has held positions from teacher to assistant superintendent. Prior to her new position at GWU, she served as director of the Distance Learning Grant, a one-year grant program offering courses at international sites, at Samford University.

Of her new work at GWU, Jackson says, “The GOAL Program has the potential to expand as far as we want to take it. We get calls all the time to add programs and sites.” The oldest and most recognized program of its kind in the state, GOAL offers working adults the chance to complete their four-year degrees at night on 16 satellite campuses around North Carolina. “It's been around for 20 years and it's here to stay,” says Jackson. She attributes its success to a good, positive relationship with its students. “It has the reputation of being a nurturing, caring program that does what it says.”

With the fall semester underway, Jackson is beginning to meet some of the students in the GOAL Program for the first time. “They are more serious students, coming to class to learn and at the same time to achieve a degree,” she says. “Most of them have a lot of attitude that it's worthwhile and worth the trade-off.”

The trend of non-traditional students is one Jackson believes will continue. High school students who graduate and go straight into the workforce almost inevitably reach a point where they want to better position themselves for a promotion, she says. Recalling a student who graduated in the summer and who works with a public agency, Jackson says, “She was continually passed over for promotions and realized it was because she didn’t have a degree.”

Jackson has no plans to change the program and says, “Things are being done right. It is a viable university program of which we are all a part.” Additions in technology, with Internet capabilities, she says, will be one more advantage to the night-school offering.

No stranger to Gardner-Webb, Jackson says she is excited to be here. “I've always known it was here and that it was solid,” she says. “But now I see it growing and blossoming into a real player in this state and this region. It’s leadership has been visionary as compared to other private schools struggling just to stay alive.”

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— Dr. Carolyn Jackson
GWU Recruits Premiere Class of Educators

Seventeen new faculty members arrived on campus this summer and Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president and dean of academic affairs, calls them "one of the premiere groups ever recruited." Some interesting highlights about each of them:

Dr. Carol Blassingame, associate professor of physical education. Comes to GWU from Texas A&M; has a patent from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; part-owner of private girls' camp; lived in Germany seven years.

Larry Charles Brey, instructor in athletic training. Head athletic trainer at Burns High School; staff athletic trainer at Cleveland Physical Therapy; formerly a graduate assistant at Kent State.

Dr. Patrick Canupp, assistant professor of mathematics. Holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University in aeronautics and astronautics; hobbies include watching tornado videos, rollerblading, growing carnivorous plants; former advisors call him "one of the premiere instructors in America."

Bob Carey, instructor of communication studies. Photojournalist who has covered Zaire, Oklahoma bombing, Rwanda, presidential visits and Hillary Clinton, Olympic games; editor of Missions Today; worked the '84 and '88 Olympics; hammer thrower in college.

Jennifer Carlile, instructor of English. Previously a faculty member at Kennesaw State University; freelance writer; editor, Civil Engineering News (national monthly publication); hobbies: hiking, hiking, gardening, contemporary poetry.

Dr. Tom Coates, Professor of physical education. Chair, Dept of Health and Physical Education.

Twenty years ago I showed up on the Gardner-Webb campus with no clue as to what I wanted to study or do with my life. I was 17 and awed by the talented people that I met the first few weeks of that semester. It seemed everyone was incredibly talented: musicians, athletes and high school valedictorians surrounded me. As an undecided major, I was assigned to Dr. James Taylor in the English Department. Little did I know at the time, that assignment held great fortune for me!

When I first met with Dr. Taylor to design some sort of course of study, he held a thin folder and was leaning back in the chair behind his desk. His demeanor was so relaxed, some of my anxiety disappeared. I told Dr. Taylor that I loved the study of literature (he just said "mmmm") but that I didn't think it was a practical major for marketing myself after graduation, assuming I could make it that far (another "mmmm"). I had been advised in high school to take typing and shorthand, "just in case." "Nonsense!" he exclaimed. "You must study what you love!"

At first I balked at his suggestions, thinking his confidence in my abilities was greatly inflated. Still, I found myself enrolled in philosophy, psychology and literary criticism classes. I even took piano lessons! Along the way, a funny thing happened. I began to feel Dr. Taylor's faith in me. I began to feel confident in myself and my abilities. I began to understand my weaknesses, and no longer saw them as huge failures. By my senior year I was elected the first female president of the Student Government Association, a far cry from the 17-year-old duckling that had only seen everyone else as talented and capable.

Dr. Taylor and the other English professors cared about me as an individual. One of my favorite memories of Dr. Taylor is him dressed as Huckleberry Finn, complete with corncob pipe and overalls, at an English majors seminar. I can still picture him on that occasion, with his sweet grin and his "mmmm's" that peppered every conversation I had with him. He was frequently amused by my interpretation of the world, but never once did I feel he flipantly dismissed me. He never wanted to be my father, brother or anyone else - he was my advisor, and he wanted to polish what he saw as a precious gem.

With Dr. Taylor's retirement, a huge chunk of decency and compassion has gone. Plenty of others will step in and carry on, but none will be as simple and generous as Dr. James Taylor. His retirement is like finishing the final chapter of a really good book - you hate to close the cover at the book's end, but you're grateful you stumbled upon a good story. This shouldn't sound like a eulogy for him. I simply want him to hear how wonderful I think he is, how influential he was in my life. I want everyone to hear it.

