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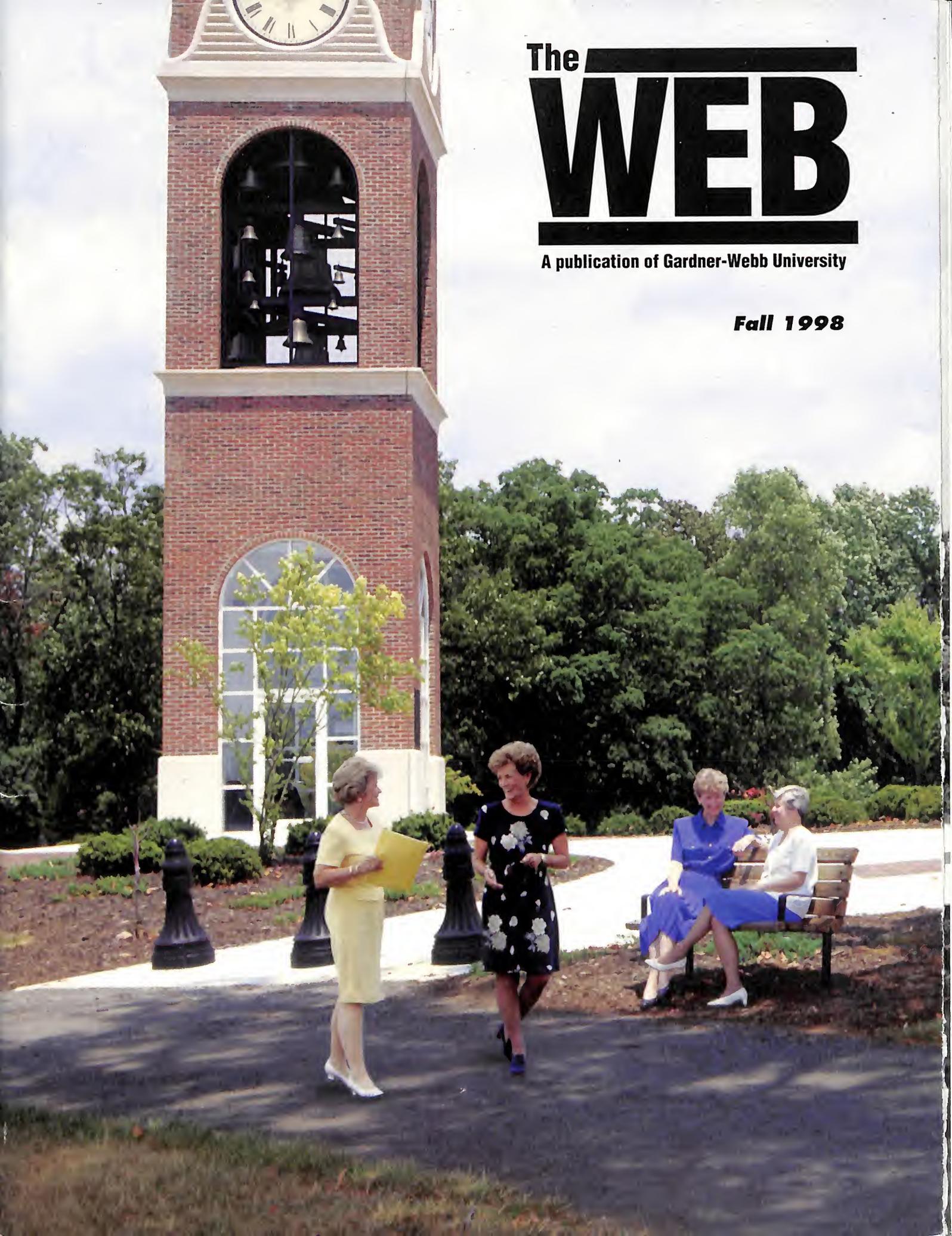
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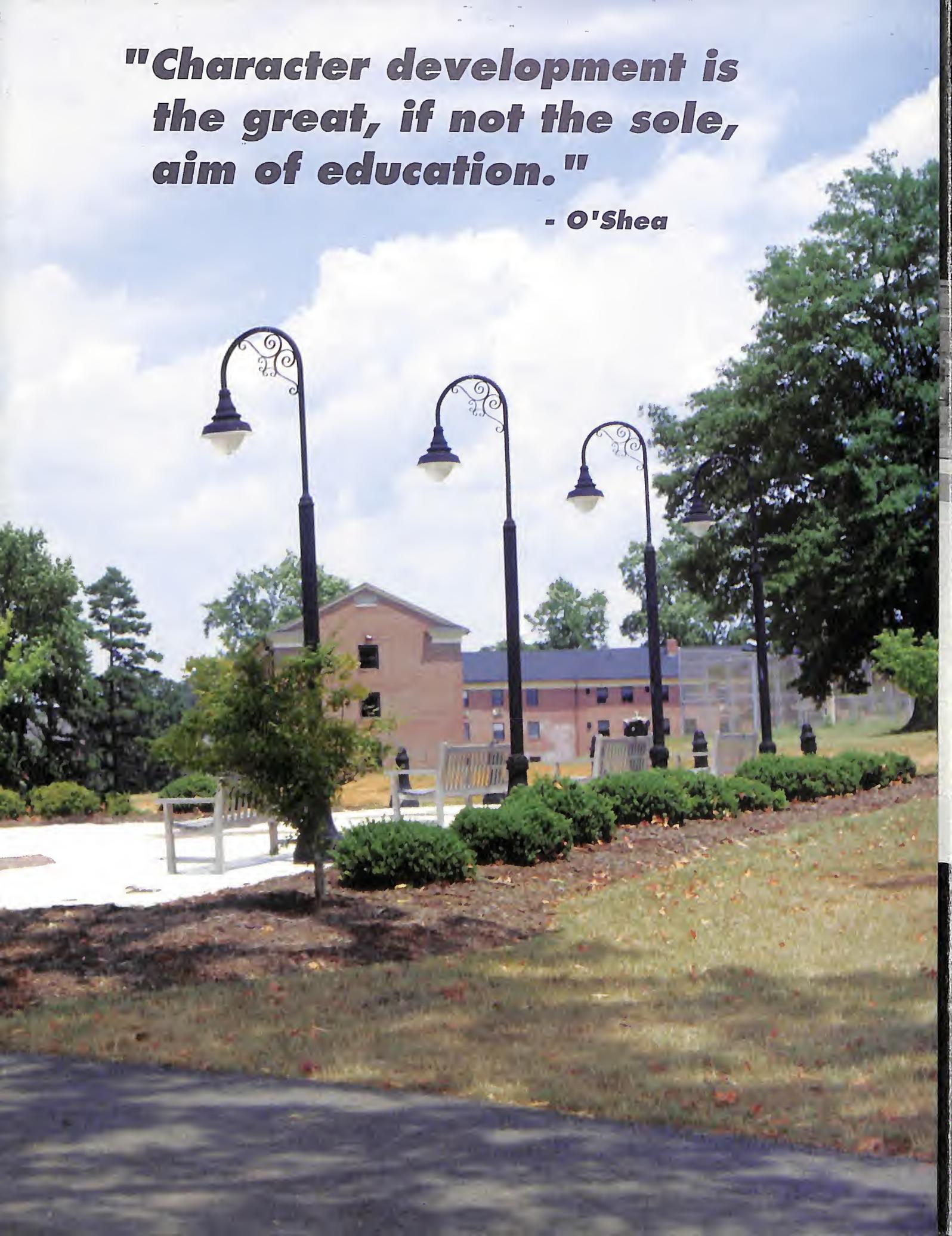


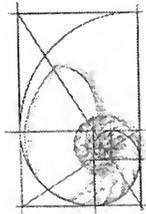


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aim of education."***

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# LEADING LADIES

*"We Are Deans Who Are Women, Not 'Women Deans'"*

When the four women who are academic deans at Gardner-Webb were growing up, females were led to be mothers, secretaries, nurses or teachers. But regardless of this nudge toward their profession, each feels she would have found her way to teaching.

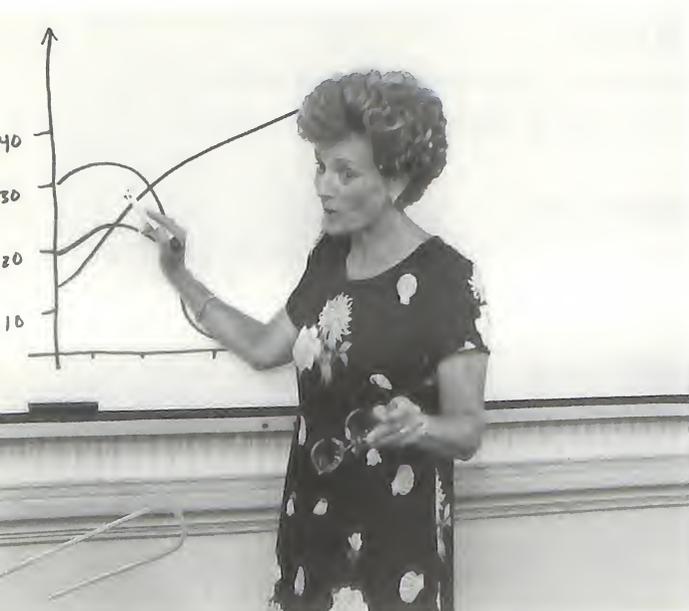
"I'm not sure I didn't come out of the womb wanting to be a teacher," said Dr. Dee Hunt, dean of the School of Education. "Teaching is my love and my passion. I am fortunate that through teaching, it has afforded me opportunities for leadership ... that is how God has blessed me."

Hunt, winner of two of Gardner-Webb's teaching awards, said teaching is her "most important responsibility to this university. Our mission and purpose is to provide students quality education in a Christian environment."

Although none of the four – Hunt, Darlene Gravett, Carolyn Jackson, and Shirley Toney – aspired to be deans, they feel comfortable in their leadership roles and strive to ensure excellent instruction at a university they treasure. They tout Gardner-Webb's slogan, "People Who Care," and believe one reason university enrollment has increased 50 percent during the last five years is because the slogan is true.

"I don't know a faculty member on campus who will not try to go the extra mile to help achieve students' goals," said Dr. Gravett, dean of the Graduate School of Education and Counseling, whose school offers seven graduate programs, some of them off campus. Every phone call from students is returned promptly – often Gravett is the one making the call.

