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*The 2000-2001 School Year Has Everyone
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LAW SCHOOL



John Gardner

Anyone who questions whether Gardner-Webb is one of the most progressive institutions in the Southeast, and possibly the nation, should have a seat before reading the remainder of this story.

Gardner-Webb announced in late July that **former N.C. Superior Court Judge John M. Gardner** has been named to the University's faculty as associate professor of law. Gardner will serve two areas of campus, the School of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Among his duties will include a feasibility study for the creation of a law school.

Gardner, 51, is the grandson of former North Carolina Governor O. Max Gardner, and Fay Webb Gardner, for whom the University is named. His notable professional experience includes service as senior resident superior court judge from 1987-1999; district court judge from 1983-1986; assistant district attorney from 1979-1983; and president of the O. Max Gardner Foundation Inc. Gardner previously served as an adjunct professor of business at Gardner-Webb in 1979 and has been a member of the GWU Board of Advisors.

A Shelby native, Gardner holds bachelor's degree in economics and juris doctor degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Additionally, he received his master's in economics from Duke University.

Gardner-Webb Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Frank Bonner

said of Gardner's appointment, "I am absolutely thrilled that a person of John Gardner's stature and experience is joining the Gardner-Webb faculty. John is known and highly respected throughout the state and will be a tremendous asset to the University. Students will benefit enormously from his knowledge and experience. Pre-law students will have a great advantage in having a retired Superior Court judge as their adviser.

Regarding the creation of a law school at GWU, Bonner added, "As part of Gardner-Webb's current strategic planning process, we are exploring the prospect of establishing a law school, and John will be a most valuable asset in directing the feasibility study. If a decision is made to proceed with the planning for a law school, John will be heavily involved in the planning process."

University officials noted that the closest law schools in this region are located at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, and at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

GWU President Dr. Chris White, sensing that this news would surprise, or even shock, some GWU followers, said, "Many times the timing of such an action is what's crucial. John Gardner was available to help us perform the feasibility study; our strategic planning committee is discussing what the next 10 years will hold for our university; and in about a year we will start our first doctoral program (doctor of ministries). Everything is coming together right now, so what better time to pursue this possibility than at the present time? Our progression as an institution for this type of study is timely."

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- Dr. Chris White

"This time ... a new facility being built isn't in Boiling Springs."

Expansion.

It's a word that has been mentioned frequently during recent meetings of the GWU strategic planning committee. This time, however, a new facility being built isn't in Boiling Springs.

The University, which has served Iredell County with a satellite campus for over two decades, has announced the construction of a new state-of-the-art campus location just off Interstate 40 in Statesville. The new facility will house the University's night school program for working adults (GOAL Program), nursing program, Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program, expanded offerings in teacher education, and Graduate School degree programs.



NEW
CAMPUS

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new facility took place August 31 with a target date of May 2001 to have construction completed. The facility is slated to be operational for the summer terms in 2001.

Gardner-Webb currently features 16 satellite locations around North Carolina and one satellite location in Spartanburg, SC. The new Statesville facility, however, is not being billed by GWU officials as another of the extension sites, but rather as Gardner-Webb's second campus.

GWU Provost Dr. Frank Bonner anticipates calling the new site 'Gardner-Webb University at Statesville' with special emphasis being placed on working closely with Mitchell

Community College. The University, Bonner said, would design many of its programs to accommodate students who have completed two year degrees at Mitchell and are seeking to obtain their four-year degrees from Gardner-Webb.

Bonner added, "The new campus will feature numerous classrooms, offices, computer laboratories and a library. The instructional areas in the facility will house multimedia capabilities

and, by doing so, Gardner-Webb hopes to feature many distance learning opportunities through this site. A goal of this facility is to be a hub for GWU's distance learning activities throughout the state, whereby students from around North Carolina could take the bulk of their classes online and then travel to this central location periodically for actual class meetings."

The investment in the new facility, said Bonner, is beneficial for Gardner Webb because of the Statesville campus' position in the heart of North Carolina at the crossroads of interstates 77 and 40. "We have enjoyed our relationship with the people and businesses in Iredell County. This facility will help Gardner-Webb make a greater impact on the higher education needs of the people in North Carolina."



GWU Provost Dr. Frank Bonner anticipates calling the new site 'Gardner-Webb University at Statesville' ...

NCAA DIVISION I

All the talk, all the questions from the media, all the updates to facilities taking place over the summer ... at some point the time had to come to start playing the games. Indeed, Gardner-Webb's much-discussed move to re-classify itself to NCAA Division I is underway in the most important of ways – the games have begun.

Realizing that the GWU athletics program is somewhat under the microscope because it is the only one in America that has been allowed to move to Division I over the next two years (*see related story below*), Gardner-Webb VP for Athletics Chuck Burch knows all eyes are watching to see if the University can successfully make the transition. "I know there are people out there – critics and supporters – who are wondering how we will fare. But I feel good about what we've done. We've made an outstanding commitment to improving and upgrading our facilities; to hiring the needed personnel to make this move; and to scholarship support of our men's and women's teams. It's not easy, and the wins may not come in bunches for a while. But we're committed to this ... and I know that when Gardner-Webb commits itself to something, it never expects to fail."



