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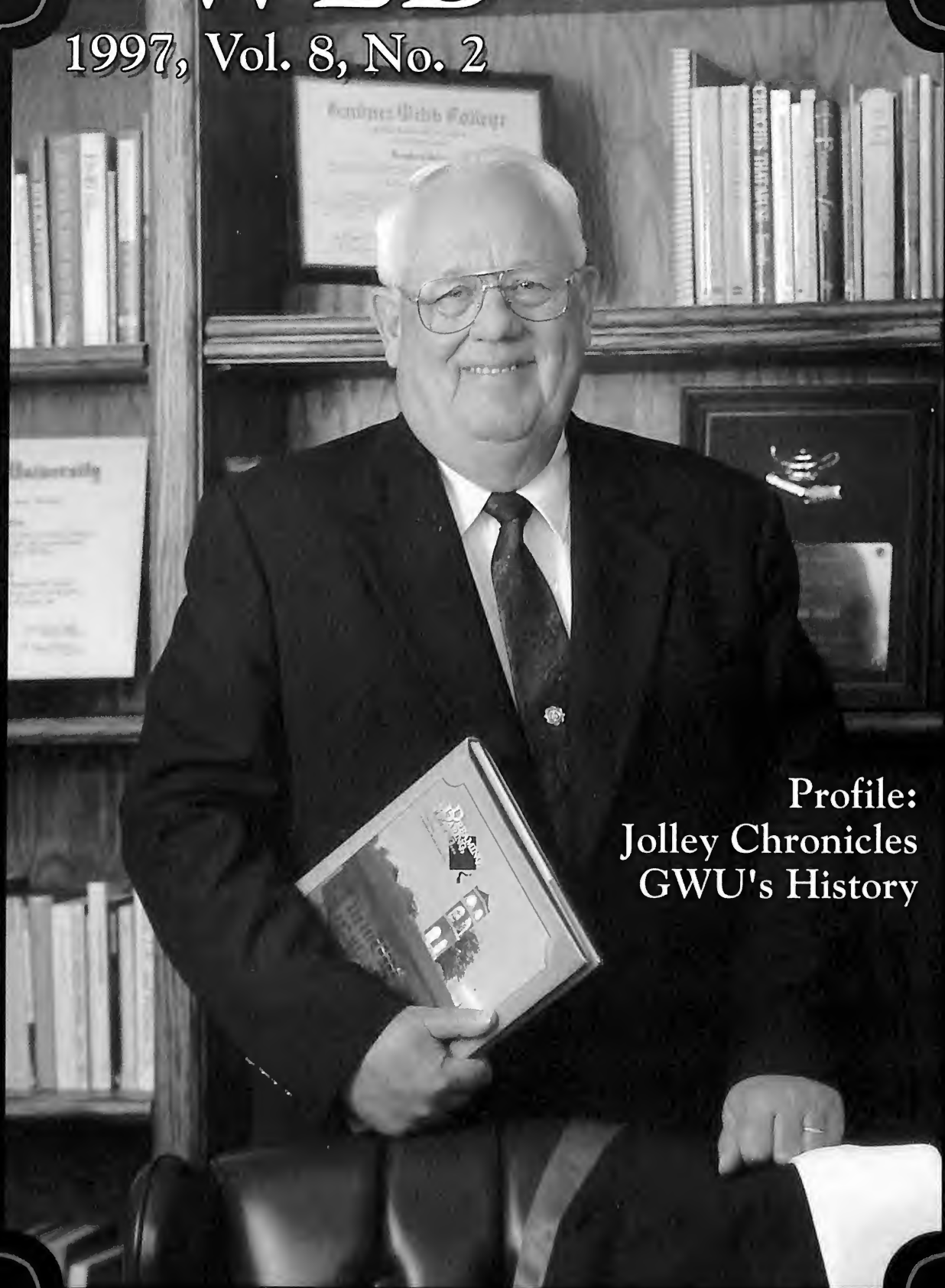
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GWU's History

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Surveying Your Opinion

Probably a more appropriate title for this should be "The People Have Spoken!" We were extremely pleased with the response we got from last issue's survey about The Web. The first order of business is to say thanks to all who took the time to fill out the SAT-type questionnaire (someone wrote in the "Additional Comments" section: "You gonna grade on a curve?").

The complete results will be published in the next issue, with a breakdown of information that should make for some interesting reading. One thing we realized is that we have never fully explained just how The Web works and how it is put together. Matt Webber and Rhonda Benfield write the copy, with an occasional guest writer thrown in here and there. Mark Wilson, sports information director, also lends his staff to compiling sports details when possible. Please notice that we have included our picture so that you might put faces with the names we're throwing at you.

We work on an unusual time frame with The Web. Deadline for stories to be written is a month and a half before it ever reaches your mailbox. That gives time for Wilson Brooks and Amy Camper to lay out, design and fit the publication's information into an allotted amount of pages. Then the printer must have several days, if not weeks, to fit the printing into their schedule, and finally the mailing house must label and distribute The Web to recipients all over the globe.

You will already begin to see subtle changes in The Web in response to your suggestions. Some things, like additional GOAL items and a Question and Answer section are some of the more noticeable features. Can we still make improvements? Absolutely. And we plan to, so that one day we'll never have to receive a survey like the one that had this to say in the Additional Comments section: "You're doing a great job. Keep it up! Please remove my name from your mailing list."

Thank you again, and we hope you enjoy this issue.



Left to right (standing): Wilson Brooks, Matt Webber, Mark Wilson. (seated): Amy Camper, Rhonda Benfield

Q & A

From the survey we sent to you in the last issue, we recognized that many readers have questions for The Web staff. Please feel free to submit your questions to us and we will make every effort to respond.

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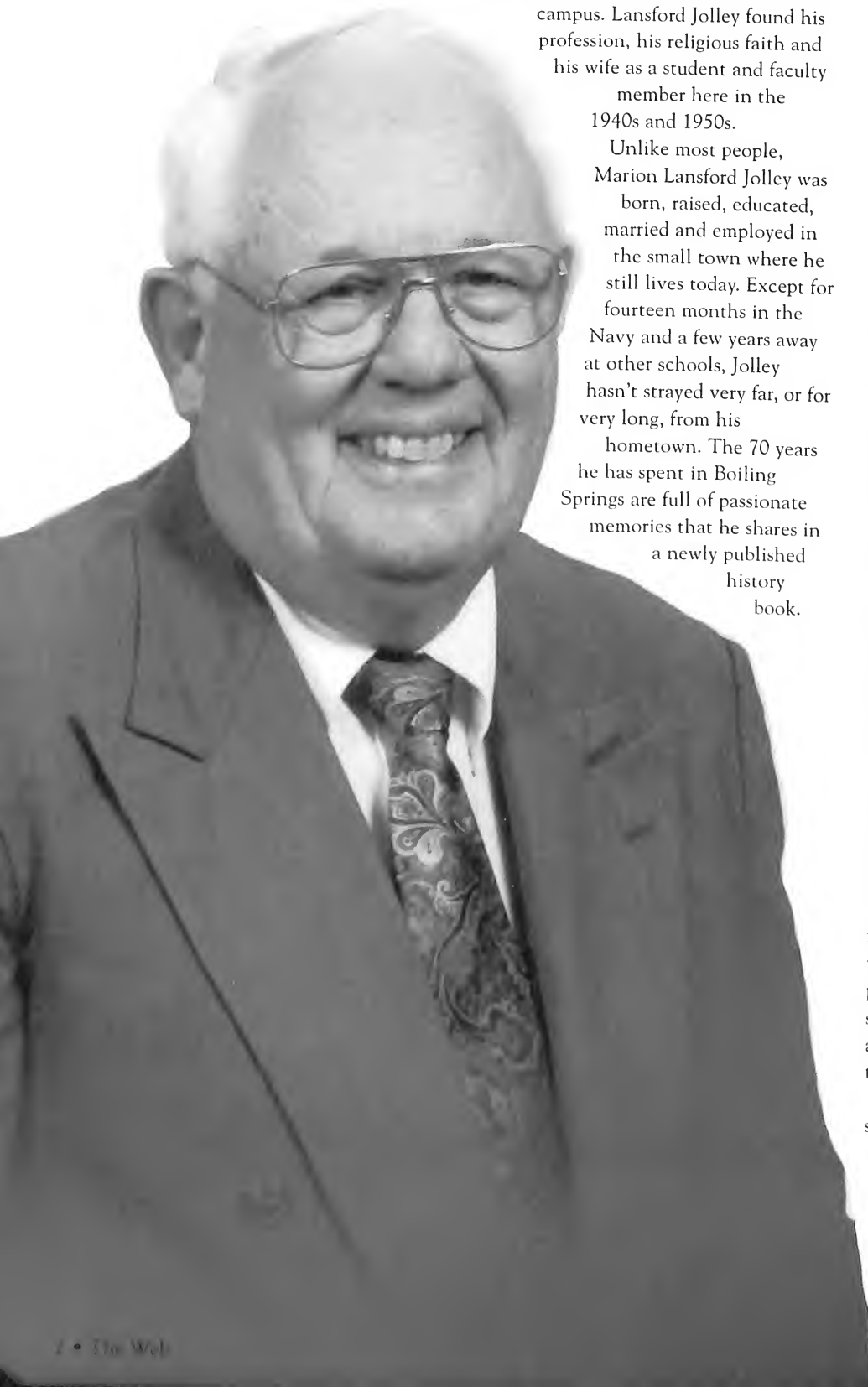
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HISTORY IN THE MAKING



The three most important decisions in his life were made on the Gardner-Webb campus. Lansford Jolley found his profession, his religious faith and his wife as a student and faculty member here in the 1940s and 1950s.

Unlike most people, Marion Lansford Jolley was born, raised, educated, married and employed in the small town where he still lives today. Except for fourteen months in the Navy and a few years away at other schools, Jolley hasn't strayed very far, or for very long, from his

hometown. The 70 years he has spent in Boiling Springs are full of passionate memories that he shares in a newly published history book.

"Dreaming, Daring, Doing: A History of Gardner-Webb University" represents several years of work by Jolley, historian-in-residence since 1992. The book is currently being printed and, like the rest of the Gardner-Webb community, Jolley is anxiously awaiting its availability.

That work earned Lansford the distinction of Honorary Doctor of Humanities, which was awarded to him at Commencement on May 10th, 1997. After three decades of service, he also sees the degree as recognition for his teaching. "I'm very appreciative," he says. "I came to work at Gardner-Webb when it was a junior college and faculty were not required to have a doctorate. Things changed over the years and my students began calling me Dr. Jolley even though I kept telling them I didn't have an earned degree." In their persistence, the students may well have been showing their respect for him.

Laughing, Jolley recalls the first faculty member to hold a Ph.D. – Dr. Robert A. Dyer. "The students didn't know the difference between that and a medical doctor," he says. "An athlete was injured during a game one time and they wanted to call Dr. Dyer to treat him."

Jolley is both humble and modest about his work on the book, and the honorary degree that followed. "I was hesitant when Dr. (Chris) White asked me to do a history because I have never written a book before," he said. "But, I figured if anyone was in a position to, I was." His wife, Cothenia who was once a part-time faculty member, was asked to serve as archivist at about the same time and Lansford credits her contribution to the book as well.

Admitting the computer is not something he uses in his work, Jolley says much of the history book was written by hand. "I used pen and pencil, making notes on cards when I'd meet up with someone who knew about Gardner-Webb's past. Cothenia would type from my notes."

Professor-Turned-Historian Thrives On Recalling GWU's Past

Recounting stories told to him by others is a large part of the history Jolley wrote. One of the most dramatic is a meeting of the Board of Trustees in 1932 when the institution was facing financial trouble. "There was a motion to close the school," he says. "The Trustees were in that meeting until 3:00 a.m. discussing and persuading. Finally, they took a vote and the motion (to close the school's doors) failed by one."