"We're small enough that students do not get lost," said Dr. Toney, dean of the School of Nursing. "We give them individual attention. You can call




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*Dr. Hunt*

anyone across campus and ask a question."

Students, they all agree, is what the University is all about.

"It's the only reason we exist," Hunt said. "I pride myself in trying to meet the needs of students. They (the students) keep me young, happy."

Hunt, who has been at Gardner-Webb for 20 years, has inside her daily planner a card from a student who wrote to her, "God intercedes with angels who treat you like a person with a heart, not a Social Security number. These angels aid in getting you where you want to go and show what you should look like when you get there."

And hanging on a wall at her home, Hunt has a poem her elementary school teacher wrote for her after Hunt received her Ph.D. As she reflected on the admiration and affection shown for her in the poem, she said, "If my house burns, I will grab two to three things, and that's one of them." Hunt said that teacher showed her the most admirable of qualities: fairness, respect, and genuine love of students.

### Splitting Time

It can be a difficult transition from administrator to teacher for these deans who each teach at least one class a semester. "It's difficult to separate. Difficult to go from the headaches, problems, challenges of administration to the energetic and creative atmosphere in the classroom," said Gravett, who came to Gardner-Webb in 1989 and in 1991 became

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the institution's first female dean. "But it keeps me in tune with what the university is all about." She said she wants to make sure that "we take students and prepare them well."

Dr. Jackson, dean of the College of Extended Professional Studies (The GOAL Program),

Dr. Gravett



remembers

as early as second grade keeping tabs on what made an effective teacher. "When things would happen in my classroom, I'd say I'm going to remember to do that when I'm a teacher or not to do that."

Jackson has been at Gardner-Webb for one year and has previously taught in public and private schools and colleges, and served in numerous administrative capacities from working in central offices of secondary schools to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Moving from teacher to administrator came naturally. "As a teacher, I wanted to share information. If I heard something good for the kids, I wanted everyone to have that opportunity."

Dr. Toney also feels that strong administration can lead to great teaching. "I'm a facilitator. I bring about conditions so others can do their best. I miss patient care, but through my work, I do hope to improve patient care."

### A Spirit of Commitment

Toney, who is an accreditation site inspector for the National League for Nursing, came to



*Dr. Toney*

Gardner-Webb in 1965 and has worked with thousands of nursing students, who received either a bachelor's or associate's degree. She is hoping a proposal for a master's degree will be approved.

Her struggle and persistence in obtaining a doctorate and putting the finishing touches on her career can be an inspiration to any student.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1961, she set out to meet the rest of her goal – mission work. She entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, but soon decided missions was not her calling.

Everything came together, though, when she realized that teaching at a Christian university had filled the final part of her dream. "When I was up for tenure I remember thinking that what I've really done and am doing is missions."

Toney started work in 1982 on her Ph.D. in nursing at The University of Texas and committed, with her family's and Gardner-Webb's help, to spend three summers and one full year in Austin. But because she endured unexpected delays – going through a local accreditation, her husband and parents suffering illnesses, and the shock of the critical injury of one of her sons – completion stretched to 1989. "I don't do anything simple," she said with a laugh.

And Toney makes sure students know the role

administrators and teachers truly play in education. She tells them, "We're not here to train you, we're here to educate you. You train a dog, you educate people."

"Of all the students who graduated, if I helped one learn to give good patient care, look at all the people they are taking care of through their career," Toney said. She makes sure to say that she's proud of the registered nurses and what they represent. "They are out in the world advertising for Gardner-Webb."

Jackson feels the same about her students. The GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) program has 16 North Carolina sites at which people can obtain a bachelor's degree. The program, in its 21st year, accounts for more than a third of Gardner-Webb's enrollment. "Adult students can walk out of here as outstanding alums," she said.

The students, Jackson added, are thrilled to receive a quality education without having to leave their homes. The program strives to reproduce at these sites what is happening on the Gardner-Webb campus in terms of academic excellence and open communication so they feel a part of the campus, Jackson said.

Having the Gardner-Webb faculty teach at these sites is vital, she explained. "Students are appreciative of that."

"In this program, the students do not have to stop their lives and go back to school. They're so grateful."

Jackson remembers fondly one GOAL graduate who left her this voice mail message: "Thank you for



*Dr. Jackson*

your recent letter. You started my new year out so well ... I can now tell my three adult college-educated children that their mother made the dean's list."

**"We Believe We Are A Cadillac Product"**

The deans believe that promoting the university is an important part of their duties. "The job can be frustrating," Gravett said. "Sometimes I ask myself,

**"... WE ARE A CADILLAC PRODUCT, NOT A PINTO. I WANT TO SELL OUR PRODUCT. I'M AN ADVOCATE FOR THIS CAMPUS."**

why am I doing this? But that feeling changes when I have the opportunity to talk to someone about the school and my part in it." She said she strives to make sure the Graduate School of Education and Counseling has the visibility it deserves.

Hunt says, "We are a liaison between the community and education. Truth is, we're a business. We are a Cadillac product, not a Pinto. I want to sell our product. I'm an advocate for this campus."

She encourages people to compare Gardner-Webb to other institutions. "I think we do an outstanding job. If you want to go head-to-head with the faculty and students, go ahead. But in terms of quality, Gardner-Webb will come out on top."

**How to Become A Dean: 101**

None of the four set a career plan to be an academic dean.

"I certainly had no visions of being a graduate dean," Gravett said. "I was there at a time someone was needed and I've grown into the job. I have enjoyed the challenges and there have been challenges ... I like to learn. I like to organize and find a better way to do something. That's how I became a dean."

Hunt said when she was asked to be a dean (of a school with three departments – education, psychology, and health education-physical education) it was a little frightening, but she saw it as a chance to serve a larger population. And eventually she welcomed the challenge. She describes herself as "conduit for change, because education is changing

and programs must change."

Jackson said that although the four did not envision being deans, younger people in the field can receive encouragement to make that a goal. "Now people can start and look toward leadership positions," she said. And she hopes that the four women who are deans at Gardner-Webb are encouraging to other females. She said it shows that women can go in and out of the workforce, many of

them in order to raise families, and still reach positions of leadership.

Gravett also hopes they can be role models. "We are sort of blazing a trail here at Gardner-Webb (an institution once led primarily by men)."

They point out, though, that they are deans who happen to be women, not "women deans."

"We are deans not because we are female, but because we are capable," Hunt said. The sentiment is backed up by Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president and dean of academic affairs, who said he recommended these four women for the dean positions "not because they were women, but because they were the best candidates."

"I've tried to recognize talent without using gender as a criteria," Blackburn said. "When it comes to academia, women do just fine, thank you."

Females hold 30 percent of GWU department chair positions, comprise 50 percent of the faculty, and make up 31 percent of the Deans' Council.

And Gravett points out that the women would like to see it go further, with more females placed in more administrative and senior staff positions.

Jackson said, "There has not been a glass ceiling here or there would not be four women deans." But, she adds, "If more women are to fill additional leadership roles, you can bet they will be the most qualified candidates who have applied."

Just as these qualified women have masterfully filled the shoes of deans.



# After The Storm

*GWU Faculty Member Counsels Oregon Community*

We all were horrified at the headlines – kids bringing guns to school and opening fire on classmates. And many times the results were tragic. Questions were asked from those who witnessed or were affected by these senseless acts: What makes someone lose control like this? Can I ever feel safe again? Is it possible for me and my child to overcome this tragedy and return to our normal lives? How can I deal with my son or daughter's nightmares?

After this year's widely publicized school shooting incident in Springfield, Oregon (near Eugene), answers to questions like these were hard to come by. Professionals had to be called in who were skilled in counseling ... professionals like Dr. Jackson Rainer, Gardner-Webb associate professor of psychology.

Spending the summer jetting around the country to address workshops and seminars, Rainer found himself on the West Coast conducting meetings for the American Academy of Bereavement. Community leaders from the area in Oregon where the shooting occurred learned Rainer would be nearby and asked him to help them work through issues arising from the incident.

"When the shooting occurred, it was near the end of the school year," Rainer describes. "The crisis was dealt with well, but leaders felt the community was

still at high risk for fallout from the shooting." Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was one of the matters citizens were dealing with, he said, not unlike soldiers returning from battle who experience nightmares and other physical side-effects.

One young lady is still confined to a hospital bed and several others are enduring injuries that resulted from the shooting. At the time of Rainer's visit, a new school year was about to begin and adults in the town were scrambling to restore order and safety for those who soon would have to walk those halls again.

Members of the healthcare and social service work force joined people from the legal profession, law enforcement agencies, ministerial community and educators such as counselors and administrators to learn how to help students adjust. A total of more than 100 looked to Rainer to give much-needed guidance in a sensitive situation.

"Residual stress" and "trauma" are terms Rainer describes over and over again. "When an individual witnesses or is affected by tragedy, a sense of numbness often occurs. A very strong physical response takes place and an intense reaction follows. I helped these community leaders identify the signs of someone going through these stages ... and how to come to their aid."

Rainer was sure to point out to the townspeople that the healing process will most likely be a lengthy one. "Several months after a tragedy, like the shooting in Oregon, signs of trauma may just be starting to appear. You've heard of flashbacks? This is a very common response to a violent act, and many times it doesn't show itself until much later."

It seems to the layperson that Rainer makes a living of helping people deal with sad and dreary situations. Does the counselor sometimes need counseling himself? "That's the hard part of what I do," he answers. "You have to learn how not to get emotionally attached to a situation yourself. Your intervention with people is often brief in my line of work, so you may encounter many horrible situations during a short amount of time. If you stopped to think about all the problems you've helped people with, you could face emotional stress yourself."

That's why he prescribes what he calls "layers" of counseling to take place. "People on the front lines – like those who dealt with the Oregon students – can't handle every aspect of the grief or adjustment process themselves. Therefore, there has to be in place a system of others who can provide support for those who are the caregivers. You have to watch one another's backs in a case like the one those students encountered."

Teaching others the finer points of handling life's most difficult problems is what has made Dr. Jackson Rainer a respected and sought-after professional.