The new home offices for baseball and tennis

A new baseball and tennis facility (*see photo at left*) and upgrades to soccer and track and field facilities are signs that GWU has taken the move seriously, said Burch. And, he says, coaches have performed above and beyond the call of duty to recruiting athletes that will not only help GWU succeed on the playing fields, but in the classroom as well. "Of course, I'm going to talk a lot about what this move means athletically," he added. "But let's not forget what this move means to the institution as a whole. I think we're already seeing those effects, in my opinion. The professors we're hiring, the students we're enrolling. They see we're headed for big things here."



GWU finds itself in an interesting position as this academic year begins – it is the only school in the United

States being allowed by the NCAA's Executive Council to re-classify to Division I until 2002.

A two-year moratorium has been imposed by the NCAA, thereby forbidding any institution from moving up to the elite level of NCAA status ... any

institution, that is, except Gardner-Webb. At a special hearing this summer, the Council reviewed GWU's position and granted the university an exemption to the moratorium based on its prompt application to change classification prior to the moratorium vote, as well as the vast number of changes and improvements already made to facilities, personnel, and scholarship offerings. GWU, which began playing Division I foes this fall will complete re-classification in 2002.

HIS PATH FROM THE PULPIT ...

Former Pastor Takes On Role As Associate Dean

The M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb in July announced that it had named Dr. Robert Canoy, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Shelby, as associate dean and associate professor of theology. His position with the School of Divinity was effective on August 13.

Canoy, 41, served as senior pastor of First Baptist of Shelby for three and a half years. Previously he had served the divinity faculty and undergraduate religious studies faculty as an adjunct professor of theology and religion, earning high praise as an educator.

He holds the bachelor's degree from Mississippi College, and the Master of Divinity and doctoral degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He has served as New Testament and Christian Theology professor for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Greenville, MS, Canoy has served as pastor for several significant Southern Baptist churches in addition to First Baptist of Shelby, including Blue River Island Baptist Church of Battletown, KY, and First Baptist Church of Rockville, MD. Additionally, Canoy has published numerous articles and books, including significant resources for Sunday School teachers, students and scholars of New Testament studies.

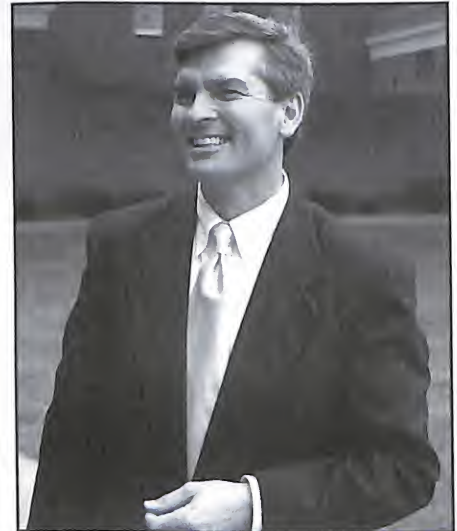
Dr. Chris White said Canoy would be instrumental in naming a leader to administrate the impending doctor of ministries (D.Min.) degree program. Canoy will also help promote the current endowment campaign for the School of Divinity, as well as giving input to future facilities needs.

White added, "Along with the recent hirings of Dr. Doug Dickens and Dr. Todd Still as significant additions to the faculty, Dr. Canoy's appointment has allowed us to assemble a very impressive group of leaders and educators who will make a great impact on the students who come to us from across the nation."

Canoy noted, "This is a rare opportunity, one that allows me to touch many congregations by taking a role in the education of their pastors and ministers."

"This is a rare opportunity ..."

- Dr. Robert Canoy



(Above) Dr. Canoy settles in on the GWU campus; (At right) Dr. and Mrs. Canoy, left, with Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Stacy on a recent trip to the Holy Land.



Top-Flight Quality Instruction

"The faculty continues to be the hallmark of this University."

- Dr. Gil Blackburn

When over 3,100 students – new and returning, undergraduate and graduate – stepped into their classrooms this fall, they were greeted by a faculty that has grown yet again in quantity and quality. So says Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president and dean of academic affairs.

"Without top-flight, quality instruction, little else matters when you're building a nationally known institution like we are. The faculty at GWU continues to be the hallmark of this University," he beamed. "The additions we made this fall only strengthened that feeling."

Joining the GWU teaching ranks for the 2000-2001 year are:

- **Dr. Robert Canoy:** Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Theology (Assistant Dean, M. Christopher White School of Divinity) – comes from position as senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Shelby;
- **Dr. Douglas Dickens:** Professor of Pastoral Care – consulted with Russian medical group to develop chaplaincy training program in Moscow, Russia;
- **Dr. Aristides Gamez:** Assistant Professor of Spanish – widely published in his field; interests are Latin American theatre and poetry;
- **John Mull Gardner:** Associate Professor of Law – conducting feasibility study for the creation of a GWU law school;
- **Dr. Mary High:** Assistant Professor of American Sign Language and Director of the American Sign Language (ASL) Program – missionary with the Deaf and Blind, Florida Baptist Convention from 1983-87;
- **Dr. Olga Poliakova:** Assistant Professor of Mathematics – grew up in Russian embassy (Washington and New York); parents are diplomats;
- **Dr. Todd Still:** Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation – Ph.D. earned from the University of Glasgow, Scotland;
- **Dr. Roland Thornburg:** Associate Professor of Education – earned his Ph.D. at 24 year of age;
- **Professor Tim Vanderburg:** Instructor in History – Political Science Award winner as a GWU undergraduate;
- **Professor Lane Wesson:** Instructor in Education; Coordinator of Statesville's Teacher Education Program – earned the M.A. in Elementary Education from GWU;
- **Debra Miles:** assistant professor of nursing.