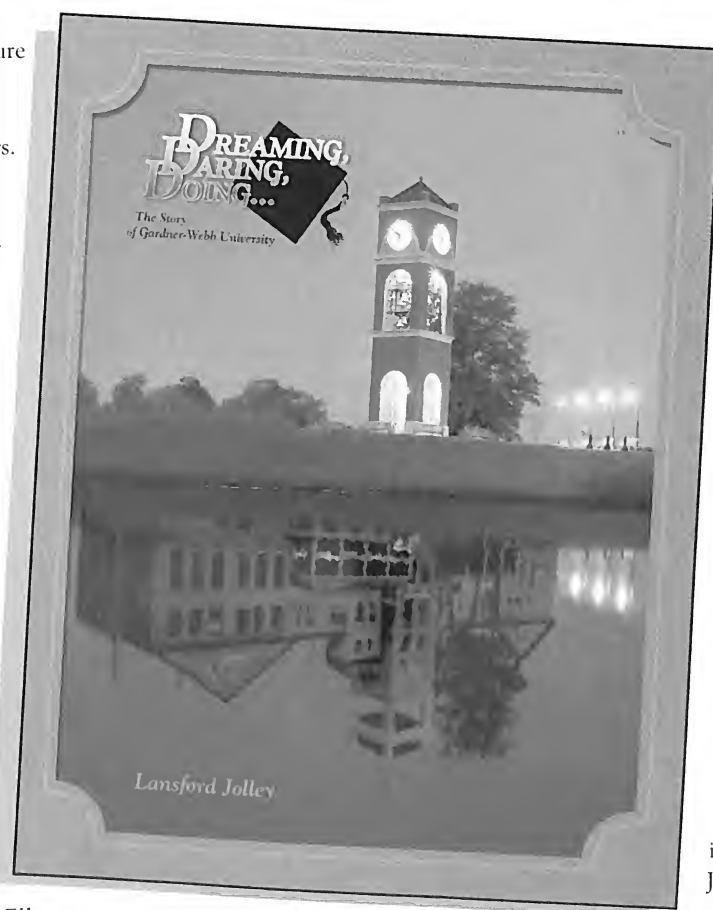
In fact, Jolley recalls several times when the university's future hinged on a vote. He credits three people with keeping it open during those difficult years. E.B. Hamrick often gave food and supplies never asking for money in return. Two Gardner-Webb presidents, Zeno Wall (1928-1930) and J.L. Jenkins (1932-1935) worked as volunteers without any salary.

Through it all, however, those at the school always seemed to keep a good humor about them. For instance, Jolley says the students in those days would tease about the cafeteria food. "They would say they could always tell when the students were going to have turnip greens for lunch because the shrubbery on campus had just been trimmed."

But those trying times paid off. "The university took off around 1942," recalls Jolley. "That's about the time Dr. P.L. Elliott (1943-1961) became president. And under his leadership, most of the buildings on campus today were built." Elliott was a president for whom Jolley had much respect and affection. "He was the most profound and philosophical man I've known. He was a great scholar."

Jolley says the most amazing changes he has seen in 70 years have been structural. The campus has gone from one or two major buildings – Memorial

Hall (1925) and Huggins-Curtis (1908) – to nearly 40 buildings today. He retells the story of how the first road was cut through campus. J.H. Quinn Circle, the drive that today runs in front of the Charles I. Dover Campus Center, "was cut with a mule and twister plow, using dynamite to remove the tree stumps. Many people don't realize it even has a name. The road sign fell at one point and has never been replaced."



Today, several paved roads cross and surround the growing campus.

"In the early years, when this was Boiling Springs High School, people came to campus by way of buggies and wagons. There were no parking problems at that time – you just looked for the nearest hitching post." Jolley's mother, the late Dovie Hopper Jolley was a 1914 graduate of the high school. Jolley himself graduated from the public high

school, across the street from the Gardner-Webb campus, in 1944. Then he earned a degree from Gardner-Webb in 1947, a year in which the yearbook shows the pictures of Lansford Jolley and Cothenia Jones side by side. Lansford went on to Wake Forest College and the Jolleys both hold degrees from George Peabody College.

Physical changes aren't the only differences Jolley notes today. Rules are another. "Etta Curtis, one of the first deans of women, was very strict. She wouldn't allow young men to stop and talk with young women while walking across campus. If they did, the young men were punished by having to chop tree stumps." With a laugh, he adds that "young men had to present Curtis with a written request in order to court a young lady."

Some of Gardner-Webb's history doesn't bring a smile to Jolley's face. "Early students," he recalls, "purchased wood for heat and a male student once was trying to stoke a fire in the wood stove when it exploded. He later died." Jolley notes that the Memorial Building, now E.B. Hamrick Hall, has burned twice in campus history – sad days in the life of the institution.

"One thing has been constant in Gardner-Webb's history," says Jolley. "And that is the Christian education offered here. It's always been a Baptist school offering more to its students than information, facts and knowledge. It teaches them right from wrong. Without morals, an educated man or woman may do more harm than good."

A shining example of the very Christian education of which he speaks, Lansford Jolley, according to all who know him, has certainly done more good.

SINCE WE LAST MET

*A three-month summary
of highlights on campus*

A DAY FOR THE AGES *Three Events Leave Campus Buzzing*

To the unexpected passers-by, Friday, April 25, may have appeared as though it was a normal, spring day dawning on Gardner-Webb University. But to many reporting to work and scurrying to class in their various nooks of campus, this day was anything but normal.

9 a.m. –

Visitors and excited members of the GWU family gathered in front of Noel Hall to hear what had been promoted as “an innovative step in higher education.” Everyone knew it had something to do with one of the largest, most lucrative cycling races that was to be held later that day in nearby Shelby.

Within moments, the picture was clear: Gardner-Webb had become the first college or university in America to sponsor a professional cycling team, with

the GWU name being seen coast to coast on Team Shaklee’s uniforms, vehicles and promotional materials. Shaklee boasts of having one of the premiere teams in the sport and, in the race later that day, would also boast the race’s winner. It was said that Team Shaklee would use the

GWU campus as a “home base” for housing and training when it competed on the East Coast. The team’s manager, Frank Scioscia, even announced that a GWU representative would be invited to sit in the team’s booths and tents it features when competing around this region to help distribute informational material about the university to visitors.

“It’s a marketing tool for sure,” said Kevin Jones, GWU director of athletic training and a prominent member of the Cleveland County cycling community. “But also it shows a unique commitment

to what is becoming somewhat of a niche for this area – cycling.”

You’ll remember that last June Gardner-Webb hosted the final women’s race for the nationally televised 1996 U.S. Olympic Cycling Trials, which determined the Olympic team’s female members. Two years ago, the University served for a week as home and training ground to the U.S. National Cycling Team, and for the past three years GWU has helped organize the Carolina State Bank Criterium, the race that would be run on this day.

11 a.m. –

Several cars packed with guests and onlookers fill every available parking space near the back of campus. A cool breeze blows, and as those visitors approach the Lake Hollifield Complex, they see in full view what they had come for. The Hollifield Carillon is complete and ready for dedication, with lunch to be served afterward to all in attendance.

In a touching ceremony, Mrs. Wyndolyn Hollifield, who along with her late husband and GWU alumnus, Hughy, made the gift for the tower and complex, hears many honor her with kind words and presentations. Hundreds stand and watch as a framed picture and a set of inscribed bells are given to a teary-eyed Mrs. Hollifield. Selections composed and arranged in honor of Mrs. Hollifield and in memory of Hughy and the couple’s late son, Forrest, are masterfully played on the



*Left: Dr. Chris White
presents Wyndolyn
Hollifield with a photo
of the new carillon*



Above: New VP Dr. Bob Shackelford



*Right: J-Me Carney of the GWU-sponsored Team Shaklee and
winner of the Carolina State Bank Criterium cycling race.*

campus' largest, most majestic and certainly most visible instrument.

GWU faculty members Dr. Terry Fern and Dr. Carolyn Billings performed for the crowd, as did Frank DellaPenna, America's only master carillonneur. Just moments into the dedication, no one questioned why this is called the most modern and unique bell tower of its kind in the United States. Wishing to say a few words, Mrs. Hollifield turned and faced the large crowd she had previously had her back to. "Oh my," she said, "look at all the people, look at all these wonderful people."

Ironically, Mrs. Hollifield seemed to do most of the thanking this day. "I'm not an eloquent person, so I'll just say over and over – thank you." But as much as the University appreciated her gratitude, it was Gardner-Webb that made the final gesture of thanks – Happy Birthday was played on the carillon for the benefactor and a cake was given to her to mark this very special day.

2 p.m. –

With the weekend approaching and the afternoon slipping by, the faculty gathers for its monthly meeting. The day has been full of news and excitement already, but one last announcement was yet to come.

Word had circulated around the campus that longtime staffer John Brock would be retiring at the end of the academic year. Having served most recently as vice president for marketing, Brock's primary duty was to oversee the recruiting of students to all University programs. Therefore, a replacement would be necessary for what Dr. Chris White called "a critical position, one that is similar to that of Vice President Dr. Gil Blackburn's – recruiting faculty to GWU."

It was announced minutes into the meeting that Bob Shackleford, who had been dean of the college of extended professional studies (GOAL Program), would be the next addition to the senior staff. His title will be vice president for enrollment management, one that is different from Brock's but that more appropriately reflects what one administrator says is "the industry standard for this type of position."

The president went on to add that Shackleford is a rising star at GWU and,

with the great improvements in quality made during his year as dean of the GOAL Program, "he was too good not to have in a position where he could have a broader scope of influence."

And so as this week drew to a close, Gardner-Webb had no choice but to chalk up April 25 as a day for the ages.



ALUMNUS RETURNS AS VICE PRESIDENT

Former Student-Athlete To Lead Athletics

Gardner-Webb welcomed home one its own in April when the University announced Chuck Burch, a 1979 alumnus and athletic director at Division I Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, had been named vice president of athletics at Gardner-Webb. He officially began his new post in May.

Burch, 39, will oversee all athletic operations at the university. A former member of the G-W football and tennis teams, his primary responsibilities will include the management and supervision of athletic programs, facilities and budgets, seeking to improve GWU's competitiveness and consistency as a member of the NCAA Division II in the South Atlantic Conference.

Upon accepting the job, Burch said, "I was extremely honored to be approached for this position. My experience as a student and an athlete at Gardner-Webb shaped who I am personally and professionally. This is an incredible

THROUGH THE ROOF

Enrollment Boom To Continue

We've told you about the tremendous strides Gardner-Webb is making with enrollment – a nearly 20 percent increase over the past two years – but what we may not have told you is how that compared to other institutions.

There are 50 colleges and universities that maintain membership in the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS). Gardner-Webb, according to the Baptist Press, had the third highest numerical increase this past year with 237 new students enrolled, a nearly 10 percent rise in overall numbers. Only California Baptist College in Riverside, Calif., and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Tex., showed a higher percentage increase in students.

Consider that similar institutions like Campbell University, Wingate University and Chowan College all showed decreases in this year's enrollments and you'll see why those in the GWU family are so excited about the trend at this university.

Perhaps more impressive is that admissions officials are projecting more record numbers for this upcoming fall semester. Thus far, deposits paid for incoming students for the undergraduate, GOAL, MBA and School of Divinity programs are all well above the numbers a year ago. In fact, there is currently a 54 percent increase over last year in the number of students applying for the GOAL Program and a 45 percent increase in the number of students who are entering both the MBA and School of Divinity programs, respectively.

Here's the icing on the cake: For freshmen entering in the fall, the average SAT score is 1035 and the average GPA is 3.4. If the trend continues, administrators say the overall enrollment is on track to break the 3,000 barrier.

opportunity for me to return to my alma mater. I'm impressed with the support system that's in place at this university for the athletic program."

The naming of Burch to this position, according to GWU administrators, was influenced by several key factors. First, Burch brings with him seven years of experience as an athletic director at the Division I level at a recognized institution, thereby possessing a "formula for success" that can be implemented at Gardner-Webb. Second, as a Gardner-Webb graduate and Charlotte native, Burch has the desire to build a program that he is familiar with, and in a desirable region. And third, Burch's 15-plus years in athletics at Liberty has made him into what Dr. White says is, "a seasoned and savvy individual who is not only an expert in the daily operations of an athletic department, but who knows how to effectively market a program and enlist support for it as well."