Beginning his second year at GWU teaching in both the graduate and undergraduate programs, Rainer has a national reputation that has brought national recognition to the University. He is a source listed in many a reporter's Rolodex on issues dealing with adolescent psychology, death and dying, bereavement, family therapy and psychotherapy. It's hard to pick up a national magazine like *Seventeen* or *Family Circle* and see an article on one these topics that doesn't quote Rainer. He also jokes that people in California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and Washington are starting to know him very well because of his frequent trips to speak around the country. But there's a definite place he calls home.

"Gardner-Webb is a good fit for me," he explains. "The area is right, the student body is right ... I'm settling into a rhythm and I like it. This place gives me roots, a sense of connection."

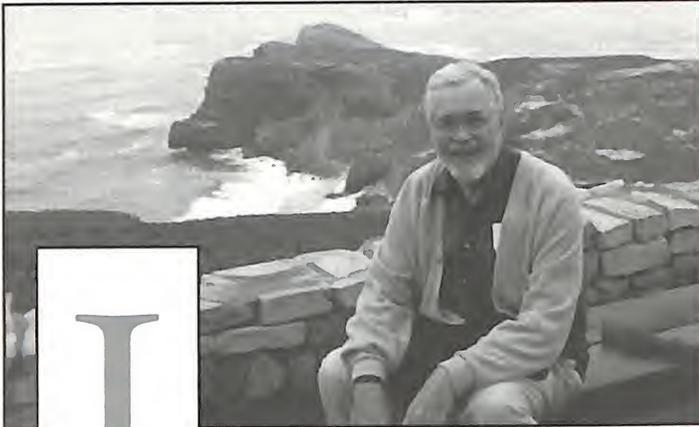
He says the University has helped him develop a facet of himself he has longed for. "If you would have asked me this time last year what I classified myself as, I would have told you psychologist. Ask me that question this year and I say I'm an educator." 

*Dr. Jackson Rainer says Gardner-Webb has changed how he sees himself. "If you would have asked me this time last year what I classified myself as, I would have told you psychologist. Ask me that question this year and I say I'm an educator."*



# Somewhere Under the Rainbow (Nation)

*South African Exchange Begun*



In a land of stark contrast, Cape Town South Africa is filled with endless sun-soaked beaches, crystal-blue waters and postcard-perfect mountain ranges. But these paradise-painted destinations are sometimes overshadowed by the economic suffering, political struggles, an ever-increasing crime rate and the memories of apartheid oppression.

Yet, Dr. Bob Lamb, professor of church administration and dean emeritus of the School of Divinity, believes that this country is on the right track, and that through this chaos hope will survive.

In 1995 the North Carolina Baptist State Convention entered into a five-year partnership with The Baptist Union of South Africa. This partnership has allowed mission opportunities for unique and fresh perspectives of the gospel and the exchanging of

cultural views. In 1996 Dr. Lamb established a professor exchange program between Gardner-Webb University and The Baptist Theological College of Cape Town. As a result of this alliance, Dr. Lamb and wife, Rhealene, spent six months this year (January-June) in South Africa encountering the beauty and the beasts of this struggling nation. Dr. Lamb says it was a life-changing experience. "You're never quite the same again after spending that much time in another culture ... you always think about that place with a certain feeling of warmth and affection. You actually become a part of its people."

The Lambs took on a mission of true discipleship that included teaching college courses, leading seminars, speaking in churches, and conducting conferences and retreats. Dr. Lamb says that teaching in Cape Town was inspiring. "I was moved by the sacrifices many of these students made. Some had to overcome devastating family hardships in order to follow the call of God." The dedication of these students also amazed Lamb.

"Some were challenged for the first time to live, work and worship with those of different cultures, and that challenge developed their Christian character."

During the Spring 1998 semester, Dr. Gerhard Venter of The Baptist Theological College of Cape Town taught at Gardner-Webb as part of the partnership and in January 1999 Dr. Gordon Miller will come to serve as the next exchange professor to Gardner-Webb from South Africa.

## Retiring Prof Contributes Parting Gift



In connection with his retirement last spring, Dr. Bob Morgan, former chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and professor of French and mathematics, contributed his Tom Clark gnome figurine collection to Gardner-Webb.

A teacher at Gardner-Webb for 31 years, Dr. Morgan has donated the 361 figures to fulfill his desire to give something back to the University. The gnomes are just one of many ways Morgan has given back to

GWU, including the establishment of several scholarships, one of which assists students in studying abroad.

As a professor, Dr. Morgan promoted educational tours to foreign countries and plans to continue to learn more about other cultures by journeying to France, England, Prague and Africa within the coming year. While on campus, he served as a charter member of the Christian Service Organization, the faculty advisor of Alpha Chi Honor Society, and the chairperson of the University's United Way fundraising drive. His gnome collection will be housed in the new Hamrick Hall board room.

## SPARKLING ADDITIONS

The hallmark of Gardner-Webb is its faculty. Each year extraordinary educators are brought in to complement a teaching force that is already being recognized nationally and abroad.

This year 11 new additions will call GWU home. "Each is uniquely qualified and noteworthy," said Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president and dean of academic affairs, who recruits faculty to the University. "We are fortunate that our institution attracts many of the best and brightest in their respective fields."

**Dr. Kent Blevins** is associate professor of religion. He has taught in seminaries around the world, including the Czech Republic and Switzerland.

**Dr. Larisa Bulysheva** is assistant professor of computer science. She has 15 years experience as a scientific researcher.

**Dr. John W. Campbell** joins the School of Divinity as associate professor of church music. A former director of choral activities at several colleges, he was also a missionary to Malawi.

**Dr. Nathalie Davaut** is assistant professor of French. She studied at the Sorbonne in France and earned the graduate student teaching award at the University of Missouri.

**Dr. Kimberly Hartman** is associate professor of education. She did educational testing, research and evaluation at Florida State and has taught at institutions such as the University of Arkansas and the University of Nevada – Las Vegas.

**Robert Jurek** is assistant professor of business. He is senior v.p. and chief financial officer for Carolina State Bank.

**Dr. Donna Simmons** is professor of education and chair of the Department of Education. She was previously chair of the Department of Education at Belmont Abbey College and has served the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction to administer and monitor policies of the State Board of Education.

**Dr. Philip Swicegood** is assistant professor of business. He serves as associate national bank examiner for the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the Office of the Comptroller. He was also recipient of the teaching award at Florida State.

**Christopher Parsons** is instructor in communication studies. He will also serve as technical director for Dover Theatre. Parsons has directed 29 plays, 16 comedies, 14 musical revues and seven touring productions.

**Dr. Lorin Cranford**, professor of religion, has studied at the Goethe Institute, Freiburg University and the University of Bonn. He has published nearly 25 study manuals, workbooks and articles in his field.

**Robert Mellbye**, assistant professor of business, has been director of the Stonewall Jackson School, president of Morehead Memorial Hospital, administrator of Pawating Hospital (MN), and administrator of the Evangel Medical Center in Hong Kong.

**Dr. Ron Williams**, assistant professor of religion, was previously professor of New Testament at Boyce Bible School of Southern Seminary while also serving as assistant dean for student life. He has 20 years ministerial experience.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON TEACHING



# A Song In Their Hearts

*GWU's 'Disciple' Taking Name Seriously*

**B**ound by tight harmonies, a commitment to Christ and a genuine love for the art of music, Gardner-Webb University's musical sensation Disciple has taken their message of song on a journey from dorm rooms, to recording studios, to the Middle East.

"Singing in the Holy Land was the ultimate experience. We walked where Jesus walked. We sang in places where Christ spoke ... it truly brought those songs of worship to life!" says David Pendergrass, bass vocalist and manager of the group.

When Disciple was first assembled in October 1997, Pendergrass, a junior religious studies major, found three guys who have the gift of singing and an enthusiasm for God. And within a few months, according to Pendergrass, this talented quartet was in the studio cutting their first album. "We did that first project in only nine hours. Everything was clicking. God's hand was at work in that recording session."

With the support of family, friends and the Gardner-Webb community, Disciple's critically acclaimed debut release "To Live Is Christ" was embraced with open arms. Disciple has even found a fan in GWU President Dr. Chris White, who says, "Under David Pendergrass' leadership, the quartet has a special style that draws the interest of all people – Christian and non-Christian alike. Disciple is an effective witness for Christ and an ambassador for Gardner-Webb University."

Greg McClure, the group's tenor, says that when

Disciple served as the worship leaders on a two-week tour of the Holy Land last summer, they discovered that music was the universal language. "We sang backup to a Benedictine monk, as he performed Silent Night, in French. That collaboration was unbelievable." McClure, a GWU junior sacred music major, understands the responsibility of being a 'Disciple.' "When you can see God working through you as you communicate the message of Christ, that's what it's all about."

Jeremy Fern, the quartet's baritone, joined forces with Disciple in July, but admits that he has been a fan of the group from its beginning.

"Back in February when I saw Disciple cut their first album, I was blown away. I had no idea that today I'd be performing with them. The other guys have so much talent, I'm just honored to be working with them."

Fern, a senior religious education major, is the son of GWU professor of fine arts Dr. Terry Fern. "My father has been very supportive of the group and has encouraged me in this project."

Within the past year, Disciple has performed at more than 50 events and has been heard by thousands of people. "This is so exciting to see the doors that God is continuing to open," explained lead vocalist and junior music education major John Orr. "Our thanks go to Him." With each performance Disciple leaves audiences wanting more. "We've been really amazed by the crowd response. It's wonderful to see

others enjoying this music as much as we are," says McClure.

For example, Disciple treated the audience at GWU's August graduation ceremonies to an astounding rendition of "All People That On Earth Do Dwell." It was the first time many in attendance had heard the group in person ... and the quartet didn't disappoint. Following a booming round of applause at the song's completion, murmurs filled the convocation with comments of praise for the group. One man, video camera in hand, said simply, "Unbelievable. I'm glad I got that on tape."

Pendergrass has been flattered by comparisons of Disciple to the vocal stylings of the Grammy award-winning Gaither Vocal Band. Yet, Pendergrass says for every similarity there are differences as well. "We sing old spirituals, traditionals, Southern Gospel, contemporary arrangements and even some secular songs. But we always try to put our stamp on each

song and make it distinctly 'Disciple.'"

Following the success of their first album, Disciple hit the studio again in August to record their sophomore effort, "Deny Self and Follow."