GWU new faculty at a recent gathering at the president's house



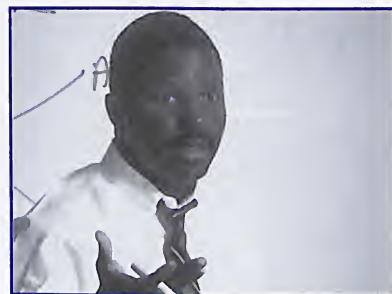
MBA PROGRAM EXPANDS, FLEXES MUSCLE REGIONALLY

The Gardner-Webb Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program was ranked seventh out of 19 similar programs in North Carolina in the June 9th issue of The Triad Business Journal in Greensboro.

Ranked ninth in enrollment in 1999, the Gardner-Webb program jumped two spots this year to seventh with a total of 277 enrolled.

The list of North Carolina MBA Programs, produced each year by the journal, noted that Gardner-Webb has the third newest MBA Program in the state (began in 1993), with only High Point University and Montreat College having begun their programs more recently (both in 1996).

Steadily the GWU Master of Business Administration Program has moved up this comparative list. The program is offered now at multiple locations around North Carolina, including Winston-Salem, Statesville, Valdese (Burke County), and the main Boiling Springs campus. A location in Spartanburg (SC) was added this semester as well.



*Dr. Anthony Negbenebor,
director of the Graduate
School of Business*

MASTER'S PROGRAMS CREATED FOR ENGLISH, SPORTS SCIENCE

The Graduate School at Gardner-Webb has begun offering master's degrees in English, and Sports Science and Pedagogy to begin this Fall on GWU's Boiling Springs campus.

According to program coordinators, the new Master of Arts in English is designed to prepare students to pursue doctoral study, thus enhancing their careers as college instructors or administrators. The new Master of Arts in Sports Science and Pedagogy will assist in the advanced preparation of individuals involved in sports and fitness-related endeavors, including physical education programs, coaching environments, fitness centers and sports clubs.

Both programs, GWU officials say, were created to meet the needs of prospective students in nearby areas, including Cleveland, Gaston, Rutherford, Burke and Lincoln counties. Dr. Darlene Gravett, dean of the Graduate School, explained, "We were contacted by numerous individuals who specifically requested these programs. Because of our status as the only four-year university in our region, we felt it was beneficial to the public to accommodate those requests. It was a natural progression for us."

The Master of Arts in English offering has two options for students: either (a) 24 hours of course credit plus six hours of thesis credit, or (b) 30

hours of course credit with no thesis. The Master of Arts in Sports Science and Pedagogy is also a 30 hour program, with 24 hours of coursework that teaches instructional expertise and six hours of electives. Dr. Ken Baker, assistant professor of health and physical education, is coordinating the sport science program. Dr. David Parker in the Department of English may be contacted for details about the new English degree. For more info call 800-492-4723 or e-mail gradschool@gardner-webb.edu.



*Dr. Gravett (seated)
with Dr. Ken Baker
(left) and Dr. David
Parker*

SCHOOL OF NURSING PREPARES FOR NEW MSN DEGREE

GWU and its School of Nursing have announced plans for a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program, projected for January 2001.

According to Dr. Shirley Toney, dean of the GWU School of Nursing, options within the degree program will likely include parish/congregational nursing, nursing education, health promotion, and nursing administration with an MSN/MBA combination option. The presence of GWU's M. Christopher White School of Divinity provides an ideal opportunity, Toney adds, for collaboration between the schools of divinity and nursing to offer graduate preparation in parish/congregational nursing, which is one of the newest and most rapidly growing nursing specialties as churches are developing new emphases in addressing the health of their parishioners. Across the country, there are few such programs, with most preparation being on a short-term, certificate level. "At this time, in North Carolina, there is only one master's program in nursing education. The track in health promotion would permit the RN to focus on a clinical area of interest and the University's renowned MBA program offers opportunity for dual preparation in nursing and business on a graduate level. RNs with nursing and business backgrounds are valuable resources, particularly in the age of managed care and corporate health care systems."

The format of the MSN program also will provide the increasingly popular RN to MSN option, permitting the registered nurse to exit with the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) or continue studying for the MSN if desired, thus obtaining both degrees in an accelerated fashion. The MSN program at Gardner-Webb has the advantage of providing a "tri level" structure of nursing education, meaning that each GWU nursing degree program is the foundation for the next higher degree that can be achieved.

The new master's program will be highly accessible to students. It will be initiated on the main campus in Boiling Springs and on the university's major satellite campus in Statesville, involving minimal driving time from many surrounding counties. In the MSN program, as in the BSN/RN program, convenient, flexible scheduling will permit RNs to continue working while furthering their education.