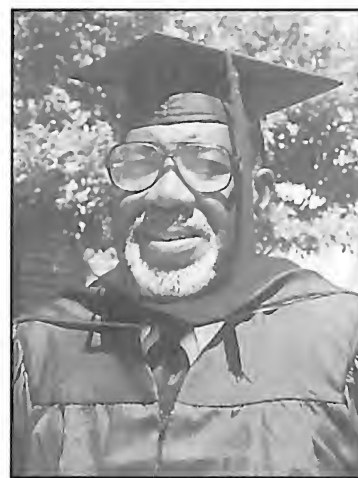
In addition to receiving his bachelor of arts degree from Gardner-Webb, Burch obtained a master of science degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1992. His wife, Franki, holds a Ph.D. in health education from the University of Virginia. They have three children, 9-year-old Travis, Danielle, 7, and Amy, 3.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE Graduation Full Of Unique Story Lines

Commencement exercises reflected a bit of the old and the new in May.

The University recognized two longtime figures associated with the institution – Lansford Jolley and George Blanton – with honorary doctorates while also ushering in the new by welcoming the latest edition of GWU graduates.

Among the new degree-holders is the Rev. Charles Turner, a man who is more than proud to call himself the first



The Reverend Charles Turner

African-American to graduate from the School of Divinity. Turner was overheard saying with a laugh, "Isn't this something?! Here we are honoring the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball and praising Tiger Woods for winning The Masters – and here's Charles Turner getting a Gardner-Webb master's degree. Isn't that something?!"

Turner, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in neighboring Gaston County, preached his first sermon in 1979 but has constantly strived to better himself through education. "If a pastor isn't always learning, always making himself more knowledgeable, how can he effectively lead his flock?" he said. "You can't get enough quality schooling. That's why for me education is a lifelong journey."

The list of schools he's attended can attest to that. In addition to GWU, he has sat in classrooms Western Carolina, Allen University (S.C.), Wofford, N.C. A&T, St. Andrews and Mid-Atlantic Bible College. All the while, Turner took what he was learning and imparted that wisdom upon his congregation.

A retired school teacher of 33 years as well, Turner has become accustomed to setting precedents – he was the first black coach at Shelby High School. "I truly enjoy helping others along, whether it's in the classroom, on the basketball court or in the sanctuary."

Turner was certainly not the only individual who was honored during commencement for what has been a lifetime of achievement. In receiving the honorary doctorate, George Blanton, Jr. has served as an executive with First National Bank of Shelby, North Carolina

UNBELIEVABLE DEDICATION File Yields Forgotten Story

With all the talk about Gardner-Webb's history – Lansford Jolley documenting the institution's 90 years in a new book currently being published, and the reviving of Hamrick Hall, GWU's oldest and most historic building – the staff of The Web came across an interesting little story.

In the profile of Lansford Jolley, he mentions a woman named Etta Curtis, who served as Dean of Women during the early years. Researching who she was and when she served, a file was found. Only three yellow newspaper articles appeared in the file but, oh, what information they contained.

It was learned that Curtis was once recognized by the famous Robert Ripley and his world-renowned "Believe It Or Not" cartoon-like tidbits. The picture of Curtis, drawn in true Ripley form, was stationed above the title "The Dedicated Teacher." Beneath was written, "Etta Curtis (1858 - 1940), a teacher for 62 years, paid a large sum toward rebuilding the Memorial



DEDICATED TEACHER

Building of Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, NC, when it was destroyed by fire a year after her retirement. Only after her death three years later was it discovered that the gift had left her a pauper."

Said a nephew (at the time of the Ripley publicity), it was not surprising she gave her life savings, "since she had always given her life to the school."

Believe It Or Not!

since 1936. From 1980-1996 he was chairman of the board during a time of dramatic growth and progress for the bank. During several terms as a GWU trustee he served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and a member of the Presidential Search Committee that selected Dr. Christopher White as tenth president. He and his family provided his childhood home, the Blanton House, as home for the University president. He and Mrs. Blanton have also funded scholarships that provide aid for needy and worthy residents of this area.

Lansford Jolley was recognized with the honorary doctorate as well for his outstanding contributions as a faculty member, historian and author of the University's new history book (see related profile, page 2).

Following a theme set at last year's graduation ceremonies, speakers were students representing various groups at the University, from Student Government Association, to the international club to athletics. Each briefly described triumphs and obstacles faced while pursuing degrees.

GIFT BOOSTS PROGRAM WITH GWU TIES

Prof Helping Kids Experience The Outdoors

GWU faculty member Dr. Gary Chandler is smiling more than ever these days, thanks to a \$25,000 grant by Branch Banking & Trust (BB&T) Company that will help local fifth graders gain a more complete educational experience through a program Chandler helps to coordinate.

The "Outdoor Education Program," which was created in 1994 by Shelby City Schools and refined by Gardner-Webb in 1995, currently allows the system's fifth graders the opportunity to spend two class days each year in the outdoors in an effort to enhance what the students learn in their science and recreation curriculums. A series of "stations" is visited by each student and teaches basics of environmental appreciation as well as an introduction to various outdoor extracurricular activities like rock climbing and repelling, orienteering, canoeing and backpacking, among others.

SKY SHOW

Comet Wows Visitors To Campus

The skies were aglow with celestial fireworks these past few months, and it sent many in the Gardner-Webb community toward the University's Williams Observatory to get a closer look.

Most notably, Comet Hale-Bopp positioned itself in the heavens and in the headlines, a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence for astronomers and casual observers alike. Tom English, GWU physics professor and director of the observatory, studied the comet continuously and recalls the reaction it caused among many of this area's residents. He set up several public observation sessions in which literally hundreds of people clamored to catch a glimpse of this oddity.

"Many of the people seemed to be enthralled with the idea of looking through the big telescope in the dome of the observatory," English said. "Even though other telescopes were set up outside the facility that gave a similar view of the comet, a lot of them were determined to stand in line for quite a long time just for their chance at looking through the dome."

"After they got their chance, they would say 'thanks' and leave."

English compiled much information

about Hale-Bopp and hopes to share his findings with other astronomers, like those who are members of the regional astronomers society that gathered on the GWU campus recently for its annual meeting.

And, just in time for the comet, the University this semester hosted Dr. Harry Shipman, a nationally known astronomer from the University of Delaware, on campus for a variety of discussions, ranging from Hale-Bopp to the possibility of life on other planets. Shipman also spent time in many classes during his visit.



Comet Hale-Bopp made its way over Gardner-Webb's Williams Observatory, drawing visitors from afar.

The program will now bear BB&T's name and provide new equipment, staff funding and training, and also scholarship money for high school students who choose to participate and lend assistance to the program.

While the program's intent and involvement in 1994 were encouraging, it wasn't until Chandler, associate professor of health and physical education, offered his and his students' assistance in 1995 that the program became more fine-tuned. GWU's added equipment and personal involvement provided a better all-around experience for the fifth-graders since that time, but the future of the program was in question due to the limited amount of resources available to meet continued expansion and informational needs. Thus, the grant provided by BB&T will allow for what Shelby City Schools Superintendent Dr. Steve Curtis calls, "an important strengthening of this valuable learning experience for our students."

The venue for the program has been nearby Crowders Mountain State Park. This year's program was held April 29 and 30 and interest in it has prompted Gardner-Webb to expand its efforts with

the outdoor program to the Cleveland County Schools by 1998.

SHE'S MAKING NO MISTAKES

Quincy's Prez Gives Business Tips To GWU Audience

Have you ever heard a co-worker say, "The boss just doesn't know what we go through"? Edna Morris, president of the national steakhouse chain Quincy's, told a packed audience on the GWU campus she made sure none of her employees could ever ask that question.

Morris, a human relations expert and a native of nearby Rutherfordton, was on campus late this semester to speak to business students as well as those from the community about her current attempt to clean up a business in financial trouble. Her first step, she said, was to work for an extended period of time as a waitress in one of the Quincy's restaurants, hoping to learn "in the trenches" what could be done to improve the chain's success. She says it taught her to realize a few distinct business lessons.



Edna Morris, President of Quincy's

"On a very basic level, before you begin analyzing numbers and statistics, you have to think of the ethical side of your business - 'How can I improve the quality of life in this area with this business?' Then, when you're ready to make changes and improvements, you have to be willing to accept the value of diversity - differing opinions that reflect your entire company's input."

GWU KICKS OFF BUILDING PROJECTS



Above: Hamrick family members cut the ribbon to begin the renovation of Hamrick Hall. Right: Dr. White, Tommy Hardin, Dr. Gene Washburn and Fields Young break ground on new apartments that will ease the student housing shortage.



She opened her presentation with a humorous example of how the company is attempting to shape its image into a positive one. By showing the audience each of Quincy's new television commercials, she revealed what many already knew: Edna herself was going before the camera proclaiming Quincy's as the "Home of the No-Mistake Steak." The commercials, which were shot in a not-too-serious tone and attempted to show the "human" side of the restaurant, were a hit. And so was the company's president on this night.

Morris says she jumped at the chance to lead Quincy's, and she jumped at the chance to speak at GWU. Growing up in the Gardner-Webb community, she recalls fond memories of the institution, including having current professor Wallace Carpenter as a Sunday School teacher, and hosting ministerial students in her parent's home that were participating in her church's services.

Arlen Honts, director of the Gardner-Webb Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program, scheduled Morris' visit to demonstrate an ideal example to his students about the value of human resources expertise in the business world.

CSO SUPPORT THANKED BY GRADUATES

Seniors Commissioned

Some 20 graduating seniors were commissioned at the annual dinner meeting of the Gardner-Webb University Christian Service Organization (CSO). Graduates and CSO members took oaths of commitment to Christian service.

The students all graduated from the GWU School of Divinity or Religious Studies program. Some of them will continue their studies here while others accepted jobs in the ministry or elsewhere. The students have received support, financial and otherwise, from the CSO while at Gardner-Webb.

Four students made up the list of featured speakers at the dinner. They were: Melissa Quattlebaum, Vickie Hatem Traynum, Michael Mustian and Steven Prevatte. Jennifer Carlton, a music major, gave her testimony and the special music.

A WALK INTO THE FUTURE Campaign Recognizes Donors

The time to look toward the bright future of Gardner-Webb is now. Just ask anyone who has strolled along the sidewalk in front of the Dover Campus Center lately.

If you're not sure just what that means, simply stand on the newly inaugurated Walk of Honor and look slightly upward. There you will see a majestic 15-foot clock adjacent to the Walk, standing proudly and bearing the University's name across its face. The clock and the Walk of Honor were both unveiled to campus recently, each made possible by national campaign chair Fields Young III and his wife, Maggie.

The Walk of Honor has supporters of the University especially excited, because bricks recognizing donors of \$500 or more to the "Dreaming, Daring, Doing" campaign are beginning to arrive and the project has now officially gone from the drawing board to reality. Names inscribed on the bricks in honor or memory of a person or persons of each contributor's choosing will now be visible for years to come to the thousands that will pursue an education here.

The clock, which the Youngs purchased for the University in his parents' names, was constructed by The Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, the same company that recently handled construction of the new Hollifield Carillon.

"I hope this is just the beginning. It's my dream that the bricks now being added to the Walk of Honor will not be the last," Young said. "And when we look at the clock, let us remember that the future is now for this institution and we must continue to love and nurture Gardner-Webb over the coming years the way we have through this campaign."

It was added that the 1997 senior class had begun raising resources

among themselves in support of the campaign, with the total amount raised helping to form an endowed scholarship. For the seniors, a gift of \$250 over three years would allow each contributor from that class to place a brick in the Walk as well. It was later learned that the graduates had contributed approximately \$10,500, the largest gift ever by a Gardner-Webb senior class.

Dr. Chris White summed up the story of the campaign by pointing out that while the effort so far has been successful, it cannot yet be called a "success." Goals have been met, he said, for two of the three major subsections of the campaign — endowment and technology. However, gifts to support the facilities portion of the campaign are still being sought.

"We're happy but not satisfied," White added. "It will be a great day when I can stand here and announce the campaign as a complete success."



The clock donated by Fields and Maggie Young overlooks the new Walk of Honor.