Pendergrass says this release features some unique arrangements on classic hymnbook favorites that promises to appeal to a variety of tastes. "We loved recording these classics, and we hope that through this album a new generation will come to appreciate these songs."

"Where do you guys want to go from here?" is the question that many people have for the group. Orr says the answer is plain and simple: "Wherever God leads us." Both Disciple albums are available in several Christian bookstores and the GWU campus shop. To find out more about Disciple or for booking information, call 704 434-0348 or 704-735-0644. 



**G**ardner-Webb's summer graduation exercises were highlighted by the conferring of 270 degrees and the presentation of an honorary doctorate to longtime Shelby pastor Sam Raper Sr.

## “MAJOR IN THE MINOR”

The Rev. Raper, who also delivered the commencement's keynote address, has served Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Shelby as pastor since 1968. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree for his tireless support of Gardner-Webb as a volunteer and leader on boards throughout the last several decades.



After beginning his speech by reading a passage from the Holy Bible (Gospel of Matthew), Raper said, “More than 69 years of living, this is the part of the Bible that has stuck with me and taught me more than anything.”

“You can see that this tells the story of how Jesus told normal, ordinary men to take up their nets and follow Him ... that He would make them fishers of men. Just normal, ordinary men! Not the learned men of Greece or the members of the Jewish council – Jesus called on ordinary men to do extraordinary things. And they were poor folk, too. I know they were poor because when Jesus came to them they were patching their nets. If they would have had money, they would have bought new nets; but they had to patch the ones they had.

“I know about patching things, and I know about being poor. And you'd better believe I know that Jesus can take an ordinary person like me – a plowboy, a farmboy, a grandson of a slave – and give him something special.”

“You see, Jesus majored in the minor. And he minored in the major. He can take a little man and put him in the place of the big man. I desired a high school education, and the Lord said ‘Sam, the closest school is Cleveland School, and that's eight miles from your house. Are you willing to walk there every day through any kind of weather to get that education?’ And I said ‘I'll follow you there, Jesus.’”

“Listen to me graduates,” Raper concluded, “if you want to be anything, let Jesus make you into it.”

## GWU'S NEW WELCOME WAGON

To welcome new students to Gardner-Webb and promote student-faculty interaction outside the classroom, a program called “The Freshman Connection” was introduced this fall.

On a voluntary basis, approximately 60 faculty and staff members each “adopted” five to seven freshmen and greeted them at the beginning of the semester with personal notes and phone calls. After the initial contact, participants then met each other at an informal setting, such as the cafeteria, for a time of discussion and “making the connection.”

Brenda Moore, director of freshman and senior programs, supervises the Contemporary College Experience, or CCXP, classes, in which faculty introduce freshmen to aspects of college life. But she and Dr. Frank

Bonner, provost and senior vice president, already were considering additional ways for new students and faculty to get to know each other when Dr. Charles Moore, assistant professor of Spanish, approached her about volunteering his time.

He explained that due to heavy course loads he and other professors found themselves unable to teach a CCXP class but still wanted the opportunity to develop relationships with freshmen. So, with the help of the faculty co-sponsors, Dr. Moore and Dr. Patrick Canupp, assistant professor of mathematics, as well the faculty and staff volunteers, the program was implemented.

Mrs. Moore feels that besides enhancing the overall Gardner-Webb community, The Freshman Connection also provided new students with

something they love – mail. As students eagerly checked their campus boxes for the first time and received a card from a faculty or staff member, they began to see that their chosen university goes the extra mile.

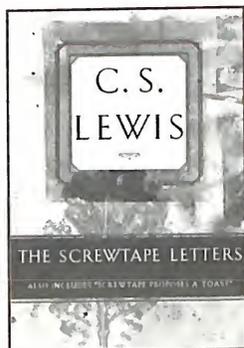
She commented, “According to research, one of the reasons students may not return to school is the lack of faculty involvement. However, I think that by taking a personal interest in students, we can uphold the Gardner-Webb motto and show we really are ‘People Who Care’.”

The Freshman Connection was designed as a short-term project, but some of the “foster faculty” plan on promoting contact with their adopted students throughout the year in hopes that the support and encouragement will strengthen the students' college experience.

## Freshmen Spend Summer Reading “Letters”

For the first time during new student orientation, faculty, staff and students gathered in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center to reflect on how themes from a selected book relate to issues freshmen face in college.

Termed the "Freshman Book Discussion," this new part of orientation was created through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Frank Bonner, provost and senior vice president, and Beth Searcy, assistant dean of academic advising, to provide new students their initial academically focused experience at Gardner-Webb.



During the summer, all freshmen and faculty/staff volunteer facilitators were sent a personal copy of “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis. They were instructed

to read the book, especially noting how the story could apply to the feelings of a first-year student. Then, at orientation, small discussion groups were organized to consider topics such as adapting to a new environment and building relationships, as related to themes in the text.

“We wanted the freshmen to get off to a good start by having the opportunity to interact with faculty and by sensing right away that intellectual development will be important while they are here,” said Dr. Bonner.

Through the Freshman Book Discussion, students were able to share their impressions of the book as well as their ideas and concerns about beginning college. As the year progresses, both Dr. Bonner and Searcy

hope that the results of this shared reading experience will transfer to the classroom as faculty reference Screwtape's letters.

At future orientations, this time of faculty-student conversation will

include a group service project and may possibly feature a drama presentation of the chosen book.

### A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON LEARNING



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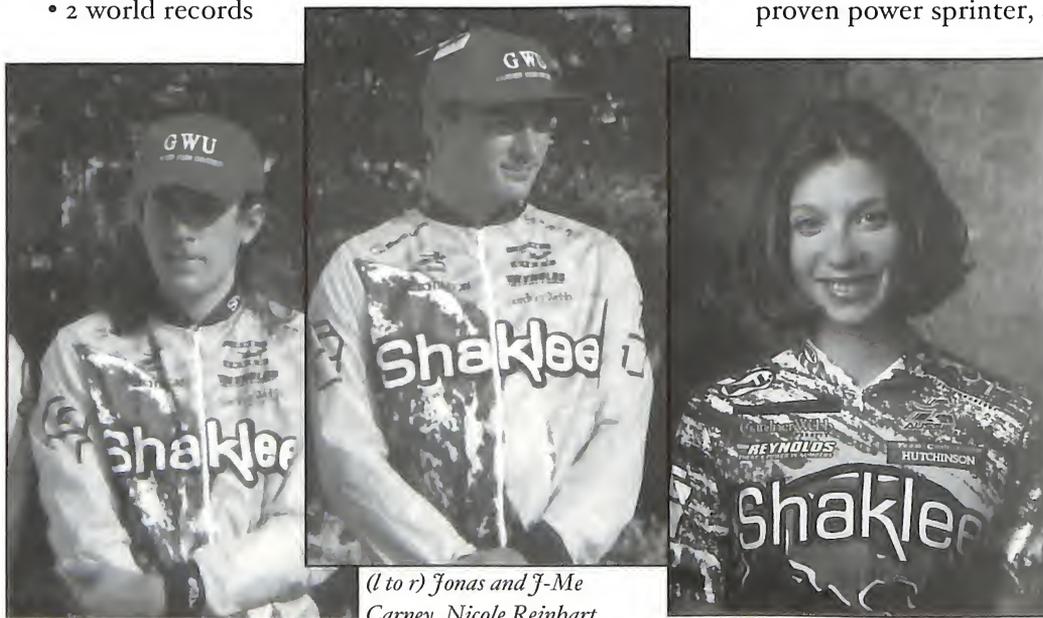
# GOODWILL HUNTING...FOR GOLD

*GWU sponsors big winners at Goodwill Games*

For two days in July, eight cyclists from the United States competed against the world's best for gold, glory and goodwill at the 1998 Goodwill Games in New York. The result was a USA team that literally left the competition standing in the dust ... while picking up a gold medal along the way.

Team USA featured a stellar lineup that included four world-class cyclists with a connection to Gardner-Webb University. Goodwill Games gold medalists J-Me and Jonas Carney, Nicole Reinhart and Paul Swift are all members of Team Shaklee – a team co-sponsored by GWU. In April 1997, GWU officials announced that the institution had become the first college or university in America to sponsor a professional cycling team. This partnership meant that the GWU name would be featured on Team Shaklee uniforms, vehicles and promotional materials. The alliance was a smart move on the part of GWU, especially when you take a look at the success and exposure of Team Shaklee over the past decade:

- Over 500 victories
- Nearly 40 National Championships
- A World Championship
- Several national records
- 2 world records



*(l to r) Jonas and J-Me Carney, Nicole Reinhart*

Six of the world's cycling powerhouses (USA, Russia, Germany, Belgium, the World All Stars and the Pan-Am All Stars) were highlighted in the 1998 Goodwill Games at Wagner College Stadium in Staten Island, N.Y., on July 25 -26.

The two-day competition featured 11 events that included the chariot race, the magic mile and the 50-lap scratch race. Through dedication, strong legs, and an unyielding desire to win, Team USA earned the gold medal by placing high in nearly every event, including six first-place finishes.

GWU, Team Shaklee and the USA were well-represented by the Carney brothers, Reinhart and Swift, all boasting phenomenal records. J-Me Carney, a 1992 Olympian and a three-time National Champion, is hoping that this gold medal is a sign of things to come with the next Olympics only two years away. J-Me's brother, Jonas, is no stranger to success. He is the current National Champion in both the Criterium and the Kilometer.

Jonas is also known for his speed and sprinting skills, and those talents have taken him to over 300 career wins. Nicole Reinhart is a National Champion in both the Match Sprints and 500-meter. She is a proven power sprinter, and is looking to write a new

chapter in the winning history of Team Shaklee's track program.

GWU President Dr. Chris White beams when he speaks of the relationship between the University and Team Shaklee. "It has been a really good fit for us. This team exudes character and integrity. The individual team members and coaches are upstanding people who not only represent us well, but achieve outstanding success as well."

## Former UNC Quarterback Joins Staff

Head football coach Steve Patton announced this fall that former Atlantic Coast Conference star Mark Maye had joined the football coaching staff as an offensive assistant.