Dr. Shirley Toney says the new MSN program is scheduled to begin in January 2001.



GWU Nursing Pioneer Passes Away

Mrs. Grace C. Lee died August 8 after a debilitating illness. She was the founding director of the associate degree nursing (ADN) program, which was the first nursing program at GWU. She retired in 1978. Mrs. Lee was a leader in the state in regard to nursing education and was also well-

respected regionally. During 1963-65, she worked with G-W Junior College, President Eugene Poston and the administrators of Rutherford and Cleveland Memorial hospitals to establish nursing education here. Now, GWU nursing has three programs, 1328 alumni, is offered at five sites, and has an enrollment of approximately 350-plus. The GWU ADN program is the oldest existing program of 47 in North Carolina.

A Life Worth *LIVING*

On April 25, 1995, Donnie Thurman, Sr., didn't want to go on with his life.

His mother, Ruby, was dead after a terrible ordeal with cancer that lasted almost four years.

He was depressed, lonely, confused and tired of fighting. He picked up a .357 magnum, turned it on himself and pulled the trigger.

"A child heard the shot and someone called 911," said Thurman, who remained conscious until he was taken into surgery. "Everything was like clockwork. The ambulance arrived in 10 to 15 minutes. That really worked to my advantage."

"The bullet was lodged in my back, so one of the doctors recommended a neurologist in Charlotte," Thurman said. But that surgery wouldn't be done until weeks later. Thurman spent 49 days in intensive care and 20 days on the hospital's fifth floor. Thurman's wife, Debra, said her husband fought for his life in Cleveland Regional's ICU.

"He was told he had a 50/50 chance to live," she said. "Three different times they had to resuscitate him and he was on a ventilator the whole time in ICU."

At one point the doctors and nurses worked all night to control her husband's bleeding and keep him alive. Before the night was over, she said they had given him more than 100 pints of blood.

"I thank God for people who give blood," Debra said. "I realize now how important it is." Her husband's recovery has been a miracle, she said.

"The doctors and nurses worked so hard to let him know his life was important," she said. "God has given him a whole new look on life. God left him here for a reason."

After a month of recuperation at home, Thurman was ready for surgery in Charlotte. Because the bullet was lodged in his back, doctors told him he would never walk again.

"I was disabled for a year. I went from a wheelchair to a walker to crutches. I was able to walk again about six months after the surgery in Charlotte. Now I don't even have a limp most of the time."

Through the efforts of the hospital's staff and the prayers of his family, his church and people he doesn't even know, Thurman regained his will to live.

"I trusted God and put all my faith in Him," he said. "I give that credit to my church family and my wife and children. I felt like God used me in a desperate situation. Sometimes He will cause a mess to clean something up."



While pursuing his degree, Donnie Thurman interned at the hospital that saved his life.



His 80-year-old father, J.T. Thurman, never gave up.

"My father always says, 'It's not over until God says it's over.' He lived on that through my crisis," said Donnie.

Thurman now works full-time with Community Options, helping people with developmental disabilities. He is a deacon and Sunday School teacher at his church, Palmer Grove in Kingstown. After his recovery, he decided to pursue a dream that was put on hold during his mother's illness.

"Human services was an area that I had pursued after high school until my mother got sick," he said.

In 1996 he went back to school at Cleveland Community College and earned his degree in pre-social work. He entered the GOAL program at Gardner-Webb, attending school at night to work on his bachelor's degree. Vocational Rehabilitation has provided sponsorship during his four years of college under the leadership and guidance of David Raab.

Thurman, who is 39, graduated on August 5 with a bachelor's degree from GWU with a grade point average of 2.5 overall. To complete his degree, he interned at the hospital in the chaplain's office and patient support services. Next, he hopes to enroll in the MBA program at Gardner-Webb.

"I've had plenty of opportunities to share my testimony," Thurman said. "I visit jail houses on Sunday, and I share my testimony with people who are depressed. It's nothing that I have done. When I talk to people, I tell them that there's hope in God. There's nothing that is so complicated that He can't get you out of it."

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(Portions of this article originally appeared in the The Shelby Star. It was reprinted with permission.)

CAMPUS LEADERS CHOSEN

Each year a group called the Presidential Associates are chosen from the student body based on leadership ability, personality and faculty recommendations. They serve as ambassadors of campus in a variety of ways, from hosting VIP guests to representing GWU as special events. This year, this group includes: Jeremy Berger, Scott Chenevey, Matt Costner, Aniela Orza, Michael Stone, Andrea Turlington, Brooke Clark, Alicia McMahan, Bert Epting, Derek Futrell, Macrae Burris, Brantley Paschal, and Patrick Woody.



THE PSYCHOLOGY OF 'SURVIVOR' –

AND A STUDENT WHO WANTS PART OF THE ACTION

Eating rats, walking over hot coals, swimming through snake-infested waters and trying to sleep in the midst of a gale-force storm hardly sounds like a day at the beach. But, millions of Americans discovered last summer, that's exactly what it was.

When CBS premiered "Survivor" in May, critics called it "Gilligan's Island" meets "Lord of the Flies." The show dominated the ratings and reaffirmed broadcasting's ability to create a shared water-cooler experience in this internet-driven world. "Survivor has resurrected the reality genre and struck a chord with millions of viewers who got hooked," notes Dr. Vic Costello, assistant professor, Department of Communications Studies at Gardner-Webb.