WEB SPORTS

SPORTS BANQUET HONORS YEAR'S BEST

Soccer Star Adds To His Awards Collection

The top student-athletes from each of GWU's 14 intercollegiate sports, plus cheerleading and athletic training, were put on parade recently at the University's annual sports banquet. Among the highlights was the presentation of the President's Senior Athletic Program Achievement award to the male and female athletes that show outstanding accomplishments in athletics, academics and community service. This year's winners were soccer standout **Jerome Lee Yaw** and softball record-holder **Kerryanne Rishko**.

Lee Yaw last year was the first GWU student-athlete in history to receive athletic and academic All-American honors in the same season – and he duplicated that feat again this year. As a testimony to his achievements in the

classroom as well as on the field, Lee Yaw also earned the Accounting Award at Academic Awards Day at the

conclusion of the school year.

Rishko finished her career as a conference champion as well as the school's all-time leader in victories with 56. She batted a career-high .442 this season and holds the SAC record for home runs in a conference tournament with five as a junior, earning her MVP honors in the process.

Lee Yaw and volleyball star **Kathy Smith** were named male and female athletes of the year, respectively.

Also, the 1997 Bulldog of the Year Award was presented to **Harold Causby** of Shelby for his extraordinary support and spirit given to the University's Athletics Program.

DOUBLE THE SUCCESS *Two-Sport Star Honored*

Emily Harrelson, of Johnsonville, S.C., is one GWU student who doesn't mind pulling a little "double duty." A junior, she is a shining star in not one, but two sports. She also has not one, but two majors.

After two all-conference seasons with the GWU softball team, Harrelson decided to take up another sport and joined Coach Dick Wince's cross country team. It paid off nicely as she earned first-team All-South Atlantic Conference honors in her first season.

In the classroom, Harrelson has achieved a cumulative 3.7 GPA majoring in Business Administration and Physical Education. That accomplishment secured her a spot on the 1996-97 NCAA

Division II All-Academic Cross Country Team, voted on by members of the NCAA Division II Cross Country Coaches Association. "Academics have always been a top priority for me," Harrelson said. "And to be recognized this way is just incredible."

Harrelson was a key player during her first two seasons with the GWU Softball program, finishing fourth in the conference in batting (.415) as a freshman and second in home runs (6) as a sophomore. Harrelson began the 1997 season with a nagging hand injury that affected her all-conference swing, but was beginning to recover in time for the season-ending tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs entered the 1997 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament as the sixth seed, after finishing second in 1996. In the opening round game with third seed Wingate University, Harrelson delivered the blow that lifted GWU to a 3-1 victory. She continued her solid play throughout the tournament, batting .333 with six RBI. She led GWU in twice defeating first seed Carson Newman (Tenn.) College to claim their first-ever South Atlantic Conference title.

Harrelson was one of four Lady Bulldogs named to the all tournament team and says, "After a tough year it was super to end the season as champions."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1996-97 SEASON

- The list of former football alumni now in the professional ranks is growing. Former standout wide receiver **Terrance Porter** has signed a deal with the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes. He becomes the third Runnin' Bulldog to play professionally. Gabe Wilkins (Green Bay Packers) and Terry Guess (New Orleans Saints), now in the NFL, complete the list.

Porter, a 6-4, 185-pound native of Spartanburg, S.C., finished his career at Gardner-Webb with a first-team all-conference campaign. He had career highs in catches, yards and touchdowns, despite missing three games with an injury. During his four-year career, Porter caught 67 passes for 1,135 yards and seven touchdowns.



Above: **Harold Causby** of Shelby is presented with the Bulldog of the Year Award.

Right: **Jerome Lee Yaw** and **Kerryanne Rishko** took home male and female athlete of the year awards at the recent sports banquet honoring the best in Gardner-Webb athletics.



• Meanwhile, the Alouettes held an open tryout camp on the GWU campus May 3rd, with coaches testing players in the 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle, bench press, vertical jump, broad jump and individual drills. The camp was hailed as a success with over 75 prospects in attendance. Players representing the ACC, SEC, Big East, SAC, CIAA and Southern Conference attended, along with some former professional players looking to revive their careers. Former Runnin' Bulldogs who participated included **Dwayne Simpson**, **Shed Harris** and **Kelwin Witherspoon**, among others.

• Former Gardner-Webb soccer standouts **Jerome Lee Yaw**, **Anthony "Speedy" Solomon** and **Brooks Derrick** have signed professional soccer contracts with the Spartanburg (S.C.) Shamrocks of the United States Intercontinental Soccer League. Lee Yaw, a two-time All

American selection, and Solomon are currently starting side-by-side at the forward spots for the Shamrocks. The league is the equivalent of baseball's AA minor leagues with teams scattered throughout the Southeast.

• One newspaper wrote, "A month after losing its head football coach to Gardner-Webb, North Greenville College raided the Bulldogs for Steve Patton's successor." **Scott Parker**, defensive coordinator for eight seasons with GWU, was named head coach for North Greenville recently.

Parker led GWU defensive units to nationally ranked status. His 1991 squad was the nation's top defense in NAIA, and the 1992 team was second. Parker starred at Gaffney High and Clemson University and was a member of Clemson's 1981 National Championship team.

HAIL TO THE CHAMPS Women's Softball Brings Home Crown

The phrase "things sometimes look darkest before the dawn" would hold true when describing this year's GWU women's softball team. After posting just a 3-9 record in conference play, chances for the Lady Bulldogs to have a successful postseason looked slim.

But, overcoming the absence of the team's most valuable player, the group banded together at just the right time and pulled out the University's first-ever softball championship. Perhaps most impressive was the Lady Bulldogs defeating top seeded (and five-time champion) Carson-Newman twice on their way to the title.

Four GWU team member earned All-Tournament honors for their performances – Tina Mitchum (Tourney MVP), Emily Harrelson, Heather

Price, Bekki Reuter.

Kerryanne Rishko, the career victories leader (56) at GWU, did not compete in the championship due to a death in the family, but Coach Ellen McGinnis'

squad came alive during the tournament to earn the distinction of being the lowest-seeded team (6th) to win the championship. The team finished with 57 total wins over the last two seasons.

SAC Tourney MVP Tina Mitchum

1997 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 30	Johnson C. Smith	Home	7:00
Sept. 6	North Carolina Central	Away	4:00
Sept. 13	Open Date		
Sept. 20	West Virginia State	Home	7:00
Sept. 27	Newberry	Home	7:00
Oct. 4	Wingate	Away	1:30
Oct. 11	Lenoir-Rhyne (Homecoming)	Home	1:30
Oct. 18	Catawba	Away	1:30
Oct. 25	Carson-Newman	Home	7:00
Nov. 1	Tusculum	Home	1:30
Nov. 8	Presbyterian	Away	1:30
Nov. 15	Mars Hill	Away	1:30

HEAD COACH: Steve Patton (Furman '77)

GOLF TEAM STIRS UP MEMORIES WITH WIN

GWU Runs Away With First Garland Allen Tourney

The Gardner-Webb golf team scared up some ghosts from two decades ago when it rolled to a dominating victory this spring in the first-ever Garland Allen Invitational Tournament, named for the former GWU coach who led the school to national championships in the 1970s.

GWU fired a two-day team score of 609, easily beating out Mars Hill, which shot a score of 626.

Junior Chad Shumate paced the Bulldogs with a total score of 148, shooting consecutive rounds of 74. He finished a close third in the race for medalist honors.

The Bulldogs pulled away from the field on the second day, firing a team score of 302. The event was held at nearby Woodbridge Golf Links.



FACULTY & STAFF

ANNUAL LUNCHEON RECOGNIZES GWU EMPLOYEES

Apples and Accolades Culminates School Year

Gardner-Webb celebrated its annual faculty/staff recognition luncheon – Apples and Accolades – with the naming of the institution's professor of the year and the honoring of employees who have served for a decade or more with the University, as well as those retiring from the institution.

Held at the culmination of each academic year for the past 11 years, Apples and Accolades showcases the presentation of the Fleming-White Excellence In Teaching Award, which recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding teaching ability and accomplishments. This year's winner was Barbara Stansbury, professor and director of the American Sign Languages (ASL) Program at GWU. The Fleming-White Excellence In Teaching Award was created by GWU President Dr. Chris White and his wife, Linda, in honor of their parents. A plaque and cash award are presented to the winner each year.

Retirees honored as part of the luncheon were Dr. Jim Taylor, professor of English, John Brock, who is completing service as vice president of marketing, and Julius Hoyle, who retired from the University recently to join D.A.K.A., the University's food services provider.

Service awards were given to 10-year employees Dr. Frank Bonner, Dr. Gary Chandler, Stephen Sain, Harrison Williams, Alma Cline and Allen Eaves. A 25-year service award was presented to Patricia Harrelson, assistant professor of music. Included this year for the time were Staff Member of the Year awards, presented to a male and female at GWU. Recipients were Business Office Manager Shirley Pyron and Zander Ingram of the Maintenance Department.



*Dr. Jim Taylor,
professor of English*



*John Brock, vice
president of marketing*



*Barbara Stansbury was recognized with the
Fleming-White Award*

HARD WORK REWARDED

Barbara Stansbury in 1995 proposed to the administration that Gardner-Webb had a unique opportunity to create what would be only the second ASL major offered in the Southeast. Because the nationally recognized Noel Programs for the Disabled was already in place at the University to assist those college students with hearing and sight impairments, a "resource base" existed for prospective ASL majors to interact with Deaf and heard of hearing students.

A four-year major, the ASL degree was created, according to Stansbury, to address the growing need for fluent communication among what is now the third most commonly spoken foreign language in this country, behind Spanish and Italian. Also, the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act has

increased the number of people who must be able to communicate in the workplace with hearing impaired employees and citizens. Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee offers the only other ASL major in the South.

She feels the long hours of hard (and sometimes lonely) work are paying off. Approximately 10-12 new ASL majors are coming into the program each year. "With the addition of another faculty member (Keith Cagle) and the rising interest among students, the program is growing," she said. "But the need for these majors is growing as well. About three job announcements a week come across my desk for positions around the country."

For Stansbury, who says she is still "shocked, pleased and honored" at receiving the Fleming-White award, a knack for easily picking up on different languages became apparent to her many years ago.

"I wasn't one of those who felt destined to work with the Deaf or to teach how to work with the Deaf," she recalls. "On the advice of a friend in college, I took an introductory course in American Sign Language and picked up on it easily. The professor thought I should consider majoring in it, and here I am teaching ASL."

Stansbury grew up hearing of her father's "huge classes" when he taught at the University of Tennessee. She says it made her appreciate the importance of a more personal, one-on-one teaching environment, something she very much enjoys at GWU. In fact, upon announcing Stansbury as winner of the Fleming-White award, Dr. White read a letter in support of her by one of her students that said Stansbury's commitment to teaching inside and outside the classroom had made all the difference for that student.

Stansbury said comments like the ones made in that letter are the real reward for her work.

"I have opportunities very often to work on the state and regional levels with interpreting and various other duties," she said. "But I don't seek out recognition or aspire to be in a high-profile position. I'll always be most comfortable in the classroom."

DIVINITY SCHOOL NAMES NEW DEAN

Wayne Stacy Emerges From National Search

GWU's School of Divinity concluded a nationwide search on May 30 for its new dean. Dr. R. Wayne Stacy, whom President Chris White calls "the perfect combination of charisma, character and exceptional theological background," assumed his new duties as Dean upon being named. Stacy has been professor of religion at GWU since 1995.

In addition to being dean, Stacy, who came to Gardner-Webb after serving as senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Raleigh, NC, will carry the title of professor of New Testament and preaching. Both titles are significant, said White, because it reflects that Stacy will be a "teaching dean." The

president explained that while Stacy's leadership and vision are key to the School of Divinity's success, it is crucial that divinity students be able to benefit in the classroom from Stacy's renowned New Testament knowledge and his outstanding gift as a speaker. Stacy will teach one or two classes each semester.

"Some of the best and brightest names in Baptist education were considered for this position, but we soon became convinced that Dr. Stacy would make the greatest impact on our future," White said. "In many respects, the dean of our School of Divinity is our institution's most visible representative because our divinity program exists on a national level. And, if we are appealing to a

nationwide audience, it is absolutely critical that we employ in this position someone who is a riveting speaker and a respected scholar like Wayne Stacy."