Maye, who led the ACC in passing as a senior at North Carolina, is sixth on the Tar Heels all-time passing list. The Charlotte, N.C., native threw for 3,459 yards during his career in Chapel Hill, including a career-high 1,965 yards in 1987. He holds school records for most passing yards in a single game (406 vs. Georgia Tech in 1987) and for the longest touchdown pass in school history (93 yards vs. Georgia Tech in 1987).

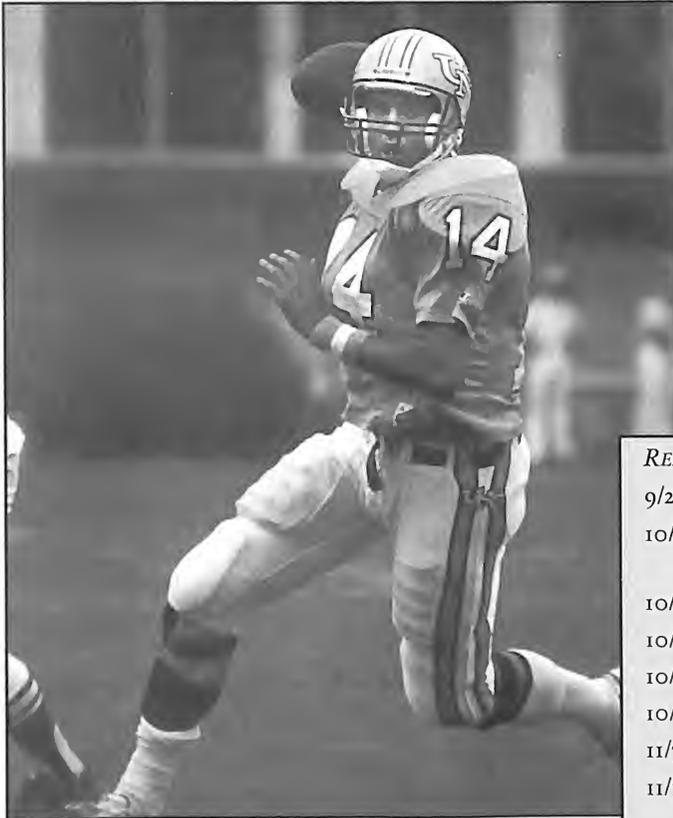
The former Independence (N.C.) High star was named North Carolina prep "Player of the Year" in 1982 after leading the Patriots to a 9-2 mark

and a berth in the state playoffs. Maye was named a high school All-American by Parade Magazine and several other publications and was

also named National "Scholar-Athlete of the Year" by the National High School Coaches Association. He threw for 4,400 yards

and 36 touchdowns during his high school career.

"We are thrilled to add a coach of Mark's ability and character to our staff," said Patton. "His experience as a successful quarterback and his visibility in the Charlotte area are positives for our program. He is also a very good person. It is hard to find anybody that knows Mark Maye that doesn't have something nice to say about him."



### REMAINING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

9/26 vs. Newberry	7 p.m.	Away
10/3 vs. Wingate	1:30 p.m.	

### HOMECOMING

10/10 vs. Lenoir-Rhyne	7 p.m.	Away
10/17 vs. Catawba	7 p.m.	Home
10/24 vs. Carson-Newman	1 p.m.	Away
10/31 vs. Tusculum	1 p.m.	Away
11/7 vs. Presbyterian	1:30 p.m.	Home
11/14 vs. Mars Hill	1:30 p.m.	Home

## Bulldog Club, Sports Info Get New Leaders

Shelby, N.C., native Jim Horn joined Gardner-Webb as Executive Director of the Bulldog Club this summer.

Horn, 63, has served as a sales representative for First Team Sports from 1995 until present and has an extensive background in athletics. Horn was a member of Wake Forest's 1955 NCAA National Championship baseball team and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. After

graduating from Wake Forest, he earned his master's degree in Public Administration from North Carolina State University.

After a brief teaching and coaching stint at Rocky Mount (N.C.) High from 1958-1961, Horn spent 24 years as a United States probation officer in Western North Carolina. During this time, Horn also served as defensive coordinator for the football program at Shelby (N.C.)

High (1962-1984) and as a partner with Four Star Sports (1984-1995).

Horn began his responsibilities as Executive Director on July 1, 1998. He replaces Marc Rabb, who earlier accepted a position as GWU Sports Information Director.

Marc Rabb was promoted to Sports Information Director this fall from the assistant's position in the department. He replaces veteran Mark

Wilson, who recently announced his retirement from the field after nearly 20 years of service in college sports information at Erskine (S.C.) College and Gardner-Webb (1992- 1998). Rabb served under Wilson as a grad assistant from 95-97 and was entering his first year as a full-time assistant.

Rabb last year was the Executive Director of the Bulldog Club at Gardner-Webb after completing his master's degree.

# SINCE WE LAST MET

## A Gift Like No Other

Gardner-Webb is the recipient of a model of Jerusalem's Herodian Temple Mount. The 240-square-foot replica, one of only two in the world of this stature, was constructed by Bill McGehee of Winston-Salem and donated to the school to be used as a teaching tool.

McGehee, a retired business executive, has spent \$54,000 and five years building the model as well as countless hours researching historical and archeological accounts of the temple structure. This project was initiated by his desire to provide a three-dimensional picture of the site of many Bible stories, noting that it is more effective to discuss them when the setting can be seen.

Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean of the School of Divinity, agrees that the model will impact GWU students. He anticipates that religion professors will utilize the layout to reiterate the temple's significance. He continued, "This gift is a real boon for the school since we are the only university to have such an authentic and detailed reconstruction of the Temple Mount. It will be invaluable as students come to understand the temple Jesus knew."

Dr. Stacy first heard of the model through a letter from Stephen Poe, the son-in-law of Gardner-Webb trustee Eloise Spangler and the fellow church member of Mr. McGehee. Ironically, around the time of that correspondence, Stacy and President Chris White were touring the Holy Land, serving as guides for divinity school students.

McGehee said, "I believe

Jesus works through people and events, and I am glad that the model has found a home at Gardner-Webb.

Knowing the school's commitment to religious studies, the most rewarding part of the construction process has been bringing the model here."

Also pleased that the temple model is at Gardner-Webb is Dr. White, who plans on making trips to Israel and Egypt a signature of the School of Divinity. Prior to each trip, he hopes students will view the temple replica. Then, he said, the time spent at the actual site will have more of an impact on the students' overall studies.

The Temple Mount model is located in the upstairs room of the John R. Dover Memorial Library. Mr. McGehee is currently adding details to the temple area and anticipates having the project completed sometime in October.

## Library Doubles Its Resources

As students and faculty returned to campus this year and entered the John R. Dover Memorial Library, they learned that the facility had doubled in size – well, maybe not physically. However, the library has grown electronically and now boasts over 1,000 new resources through the North Carolina Libraries for Virtual Education (NC LIVE) web site.

The NC LIVE web site was established in order for statewide libraries to share information and, according to Gardner-Webb library director Valerie Parry, the site includes over 30 databases that offer a range of electronic data from 185 North Carolina public and college libraries.

She explained, "This is a great benefit to our faculty, staff and students because now we can provide additional resources found at larger schools without purchasing the materials. Since the Canon Foundation is sponsoring our subscription to NC LIVE, this is a very affordable way



*The Temple Mount display that is being assembled on campus is only the second of its kind in the world. It shows in intricate detail the features of Jerusalem's temple in Jesus' day.*

of leveling the playing field."

From on-campus computers bearing a Gardner-Webb address, including those in faculty/staff offices and in student dorm rooms, research may be conducted through the NC LIVE web site. The process is as simple as choosing a service and database from which to gather information and conducting a search by subject, author, title, or source. Then, a list of findings from various books, periodicals and encyclopedias will be presented, offering full-text articles and abstracts that can be viewed and printed for future use.

In addition, the site includes the World Almanac, index databases such as WorldCat, which supplies over 38 million bibliographic records, and a source called NovelList that allows avid readers to browse through fiction titles and create customized lists of books.

"Having something like this in the Gardner-Webb library," offered reference librarian Randall Bowman, "has put us on par with the amount of information we want to offer. I consider NC LIVE to be an equalizer, and I am thrilled the campus has access to it."

## An Appropriate Ending

A black-tie affair. A video documentary of the

campus' metamorphosis. Big band music. Wonderful fireworks bursting over Lake Hollifield. All were part of the University's celebration of achieving over \$33 million in gifts and pledges for its "Dreaming, Daring, Doing" capital campaign.

On Friday, August 28, major-gift donors were treated to a formal affair featuring a picture-perfect dinner, entertainment and a tour of Hamrick Hall, the newly renovated structure that has a multi-media auditorium in which the donors were treated to a video presentation of the campaign's accomplishments. Tokens of appreciation were also presented to the guests by President Chris White.

Saturday, August 29, was a day filled with excitement. Much like the campaign's kickoff a few years back, Lindsay Court was filled with campaign supporters congratulating each other on Gardner-Webb's progress. Big-band sounds emanated throughout the facility and food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who were present. The evening culminated with a massive fireworks display over the Lake Hollifield Complex. The entire community and student body were invited to enjoy the display as blankets covered the banks of the lake for the show.

"When we began this project, some skeptics thought we would never see this day," said H. Fields Young III, Shelby businessman and national

campaign chair. "It thrills me to stand back and see the excitement when we say 'we did it.'"

GWU officials said this event was simply a way for the University to give something back to the area for supporting the campaign and the institution's commitment to progress.

The addition of the

most advanced technology in the state, renovated and newly constructed facilities, and additional scholarships were all campaign goals that were achieved.

*A fireworks display over the Lake Hollifield Complex was the highlight of the August 29th campaign celebration*



# THE REAL INDIANA JONES

Scattered throughout pages of world history, great explorers and adventurers have been considered to be men and women of courage, faith, determination, desire and hope. Well if those characteristics are accurate representations of these pioneers of the unknown, then add the name of Clayton Ryan King '95 to the list.

"I've traveled to places that no one spoke English, and I sure didn't speak their language," he recalls, trying to hold back laughter. "I walked into parts of the Bush country where no white man had ever gone before. That was a leap of faith ... and my faith is in Christ."

King has experienced more adventures in a decade than many of us do in a lifetime. "I've had the chance to travel to over 14 countries and over 40 states. I have had the opportunity to lead a lot of people to the Lord. And it's because of the Lord that I've been able to see these places and meet these people."