(Continued on page 16)
Mars Hill. Additional graduate studies at Wake Forest, Memphis State, Alabama, Western Carolina and Utah; lifeguard, outdoor guide and rock climber.

Dr. Amy Cox, assistant professor of business. Received Ph.D. in Fall '97 from University of Minnesota (4.0 GPA); graduate of three top 25 marketing schools; management research fellow at Minnesota; hobbies: 20th Century British and American novels, 1930s and 40s films.

Dr. Robert G. Fulbright, assistant professor of Christian education. Baptist Sunday School Board member; former manager of Broadman Press; author of eight books; White House conference on children steering committee.

Dr. Carolyn Jackson, dean of College of Extended Professional Studies. Former director, Distance Learning Grant at Samford University; instruction specialist for NC Public Schools; former assistant superintendent for Durham County Schools; former faculty member at Campbell, East Carolina and Chowan.

Dr. Charles Moore, assistant professor of Spanish. Completed foreign study in Columbia, South America; visiting lecturer at North Carolina State University; former visiting lecturer and adjunct visiting lecturer at four other institutions; publications include 34 articles, critical reviews and professional conferences.

Dr. David Reed Parker, assistant professor of English. Four awards, fellowships and grants from the UNC English Department; Comes to GWU from Auburn University; has produced six publications, three book reviews and four conference papers.

Dr. Jackson Rainer, associate professor of psychology. Has been a self-employed psychologist in Atlanta and adjunct faculty member at Georgia State University; former administrator of Georgia Mental Health Institute.

Michael Schumacher, assistant professor of business. Holds the MBA from UCLA; Ph.D. candidate, University of Mississippi; reputed to own 7,000 books; financial consultant and internal auditor for numerous firms.

Virginia Sullivan, instructor of nursing. Most recently was a lecturer at UNC-Charlotte; former clinical director, assistant director and director of nursing at three hospitals; has conducted funded research on hypnosis to reduce anxiety and promote recovery.

Dr. Charles Tichenor, distinguished executive-in-residence. Studied at Harvard School of Business; was distinguished corporate executive-in-residence at Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania; was member of U.S. Davis Cup tennis team; former CEO of Sparkling Beverages and former vice president (marketing) of Kraft Foods; New Jersey Executive of the Year, 1980.

Dr. Mark Templeman, associate professor of sociology. Received Faculty Merit Award at Virginia Wesleyan College in 1991; outstanding doctoral dissertation at Purdue Univ.; presenter at numerous conferences on sociology.

Dr. Tim Zehnder, assistant professor of biology. Has taught physiology and was research associate at Bowman Grey School of Medicine; former professor at Wake Forest; more than 25 articles in scholarly publications.

If you decided to include us in Your Will please provide the following information to your attorney:

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and
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Second Group of “Baptist Leaders” On Board

Scholarship Pool Attracts Top Students

Monies distributed last year from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina allowed Gardner-Webb to create in 1996 a new and prestigious group of scholarship recipients on campus.

GWU has followed that successful effort with yet another class of outstanding North Carolina Baptist students for the 1997-98 academic year.

Last year, 11 students received the first-ever “Baptist Leaders Scholarship.” This year, that number has nearly doubled as 21 new students enter Gardner-Webb as recipients of the scholarship.

Only finalists for GWU’s most prestigious scholarship offer – the Presidential Scholars Award – are considered for the Baptist Leaders Scholarship.

Students who are selected must maintain an exceptional Grade Point Average and have an active role in a church and an on-campus organization.

Ray Hardee, director of admissions, said that because of the status of the new Baptist Leaders Scholarship, students who receive the Baptist Leaders Scholarship are also asked to help represent Gardner-Webb at the Baptist State Convention activities held in November each year.

“If this year’s class of Baptist Leaders is anything like last year’s, Gardner-Webb is in for a special treat,” said Hardee. “The funds from the Baptist State Convention helped us to identify some of the most outstanding students from across North Carolina, those who could have chosen to attend any school but selected Gardner-Webb over the others.”

Last year’s recipients were: Mollie Elizabeth Boan; Aline da Cunha Bomfim; Brandon James Carter; Angela Hope Champion; Anna Maria Holder; Elizabeth Faye Holder; Jennifer Crystal Hyatt; Gregory Allen Kendrick; Kelly Anne Knowles; Adrienne Leigh Peel; and Victoria Leigh Villagrana.

Hardee added that he expects the number of Baptist Leaders scholarship recipients to continue increasing in the coming years.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO
ALL PARENTS
OF GWU STUDENTS

Gardner-Webb University parents often express a desire to become more involved, to make a difference in the lives of students. Parents understand firsthand the importance of higher education. They know that a college degree is often the primary means for achieving a successful career and economic stability. They also know providing a quality education requires more programs than those funded only by tuition and fees.

In response to the concerns and interest of parents, a new giving opportunity has been established – the Gardner-Webb University Parents Fund for Student Support. Programs funded by the Parents Fund for Student Support will make it possible to ensure a quality education inside and outside the classroom.