An intriguing characteristic of Stacy's, according to White, is his ability to bridge the academic and practical aspects of theological education. In addition to serving in

several well-known Baptist pastorates, Stacy has met with enormous success in the classroom. Beginning with his distinction as a Garrett Teaching Fellow at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Stacy has been invited to deliver distinguished lecture series in Ontario, Canada, and at Meredith

College and Campbell University. From 1986-1991, he was a tenured associate professor of New Testament at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Stacy, 46, completed undergraduate studies at Palm Beach Atlantic College and received his M.Div. and Ph.D. at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has been recognized with the Palm Beach Atlantic College Distinguished Alumnus Award. Currently, Stacy is also interim pastor at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

Also announced on May 30 was the appointment of Dr. Mary Alice Seals as assistant dean of the School of Divinity.



New dean Dr. Wayne Stacy



HE'S SEEN IT ALL

GWU HAILS RETIRING VP

As we all know, in this world there are people who talk about doing, and those that just plain do. The University officially is saying good-bye to a longtime member of its family that is best described simply as

someone who has virtually done it all.

John Brock has been one of those unique people who comes along and isn't afraid to tackle jobs others wouldn't dream of doing. When the University needed a presence on the Internet, Brock led the effort. Two years ago when one person had to take charge of ALL the admissions efforts at the University, Brock stepped in as a vice president and guided GWU to all-time enrollment highs – that includes filling a School of Divinity and MBA Program full of eager students.

He has led a potpourri of activities at the University: attracting the 1996 Olympic Cycling Trials to campus; producing the institution's recruiting videos; fighting the UNC System when it challenged the GWU GOAL Program at sites where Gardner-Webb was already offering night classes to working adults; taking the lead with the Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts and bringing CEOs of big business to campus; and co-organizing events like a NAFTA conference involving world officials.

There has really been no rhyme or reason to what projects Brock has coordinated, except that they all took someone who would get them done. For his first several years at GWU he was a visiting professor of theater. But Brock quickly earned a reputation with administration as a person who wouldn't accept anything less than success. On Brock's leadership as VP for Marketing with the job of overseeing the recruiting of students, President White said, "I dare say we would now be building new student housing if it weren't for John's leadership in attracting a record number of students to the Boiling Springs campus."

To that, Brock responds, "I have tried just to do what's been asked of me. GWU has a product: the ability to give a student a high-quality education in beautiful facilities in an excellent location. Many times my job has been to find ways to let people out there know that."

Although officially retired, Brock will remain in somewhat of a consultant's capacity with the University.

MUSIC PROF SHARES TALENTS WORLDWIDE

Plate Takes Show On Road

In an age where people are relying on computer technology to communicate globally, one GWU professor did it the old fashioned way. Realizing that music is one thing that has to be experienced personally, Dr. Stephen Plate travelled to the other side of the world to showcase his talents.

Plate, professor of music, recently visited Guam and Tokyo after he was invited to be a guest conductor with the Guam Symphony. "It's one of the loftiest things I've ever done," said Plate. Milton Crotts, a native of Cleveland County, is the symphony conductor and a music professor at the University of Guam. He met Plate and, several phone conversations later, it led to a podium exchange overseas.

During his stay in Guam, Plate did two radio interviews reaching people as far east as Antarctica. He taught a class at the University and conducted the symphony in two performances before standing-room-only crowds. Plate says the performance hall was smaller than he is used to but the crowd was much larger. "Guam loves classical music," Plate said, "and honors the prestigious things in American culture."



Dr. Stephen Plate is becoming known outside the classroom as well, having been invited to conduct symphonies in the Far East.

Plate says his March visit won't be his last. A booking agent from Tokyo attended one of his performances and invited him to come back this year as a guest conductor there. Another invitation may lead him to conduct the German Orchestra as well.

A native of Staten Island, New York, Plate has been at Gardner-Webb for seven years. In addition to teaching, he has been music director and principal conductor of the Charlotte Repertoire Orchestra for the past six years, leading its more than 60 musicians. He is also minister of music at Patterson Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

Plate, a licensed Baptist minister, began studying music at the age of seven and found opportunities to improve and share his talent through church and public school. In high school he decided to pursue a career in music and enrolled at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. He went on to receive master's and doctorate degrees from Cincinnati Conservatory in Ohio.

Along the way, having studied and performed in so many different venues, Plate says he gained an appreciation and respect for a Christian environment. "That's why I find myself at Gardner-Webb. People who espouse Christianity need to approach their work that way."

Even away from the classroom, teaching is still incorporated into his activities and philosophies. "Conducting is teaching," said Plate. "You're always teaching a concept. I'm a musician at heart and conducting is so encompassing that it became my focus."



This year's group that travelled to the Holy Land and Egypt included members of the Gardner-Webb Concert Choir. The singers performed at various stops on the 11-day trip, creating what one tour member said was "a very spiritual experience that brought a new dimension to seeing the Holy Land first-hand." The trip has become an annual adventure that is led by Dr. Chris White and allows for tour participants to learn and study the Biblical significance of the sites that are visited. Each year, tour members return to the United States with memories of being baptized in the Jordan River or sailing just off shore in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Pictured is the group in front of the Dome of the Rock.

STUDENTS

MAKING TIME TO REACH HER GOAL

Student Says Sacrifice Is Worth It

With two kids (one on the way), a full-time job and church activities, Carmen Butler has little time for anything else. Nonetheless, she is intent on earning a degree through the GOAL (Greater Opportunities For Adult Learners) Program at GWU.

Married 16 years, Carmen and her husband live in nearby Ellenboro where they are also very active in their church. As director of music and children's programs at Dobbins Baptist Church, Carmen's classes are worked around her church schedule. "I know students in my situation who take more hours than I do," she says, humbly downplaying the sacrifice she makes in pursuit of her degree. "They want a better life for their families and themselves. It's that drive that helps you do it."

Juggling all the demands is difficult but Carmen knows her family will soon reap the rewards. In the meantime, she enjoys study sessions with her children. "My kids think it's neat that I do my homework with them, and they love it when I have work and they don't. They also get a kick out of seeing me stressed out over exams."

Gardner-Webb means more than an education for Carmen. Assistant manager of the campus bookstore, Carmen sought out the position five years ago, seeing it as an opportunity to complete her education. "Gardner-Webb gave me a chance," she says. "They didn't require me to have a degree and they work with me so I can get one. I think they liked hearing that was one of my goals."

Her decision to return to the

classroom came after an eye-opening experience. She had worked 10 years for a company that allowed her to do a college-level job without a degree. "I was fortunate," she says. "I did accounting, sales analysis and a lot of on-the-job training. But when my job security went out the window and the company closed, I realized no one else would give me that same opportunity without a degree."

Carmen takes her work in the classroom and the office seriously. "I take these classes because I want to learn something, not just for the credits." In fact, she found a way to make the classes work for her in the bookstore as well. "I took an American Sign Language course because so many Deaf students come in. I wanted to be able to communicate with them."

She adds, "I like working with students, especially now that I am one. And I really relate to the GOAL students. Most of them attend classes off campus and they love to see me coming with the traveling book store. Some of them drive for an hour or more just to buy a t-shirt. They also make good students because they realize, first hand, the value of a college degree."



GOAL student and GWU employee Carmen Butler

WHO WILL TEACH THEM?

Prof Lends To GOAL's Success

Dr. Tony Eastman, professor of history and a 20-year teacher at GWU GOAL sites, says he bases his teaching philosophy on the old television show "Have Gun, Will Travel." He modifies it by saying, "You could describe why I teach in the GOAL Program by saying, 'Have History, Will Travel.'"

You'll hear him talk about sacrifice and time-consuming work. But he's not talking about himself; the students are who deserve the credit, according to Eastman. Teaching in the day program on the GWU campus and then getting in his car to lead a GOAL class every semester for the past two decades has never been a sacrifice, he says. "I do it out of sheer desire, as an extension of GWU's mission to provide a service to the community."

He adds, "It's a whole different ballgame with those folks in the GOAL Program. They've been beaten around a bit, maybe by a boss, or maybe by a life of experiences. They want to better themselves – that's what admirable."

Eastman has taught at 14 of the 15 GOAL sites around the state but says his tough standards are the same during the night program as they are for the day students he teaches. He has told struggling GOAL students who are balancing family and work with school, "When they put an asterisk on GOAL diplomas saying they're not as valid as the day-program diplomas, I'll ease up."

Dr. Bob Shackelford, outgoing dean of the GOAL Program, remembers being courted as a prospective faculty member by Eastman. "I called his house at 11:30 p.m. and his son said he was out – out teaching. I thought 'What kind of school is this that the professors work until midnight?!' Of course, I soon learned about GOAL and the commitment it takes from professors and the students."

One class in particular made an unusual connection with Eastman, one that resulted in his starting class early and finishing late. At the end of the semester, the students presented him with a t-shirt with the words "Super Professor" across the Superman logo. He proudly says he still has the shirt and is tempted to wear it to GWU's faculty retreat sometime.

HE KNOWS THE REAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Former Camp David Guard Aspires To Preach

Behind every student at Gardner-Webb there's a story. Behind Phillip Kramer is the memory of working for two United States presidents.

Kramer, a junior from Lake Wales, Fla., came to Gardner-Webb in 1996 after completing four years of service in the United States Marine Corps, where he was elevated to the position of Corporal of the Guard at Camp David. He worked there for two years during the Bush and Clinton administrations. According to Kramer, "It was a unique opportunity to see the first family as real people, away from the spotlight." During this time, he was able to meet visiting celebrities including Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Bruce Willis, and George Strait.

"I can't talk a lot about what I saw or heard, but I can say it was a special experience," explained Kramer. He proudly displays photos he has of himself with the most powerful men in the world. Word has it that he even joined George Bush for one of the president's favorite recreational games one day, but Kramer just smiles as if to be too humble to recount the story.

What Kramer really likes to talk about is a future he has carved for himself as an outstanding student and prospective minister. A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.93, his election as the new Baptist Student Union President, and a reputation as a sought-after Ministerial Education Day preacher are but a few credentials that are a testimony to the accomplishments of Phillip Kramer. Working hard to achieve has become his way of life.

Although visiting the Oval Office was a highlight of his Marine Corps experiences, Kramer looks back on the people he saw come to know Christ during this time as the greatest moments of his military career. And he quickly gives credit for all he has been a part of to the Lord. You'll frequently hear him quote John 3:27: "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven."

Kramer came to Gardner-Webb at the referral of several alumni. He felt that the Lord was calling him to obtain a degree in Religious Studies and was drawn to the University's ministry opportunities. He has taken advantage of

these opportunities through the Baptist Student Union and preaching across the state on Ministerial Education Days.

He admits that it takes determination and effort to be so involved in campus life and ministry outreach while maintaining such an outstanding academic record. "I found out in the Marine Corps that if you want something bad enough, you can have it. Whether it is a military honor or an 'A' in Old Testament, you just have to want it so bad you can taste it. I want to dominate in my studies."

This, Kramer proudly notes, was the same philosophy adhered to by military icon General George Patton, who overcame dyslexia to become an honor student. As a Marine or as a future minister, Kramer has become known to all who have come in contact with him as someone whose life exemplifies one of Kramer's favorite verses from the book of Colossians 3:7: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him."



"It was a unique opportunity to see the first family as real people, away from the spotlight."

— Phillip Kramer

(Here, he holds the photo he had made with President Bill Clinton)

A STUDY OF RUSSIA – UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

by Christine Kennedy

Gardner-Webb offers many great methods for learning about the world in which we live.

Internships, classes and research provide a well-rounded basis for understanding various cultures and religions. However, nothing can compare to experiencing these cultures first-hand and living among them for a brief time.

In March, GWU professor Dr. Alexandre Strokanov led a tour of students and friends from the University on an eight-day tour of Russia. Seeing life in post Soviet Russia was indeed a revelation to everyone on the trip, and something none of us will soon forget.

After what seemed to be an endless flight to Moscow, we boarded a train (at night) to travel to historic St. Petersburg, once known as Leningrad during the Cold War years. There, the group took time to tour the summer palace of Catherine the Great, the famous leader of the empire. The group was also treated to a tour of The Hermitage, an extensive museum of historical artifacts located in her winter palace.