This former Alpha Chi president and GWU Male Graduate of the Year began his first major expedition at the age of 14. It was then that he discovered the power of Christianity. "The biggest drug dealer in my high school accepted Christ, and it was a radical change in his life. I could actually tell from one day to the next that Jesus had turned this guy around. I watched him grow in Christ for the next six months, and I realized that he had a peace in his life that I didn't. So, I accepted Christ as a result of his witness."

Immediately, King began to explore what avenues were ahead, one road led King through the doors of Angola State Prison in Louisiana – and all the way to death row. "It's a different world in there. I was able to minister to these guys that are facing death, and listen to their stories, and hear some of the advice that they wanted to give young people today."

King's genuine sense of humor coupled with his reputation as a powerful motivational speaker has allowed him to speak in schools across the nation to well over half a million students. "I'm able to share my life, my morals and my beliefs over 200 times a year in public schools. It's a great opportunity to be a witness."

It was while attending



...EXCEPT HE DOESN'T MIND THE SNAKES

GWU as a presidential scholar that King was given the chance to become a world traveler and an international evangelist in countries like Russia, Romania and Kenya. "I especially have a tremendous love for India. It's there that I've worked with orphans and lepers. I've even adopted over 1500 orphans that I raise support for here in America." King prepares himself physically, mentally and spiritually before each mission. But on nearly every trip, something unexpected happens. "I was by myself for a week in Africa and caught malaria. I actually thought that I was going to die, but miraculously, the Lord healed me."

The life and times of Clayton King put Indiana Jones to shame. After all, he's not only served on a medical mission to the Himalayas, and hiked the entire Grand Canyon, but he's also a certified Scuba diver, rock-climbing instructor, skydiver, musician and the director for Crossroads Youth Camps. "At Crossroads, we give them an outdoor adventure that includes repelling and rock climbing, but we also offer great concerts and relevant preaching and teaching. They're taught how to live for Christ, and how to witness to others ... and how to set morals and standards for their lives."

His organization, Clayton King Ministries, also offers retreats and outdoor seminars to groups or organizations seeking a real hands-on study in faith, trust and the obstacles of life. He also serves on the board for the International Christ for India organization, Emmanuel Ministries.

If you need more information on Clayton King Ministries, call 704-471-9944. 

## THE 50S

**Catherine M. Beck '54** became a full-time missionary in February with CEF. This is an organization whose goal is to reach unchurched children. Catherine will serve as bookkeeper, 5-day club coordinator and mailbox club minister in the Asheville area chapter.

**James B. Sides '56** and Mary Ann Sloan were married June 21, 1997.

**Rebecca M. Deaton '58** was recognized at a banquet at Larsity Country Club by Nevant Health for her years of service. Rebecca was presented with a 20-year plaque.

## THE 60S

**Jerry L. Punch '63 A.A.** has

been named chair of the Department of Audiology and Speech Science at Michigan State University where he is also a professor. You can email Jerry at [jpunch@msu.edu](mailto:jpunch@msu.edu).

**Gary R. Lowe '63 A.A.** was appointed Interim Dean of the E.C.U. School of Education on Feb. 1, 1998. He also serves as Dean of social work and criminal justice. You can email Gary at [loweg@mail-ecu.edu](mailto:loweg@mail-ecu.edu).

**Nathan L. May '66** was honored March 29, 1998, for his 25 years of service as pastor of River View Baptist Church in Lincolnton, NC. May is a native of Graham County and began his duties as pastor with River View in 1972. He and his wife Emile reside in Lincolnton, NC.

**Barbara Bridges Lovelace '67 A.A.** was named Teacher of the Month with Kings Mountain High School. Barbara has been teaching for 29 years.

**Herbert McCoy '68** has been called as pastor of Poplar Grove Church in Boone, NC.

## THE 70S

**John Lee '74 B.S.** has been promoted to Division of Adult Probation and Parole manager of Judicial District 9-A for Person and Caswell counties. John has been in the line of probation and parole in Henderson since 1974.

**Rev. David H. Best '75 BA** has accepted a position as minister of education and associate pastor. Best has a total of 20 years experience in the areas of education and outreach ministry. David and wife, Jane, have two children, J.D. and Rachel.

**Anthony Vaughn Heafner '78** and Robin Lynne Simmons were married Sept. 20, 1997, at the St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. Anthony is

employed by Millbrook Distribution Inc. and the bride is employed by the Bali Company. They reside in Clemmons.

**Cheryl Berry Wells '78 B.S.** and Richard G. Wells, II were married Dec. 27, 1997. Cheryl runs her own private business of Behavioral Medicine. You can email her at [cberry16@aol.com](mailto:cberry16@aol.com).

**Dana Gay '79 B.A.** announces the adoption of a son, Brandon Ivan, as of December 1997. Dana is a senior partner with the law firm of Duty, Gay and Associates in Richmond, VA.

**Victor Smith '79** was selected as one of the top 20 Sales Producers for LaPointe Honda in Shelby, NC.

**Kathy Mack Grantham '79 B.A.** and husband Michael announce the birth of a daughter, Halie Meredith Mack, born June 8, 1998.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON ACHIEVEMENT



Do you know this GWU alumnus? Two million radio listeners in the Greater Charlotte, NC, area certainly do. He is Gerry Vaillancourt and he has used his education to become one of the best-known broadcast personalities in the Southeast.

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## THE 80S

**Pam Kelly Collins '80 B.S.** and husband Don announce the birth of a new baby girl, Kelsie Noel, born Dec. 5, 1997.

**Daniel Foy Kirkman '80 B.S.** and Elizabeth Bryan Vick were married May 16, 1998. Daniel is employed by Skyline Transportation as an Account Representative. The bride is employed with Baptist Retirement Homes of NC as a Nursing Home Administrator. The couple resides in Charlotte.

**Anne Feagin Donahoo '81** has been selected to serve on the Conference Planning Committee for the Independent Schools

Association of the Southwest Conference for 1998-2000. You can contact Anne by email: donahoo@flex.net

**Lisa Butler Harris '82 B.S.** and husband Randy announce the birth of a daughter, Holly Elizabeth, born Aug. 12, 1997.

**Walter Ainsworth '82 B.A.** was recently promoted to director of Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services. Walter has been with the EMS for 15 years.

**Dianne Davis Conner '83 B.S.** and Billy M. Conner were married June 13, 1998. Dianne teaches seventh grade.

**Renee Briscoe Brinton '84**

**B.S.** is currently a housewife, after working in management positions for Branch Banking & Trust. She and her husband, Matthew Brinton, who also attended Gardner-Webb, are active members of their church, where she teaches a Girls in Action group. Renee also serves as a volunteer tutor in the classrooms of her children, Matthew, Natalie and Danielle. She and her family are in the process of building a house that Renee designed.

**Jerome Creach '84 B.A.** has received one of two Young Scholars Fellowships from the Catholic Biblical Association of America for 1998.

**William Carl Gibson '84 B.S.**

has been promoted to store manager of the Jacksonville, NC, JC Penney.

**Tammy McNabb '85 B.S.** has been hired as the kindergarten teacher at Oak Hill Elementary School. McNabb has been teaching in Burke County for 12 years. She began her teaching career in 1985 with Salem Junior High.

**Miles Gold '85** has been appointed as Executive Director of Rutherford Hospital Foundation, Inc.

**Donald Hollifield '85** has been called as pastor of Oak Springs Church in Rutherfordton. Donald left Grace Church in Madison to assume his position

at Oak Springs.

**Tim Sigmon '85 B.S.** and wife Suzette announce the birth of a son, Blake Everette, born Nov. 7, 1997.

**Olivia Osborne Atchley '86 B.S.** and husband Gregory announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Olivia, born March 6, 1998.

**Teresa Spicer Karow '86 B.S.N.** and husband Mark announce the birth of a daughter, Morgan Caroline, born March 26, 1998.

## Past Alumni Director Finds His Future In The Queen City

In 1991 Gardner-Webb looked to hire a charismatic and reputable alumnus to lead its alumni relations efforts. **Mickey Sharpe '87**, an outstanding student during his undergraduate days, answered the call and for seven years worked to strengthen the ties that bind graduates with their alma mater. Sharpe earlier this year moved on to further his career in Charlotte with the organization Office Interiors. He brought organization and flair for involving people with him and through his tenure he successfully developed alumni programs that stretched across the Carolinas as well as shaping a strong alumni board. Members of the Alumni Association often praise Sharpe for his vision to streamline the structure of the organization. One of Sharpe's greatest successes was the Student Alumni Council (SAC), which served to involve students in alumni activities as a means to strengthen future ties.



**Mary Willoughby Hartman '86 B.S.** and husband Thom announce the birth of their second son, Ryan Charles, born Feb. 25, 1998.

**Tim Park Wells '86** and wife Colleen announce the birth of a daughter, Taylor Clark, born Nov. 1997.

**Jennifer Mincey Stepp '86 B.S.** and husband, Kevin announce the birth of a daughter, Allison Blair, born Oct. 23, 1997.

**Robyn Gamble Davis '86 B.S.** and husband Timothy, announce the birth of a daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, born Sept. 17, 1997.

**David Helton '87 B.S.** was elected president of the Robeson County Law Enforcement Executive Officers Association. Helton joined the UNCP in 1994.

**Bryan Kiser '87 B.S.** was named teacher of the month for March. Bryan is a seventh-grade science and reading teacher at Kings Mountain Middle School.

**Susan Curti Beck '87 B.S.** and husband Charles announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Catherine, born Feb. 17, 1998.

**P. Joel Parker '87 B.A.** and his wife, Laura announce the birth of their second son, Cameron Evan, born Sept. 26, 1997.

**Amelia Walton Scott '88 B.S.** and William Kent Spears were married April 25, 1998. Amelia is employed as an early intervention coordinator at Crossroads Behavioral Health Care in Statesville and William is co-owner of a construction company. The couple resides in Statesville.

**Rev. Robert Keith Capps '88 B.A.** has been elected to the board of ministers for Campbell University in Buies Creek. Capps

is currently pastor of Trinity Baptist Church at Benson. Capps and wife, Sharon, have three sons, Billy Ray, James Robert and Paul Aaron.