This year, funds secured for the Parents Fund for Student Support will establish a much-needed resource center for the Career Services Office. The Career Services Resource Center will include an increased number of computer stations that will allow students to perform job searches; complete assessment inventories helping them clarify career choices; properly produce resumes and cover letters; and have access to the most current information available in preparing to secure employment.

With the establishment of the resource center, the Career Services staff will then be free to provide more extensive and frequent workshops and seminars to equip students with the necessary skills to enter the job market. Additional career fairs providing direct contact with potential employers will also be possible.

You will be pleased to know that the Career Services Office is committed to offering Gardner-Webb University students every opportunity and advantage possible in securing a job. However, help is needed in order to achieve this goal. Gardner-Webb parents can provide the means of overcoming the only obstacle in the way of that goal – funding.

In the following months, information will be mailed to you providing further details on the Parents Fund for Student Support and offering you the opportunity to participate. You are encouraged to join the members of the Parents Council in assuring a strong future for Gardner-Webb students.
GOAL Student Breaks New Ground

Internet Exam Draws Attention

For one Gardner-Webb student enrolled in the night-school program for working adults, her calendar recently presented an intriguing problem. Having to schedule vacation plans months ahead of time because of her husband's hectic work routine as a highway patrolman, Penny Brower of Shelby cautiously entered the GOAL Program this summer, not knowing how her absence in the middle of the summer session would affect her grades - the vacation was scheduled the week of the mid-term exam.

Brower and her professor, Dr. Glenn Bottoms, sought a solution to her conflict with the help of another university. It seems Brower's vacation site was located just minutes from Coastal Carolina University near Surfside Beach, SC. Making a call to Coastal Carolina's computer office, Brower learned a new program - called netmeeting - was in place at the institution but had not been tested. The school had obtained the technology in pursuit of better distance learning techniques and, as Brower explains, "I sort of volunteered myself to be the guinea pig for the program if they would let me take my exam from their facility."

The program allows computers to interact with other equipment miles away through the use of audio, video and written communication. Dr. Bottoms had used a similar set-up once for another student but not with the use of audio or video as he would with Brower. With both Gardner-Webb and Coastal Carolina agreeing to accommodate Brower's request to take her test from 225 miles away, all that was left to do was, well, take the test for Bottoms' management information systems class.

Upon arriving at Coastal, Brower contacted Bottoms by way of the Internet, downloaded the netmeeting program, and all of a sudden Bottoms was seeing Brower's image on his computer at home. Since he had already prepared her test on his computer, all she had to do was retrieve it and work the problems. Bottoms coached Brower through the test, giving explanation and clarification on test questions as needed, just as if Brower were sitting in his classroom on the Gardner-Webb campus. "We've broken new ground in distance learning for this university," Bottoms said. "And Penny took the first step toward that."

New technology being implemented at Gardner-Webb should make this story a common one in the very near future, Bottoms feels. He is already exploring its uses with undergraduate, graduate and other GOAL classes. The ability to assist students with questions through the use of a computer will allow him to jokingly keep what he calls "virtual office hours."

As for Brower, her willingness to take this maiden voyage had the Coastal Carolina public relations office in a frenzy. Television and newspaper reporters from the coastal region clamored for a shot of this unique individual who had traveled over 200 miles to take a test. "The media attention was the only thing that made me a little nervous," Brower said. "I felt like I had to dress up for my test in case they started taking pictures."

Here's Your Diploma, Here's Your Office

Many Recent Grads Starting Their Careers At GWU

As students at Gardner-Webb, Darlene Broadhurst, Marc Rabb and Michael Mustian didn't quite know what to think of Webb Hall on campus.

Broadhurst and Mustian confess that many students feel that because so many administrators have offices there, it couldn't be a very friendly place. Some students, they say, even jokingly refer to it as the "ivory tower" from which all the decisions concerning University issues are made. Rabb says he often felt intimidated when walking through the building, as if he felt out of place.

Want to hear something ironic? After graduating from GWU, all three now work in Webb Hall.

Broadhurst, a 1996 graduate, was named this summer as director of the GWU annual giving program after working several months in Charlotte. Mustian, former Student Government Association president and a May graduate, has taken over duties as assistant to the president. And Marc Rabb, after spending the past two years as a graduate assistant in the Sports Information Office, received his master's degree in August and moved directly into his position as executive director of the Bulldog Club.

They are part of a unique trend sweeping the GWU campus - recent graduates making Gardner-Webb not only their alma maters, but now their place of business as well. Others who have earned their GWU diplomas one month and their GWU paychecks the next month include May graduates Tim Chilton, Chris Sloan, and Kendra Haneline. Chilton is now an admissions counselor; Sloan is now employed by the campus post office; and Haneline is a secretary for the president's office.
The University has always held firm to its affection for hiring alumni, but for so many to join GWU so soon after completing their degrees is a rarity. And the young people taking these positions say the transition can be awkward.

"It's weird because I still have so many friends on campus," says Broadhurst.