After boarding a train back to Moscow, we toured the world-famous Kremlin, the center of the former Soviet empire. During our time there, we took an

excursion to Serge Passad and several of the great orthodox cathedrals in the area. I should point out that the students gained much more knowledge from Dr. Strokanov than from any of the museums or exhibits. He was able to lend his personal knowledge and expertise in Russian culture to help us more fully understand about the people of this great nation. His leadership in the markets, restaurants and other social outlets was invaluable – how else would we have

known what we were eating and drinking if not for his assistance?

Although it is difficult to gain a vast amount of knowledge in just eight days, we certainly learned more about Russian culture and people in that time than we would have learned in a classroom in eight months.

Truly, at Gardner-Webb, the world is our classroom.

(Christine Kennedy graduated in May as a social sciences major. She is from Marbury, Maryland.)

Group members at the Kremlin in Russia



Ryan Daniel Perdue of Greensboro was the first-ever recipient of a literary award established this year by Jean Smith of Brevard, N.C. The award recognizes the best writing submitted by a visually impaired student. A lover of literature, Smith is also blind.

NEW STUDENT LEADERS

New officers elected to the Student Government Association for the 1997-98 academic year include (left to right): Brian Burgess, president; Matt Elliott, Student Entertainment Association chair; Larry Durham, treasurer; Jeremy Berger, secretary and Allison Bowman, vice president.



ALUMNI NEWS & CLASS NOTES

The '30s

Seth Lopez Washburn '39 has retired as a teacher with Louisburg College. His wife, Ruby Flowers Washburn, has also retired as a teacher with Franklin County Schools. His e-mail address is: SETH LOPEZ@AOL.COM.

The '50s

Dillard Hiatt '57 A.A. has retired from teaching with N.C. Public Schools. Following graduation he taught English at Trinity High School.

Rovilla Myers Sellers '53 has retired from Guilford County Schools as a teacher. She will continue to substitute teach.

Daphne Ledford Cantrell '50 is now a retired district court judge in Charlotte working as an emergency district court judge.

The '60s

Cathy Wilkerson '69 has been named publisher of The Salisbury Post. She has worked in television and print news since graduation.

Terry Pinnix '68 is now a regional sales manager for Aramark Correctional Services. He and his wife, Julie, live in Annapolis, Maryland and have three children, Erin, Cari, and Molly.

Gary B. Henry '66 was named N.C. Principal of the Year last year. He has been a high school principal in Gaston County for 23 years and lives in Gastonia with his wife, Linda Hodge Henry '67.

Phillip Hollifield '66 has retired from Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department after 30 years. He was chief helicopter pilot for 25 years and is now director of security at Linville Ridge Country Club.

Steve Poston '66 has been named vice president for administration at Wingate University. He is a long-time employee of the University.

Dr. Charles Yarbrough '65 A.A. recently spoke to The Baptist Women of Columbus Baptist Association and Columbus County Literacy Council. He has also graduated from Southeastern Seminary and Drew University. He is with the Bladen County Department of Social Services and has pastored churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

Joyce A. Martin McLin '64 A.A. has been re-elected to the school board of Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson School Corporation in Trafalgar, Indiana, and was elected to a second term as president of that board. Her son has graduated from college with honors and is doing graduate study work. Her daughter has entered college studying musical theatre.

Max Pendleton '61 is vice president of the NC Pastor's Conference and has entered full-time evangelism. He is still co-pastor at Catawba Heights Church in Belmont.

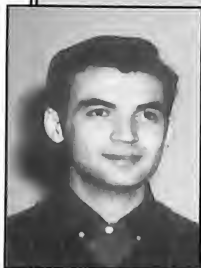
The '70s

David Cribb '79 and Alexia Bentley Cribb '79 announce the birth of a son, Andrew, on December 25, 1996. They have a son, Adam, who is seven and a daughter, Katie, who is two. They live in USAF Academy, Colorado.

Gordon Pendarvis '79 and Kay Johnson were married June 15, 1996, in Forest City. He is a senior sales representative with Combined Insurance Sales Corporation of America. She is a teacher at Chase High School. They live in Forest City.

ALUM REMEMBERS HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Greek Immigrant Seeks To Repay GWU



George Passes
in 1957

George Passes '58 came to America 46 years years ago from Greece, a penniless immigrant who spoke no English. Now as he looks back

on a successful career, he has found a way to give to others who will use Gardner-Webb as he did – as a springboard to a bright and better future.

With a \$10,000 gift, Passes recently established a scholarship that will help full-time students who are working to put themselves through school. The scholarship honors two families, those of Philip Elliott and Betty Oakes. Elliott was president of then Gardner-Webb Junior College. Oakes, the mother-in-law of Elliott's

daughter, befriended Passes and helped steer him to Gardner-Webb.

"I'm giving back to American citizens a portion of what American citizens gave to me," he said.

Passes grew up in a small mountain village where his parents farmed two or three acres. World War II soon threatened their way of life, however, and civil war in the late 1940s forced his father to leave home because of his political views. Passes had an opportunity to escape the unrest in Greece under the sponsorship of an uncle who ran a restaurant near the coast of North Carolina, in Weldon.

Soon after, Bettie Taylor Oakes came to know Passes and helped shape his educational future. Although the young man had no money it was agreed that Gardner-Webb, with its Baptist heritage, was the place for him. The Oakes

family, together with churches and individuals, chipped in and paid Passes' tuition. He earned room and board by doing chores for the Elliott family around the household.

Those families and individuals, he said, made it possible for him to follow a dream and strive for a better way of life. The scholarship, he hopes, will guide others in the same direction. "I've been blessed with a good career. And my life has exceeded my wildest expectations."

After Gardner-Webb, he went on to obtain his bachelor's degree from Guilford College and a master's degree from N.C. State University. For 34 years he taught in Greensboro city schools and then was a guidance counselor in New Jersey. Two years ago he retired and now plans to counsel young people who are in trouble with the law.

Tom Query '79 B.A. has left his full-time position to expand his private practice as a pastoral psychotherapist in Atlanta and the North Georgia mountains. He and his wife, Millie, live in Roswell and have a daughter, Heather, who is 10. Tom also has a part-time ministry as a magician. His e-mail address is: TomQuery@worldnet.att.net.

Cynthia "Cindy" Diane Rimmer Curry '78 and Jeffrey Ian Curry were married October 10, 1996. She is an administrative assistant with Consolidated Consultants Inc. He is a technician with Beck Imports. They live in Charlotte.

Bill Keziah Baucom Jr. '77 and Alicia Marleen Griffin were married Jan. 11, 1997, in Durham. He is vice president of the Durham Chamber of Commerce. She is employed by Dr. N. William Young Jr. They live in Durham.

Sheila Boling Guffey '77 and Russell Zane Guffey Sr. '79 announce the birth of a son, Matthew Scott, on August 8, 1996. They have a son, Zane, four. Russell and Sheila work as registered nurses in Spartanburg, SC.

Debra L. Bartlett '76 has received a B.S. in health care management from UNC-Asheville. She is a registered nurse and unit director at Black Mountain Center, a facility for Alzheimer's patients.

Rick Hill '76 has been promoted to vice president of contract sales and product development at Councill Companies. Wife, Debbie, is an educator at Tyro Middle School. They live in Lexington.

Tommy Baldwin '74 was recently featured in a newspaper article. He has owned and operated an auto parts store in Boiling Springs for 20 years.

Sandra E. Thorne '74 is a physical education teacher with Rutherford County Schools. She lives in Spindale. Her daughter, Krista Bolick is preparing to attend college and pursue a career in physical therapy.

Linda Raney Rostan '72 is a retired teacher living in Valdese with her husband, James. Their daughter, Kimberly, graduated summa cum laude from Duke University and is studying in Zimbabwe, Africa, pursuing a

Ph.D. in English. Linda's son, David, is preparing to graduate from UNC Law School.

Collette Devinney '71 was named 1997 Principal of the Year for Cleveland County Schools. She is principal at Boiling Springs Elementary School.

therapeutic massage and has her own part-time business. She lives in Winston Salem with her husband, Ron, who is an engineer with BellSouth.

Laurie Elizabeth Bush '89 and husband, John Paul, announce the birth of their second child, Sadie Elise, on September 14, 1996. They have another

ALUMNI BOARD MAKES KEY DECISIONS Increased Effectiveness Sought

In an effort to increase the effectiveness and revitalization of the alumni board, the directors made several landmark decisions during their May meeting. The decisions were based upon recommendations made by the Strategic Planning Committee, which is chaired by Doris Walters '59.

The following will be brought before the members of the alumni association in October for their consideration:

- 1) Reduce the number of meetings per year from four to two (although special meetings could be called);
- 2) Lengthen the term of service for directors from three years to four years;
- 3) Establish a written summative purpose for the board of directors.

According to Mickey Sharpe, GWU director of alumni relations, these decisions should make a lasting and positive impact on the future work of the board. "The directors have shown great wisdom and forethought in approving these recommendations and, most important, by displaying a genuine commitment to the future of the alumni program."

Sharpe added that these decisions should allow the board to work smarter and increase its effectiveness while consuming less time.

FALL CALENDAR

Workshops And Career Fairs

Alumni, please note the following workshops and career fairs in the upcoming year where you might be able to lend your expertise:

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| Sept. 25 | Workshop: Using the Internet in Your Job Search |
| Oct. 23 | Graduate School Workshop |
| Oct. 28 | Workshop: Getting an Internship |
| Nov. 11 | Career Fair: Alumni |
| Nov. 20 | Networking Basics |
| Dec. 4 | Workshop: Interviewing Basics |
| Jan. 27 | Career Fair: Nursing |
| Feb. 13 | Career Fair: Teacher Education |
| Feb. 26 | Workshop: Getting an Internship |
| Mar. 26 | Workshop: Using the Internet in Your Job Search |
| Apr. 16 | Workshop: Networking Basics |
| Apr. 23 | The Career Fair: Information & Opportunity |

For information on how to participate call:

Hope Toney
GWU Career Services
704-434-4562

Steve Gregory '71 was recently elected president of the N.C. Law Enforcement Planner's Association. He is crime analyst/planner/chaplain for Gaston County Police and serves on the board of directors for Family Service Inc. Wife, Sandra Johnson Gregory '75, is resource teacher with Gaston County Schools. Steve is also bi-vocational pastor at Creekside Baptist Mission. His e-mail address is: gcpdplan@vnet.net.

The '80s

Sandra Carlton Aycoth '89 has completed training for

daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, who is three.

Kimberly Harris Cone '89 and husband, Michael, announce the birth of a son, Alexander Van, December 20, 1996. Kim is a market program administrator with Tivoli Systems. Michael is a finisher at Southeastern Screen Print.

Jan Hammond Faulk '89 and husband, David Joseph, announce the birth of a son, Andrew Joseph, on November 24, 1996. She is a medical technologist at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

Katrina Furr '89 was recently featured in a newspaper article in Lenoir. She was named

executive director of the Shelter Home of Caldwell County. She served as interim director for four months prior to the appointment.

Jane S. Joines '89 was named teacher of the year for 1996 by Wilkes County Schools. She is a teacher at Moravian Falls Elementary School.

Kevin Richard Moses '89 and **Celina Faulkner Moses** announce the birth of a son, **Greyson Wesley Conway Moses**. He has two sisters and a brother. Kevin is employed with Nationwide Insurance. They live in Morganton.

Malcolm Allen '88 and **Eva McKinney Allen '88** announce the birth of a daughter, **Sophie Marie Allen**, on December 13, 1996. He is owner of Orchis Island Rentals. She is an instructor at Indian River Community College. They live in Sebastian, Florida.

George M. Snyder '88 has been named director of the Surry Community College Small Business Center. He was assistant principal of Northwest Guilford High School prior to this appointment.

Brett K. Bridges '87 B.S. and **Kelly Sale Bridges '85** live in Shelby. He is human resources manager with Beacon Manufacturing Co. She is senior programmer/analyst with American Greetings.

Lynn Wertz Burnett '87 and **Donnie Burnett** announce the birth of their second daughter, **Tara Lee Nicole**, born February 18, 1997. She has a sister, **Samantha Danielle**, who is two years old. She is a full-time mother and wife. He is employed by Kimberly-Clark Corp.