The 13-week television series introduced Americans to 16 castaways who were dropped on the island of Pulau Tiga, located somewhere in the South China seas. The 39-day game forced the 16 castaway-contestants to outwit, outplay and outlast each other enduring the elements of nature and the elements of society and self, all for the benefit of \$1 million.

"Part of the fascination I think was the novelty of this game-competition," notes Costello. "That had never really been done before. And I think most viewers went through an education process that didn't really culminate until the final episode. That's where many viewers began to really understand how to play the game and the all the subtle strategies that were involved."

At the end of each episode, "tribal council" meetings were held in which tribe members would vote off one of their own from the island. "The troubling part of the show is also its most irresistible part," says Dr. David Carscaddon, chair of the department of psychology. "I am referring to voting members 'off' the island. What intrigued and disturbed me was who went first, the weak and older members." Carscaddon continued, "Does that say something about our society? Who are 'voted' off this island Earth are usually the weak and unpopular. What does that say about the value of persons."

The sole survivor, Richard Hatch, was described as a "conniving, ruthless strategist." Yet, 51.7 million viewers watched him walk away with the million-dollar prize. According to a CBS viewer survey, 50 percent of those who participated in the survey believe that Richard played the game fair. "Merely surviving does not necessarily mean you are the best, or you should be praised, or held in high esteem," remarked Carscaddon. "You could be the worst. Winning on survivor is a little like



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winning an argument. You may win an argument and still be wrong. And you can lose an argument and be right."

Jon Allen, a 21-year-old senior (French major) at Gardner-Webb University, was the \$10,000 grand prize winner for "Survive Our Island," a "Survivor"-inspired radio contest sponsored by Charlotte, NC, radio station KISS 95.1 FM. He and nine other contestants were "marooned" on Paramount's Carowinds' Smurf Island for a week, completing challenges and voting tribe members off the island. Allen said there were other similarities to the "Survivor" show as well. "It's all about interpersonal relationships," Allen notes. "You had to find two or three people to get to know, and you have to outwit and outsmart. I'd say it's only 30 percent physical, and the rest mental."

Allen noted that over 700 people applied to be a part of this "Survivor-like" game. "I was taking everything from the angle that it wasn't serious, and maybe that's what helped me. Some people took it totally to heart, even though it's just a game. Once you forgot it was a game and tried to make something personal out of it you no longer had what it took to survive."

Allen, who speaks five languages, hopes to study linguistics after graduating from GWU and eventually hopes to work for the United Nations. "Americans and the world at large have become voyeurs in the truest sense of the word," says Allen. "We have Real-TV, we've got web-cams, we find ourselves wanting to be connected to everyone's business – the good, the bad and the ugly."

Allen was also a semi-finalist for "Big Brother," CBS's other reality show where 10 strangers are confined to a home with no outside contact for three months and are voted out one by one. He also applied for the second Survivor, to be filmed on the Australian outback.

"So far, the Survivor copycats like 'Big Brother' have not been able to imitate the magic formula," notes Dr. Costello. "Much in the same way that nobody seems to be able to create another 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire.' With its tribal metaphor and deserted island motif, CBS' 'Survivor' was able to create a cultural phenomenon that will be hard to match." Costello adds, "Survivor really had less to do with physical and emotional endurance as it had to do with strategy, deceit, alliances, manipulation, conflict and other socio-psychological interactions which drew the audience into the hidden lives of the participants. But in the end, the participants were all characters playing a role and trying to win a game."

Carscaddon agrees, "The psychological pull for this series was a rich mixture of human traits. From courage to despair, honor to dishonor, arguably 'Survivor' had it all. I think that's why it seems to have captured the imagination."

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NFL Legend Predicts Great Results From D-I Move

As Gardner-Webb embarks on its first season into the NCAA Division I transition, former NFL great Roman Gabriel was recently on hand to show his support for GWU football. "I've known Steve (Patton) for quite a while and I'd just like to say the Runnin' Bulldogs are in great hands." Gabriel added, "Steve is a man of character and a man with exceptional leadership qualities. Any player or coach under his direction will benefit greatly from his experience and knowledge of the game."

Gabriel was one of nearly 90 participants in the annual Gridiron Golf Classic held at the Cleveland County Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament benefitted the GWU football program. Today, at the age of 60, Gabriel is a sports broadcaster for the Carolina Panthers. But, it doesn't seem that long ago when this Pro Bowl quarterback for the Rams and Eagles was dodging tackles from the likes of Hall of Famers, Dick Butkus of the Bears and Ray Nitschke of the Packers.

Gabriel played in the days when quarterbacks like Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, Sonny Jergenson and Fran Tarkenton ruled the field. "When you are up against the best in the game, it forces you to take your level of play up a notch or two. I definitely played harder and better when I was challenged."

Gabriel says that GWU athletes, fans and supporters are in for monumental challenges as the program begins to take on more talented Division I opponents. "Although the Bulldogs may take some lumps on the head in this process, I think that this was definitely the right move." Gabriel added, "I have a lot of admiration for the Gardner-Webb program, and with Chuck Burch at the helm of the athletics post, Gardner-Webb will soon earn the respect of many Division I schools."