"Sometimes I still wonder which side of the fence I'm on because I'll often stop and talk to them on campus like old times, and then I'll go in to my office and they'll walk toward the classroom buildings. It's a very different feeling." Rabb was perhaps the best-equipped to make the unusual transition, having dealt on a daily basis as a graduate student with many of the same people he will work with as a full-time employee.

"The best thing is that I'll have my own office, some place I can call my own," says Rabb, self-professed sports fanatic who wanted dearly to work within college athletics. "This is really a dream come true to work here. It's been like home to me, and I'm glad I've gotten the chance to stay." He adds, "I probably speak for all of us when I say that it's even nicer that the administration noticed the work we're capable of and offered us these jobs."

SUMMER EXPEDITION
Students Spend Vacation Testing Their Career Goals

Sun, surf and sand weren't the only things keeping some Gardner-Webb students busy during summer vacation. Several students took advantage of the time to evaluate their career aspirations.

Kim McVey was one of seven communications studies students to hold exciting internships over the summer. Living and working in Atlanta, Georgia, for Ted Turner's TBS Superstation, Kim was an intern in the on-air promotions and marketing department. "It confirmed that this is what I want for a career," she said. "It gave me a chance to test it out for a few months."

Kim was allowed to single-handedly produce movie promotions that aired nationally. One promoted the new Warner Brothers movie "Batman and Robin." Another was for the Goodwill Games to benefit the Boys' and Girls' Club of America. She considers one of her most exciting projects as a shoot promoting the movie "Wild America" starring Jonathon Taylor Thomas.

She credits her leadership roles at GWU, particularly those with the Student Government Association, as the best preparation she could've had. "You always learn the basics in your classes, but my duties as student entertainment chair were the same type of work I did at TBS to coordinate shoots."

Matt Norman, who spent 10 weeks working as an assistant editor with Creative Sports of ESPN in Charlotte, says The Green Room, the student newscast on the campus cable TV channel, helped him prepare for the internship. "I knew basic equipment operations, and though we don't have near the equipment they do, I knew what they were talking about and was able to make suggestions."

He worked with an editor and a producer to edit halftime shows and promotional spots. Some of the sporting events he was involved with were the College World Series, seen on ESPN and ESPN 2, and Arena Football. He also helped with live studio productions of NASCAR Today and RPM Tonight.

"I worked with an audio director to write the music for the 25th anniversary Darrell Waltrip video," Norman said. "I also saw how difficult an editor's job is, so this internship really helped me define what I want to do." After graduating in December, Norman plans to apply for a couple of openings at Creative Sports.

Another December graduate is looking for work after her summer internship.

Crystal Carson moved to Raleigh to work with the Department of Commerce and its Public Affairs office. She wrote press releases about industry openings and closings and trade missions. "The biggest thing I did was to take charge of press events, which included writing speeches for the Secretary of Commerce, Norris Tolson," she said. "My experiences at Gardner-Webb helped me so much in Raleigh. I was able to practice dealing with the media through other internships, and my writing and speech classes have been a tremendous help for this real-world experience."

Among others who sought some pre-graduation experience was Lashawnda Patrick, one of 24 students chosen by the Virginia Association of Broadcasters for an internship at WRJZ radio in Richmond. Frank Spurlock worked at Flying Ace Productions, a video production company in Spartanburg, SC.

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The 40s
Paul H. Comer '48 and his wife, Juanita, served as mission service corps volunteers in San Diego, California, and Texas City, Texas, since their retirement. Juanita passed away June 5, 1997. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

The 50s
Jane W. "Becky" Harris '59 is working as a secretary with Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mtn. She lost three family members last year: her father, Senator J. Ollie Harris; mother, Abbie W. Harris; and brother, Ollie Harris Jr. '57. Becky has two grandchildren, ages 12 and 8, and two children.

Mildred Ann Peterson Dixon '56 and George W. Dixon '59 have moved into their first home in Fort Worth, Texas. He is a retired pastor and she is a retired teacher. They are members of North Richland Hills Baptist Church and work in nursing home ministry and tutoring.

Robert H. Tobin '56 received the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1991. It is one of the highest honors given in N.C. high school athletics. He is a retired teacher from Davidson County Schools and lives in Thomasville with his wife, Shirley, who is also retired from Davidson County Schools.

Dr. Charles H. Rabon '52 was speaker for a Lenten service series at Grace Episcopal Church in S.C. in March.

The 60s
Betsy Patterson Yavits '69 is teaching "Christ-Centered Ethics for Business" through consultation, training, presentations and workshops. She lives in Ithaca, N.Y., with her husband, Bob. They have two children, Travis and Lillian Rose. She holds a bachelor's degree in theatre and a master's in adult education.

Van H. Lonon '66 and Betty Behns Lonon '74 A.A. announce the birth of their sixth child, William Robert, born April 29th. Other children, Jason, Sarah, Matthew, Brian and Daniel are taught at home. Van is an administrative assistant with Stonecutter Mills. The family now lives in Marion.

The Rev. Donald H. Ross '66 received a M.Div. last year and a M.A. in counseling this year from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Gastonia. His wife, Doris F. Ross '66 is a math teacher at Holbrook Middle School in Lowell.