William H. Champion '87 and wife, **Shannon**, announce the birth of a son, **William Henry II**, on January 6, 1997. William is senior construction manager with Mechanical Contractors. They live in Cornelius, NC.

Henry Walter Gray '87 recently spent two weeks on a mission trip in Swaziland, Africa. He was part of a group of volunteer missionaries from South Roanoke Association in North Carolina.

Shaun Ingram '87 B.S. has been named probation/parole officer in Richmond County. He successfully completed the basic training program through the N.C. Justice Academy.

Reponda Ruth Powell '87 B.S. and **Kenneth Wayne Smith** were married March 15, 1997, in Mooresville aboard the Catawba Queen. She is a customer service representative with Public Service of North Carolina. He is a financial analyst with NationsBank in Charlotte. They live in Harmony.

Nathan C. Wriston '87 and wife, **Julie**, announce the birth of a son, **Jonathan Charles**, born January 23, 1996 in Hanau,

aiding in the rescue of President **Kiro Gligorov** after a failed assassination attempt in October 1995.

Bridget Turnaire Franklin '86 has received the Thankful Recognition for Employee Excellence (TREE) Award from First National Bank in Shelby. She has been employed by First National since 1989.

Robert W. Fuldner Jr. '86 was chosen 1997 Wachovia Principal of the Year for Burke County.

A NIGHT FOR A SCHOLAR *Alum-Turned-Poet Shares Talents*

Ron Rash '76 made a return visit to GWU recently for a homecoming. No, not for the homecoming, but for a chance to share his poetic talents with many on campus as part of the Year of the Scholar activities that emphasize scholarly and academic pursuits among those in the University family.

A native of Boiling Springs, Rash's poems and short stories often center around small town life and experiences. Rash presented the short story "My Father's Cadillacs" from his first book "When The New Jesus Fell To Earth." And, according to the student newspaper, Rash "kept the audience rolling and tearing up at the same time."

He recalled borrowing a car from his father in which to take his date to the prom, a car that had

been purchased from a funeral home. As Rash and his companion made their way down the road, they noticed other cars slowing down and stopping as the two prom-goers approached. The young female burst into laughter when she realized traffic was mistaking their long black car for a funeral procession.

"I have wanted to write for as long as I can remember," he told the audience. "And growing up in the town of Boiling Springs provided me with many stories."

Rash has been published in over 50 literary journals and has received the Sherwood Anderson prize for literature as well as the NEA award for poetry. He lives in Pendleton, SC, with his wife and two children while serving as a professor at Tri-County Technical College.

He is principal at Forest Hill Elementary School.

Jamie Johnson '86 was recently featured in two newspaper articles for his work with Crossfire Ministries. He helped establish the sports ministry in 1993 and received a Citizen of

the Year award from the Asheville Citizen Times in February.

Rose M. Mathis '86 has joined First Citizens Bank as a business banking sales manager in North Wilkesboro.

Jo Ellen Shore Norris '86 is now senior vice president for patient care at Watauga Medical Center in Boone, NC.

Jan Page Taylor '86 and **Steve Taylor** announce the birth of a daughter, **Bailey Page**, on January 29, 1997. The Taylors live in Tobaccoville, NC.

Kitty Boger Winchester '86 graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in social studies education from UNC-Pembroke. She is an instructor at Richmond Community College and lives in Rockingham.

Ronald H. Lindler '85 has been re-elected as chairman of the Catawba Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. This is second term as chairman. He is senior vice president of BB&T in Hickory.

Carlann Osborn '85 BS and '88 MA was one of the first 25 people in the state designated as NC Environmental Educators. She was recognized early this year at the 1997 Environmental Education Conference in Research Triangle Park.

Maxine O. Parsons '85 was appointed finance director for the City of Gaffney, SC. Her husband, **Robert**, is assistant librarian at GWU. They live in Shelby.

Tim Potter '85 B.S. now lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Glennie Rose Lail Setzer '85 and her husband, **Frank**, announce the birth of a granddaughter, **Leanna Rose Setzer**, on December 8, 1996. Glennie Rose is a kindergarten teacher in Alexander County and lives in Taylorsville.

Sharon Simmons Stowe '85 and **Gregory F. Stowe** announce the birth of a daughter, **Rebecca Blaine**, on August 15, 1996. Sharon is office manager and Gregory is vice president and general manager at Hardcoatings Inc. They live in Stanley.

Charles Edwin "Eddie" Thomas Jr. '85 and **Maria Vollmer Thomas '84** announce the birth of a daughter, **Jordan Anne**, born February 24, 1997. She has two

Germany. **Nathan** is a blackhawk pilot with the U.S. Army and served in Bosnia-Herzegovina in Operation Joint Endeavor. He also served in Operation Able Sentry IV in Macedonia and received a certificate of appreciation from the Macedonian government for

older twin brothers who are eight. Eddie is a state trooper. Maria is a registered nurse. They live in Nashville, NC.

Amy Wilson Covington '84 and **Edward Covington** announce the birth of their second daughter, Sarah Louise, born April 23, 1996. A daughter, Hannah Gray, is four. They live in Gastonia.

Jerome Creach '84 has just published a book, Yahweh as Refuge and the Editing of the Hebrew Psalter. He is a professor at Barton College. His wife, Page L.D. Creach, is pastor of William and Mary Hart Presbyterian Church. They live in Rocky Mount. Jerome's e-mail address is: jcreach@Barton.edu.

Donna Day Ko '84 and husband, Raymond, announce the birth of their third child, Samuel James, on June 21, 1996. They have a son, Andrew, who is five and a daughter, Leah, who is 3. The family lives in Matthews.

Sheila Painter Price '84 B.S. and **Robert Price** announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Robert, born March 28, 1997. She is financial manager with RENK Corporation in Duncan, SC. He is service technician with Hasbro Inc. They live in Landrum, SC.

Lisa Ann Scronce '84 has received her masters in education from Lenoir-Rhyne College. She is a kindergarten teacher with Burke County Schools.

Bruce B. Wilson '84 B.A. and **Sharon Joy Padgett** were married March 29, 1997, in Shelby, NC. He is technical director of the Dover Theatre at GWU. She is administrator of the DCI dialysis clinics in Shelby and Greenville, SC. They live in Shelby.

Raymond Johns Jr. '83 has been named co-pastor of Catawba Heights Church in Belmont.

J.C. Pope '83 was recently featured in a newspaper article for his work as a North Carolina wildlife enforcement officer. he has worked as an officer in Stanly County for the past 12 years.

Dennis Aldridge '82 B.S. and his wife, Maria, have been assigned by the Mission Service Corps of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve at DaySpring Baptist Women's Shelter in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Janice Bruce Schilling '82 and husband, Eric, announce the

birth of a son, Seth Andrew, on September 20, 1996. They have a son, Aaron August, who is two.

Connie Hicks Wiel '82 is now a faculty member in the Education Department at Middle Tennessee State University. Her husband, Randy, is the head baseball coach at MTSU. They have a son, Alexander, who is four. They live in Middleton.

Joseph Keever '81 and **Brenda Bradshaw Keever '82** announce the birth of their third child, Luke Alexander, on March 28, 1995. Their son, Adam Michael, is seven and daughter, Megan Brittany, is 10. Joseph recently joined Deutsche Financial Capital. They live in Charlotte.

Alabama. Husband, Tim, is a branch chief at NASA.

The Rev. David Jones '80 is now co-pastor of People's Baptist Mission in Forest City. He lives in Ellenboro.

Cheryl Lutz '80 B.S. and **'81 M.S.** was named Teacher of the Year at Kings Mountain Middle School. She teaches health, physical education and computer skills. She has been teaching for 15 years.

The '90s

Deborah Leigh VanHoy '97 and **Jeffrey Wayne Pyles** were married December 20, 1996. He is

accounting and operations for High Street Banking in Hickory. He has more than 20 years of experience in banking, including positions as chief financial officer with two other banks.

Tony Jones '96 has been named Chief of Police for Taylorsville. He has been with the police department in Taylorsville since 1989.

Teresa Lynn Messer '96 and **Marc Alan Jardon** were married November 9, 1996. Both are employed with the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Jennifer Gail Minton '96 and **Philip Douglas Shows** were married December 7, 1996. She is a registered nurse at Hickory Orthopedic Center. He is a research and development chemist at NEPTCO Inc.

Cheryl E. Moose '96 has joined the staff of The News Herald in Morganton. She is police and courts reporter and lives in Morganton.

Naomi Marie Murray '96 and **John Nolen Millwood** were married on April 25, 1997. She is a registered nurse at Rutherford Hospital. He is employed by Turner Trucking. They live in Bostic.

Karen Lynn Toney '96 and **John Bruce Neal Jr.** were married December 7, 1996, in Bostic. She is employed by the Rutherford County Department of Social Services. He is employed by Lambert Freight Inc. They live in Mooresboro.

Shannon Hope Walker '96 and **Steven E. Lowe** were married November 16, 1996. She is employed by Lowe's Companies Inc. in the real estate department. He is employed by Wilkes County and United Parcel Service. They live in Wilkesboro.

Crystal Lee Harris '94 and **Jeffrey Scott Bridges** were married December 23, 1996, in Hawaii. She is a school counselor with Rutherford County Schools. He is self-employed. They live in Forest City.

Leslie Rae Huffman '95 and **James Michael Fogle** were married in January 1997 in Hickory. She is administrator and bookkeeper at Dynisco Gear Pumps/Screen Changers. He is plant superintendent at Hickory Chair Co. They live in Hickory.

ALUM ASSUMES FOREIGN MISSION

Kevin D. Rutledge '80 B.A. and his wife, Jan, have accepted a new and challenging mission. As Southern Baptists, serving as missionaries through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, they are committed to Christian service and ministry.

That commitment has led them across the world.

Kevin has been named pastor of a new Czech-speaking Baptist church in Prague, The Czech Republic. You can write to them at:

Vlastina 13
161 00 Prague 6
The Czech Republic



The Rev. Thomas F. Zeigler '81 has been named to the Campbell University Board of Ministers. he is vice moderator for the Anson Baptist Association and pastor of Lilesville Baptist Church.

Scott Brisendine '80 and **Karen Calton Brisendine '79** announce the birth of a son, David Calton Brisendine, on October 18, 1996. They have a two-year-old daughter, Leah Allison, and live in Calhoun, Georgia.

Miriam "Mimi" Harding Ezell '80 completed her third marathon and set a personal record on Dec. 14, 1996, in the Rocket City Marathon with a time of 4:14:12. She runs her own CPA firm in Madison,

employed by Food Lion Inc. They live in Yadkinville.

Sherri DeAnna Coggins '96 and **Jonathan Edward Cooper** were married December 28, 1996, in Gaffney, SC. She is employed at Graham Elementary School in Shelby. He is employed by Viking Freight in Spartanburg, SC.

Leslie Michelle Godfrey '96 and **Bradley Vance Mace** were married November 30, 1996. She is employed by Family Resources of Rutherford County. He is employed by Allied Diecasting of Rutherfordton. They live in Mooresboro.

James L. Hunt '96 M.B.A. has been named manager of

Beth Ledbetter '95 and Greg Lloyd were married December 28, 1996, in Shelby. She is employed at Gardner-Webb University with the Noel Program. He is employed at North Shelby School.

Daniel Franklin McMillan Jr. '95 and Crystal Michelle Sawyers were married November 4, 1996, in Jamaica. He is a supervisor with United Parcel Service. She is a nurse at Wilkes Regional Medical Center. They live in North Wilkesboro.

Tim Tipton '95, co-owner and operator of Advance Realty has opened a new office in Burnsville. He was recently installed to the Yancey-Mitchell Board of Realtors.

Terry Kent Wright '95 and Jennifer Marie Vassey were married Dec. 21, 1996, in Gaffney, SC. He is a professional baseball player in the minor leagues. She is a hair designer. They live in Gaffney.

Christopher J. Bortnick '94 and wife, Patricia Cole, announce the birth of a son, Garrett Anthony, on Jan. 1, 1997. Chris has also been named lab director with the town of Valdese. Patricia is school nurse with the Caldwell County Health Department.