*Former NFL great
Roman Gabriel*

Baseball All-American List Includes From GWU

Three of Gardner-Webb's key contributors on the baseball team that made a run at the NCAA Division II World Series recently have been rewarded with "All American" status. The Bulldogs' final record was 45-21.

First baseman Sammy Pruett was a first-team pick, third baseman Blake Leverett was a second-team choice and pitcher Abraham Gonzales also received a second-team selection.

Pruett hit .377 and led the team in home runs with 16 and RBIs with 87, third-most in the nation. He was also co-Player of the Year in the South Atlantic Conference. Leverett topped the SAC with .403 batting average and his 100 hits were tops in the nation. Gonzales set a school record with 11 victories this season. He also posted a 2.57 earned run average, one of the best marks in the nation.

"We're really happy for these three," said GWU head baseball coach Clyde Miller. "This is quite an accomplishment for our program and for them. All three are fine young men."



Leverett



Pruett



Gonzales

ATHLETICS

*Remaining contests for Fall 2000 sports. For more info, see www.gardner-webb.edu

FOOTBALL

September

- 16 Liberty University, Away, 7 p.m.
- 23 Mars Hill College, Home, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Northwestern State, Away, 2 p.m. (CST)

October

- 7 Elon College, Away, 2 p.m.
- 14 Virginia Union Univ. (Homecoming), Home, 1:30p.m.
- 21 Samford University, Away, 1 p.m. (CST)
- 28 Open

November

- 4 Miles College, Home, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 Univ. of New Hampshire, Away, 12:05 p.m.
- 18 Savannah State University, Home, 1:30p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

September

- 15-16 University of Charleston, WV, Tournament

October

- 5 Lenoir-Rhyne College, Away
- 6-7 Lees-McRae Tournament, Away
- 10 Lenoir-Rhyne College, Home
- 13-14 Fayetteville State Tournament, Away
- 31 Catawba College, Home

November

- 1 Carson-Newman College, Home
- 2 Mars Hill College, Home
- 9 Mars Hill College, Away
- 10-11 Tennessee Tech Tournament, Away
- 14 UNC-Asheville, Away

CROSS COUNTRY

September

- 15 Gardner-Webb Classic, Home
- 30 Nike USC-Spartanburg Invitational, Away

October

- 6 Gardner-Webb Invitational, Home
- 14 Belmont Abbey Invitational, Away
- 28 Southern Independent Championship, Nashville, TN

MEN'S SOCCER

September

- 17 Birmingham Southern, TBA
- Mercer Macon Tournament (in Macon, GA)*
- 22 Florida Atlantic University, TBA
- 23 Mercer-Macon University, TBA
- 26 Carson-Newman College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
- Rollins Soccer Festival*
- 29 Rollins College, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Florida Southern, 5:00 p.m.

October

- 4 Lenoir-Rhyne College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Mars Hill College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
- 14 at UNC-Asheville, 4:00 p.m.
- 21 at Liberty University, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 at Winthrop University, 7:00 p.m.

November

- 2 at North Carolina State University, 2:30 p.m.
- 4 Virginia Tech, Home, 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

September

- 20 Lander University, Home, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 at Tennessee Tech. University, 1:00 p.m.(CST)
- 27 Carson-Newman College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
- 30 at Eckerd, TBA (Orlando, FL)

October

- 1 at Rollins College Tournament (Orlando, FL), 1:00 PM
- 4 at Tusculum College, 5:00 p.m.
- 10 at Mt. Olive College, 4:00 p.m.
- 14 South Carolina State University, Home, 3:00 p.m.
- 16 Francis Marion University, Home, 4:00 p.m.
- 28 William Carey College, Home, 2:00 p.m.
- 29 at Brevard College, (Brevard, NC) 2:00 p.m.

November

- 4 Presbyterian College, Home, 2:00 p.m.



*Melissa
Smith*

CORRECTION

The Summer issue of The Web incorrectly identified a student-athlete in an article. Melissa Smith from Clearwater, Fla., became GWU's first national champion in swimming (on the Division II level) this year. She captured first place in the mile swim with a time of 17:05.05. Smith finished third in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:01.92. Scoring all 36 GWU's points at the meet at Erie Community College in Buffalo, Smith propelled the Lady Bulldogs to an overall 14th place finish in the swimming team competition for coach Mike Simpson. The staff of The Web regrets the error in reporting this news.

SINCE WE LAST MET

NC Senator Walter Dalton Honored at Summer Graduation

Summer 2000 graduation ceremonies were held on August 5th in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus where more than 250 students received degrees.

During the ceremony, the University awarded

an honorary doctorate degree to North Carolina Senator Walter Dalton of Rutherfordton, NC. Dalton, who represents Cleveland and Rutherford counties in North Carolina District 37, was recognized with the honor for his commitment to Gardner-Webb and higher education.

Currently, Dalton serves as chair of the Higher Education Committee and as chair of the Appropriations on Education/Higher

Education Committee. Several friends, colleagues, fellow legislators and family members came to GWU from around the state on Friday evening to honor Dalton at a private dinner on campus.