Charles Ray Yarborough, Jr. '65 A.A. and Sandra Humphrey Yarborough '69 A.A. announce they are now at Bethany Baptist Church of Christ in Winston-Salem. He serves as intentional interim pastor.

Claude Helton '61 was the subject of a feature article that ran in The Mount Airy News in June. He retired as vocational director of Surry County Schools this past summer.

Jerry McKinney '61 A.A. has received his doctor of education degree, is an assistant professor at Western Carolina University and is director of an internship program. He lives in Cullowhee with his wife, Sandra. They...
have three children. His e-mail address is: McKinney@wcu.edu.

Jack Gantt ’60 is minister of music at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton, GA. He is regional program director for the Georgia Baptist Church music department, sings with the Sons of Jubal concert choir, chairs the executive board of the Christian Index, is president of the Atlanta Choristers Guild. He and wife Shirley, have two daughters, Stephanie Woody of Memphis and Adrienne of Atlanta. You can e-mail him at: jgantr@mindspring.com.

Jerry L. West ’60 authored a series of booklets for the Broad River Basin Historical Society. The booklets are about the history of York County, S.C., and received an outstanding series of booklets award by the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies. Jerry lives in Sharon, S.C., with his wife, Dianne.

Rebecca Wilfony Edmonds ’79 B.S. now lives in Winston-Salem and is a research analyst with Wachovia Bank.

Chandra D. Masters ’79 has started her own wedding and event planning business, Elegant Engagements. She is also a training consultant with Dale Carnegie Training. She previously worked as a training manager and project manager and taught high school business classes.

Sarah Anne Ivill ’78 and Robert Kovalcik were married May 24. She is a travel agent with Euro Lloyd Travel in Charlotte. He is a chemical engineer with LCI Corp. They live in Charlotte.

Dan Cook ’77 B.S. has been promoted to director of communications and creative services with the North Carolina Electric Membership Corp. He is past elder of Saint

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MBA Grad Has Big Plans For Christian Bookstore

A strong religious conviction and an interest in business are what motivate Bruner Remy ’97 MBA. The alumnus is venturing out on his own to start a business that will allow him to enjoy and use his talents in both areas.

Remy will open Vines and Branches Christian Books, Music and Gifts in uptown Shelby this month. In addition to Bibles and Christian books, the store will offer materials from Israel, Egypt, Africa and Haiti. Long-range plans include a tour company with offices in the store. Formerly the Bible Book Store, the building is undergoing renovations both inside and out.

Since receiving his MBA from Gardner-Webb in May, Remy has been teaching business classes through the University’s GOAL Program. He plans to continue that and will instruct classes on the Wilkes County campus this fall.

He may have a master’s degree and a teaching job, but Remy feels he has a lot to learn yet. Seeking advice and suggestions from everyone he talks to about the new business, he says, “It’s amazing what you can learn from other people. The most important thing I’ve learned is to keep my eyes and ears open to others.”

A native of Haiti, Remy’s father brought his family to the United States in 1973. The Rev. James Rice of Immanuel Baptist Church met the Remys on a mission trip to Haiti and later helped them move to Cleveland County.

Remy’s father attended GWU, starting what has become a family tradition. His brother, McFerland Remy ’96 and sisters, Michelle Remy ’96 and Idellette Remy, now in Florida, have all been students here. Even Remy’s wife, Rachelle, is enrolled in the undergraduate business administration program.

With a new business, classes (to either attend or teach) and two children, the Remys lead busy lives in Boiling Springs. And it’s going to get even busier. “Our main goal with this is not money,” says Remy. “We want to see lives saved, broken hearts mended and God’s name glorified.”
Andrews Presbyterian Church, served on the vision strategy committee and was chairman of the worship committee. He lives in Raleigh and his e-mail address is: dan.cook@ncemcs.com.

Jerry Devon Johnson '77 B.A. has earned inclusion in Marquis Who’s Who in Finance and Industry for 1998-99. He now lives in Brandon, Florida, with his wife, Elaine Krushinski Johnson '78, and their four sons.

Michael Kasey '77 B.S. recently graduated from the Leadership Asheville Program. The program is a source of new ideas and new leaders for the Asheville area. He is co-owner and vice president of Coldwell Banker Harrell and Associates.

Debra L. Bartlett '76 A.A. was named employee of the month at Black Mountain Center in May. She is unit manager for the Gravely III Alzheimer’s Unit.

Dr. Robert M. Blanton Jr. '76 B.A. is now pastor of Lake Norman Baptist Church. Prior to that he served as pastor of Balfour Baptist Church in Asheboro for 12 years.

The Rev. Ralph Jett '76 B.A. is now the minister of First Baptist Church in Cowpens, S.C. He was featured in a newspaper article in that town in May.

Cy Johnson '76 B.S. and Martha Fuller were married April 12 aboard the Norway Cruiseship. He is district sales manager for Triangle Gas. She is a mortgage underwriter for Triad Mortgage. They have a daughter and live in Clemmons.

G.L. Brown ’75 B.A. is now a management consultant with George S. May International and travels the U.S. and Latin America. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Carol Byerly Myers ’74 B.S. has been selected for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. She is a fourth grade teacher and her husband, John Evans, is a middle school principal. They live in Winston-Salem with two children, Alisa and Charles.