Jean Bowman Finley '94 and husband, Randy, announce the birth of their second son, Richard Samuel, on August 6, 1996. Their son Randy is four.

Brian Paul Harris '94 has received his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church in Blacksburg, SC.

Thomas Chad Harvey '94 and Darla Rogers Harvey '95 announce the birth of a son, Thomas Nathanael Harvey, on August 5, 1996. Thomas Chad is a pastor and Darla is a homemaker.

Kristen Kelly Holland '94 B.S. is now a teacher at Bright Beginnings Charter School. She is a pre-kindergarten teacher and lives in Chandler, Arizona.

Andy Holmes '94 B.S. has accepted a position as head athletic trainer at Union High School in Union, S.C. His wife, Angie, is payroll administrator with Sanders Brothers. They live in Gaffney, S.C.

Jennifer Gail Minton '94 and Philip Douglas Shows were married December 7, 1996, in Granite Falls. She is a registered nurse at Hickory Orthopedic Center. He is a research and development chemist at NEPTCO Inc. They live in Hudson.

Jennifer S. Patton '94 was honored recently by The News Herald in Morganton as 1996 Employee of the Year. She and her husband, Fred, have three children.

The Rev. Darren Johnson '93 spoke in December at an annual memorial service in Statesville. He is pastor of Front Street Baptist Church.

Marsha Peed Magnet '93 has received her M.A. in mental health counseling from Gallaudet University. She is a substance abuse counselor in deaf services with Fairfax County. David Magnet '91 is associate pastor of Fairfax Circle Baptist Church. Their e-mail address is: Magnet@Erols.com.

October 12, 1996, in Winston-Salem. She works in personnel at Roadway Express. He is employed by Vulcan Materials. They live in Kernersville.

Jonathan C. Turner '93 and Laura Shape Turner '93 have new jobs after graduating last year from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is minister of music at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. She is vice president of college relations and development at Shorter College. They live in Rome, Georgia.

Martin L. White '93 recently completed the Lawyers' Military Justice Course at the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. He joined the Navy in 1989 and now serves as a lieutenant and naval judge advocate.

Ashley Juanita Womack '93 and Ronald Dan Cloninger Jr. were married December 16, 1996, in Belmont. She is a physical education/health teacher at East Lincoln Middle School. He is an 8th grade science teacher at East Lincoln Middle School. They live in Cramerton.

The Rev. James C. Ferebee III '92 and wife, Lori, announce the birth of their first child, Laura Ruth, on October 3, 1996. Jimmy graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in December and is minister to students at Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Wes Heavner '92 has been appointed a magistrate in Lincoln County. He lives in Cherryville.

Crystal Jordan Jackson '92 has passed the uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination for North Carolina. She was one of the 321 people to pass. 1618 people took the exam with her in Winston-Salem in November.

Roxanne King '92 MA was named Teacher of the Year earlier this year as a kindergarten teacher at Kernersville Elementary School. She has been teaching for 14 years.

Melba Louise Workman Lindsay '92 and Emmett Kelley Jr were married November 17, 1996, in Winston-Salem. She is a medical practice administrator for Aegis FHC-Winston East. He is parks and recreation director for the city of Winston-Salem.

Stacy Andrea Opperman '92 AA and Robert Sean Parkhurst

ALUMNUS USES MUSIC TO HELP YOUTH

Music and young people are among those things Hoyt Bynum '93 enjoys most. He's found a way to fit both into his professional and personal life, something many people only hope to do.

Bynum, 27, works part-time at Hendersonville High School as a media assistant, helping students use the library. Afternoons and evenings are spent working with young children as unit director of the Boys and Girls Club. When he's not at work, he leads and performs with the community choir he founded seven years ago. Rehearsals and performances that require

some travel complete his busy schedule.

His love for music is so great he often shares it with the young people he works with. School activities allow him to play piano, which he's been doing since the age of 5.

He talks daily with children of low self-esteem who are struggling both at school and home. "One of the things that I try to get across to young people is that it's okay to live a Christian life and be young," he said in a recent newspaper profile. "You can have a good time and be Christian," he says.

Sheila O. Thornton '94 has passed the North Carolina State Board CPA Exam.

Michael A. Walker '94 has joined the Hickory office of Deloitte & Touche, LLP. He is a tax consultant and recently received a master of science degree in accounting from Appalachian State University.

Richard H. Hess '93 and wife, Kathleen, have started their own business of commercial landscape services in the Triad area. They live in Walkertown.

Tammi Kiker McIlwaine '93 B.S. and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of a daughter, Holly Lauren, born January 30, 1997. Tammi works as office manager with Stanly Manor Inc. Gary is an estimator with Roofers Supply.

Dayna Tomlin Morgan '93 and husband, James, have moved from Statesville, NC, to Evinston, Virginia. James is associate field service technician with Framatome Technologies.

Amy Tilley Morgan '93 and Johnny Morgan were married

were married December 7, 1996, in Gastonia. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is an inspector with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. They live in Charlotte.

Jennifer Wright '92 has been promoted to branch manager at Wachovia Bank's Valdese office. She has been with Wachovia since 1988.

Kimberly Robertson Beauchamp '91 M.A. has been named controller of Temporary

Building Products. They live in Orlando, Florida.

Christine Elliott Roberts '91 B.A. earned her nursing degree and is a registered nurse at the Asheville Kidney Center. Her husband, Doug, is an assistant manager and they live in Asheville. Her e-mail address is: CHRISAER@AOL.COMM.

The Rev. Warren Todd Smith '91 and wife, Tamera Dawn, announce the birth of their first child, Warren Todd II, on Nov.

GOT A MINUTE?

If so, write a class note and send it to The Web.

- Got 30 minutes? Check out GWU on the Internet at www.gardner-webb.edu.
- Got a day? Stop by campus for a picnic beside Lake Hollifield.
- Got a weekend? Make plans to attend Homecoming festivities this fall.

Resources Inc. in Winston-Salem.

Francisco Carrillo '91 has earned an MBA from Winthrop University. Francisco is supervisor at Phoenix Finishing Corporation and lives in Charlotte.

Kimberly Cooke '91 BS has been promoted to assistant vice president at First Gaston Bank. She lives in Vale.

William Jack Eason III '91 and Lynette Elizabeth Barker were married in December 1996 in Greenville. He is employed by Crossover Ministries in Spartanburg. She is employed by Spartanburg Schools.

Joseph Damon Franklin '91 has been named president of the Bessemer City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bradley Hinchey '91 has been promoted to credit analyst with Lowe's Companies Inc.. He has been with Lowe's for two years and lives in North Wilkesboro.

Kimberly Hooker '91 and Robert Weber were married November 9, 1996. She is a project support specialist with Suntrust Service Corporation. He is a technical support representative with Clopay

2, 1996. Todd is pastor at First Baptist Church in Johnston, SC.

Jane Richards Szabaga '91 B.S. and Dennis J. Szabaga were married April 19, 1997. She is assistant to the President of NCI Information Systems. He is web designer for Citicorp. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Their e-mail address is: imsohappy@f10.hotmail.com.

Doug Andrews '90 and Wendy Andrews announce the birth of a child, Zachary Douglas, born March 13, 1997. They have relocated to Richmond, Virginia. He is a sales representative with Graybar Electric. She is a teacher with Chesterfield County Schools.

Deana Ashe '90 and Jeremy McSwain were married December 14, 1996, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She is employed by PPG Industries. He is teacher's assistant with Cleveland County Schools.

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Thomas C. Britt Jr. '90 was chosen for Who's Who Among Teachers in America. He is a health/physical education teacher and coach at Scotland High School.

Bruce Corregan '90, a classical guitarist performed in Cary in December. He has performed in solo and group concerts across NC. He is a classical guitar teacher and Triangle resident. He returned to Cleveland County for a concert in March.

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Deaths

Mary True Purcell Mauney '23 died March 2, 1997, at Piedmont Retirement Center in Thomasville.

Mary C. Thompson Kiser '25 passed away January 6, 1997.

Janett Swann '38 died March 15, 1997 in Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

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ALUMNUS USES MUSIC TO HELP YOUTH

Music and young people are among those things **Hoyt Bynum '93** enjoys most. He's found a way to fit both into his professional and personal life, something many people only hope to do.

Bynum, 27, works part-time at Hendersonville High School as a media assistant, helping students use the library. Afternoons and evenings are spent working with young children as unit director of the Boys and Girls Club. When he's not at work, he leads and performs with the community choir he founded seven years ago. Rehearsals and performances that require

some travel complete his busy schedule.

His love for music is so great he often shares it with the young people he works with. School activities allow him to play piano, which he's been doing since the age of 5.

He talks daily with children of low self-esteem who are struggling both at school and home. "One of the things that I try to get across to young people is that it's okay to live a Christian life and be young," he said in a recent newspaper profile. "You can have a good time and be Christian." he says.

Sheila O. Thornton '94 has passed the North Carolina State Board CPA Exam.

Michael A. Walker '94 has joined the Hickory office of Deloitte & Touche, LLP. He is a tax consultant and recently received a master of science degree in accounting from Appalachian State University.

Richard H. Hess '93 and wife, Kathleen, have started their own business of commercial landscape services in the Triad area. They live in Walkertown.

Tammi Kiker McIlwaine '93 B.S. and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of a daughter, Holly Lauren, born January 30, 1997. Tammi works as office manager with Stanly Manor Inc. Gary is an estimator with Roofers Supply.

Dayna Tomlin Morgan '93 and husband, James, have moved from Statesville, NC, to Evington, Virginia. James is associate field service technician with Framatome Technologies.

Amy Tilley Morgan '93 and **Johnny Morgan** were married

completed the Lawyers' Military Justice Course at the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. He joined the Navy in 1989 and now serves as a lieutenant and naval judge advocate.

Ashley Juanita Womack '93 and **Ronald Dan Cloninger Jr.** were married December 16, 1996, in Belmont. She is a physical education/health teacher at East Lincoln Middle School. He is an 8th grade science teacher at East Lincoln Middle School. They live in Cramerton.

The Rev. James C. Ferebee III '92 and wife, Lori, announce the birth of their first child, Laura Ruth, on October 3, 1996. Jimmy graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in December and is minister to students at Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Wes Heavner '92 has been appointed a magistrate in Lincoln County. He lives in Cherryville.

Crystal Jordan Jackson '92 has passed the uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination for North Carolina. She was one of the 321 people to pass. 1618 people took the exam with her in Winston-Salem in November.

Roxanne King '92 MA was named Teacher of the Year earlier this year as a kindergarten teacher at Kernersville Elementary School. She has been teaching for 14 years.

Melba Louise Workman Lindsay '92 and **Emmett Kelley Jr** were married November 17, 1996, in Winston-Salem. She is a medical practice administrator for Aegis FHC-Winston East. He is parks and recreation director for the city of Winston-Salem.

Stacy Andrea Opperman '92 AA and **Robert Sean Parkhurst**

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- Got a weekend? Make plans to attend Homecoming festivities this fall.

Resources Inc. in Winston-Salem.

Francisco Carrillo '91 has earned an MBA from Winthrop University. Francisco is supervisor at Phoenix Finishing Corporation and lives in Charlotte.

Kimberly Cooke '91 BS has been promoted to assistant vice president at First Gaston Bank. She lives in Vale.

William Jack Eason III '91 and **Lynette Elizabeth Barker** were married in December 1996 in Greenville. He is employed by Crossover Ministries in Spartanburg. She is employed by Spartanburg Schools.

Joseph Damon Franklin '91 has been named president of the Bessemer City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bradley Hincer '91 has been promoted to credit analyst with Lowe's Companies Inc.. He has been with Lowe's for two years and lives in North Wilkesboro.

Kimberly Hooker '91 and **Robert Weber** were married November 9, 1996. She is a project support specialist with Suntrust Service Corporation. He is a technical support representative with Clipay

2, 1996. Todd is pastor at First Baptist Church in Johnston, SC.

Jane Richards Szabaga '91 B.S. and **Dennis J. Szabaga** were married April 19, 1997. She is assistant to the President of NCI Information Systems. He is web designer for Citicorp. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Their e-mail address is: imsosahappy@f10.hotmail.com.

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