**Cindy Grady Childers '89 GOAL** and husband Mark, announce the birth of a son, Bradford Ray, born March 16, 1998.

**Evelynn Gwaltney Yount '89 B.S.** and husband Conrad announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Victoria Kathryn, born April 20, 1998.

## THE 90S

**Amy Blanton Schnurr '90 B.S.** and husband Christopher announce the birth of their second child, Katherine Rose, born May 22, 1998. Amy is a Criminal Agent for the NC State Bureau of Investigation.

**Robyn Lindsay Morris '90 B.A.** and husband Jamie announce the birth of a daughter, Drew Christian, born June 10, 1998.

**R. Shawn Lewis '90** is editorial page editor for the Register-Herald in Beckley, W. Va. He recently was honored at the annual Better Newspapers Contest. He and his wife, the former Pamala Dawn Jests '92, have a daughter, Breeanna, 3.

**Susan Kelly Davis Gray '90 B.S.** and husband James announce the birth of a daughter, Leah Catherine, born May 5, 1998.

**Dorothy Cross Kozlowski '90 A.A.** and husband John announce the birth of a daughter, Julia Estelle, born April 28, 1998.

**Victor Wayne Packard II '91 B.S.** and Jodi Ann Van Essendelft were married April 18. Victor is employed by College Meadows Hospital in Oletha, KS.

They reside in Overland Park.

**David E. Clary '91 B.S.** has been promoted to executive vice president and the director of environmental compliance of Thomas Petroleum. Clary was vice president at Thomas Petroleum for 10 years.

**Anna Margaret Parton '91 B.S.** and James Howard Ruppe were married Nov. 1997, at Crestview Baptist Church in Forest City. The groom is employed by Bill Gardner Construction Co. The couple resides in Rutherfordton.

**Jacob Bryan Ballard '91 B.S.** and Wendy Marie Hedgpeth were married Sept. 13, 1997. Jacob is employed with Microsoft Corp. The bride is employed by Microsoft Corp. also. The couple resides in Charlotte.

**Donna Marie Pritchard '91 B.A.** and Malcolm Todd Lowe were married May 31, 1997. They reside in Southern Pines, NC.

**Robyn Renee Rogers '91 B.S.** and Rev. Henry Darwin Tate were married Sept. 13, 1997 at New Bethel Independent Church in Forest City. Robyn is employed by Rose's and the groom serves as senior pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. The couple resides in Forest City.

**Angela Bennett Farthing '91** and husband Andy, announce the birth of a daughter, Sydney Kate, born Jan. 26, 1998.

**Joe Miller '91 M.E.D.** and his wife, Laurie, announce the birth of a son, Jake Alan, born May 13, 1998.

**Rhonda Beal Woody '91** and husband Chris announce the birth of a daughter, Rachael, born March 21, 1998.

**Samantha Ginther Fincher '91 B.S.** and husband Sam

# AWARD HONORS ALUM'S CAREER

**Betty Hayes '54**, executive director of The Presbyterian Home of High Point, was selected to receive the 1998 Meritorious Service Award from the American Association of

Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). She will be honored in November for a 40-year career that exhibits exemplary accomplishments

demonstrated by her leadership and contributions of national importance in the field of services to the aging. For 17 years she has held her current position.

The award will be conferred at the AAHSA's 37th annual meeting to be held in Los Angeles, California. She has made extraordinary strides in fund-raising, renovation and construction for her facility, including the recent addition of a six-story apartment administrative building.



announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Reid, born June 12, 1998. Nicholas was born in Texas and was adopted by Samantha and Sam on June 14th. He is their first child.

**Jamie Leigh Slate '92 B.S.** and Joey Dean Martin were married May 2, 1998. Jamie is employed at Hospice of Surry County. The groom is employed at Floyd S. Pike Electrical Contractors. The couple resides in Mt. Airy.

**Sydney Suzanne Brown '92 B.S.** and Leif Eric Loftin were

married Dec. 1997. Sydney is employed by Frye Regional Medical Center and the groom is employed by the City of Conover. The couple resides in Conover.

**Charles Siewers Neil '92 B.S.** and Dorothy St. Claire Brown were married Sept. 6, 1997. The couple resides in Charlotte.

**Rachel Faye Joyner '92 B.S.** and John Peguese III were married March 14, 1998 at Greater Love Out Reach Church in Bennettsville, SC. Rachel is employed by Scotland County Health Department and the groom is employed by Carroll's Foods.

**Kimberly Diane Melton '92 B.A.** and Paul James Dunn were married Oct. 18, 1997 at Caroleen Baptist Church. Kimberly is currently teaching at East Rutherfordton High School and the groom is employed by H.R. Allen Company. The couple resides in Forest City.

**Lisa Merrell Lyerly '92 B.S.** and husband, Paul, announce the birth of a daughter, Brittany Ann, born Feb. 19, 1998.

**Debbie Langston Williams '92 B.A.** and husband George announce the birth of a son, Noah Daniel, born Nov. 21, 1997.

**Patricia Corns Comire '92 B.S.** and husband Don announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Donald, born May 29, 1998.

**Pamala Dawn Jestes Lewis '92** is classified advertising coordinator of The Register-Herald in Beckley, W.Va. She and her husband, **Shawn '90**, have a daughter, Brecanna, 3.

**Shannon Keller Davis '93 B.S.** and husband Joe announce the birth of a daughter, Haven Rebekah, born March 30, 1998.

**Merry Joy Ralph DeCarmo '93 B.A.** and husband Jonathon announce the birth of a daughter, Kamryn Joy, born Nov. 20, 1997.

**Michelle Clary Mullis '93 A.D.V.** and husband Robert, announce the birth of a son, Wesley Michael, born Sept. 3, 1997.

**Mary Metcalf Greene '93** and husband Aaron announce the birth of a son, George Grayson, born Jan. 21, 1998.

**Tina L. Stewart '93** has been promoted to patrol sergeant with the Mooresville Police Dept.

**Amy Lynne West '93 B.S.** and James Carlton Orell Jr. were married Oct. 18, 1997. Amy is employed as a North Carolina adult probation and parole officer and the groom is employed by PPG Industries. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

**Laurie Bass Varley '93 B.S.** has been promoted to Director of Alumni and Parent Relations for GWU. Varley, a former annual fund director at Chowan College, returned to her alma mater in 1997 as director of the GWU annual giving program. Laurie and husband Steve were married July 5, 1997, and Steve also is employed with GWU as Director of Publications.

**Tracey Deitz Harris '93 B.S.** has been chosen teacher of the year for Butner-Stem Elementary

School for the 98-99 school year. You can e-mail Tracey at tmharris@gcs.k12.nc.us

**Noel Manning '94 B.A.** is now assistant director of public relations at Gardner-Webb after seven years as senior producer and entertainment editor at CNN affiliate Shelby Headline News. He and his wife, Beth, live in Boiling Springs with daughter Kathryn.

**Jill Galloway McCalley '93 B.A.** and husband, Michael, announce the birth of a son, Richard Michael.

**Karen Mauney Prevatte '94 B.S.** and husband Brian announce the birth of a daughter, Kayla McKenzie, born Oct. 27, 1997.

**Michael C. Edwards '94 B.S.** and Denise Jeffery were married Feb. 14, 1998. Michael is in the Air Force Special Operations and Denise is a Fighter Weapons Analyst.

**Robin Yvonne Tucker '94 B.S.** and Kevin Brent Amos were married Sept. 20, 1997. Robin is employed by Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem and the groom is employed by US Airways in Winston-Salem. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

**Michelle Rene Stanley '94 B.S.** and Phillip Gray Park were married March 21, 1998. Michelle is employed by the Forsyth County Department of Social Services and the groom is employed by Tobacco Market Auctioneer and Co. and is the owner of Park Brothers Rodeo. The couple resides in Elkin.

**Jeffrey Michael Caldwell '94 B.S.** and Regina Marie Tripp were married Aug. 30, 1997, at Peace College in Raleigh. Jeffrey is the manager of security for

McRae's Department Store in Louisiana. The couple resides in Baton Rouge, La.

**Blair Smith-Kimmer '95 B.S.** and husband David announce the birth of a son, Sawyer Damon, born Sept. 4, 1997.

**Andrea Dockery '95 B.A.** and Joseph Johnson were married September 13, 1997. Andrea teaches U.S. History at Bandys High School in Catawba, NC, where she also teaches Bible History. She also coaches the girl's tennis and basketball teams. The couple resides in Conover.

**Ken Mooney '95 M.B.A.** has accepted a position with Parker Hannifin Corporation as research & development manager. Ken and his wife, Lauren, have two sons, Brian and Ben.

**C. Markell Lynch '95 B.S.** is now the Art Director for Business News Publishing. He also does freelance work creating full business packages.

**Tracie Janine Bradley '95 B.A.** and Randy Steven Moore were married Oct. 11, 1997. Tracie is employed by Spartanburg Herald-Journal and the groom is employed by Ken Inc. The couple resides in Inman.

**Stephanie Elaine Dobson '95 B.S.** and Billy Joel Brooks were married Sept 1997. Stephanie is employed with the Surry County Department of Social Services as a licensing social worker. The groom is employed with Holcomb Bros. Heating and Air Conditioning.

**Robert Michael Layton '95 B.S.** and Kenya Lea McLain were married Sept. 20, 1997. Robert is employed by the Mooresville Police Department as a patrol officer. The bride is employed by Maple Leaf as a

social worker.

**Carla Katherine Ramsey '95 B.S.** and Scott Edward Pitts were married Dec. 7, 1997. The couple resides in Lakeside, Mont.

**Karen Alisa Richardson '95 B.S.** and Paul Bryan Wilson were married Nov. 8, 1997. Karen is employed by North Carolina Probation/Parole in the Rockingham office. The couple resides in Ellerbe.

**Don Roper '96 B.S.** has been promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Gastonia Patrol, Vice/Narcotics and the Identification Bureau. Roper joined the department in August of 1987. Roper has been assigned to the David Patrol Team.

**Cheri Nicole Stewart '96 A.A.** and David Massey Flanagan were married March 7, 1998 at Hillcrest Baptist Church in York. Cheri is a registered nurse with White Oak Manor in York. The couple resides in Clover.

**Amanda Leigh Davis '96 B.S.** and Stephen Brant Parker were married Oct. 11, 1997. Amanda is employed at International Paper Company in Wilson and the groom is an active partner of Triangle East Timber Company in eastern North Carolina. The couple resides in Pikeville.