Sen. Dalton, who was the keynote speaker during graduation exercises, told the summer graduating class of 2000, "I know of no other private university in this state that has shown more constructive vision than Gardner-Webb University.

"Often, during meetings with the

Senate's Education Committee, I refer to the successes of Gardner-Webb when we talk about how to improve higher education."

History was also recorded during the ceremonies when 18 graduates comprised the first-ever class of alumni for the GWU agency counseling major in the Graduate School.

The program, which was featured in the June 2000 issue of *The Web*, has grown notably in enrollment and has received high praise from students for the level of practical instruction.



(At left) N.C. Senator Walter Dalton receives his honorary doctorate; (bottom left) the first agency counseling graduates celebrate outside the LYCC; (below) during a touching moment in the commencement ceremonies, former GWU president Dr. Eugene Poston presented his granddaughter, Amber Michelle Goode, with her diploma.



Hamrick Hall Auditorium Named For George Blanton

GWU trustees have voted to name a significant campus landmark in honor of a man who for decades has provided leadership and support for the institution.

The Hamrick Hall auditorium, the centerpiece of the newly renovated facility that houses the GWU School of Business, has been named the "George Blanton Jr. Auditorium." This recognition, according to GWU President Dr. Chris White, reflects not only Blanton's dedication to Gardner-Webb, but his outstanding service to the

business and civic communities of Cleveland County as well.

"He has given of himself to enhance the quality of life in virtually every aspect of this county. And he has given that direction with wisdom and practicality, gifts that he possesses by God's grace.

"It is with humility and honor that we at Gardner-Webb are able to bestow this recognition on George Blanton and his family."

Blanton, retired chairman of the board of First National Bank of Shelby, has served numerous terms on the GWU Board of Trustees and has led several efforts to create or enhance programs and facilities on campus. Gardner-Webb has bestowed upon Blanton the honorary

doctorate for his tireless efforts in support of the University and Christian higher education.

New Police Chief Named

The University announced in August that Barry Johnson, a campus police officer at GWU since 1996, had been promoted to the position of director and chief of university police.

Chief Johnson supervises five campus police officers and 30 campus security officers. He is responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive campus safety and security program.

Johnson is a 1984 graduate of GWU, where he earned his degree in physical education and psychology. Previously, he served the Carteret County (NC) Sheriff's Department for seven years and the U.S. Coast Guard for four years.

Johnson and his wife, Mitzi, have two children,

daughter Hannah, age 10, and son Clay, age 7. They are members of Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

"Our campus population is growing and dynamic," said VP Bruce Moore. "It is imperative that we as a university provide safety and order



for the people who work and study here. Barry has an exemplary record as a police officer and as an administrator. Plus, he has a genuine loyalty to Gardner-Webb as his alma mater.

Conference Gives Back To Ministerial Community

The Center for Congregational Enrichment, an auxiliary of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity,



welcomed approximately 100 pastors and Christian leaders from around the Southeast this summer to its inaugural summer "Institute for Christian Ministry." Leading the three-day event was world-renowned preacher Dr. Fred Craddock, professor emeritus of preaching and New Testament at Candler School of Theology.

Entitled "Resources for Effective Ministry," the series of seminars drew widespread interest from ministers across the region who were led by Dr. Don Postema ("Breathing the Breath of God: Invitation to the Sabbath"), Les Robinson ("Conflict Management"),



Dr. Wayne Stacy ("The Gospel of Mark"), and Dr. Craddock ("Effective Preaching"). Craddock also led evening worship services for those in attendance.

Postema is recently retired from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and was a

fellow to the late Henri J.M. Nouwen; Les



Craddock

Robinson hails from the Center for Congregational Health; and Wayne Stacy is dean of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb.

Dr. Stacy summarized the event, saying, "Churches all over this region will begin hearing better sermons as a direct result of their pastors having taken advantage of the opportunity to learn from Dr. Craddock."

Dr. Charles Horton, director of the Center for Congregational Enrichment, said this three-day event was a tremendous success despite it being the first such endeavor by the Center. "By bringing in respected leaders like Dr. Craddock, we are fulfilling our mission to deliver high-quality support services directly to the churches. What the Center offers is an extension of what the

School of Divinity exists as for our region – not only a place of preparation for future ministers, but a resource to enhance the spiritual health and well-being of the churches those ministers serve."

Plans are being finalized for next summer's Institute for Christian Ministry. For more info, please call 704-406-3821 or visit the Center's website at www.gardner-webb.edu/divinity.

WGWG Radio Continues To Grow, Add Supporters

WGWG, the University's radio station, recently held a fundraiser in Uptown Shelby to raise monies for operations and music purchases.

The event, a benefit concert, featured bands Mama Said and Tater, local acts that are receiving a great deal of air time on WGWG. The fundraiser was sponsored by local supporter Steve Leatherwood and his business, Leatherwood Trading Company.

Leatherwood's often features local talent on Friday evenings and the proceeds from this gathering went toward benefitting WGWG.

"Local artists are important to us," said station manager Jeff Powell. "So, we were able to showcase their talents while helping the station at the same time."

WGWG welcomes gifts from supporters in order to help operate the station. For more info, call 704-406-3525 or visit WGWG on the internet at www.wgwg.org to learn more about the station.