James Alan Staley ’73 B.S. has been promoted to vice president/capacity planning department with First Union National Bank. He’s been employed at First Union for 20 years. He and wife, Linda S. McGalliard ’69, live in Patterson, NC. You can e-mail them at: astaley396@aol.com.

The 80s

David W. Hall ’89 B.S. has relocated to Ft. Myers, Fla., working as a pharmacy software consultant. His e-mail address is: DAVEINSUN@aol.com.

Randall C. Hall ’88 B.S. is now chief financial officer for Bank of Asheville, a newly charted Asheville bank. He had previously served as chief financial officer for Bank of Granite for nine years. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Joyce Poplin ’88 M.A. has been named one of Western North Carolina’s most creative teachers. A kindergarten teacher at Nebo Elementary School for 20 years, she was one of 32 teachers in the region to receive the honor. She also was a finalist for the 1996 National Teacher Hall of Fame.

Mary Logan Tate ’88 B.S. has been named director of the Alleghany campus of Wilkes Community College. She previously worked as coordinator for the Gravely III Alzheimer’s Unit.

“Music With A Message”

“He has put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to my God, many shall see it and fear and trust in the Lord,” Psalms 40:3 is the Bible verse Bobbie Low ’91 displays on the cover of a brochure about her life and ministry.

Since 1993, Bobbie has worked with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Montana after attending their Musician’s Summer of Service (MSOS) program in Budapest, Hungary, the year before. “I was hooked,” she says, “and returned the following year as a member of the staff.”

The summer program brings together musicians who travel the world to minister through their concerts. Now director of the MSOS program, Bobbie has led four teams to seven countries and recently finished a trip to Brazil.

“God had to call me to do this, otherwise I don’t think I could have. It’s too demanding,” she says. Bobbie travels four to six months out of the year, making it back home to Shelby, N.C., only twice. When she’s not on the road, Bobbie’s home is the YWAM campus in Lakeside, Montana, the second-largest YWAM campus in the continental United States.

In January, Bobbie will begin spending more time there as she starts a new School of Music in Missions. It becomes one of several year-round schools that serve to train missionaries. The three-month lecture phase will include music theory classes, private lessons, song writing and publishing, as well as practical lessons on how to book tours and musical outreachs. This will be followed with a two-month overseas outreach.

“I encourage people to get involved in foreign missions regardless of where or how,” she says. “It will change their heart. They will never pray for a country in the same way. They’ll see faces and not just a place on the map.”

A demanding schedule and travel aren’t the only drawbacks to Bobbie’s job. Financial support is always a concern. Her ministry is funded entirely with donations. So whether she’s on or off the road she’s always seeking support.

Why does she do it? “Not everyone can be a rock star or a successful Christian music artist,” she says. “And the music was never enough for me anyway. It was always the message. My heart is more in the ministry than in the performance.”

To find out more about YWAM and Bobbie’s ministry, write to her at P.O. Box 3000 Lakeside, Mont. 59922. E-mail: ywamarts@digisys.net. Phone: (406) 844-2685.
of institutional effectiveness and planning at McDowell Technical Community College.

Cynthia Hollifield Watts '88 and her husband, Jody, announce the birth of their second daughter, Rebekah Elizabeth, born January 13, 1997. She is a homemaker and he is a manufacturing coordinator with Bowater. They live in Rock Hill.


James William “Jim” Ray Jr. '87 B.A. and his band, Age of Faith, recently released their fourth compact disc titled Embrace. It contains the #1 hit single, “The Love of Jesus.” He and his wife, Angie, have two sons: Austin, age 6 and Andrew, age 2. They live in Gastonia. His e-mail address is: faithline@aol.com.

Cindy Strickland Davis '86 B.A. and husband, Jeffrey Lee, announce the birth of a daughter, Jessica leanne Davis, born November 23, 1996. They have a three-year-old son, Brandon, and live in Vanceboro. Cindy is a homemaker. Jeffrey is a professional singer with a southern gospel quartet.

M. Barry Gold '86 B.S. has been named executive director of the Rutherford Hospital Foundation Inc. He had previously served as director of family services at Hospice of Rutherford County since 1992.

James Paul Huggins '86 B.S. and wife, Katherine, have a two-year-old daughter, Margaret Ruth. He is a pc technician with U.S. Foodservice. Katherine is programmer/analyst with CHF Industries. They live in Cherryville. You can e-mail Paul at: ScubaTennis@aol.com.

William Lang '86 is now the father of three sons. The youngest, Grant, was born Nov. 28, 1996. Eli is three and Austin is five. He is chaplain for the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Forrest Ridings '84 B.A. has been recognized by his employer, ABF Freight System Inc., with President’s Club status. He is branch manager of ABF’s terminal in Calhoun, Ga. The honor is given to top salesmen and managers who meet certain sales requirements.

Cheryl N. Smith '84 B.S. and '89 M.A. has achieved National Board Certification. Only 84 teachers nationwide were
Tamera Jane “Tammy” Taylor Bird ‘83 B.S. is a special education teacher with Kings Mtn. School System. Her husband, Terry Bird, is pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mtn. They have 3 sons: Toby, Tim, and T.J. You can e-mail her at tbird@shelby.net.