**Kelly Suzanne McGee '96 A.A.** and Jason Patrick Bivins were married Oct. 18, 1997. Kelly is a registered nurse with the Rehabilitation and Health Center of Gastonia and the groom is employed by the N.C. Department of Transportation. The couple resides in Lawndale.

**Patrick Andrew Whatley '96 B.S.** and Tracy Ann Beard were married Jan. 3, 1998. Patrick is employed with Greensboro Police Department and the bride

is employed as a school counselor with Asheboro City Schools at Lindley Park Elementary School. The couple resides in Liberty.

**Janene Robyn Jones '96 B.A.** and William Paschal Roberts

**Mandy Melissa Mooneyham '97 B.S.** and David Edward Jordan were married May 16, 1998, in Gastonia.

**Denise R. Adams '97 B.A.** is currently working in Taegu,



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were married Nov. 15, 1997. Janene is employed by NationsBank and the groom is employed by Metromont Materials. The couple resides in Wilkesboro.

**Kevin Shane O'Neal '97 B.A.** has recently joined the staff of the Dobson office of The Community Bank. O'Neal will serve as Retail Marketing and Customer Service Representative.

**Katherine Michelle Curtis '97 MA** and Jeffrey Brian Elkins were married April 4, 1998, at First Baptist Church in Marion. Katherine is employed by the McDowell County School System. The couple resides in Marion.

**Kendra Kirby Haneline '97 B.S.** has been promoted to Director of Gift Records in University Relations at GWU.

South Korea, as an English instructor at Seoul Foreign Language Institute. She teaches college students and adults.

**Bernard Ragins '97 B.S.** has been accepted to The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. He began his training in Feb. 1998.

**R. Edward Austin, Jr. '97 B.A.** and wife Esther announce the birth of their first child, a son, Robert Carr.

**Rebecca Ann Champion '97 MBA** and Lee Raymond Johnson were married Dec. 6, 1997 at Dover Baptist Church in Shelby. The couple resides in Greenwood, SC.

**Billie Jo Bullard '97** and Daniel Wiley Royall were married Sept. 20, 1997. Billie is employed by Wilkes National Bank.

**Jonathan Lewis Jones '97 B.A.** and Christy Lynn Robbs were married Dec. 27, 1997 at First Baptist Church of Kings

Morganton First Church. Denise is a social worker for the Burke County Department of Social Services. They live in Valdese.

Church in Spindale. The groom is employed by Cone Mills.

**Melissa Lee Edwards '97 B.S.** and Brian Michael Sanders were

in Linwood.

**James R. Julian '98 B.A.** has recently been voted in as full-time Associate Pastor at Calvary

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Mountain. Jonathan is employed by Sagesport in Kings Mountain.

**Carin Faith Bullis '97 B.A.** and Christopher M. Ioannou were married Aug. 17, 1997. Carin is employed by the North Carolina School of the Arts. The couple resides in Tobaccoville.

**Denise Roxanne Costner '97 B.S.** and Ricky Wayne Powell were married Sept. 20, 1997 at

**Tamara Dee Curtis '97** and Jason Brent Gibson were married Oct. 18, 1997, at the Memorial Chapel in Lake Junaluska. Tamara is employed by Jesse McKinney CPA Firm of Forest City. The couple resides in Mooresboro.

**Tara LaShaun Whiteside '97 B.S.** and Charles Warren Hamrick were married Aug. 30, 1997 at Main Street Baptist

married Jan. 24, 1998. Melissa is employed by Food Lion Inc. The groom is employed at Stokes Construction Co.

**Caroline Lindsey Dickson '97 B.S.** and Nathan Daniel Cantrell were married March 7, 1998. The couple resides in Cowpens.

**Tim R. Jernigan '97 M.A.** and Laura Elizabeth Craver were married May 30, 1998. Tim is pastor of Yadkin Baptist Church in Salisbury. The couple resides

Baptist Church in Shelby.

**Matthew Robert Norman '98 B.A.** and **Michelle Leigh Walters '96 B.A.** were married May 16, 1998. Matt has recently taken the position of Admissions Counselor for GWU in the GOAL Program. Matt's wife, Michelle, is also a graduate of GWU and an employee of the University. The couple resides in Shelby.

# HOMECOMING '98 & OTHER NEWS

Don't forget ... Homecoming '98 is just around the corner and a host of activities is planned for all alumni. Come to campus October 2-3 for the fun!

- Campus Tours
- Golf Tournament
- Reunions: Class of '93 and Nurses of '67 and '68
- The Great Alumni Tent Event
- Homecoming Picnic
- Children's Activities
- Cheerleading Exhibition
- Parade
- Football vs. Wingate (October 3 at 1:30 p.m.)
- Annual Homecoming Dance

*We especially invite all golfers to be a part of the Homecoming Golf Tournament. For \$35 per entry, alumni can enjoy 18 holes at Riverbend Golf Course, one of the top courses in the state. Call Tammy Patterson at 704-434-3923 to sign up.*

## Mark Your Calendars For A Hickory Alumni Event

The first gathering of Hickory-area alumni will take place at the GWU-Lenoir-Rhyne football game in Hickory on October 10. A special area is set aside near the stadium for us. Drop by between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. for some good times. See you there!

## LETTING HER LIGHT SHINE

*Reporter Feels She Is Also A Comforter*

Most of us read the newspapers and see gruesome accounts of death, destruction and tragedy. However, **Cheryl Moose '96** sees unique opportunities to show compassion and comfort.

She's not a minister, or a social worker, or a paramedic. Cheryl's a reporter with the Morganton (N.C.) News-Herald who covers the crime and courts beat. These days, she says, the journalism profession has taken its knocks – integrity and professionalism often being called into question. But Cheryl feels in her heart that's precisely why her Christian witness is needed on this job.

"Take for instance the scene I covered in which the stabbing death of a woman left four children without a mother," Cheryl recounts. "I'm looking at

this horrible situation, being asked to report on it, and I find myself talking to the family and telling them I'm thinking about them and praying for them."

Cheryl analyzes her career thus far and finds difficulty describing it. She didn't graduate from a nationally known journalism school, and although she knew she wanted to be a writer, what she envisioned was a position with a magazine like Southern Living.

"Things have happened for a reason – that's how I look at it. I'm where I am for a reason, I guess. And despite having a job where I experience tragedy day after day, good things have happened to me because of what I do."

She explains that she has evolved into a more vocal person, something very different from the shy



introvert she was in college ("If many of the people I went to school with could see me now, they wouldn't believe it."). Cheryl also is thankful for the unusual opportunities she's had to witness to others ... and in a profession where that is often a rare occurrence. And, in addition, let's don't forget that she has experienced quite a bit of excitement in her 18 months on the job as well.

"Few people get the chance to ride with undercover narcotics officers in the middle of

the night during a bust. To see these people work so hard and bring others to justice makes me feel good ... and safe."

She's proud that her character and compassion also has built some strong relationships with what first appeared to be hardened police officials. "It means that they trust me and, in many cases, I get the story before many of the larger, higher-profile papers do. It's rewarding in ways I never thought of when I took the job."

Cheryl credits her faith and her education at GWU for the good fortune she's had as a reporter.

"With God's help I'm able to take an ethical and moral approach to what I do. And as far as Gardner-Webb is concerned, I feel I had talent to write, but the University took that talent and molded it and nurtured me in a way that no other institution could have."

## DEATHS

**Pauline Culbreth '26** passed away March 1, 1998, at White Oak Manor in Spartanburg.

**Mrs. Laura Green Connor '38** passed away Feb. 16, 1998.

**Joseph H. Henson '47** passed away Feb. 19, 1998.

**Oscar Padgett, Jr. '47** passed away March 22, 1998, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

**William Mack Lyman '50** passed away April 27, 1998, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

**Steven Wayne Daves '77** passed away March 19, 1998, at Carolinas Medical Center.

**Rachel Check '58** passed away Thursday, May 7, 1998, at Iredell Memorial Hospital.

**Dan Moore Jr. '37** passed away Tuesday, March 31, 1998.

**Marshall Cline Sr. '48** passed

away Sunday, April 5, 1998, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

**Rev. Dan Silver '52** passed away Sunday, April 5, 1998.

**Edith Lutz** of Lawndale, passed away Saturday, April 25, 1998, at Cleveland Pines Nursing Home.

**Kristina C. Mann '97** passed away Sunday, March 22, 1998, at Presbyterian Hospital.

**Blanche E. DeBrule '50** passed away Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at Woodlands Nursing Center.

**Lee E. Thomason Jr. '67** passed away April 1, 1998.

**Doris Jones** passed away Monday, March 23, 1998, at National HealthCare.

**Albert Lee Glenn '68** passed away April 24, 1998, at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

**Robert Randall Mace '74** passed away May 31, 1998.

**David Neal Rudisill '68** passed away April 11, 1998, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.



**ARTHUR GARRICK DUCKWORTH, B.S., '89, MBA '97** is quality director for Duke Energy. He has received the North Carolina Governor's Award of Excellence in Waste Management and was presented with the United Way Gold Award for outstanding service.



**NOEL T. MANNING, B.S., '94** joined GWU as assistant director of public relations after being senior producer at a CNN-affiliate TV station. A noted and accomplished videographer, his projects have earned national awards, including the Crystal Award of Excellence.



**DR. JOY COLE RAMEY, B.S., '91** practices chiropractic medicine at The Hay Clinic in Gastonia, NC. She is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, the N.C. Chiropractic Pediatric Association and the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association.

## GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES



**JIM TAYLOR, A.A., '66**, just concluded a career as one of North Carolina's most successful high school football coaches ever. He won two state championships at Shelby High and was Coach of the Year in 1988. He is also a member of the Cleveland County Sports Hall of Fame.



**REBECCA (BECKY) HICKS WALKER, B.S., '85** has been a missionary to the deaf, interpreter and a sign language consultant for the Foreign Mission Board and Atsalana School for the Deaf. For her work at Atsalana, she was featured in People Magazine.



**MARTIN LYNN WHITE, B.A., '93** serves the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Naval Legal Service Office in Virginia. He received the Eadie Congressional Medal of Honor Award and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Award. He holds the Juris Doctorate.

# ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

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