The 90s
Sunny Benton '97 B.A. and Thomas Edward Doby '92 B.A. were married May 31, 1997, in the GWU Dover Chapel. She is former administrative assistant with the GOAL Program at GWU. He is a North Carolina probation/parole officer in Cleveland County.

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employed by Turner Trucking in Boiling Springs. They live in Sunshine.

Timothy H.C. O'Brien '96 GOAL has been promoted from dispatcher to police officer with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

Shannon Yvonne Wiseman '96 A.A. and Steven Elmer Tipton were married April 12, 1997, in Spruce Pine. She is employed by Memorial Mission Hospital. He is employed by Crowder Construction Company. They live in Burnsville.

Christopher Vance Bridges '95 and Sharon Cole Thoburn were married July 20, 1996, in Salisbury. He is attending The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Missy Ervin Carter '95 B.S. and Anthony Calvin were married in 1995 and announce the birth of a son, Hunter Bryce, born in May 1996. Missy is multi-age school teacher for grades 1-3 and junior high basketball coach with Monroe County Schools. Anthony is employed by Sweetwater Hospital. They live in Madisonville, Tenn.

Jeff Dean '95 has been promoted to marketing executive for the Greenville News. He will coordinate their newspaper advertising in Anderson County, South Carolina.

Andrea Eaves '95 B.A. now lives in New Orleans and announces her engagement to Boyd Herrington of Mississippi.

Linda Moore Eggers '95 B.S. GOAL and husband, Sam, announce the birth of a son, Cameron Graham, born June 18, 1997. Linda is a systems analyst with Siecor Corporate Office. Sam is maintenance mechanic with Siecor Telecommunications Plant. They live in Conover.

Allison C. Gillespie '95 B.S. and husband, Doug, announce the birth of a daughter, Alanna Rae, born June 5, 1997. Allison is a computer operator. Doug is a production manager. They live in Altavista, Virginia.

Christopher Thomas Marshall '95 and Paula Delora Shaver were married April 19, 1997, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. He is employed by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. She is a customer service manager with Food Lion. They live in Winston-Salem.

Crystal Lee Morgan '95 and Kenneth Wayne Stephens were married July 20, 1996, in Drexel. She is a second grade teacher at Drexel Elementary School. He is employed by Frederickson Trucking in Hickory.

Lauren Robinson Saporitas '95 B.S. GOAL and John William Saporitas were married May 31, 1997, in Asheville. She is admission/retention advisor and nursing admission coordinator with Mayland Community College. He is a counselor with Mayland Community College. They live in Spruce Pine.

Sharon Ramona Surratt '95 and Silas Bernard Robbins were married May 18, 1996, in Kingstown. She is employed by Cleveland County Schools. He is employed with Pasco Controls. They live in Shelby.

Candy Payne Willard '95 B.S. and husband, Mike, announce the birth of a son, Corbin Riley, born April 2, 1997. The Willards are self-employed and live in Mt. Airy.

Julie Nolen Ballard '94 and husband, Chad, announce the birth of a son, Chase Spencer, born June 19, 1996. Julie is an agent with Nationwide Insurance. Chad is a programmer with Delling Enterprises. They live in Denver, N.C.

Marie Yvonne Cross '94 and William Lee Daniel III were married July 13, 1996 in Clemmons. She is a teacher with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. He is employed with B&H Supply. They live in Clemmons.

Kelly Serena Hayes '94 B.S. and Michael Anthony Walker '94 B.S. were married June 7, 1997, in Morganton. She is title agent for Stewart Title of North Carolina in Morganton. He is a tax accountant for Deloitte and Touche LLP in Hickory. They live in Hickory.

Ruth Jarrell '94 B.S. was recently honored for her professionalism as a staff social worker. She is department manager of the Alexander Community Hospital Social Services.

T. Mark Jolly '94 and wife, Jammie, announce the birth of a son, William Mark, born June 4. The family lives in Elkin.

Sherri L. McAbee '94 B.S. and Jerry L. Morgan were married April 26, 1997, in Gaffney, S.C. She is collection manager at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He is a safety consultant with Duke Power and a nationally registered paramedic with Upstate Carolina Medical Center EMS.

Noel T. Manning II '94 B.A. and Barbara Lamb Manning '89 B.A. '94 B.A. have started a video production company in Boiling Springs. Noel, who is also senior producer at Shelby Headline News, received a Telly Award for Excellence for a mini-documentary, "Abe Lincoln, North Carolinian?" He has also been selected to Who's Who in the Media and Communications and has been invited to join the Broadcast Film Critics Association.

Stacy Lynn Stanley '94 B.S. and '97 M.B.A. graduated during commencement ceremonies at GWU on May 10. She lives in Shelby.

Archie Ray Wood '94 and Monica Marie Davis were married March 15, 1997, in Clio, S.C. He is employed by Kenan Transport in Greensboro. She is a program secretary with McLaurin Vocational Training Center. They live in Hamlet.

Brent Thomas Barbee '93 B.S. and Marla Rene Clarke were married May 24, 1997, in Clio, S.C. He is an accountant with Barbee's Jewelers Inc. in Rockingham. She is a program secretary at McLaurin Vocational Training Center Inc. in Hamlet.
Bonnie J. Cundiff ‘93 B.S. has received a Master of Science degree in clinical psychology from Francis Marion University. She is an adult counselor with Tri-County Mental Health in Chesterfield, S.C. Her husband, Ron, is employed at Cheraw Insurance and Real Estate.

Edward J. Faille Jr. ‘93 B.S. has been promoted to assistant branch manager with Mellon Bank N.A. in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He lives in White Haven, Pa. in the Pocono Mountains.

Tena Greene ‘93 B.A. gave a soprano recital at Isothermal Community College in April. She teaches private voice lessons at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C. and is employed with the N.C. Department of Travel and Tourism.

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### Annual Fund Update 1997-1998 Fiscal Year

- **Annual Fund Goal**: $200,000
- **Received to Date**: $5,553,34* 
- **Number of Gifts**: 83* 
- **Goal Deadline**: June 30, 1998

*As of September 12, 1997

The Annual Fund Goal this year is the highest it has ever been. Please help us make a difference in the future of Gardner-Webb today by making a check payable to the Gardner-Webb Annual Fund. Employee matching gifts also count toward the goal. Your gift is tax deductible.

Put these dates on your calendar: October 27 through November 20. Those are the dates for the Annual Fund Phonathon. Please give serious consideration to making a gift to the Annual Fund this. We look forward to talking with you.

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**Deaths**

- Julia Clayton ‘37 died June 12, 1997, at her home in Brevard.
- H. Max Craig, Jr., former trustee, passed away June 23.
- Jimmy Anderson Caldwell Sr. ‘47 died in April in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Paul Short ‘57 died May 19, 1997, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.
- Ollie Wall ‘67 passed away June 3, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.
- Sandra Jean Knupp ‘94 B.S. died April 13, 1997, at McDowell Hospital.

- Lisa Gaye Merrell ‘92 and Paul Edward Lyerly were married April 19, 1997, in Salisbury. She is a systems analyst with Food Lion. He is a machinist with Rouzer Motor Parts. They live in Salisbury.
- Tracey Rae Nanney ‘92 and John Lowell Lahrmer were married August 3, 1996, in Spindale. She is employed by C. Edward Robinson, CPA. He is employed by Lahrmer Enterprise. They live in Rutherfordton.
- Michelle Renee Newman Roseman ‘92 B.S. was promoted to assistant administrator at The Abernethy Center, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Newton. She lives in Newton with husband, Danny, who is employed with CommScope/General Instrument.
The Miracle
Alumni Family Celebrates Unique Anniversary

July 30th may not be a date Chris Campbell marks on his calendar every year, but it is one that will forever have significance in his life. “It’s the day I should have died,” says the 23-year-old son of Walter and Tamara Campbell, 1960 and ’61 graduates of GWU. Walter is also a member of the University’s board of advisors.

“It’s truly humbling to know my life is a miracle. It gives me a sense of freedom to know my life is in God’s hands; too often we forget that simple fact,” In a phone interview this summer, Campbell talked freely about the experience that changed his life more than one year ago.

One of several people to fall at least 75 feet over a now infamous waterfall in Ireland, and the only one to survive it, Campbell suffered head injuries that left him comatose with a collapsed lung, massive cuts and bruises and, amazingly, only one broken bone, a rib. But Campbell has made a complete recovery and even spent the summer working at Duke Power. Recently he left for his final year at North Carolina State University and is scheduled to graduate in May with two bachelor of science degrees, in chemical engineering and health and environmental studies, a multi-discipline degree.

His original plan was to work in industry and environmental protection, but Campbell says the possibilities for his future have now widened. First of all, the delay in his graduation is giving him an opportunity to do some things he wouldn’t have been able to do otherwise, like joining a new Christian acapella group on campus this year and a potential mission trip next summer. He’s also now considering mission work after graduation or at least working in another country.

Three school-related study trips are what created his interest in other cultures. The trip to study and travel in Europe the summer of 1996 is the one that led to his accident. He had spent a month studying in Oxford, England, when he headed for Dublin, the capital of Ireland, for a few days. A day trip through the countryside took his tour group to County Wicklow where the waterfall is located. He can’t remember why or how he fell, only that his group was preparing to leave the site when it happened.

Tamara Campbell remembers getting the call that her son was in a hospital and taking the first flight out, not knowing in what condition she would find her son or even how she would take care of her own needs in a strange country. “I remember holding him, feeding him and singing to him hymns that still bring tears to my eyes when I sing them in church today.” Chris says the experience has brought his family closer. “We appreciate each other so much more and enjoy many near moments of thankfulness.”

Chris talks openly about the accident and shared his testimony in his church, First Baptist in Charlotte. A portion of that testimony reads, “Sin, like the rocks I was thrown against, inflicts the wound to our soul which should be eternally fatal. Yet God, in his perfect love, sent His only Son to bleed for the wounds of our sin. My life on this earth is a visible miracle, a sign of God’s protection, but is quite small in comparison to the miracle that is real in each person who accepts God’s gift of forgiveness.”
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