Concourse in LYCC Now Bears the Name of Late Attorney

A quiet, humble and philanthropic life was celebrated recently by Gardner-Webb when the institution remembered the late Joe Wright by naming the concourse of the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus after the Shelby attorney.



Wright, who passed away in 1995 at the age of 91, was well-known for his contrasting frugal lifestyle and overwhelming generosity. He was a major donor to Gardner-Webb, Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Hospice of Cleveland County and the Heineman Medical

Research Center on Charlotte, which has a research laboratory for cardiovascular disease named in Wright's memory.

GWU President Dr. Chris White said the naming of the University's concourse is a fitting tribute to Wright legacy because the concourse is a well travelled thoroughfare on the University campus. The concourse of the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center is the center of activity for sporting events, graduation ceremonies and presidential receptions. It also features the recognition of GWU All-Americans and trophies won by GWU athletic teams.

"Gardner-Webb and other agencies that he supported will be forever grateful for his gifts," White said. "In appreciation of how he loved and supported this institution, we now have his name prominently featured in one of the most visible places on our campus for future generations to see."

A native of Cleveland County, Joe Wright was not only an attorney, but a former Records Court Judge as well. He was a

member of First Baptist Church of Shelby and graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill Law School.

University and Town Again Light the Skies For July 4th

For the second year, Gardner-Webb University and the Town of Boiling Springs were teamed up to provide an evening of fireworks and fun on July 4th. The activities took place around the Lake Hollifield Complex on the GWU campus. Several thousand area residents attended the event.

The grounds opened early in the evening for visitors who came to play and picnic around the lake. Frisbees, horseshoes and other favorite summertime activities



were common sights near the lake.

Special music, including popular beach music selections, was provided around the lake by WGWG-FM (88.3), the radio station of Gardner-Webb University. Special music also accompanied the fireworks display.

Wendy Smith, a GWU alum from nearby Shelby, said, "I'm overwhelmed by the lengths the school has gone to in order to entertain us. The atmosphere around the lake was beautiful and the fireworks were the best I've seen. It was a perfect night."

Notes:

- As a reminder to all who call the University, the prefixes for all phone numbers have changed. What was once 434 has been changed to 406. Calls made using the 434 prefix are no longer being forwarded to GWU.

- The GWU Bookstore is now online at www.campusshop.gardner-webb.edu.

Life For '98 Alum Just A Day At The Races

GWU alum **Garry Eller '98 BA** is living a race fan's dream. He not only attends nearly every major competition, but, Eller is usually in the middle of the action rubbing elbows with the likes of Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt and Tony Stewart. "They are just regular guys like everybody else. They're competitors, but they're also family."

In 1998, Eller began working with Cameras In Action (CIA), a company specializing in NASCAR photography. The CIA photography team covers all NASCAR Winston Cup Series events. In addition, CIA shoots NASCAR Busch Series and Craftsman Truck Series events. "When I first started working with them, I was mainly handling office detail. I didn't get to take my first picture until about my fifth month."

Eller's first taste of photography came at Gardner-Webb, where he took a couple of photography courses while majoring in communications. He also completed a photography internship at the Salisbury (NC) Post. "While I was at Gardner-Webb, I along with several other students got a chance to work with professional photographers on a Carolina Panthers commemorative book. That's when I knew this is what I wanted to do," noted Eller. "I got to work side by side with a Pulitzer prize winner. I learned a ton from him."

Since working for CIA, Eller's photos have been published in most major racing publications. But, the ultimate high for Eller, was when he discovered his photos in Sports Illustrated. "I couldn't believe it. I always said that I was going to have my photos in Sports Illustrated one day, but when it really happened, well, it was overwhelming. It really was a dream come true."



Eller with George W. Bush

McFarland Recognized With Bulldog of the Year Award

"I believe in the Christian values promoted by Gardner-Webb and in the long lasting principles of hard work, team-work and perseverance learned in athletics," says Ozzie McFarland, recipient of the 1999 Bulldog of the Year Award. "Therefore, I cannot see myself in a situation where I would not support Gardner-Webb and its athletic program."

For over two decades, Ozzie McFarland has lived and breathed Gardner-Webb. This former baseball player for GWU, has coached baseball, cross-country and volleyball for the Bulldogs. McFarland eventually served the University as Sports Information Director, Athletic Director and Executive Director of the Bulldog Club. "Because of Ozzie's commitment to and support of the Bulldog Club, Gardner-Webb, and athletics, the Bulldog Club wanted to recognize him and thank him for all of his hard work and dedication over the years," says Darlene Broadhurst, director of Annual Giving and Bulldog Club.

On August 19, McFarland, who has both a B.S. and a M.A. degree in Health and Physical Education from GWU, received the award in a ceremony at Spangler Stadium. "This honor is certainly one of the most significant honors I have ever received," noted McFarland. "The members of the Bulldog Club are some of the people that I hold most dear."

Since 1996, McFarland has been teaching in the GWU Health and Physical Education Department.

*Ozzie McFarland
receives the
Bulldog of the
Year Award from
Max Hamrick, Jr.*



HOMECOMING 2000

OCTOBER 13-14

October 13

- Golf Tournament
- GWU Hall of Fame Banquet
- Alumni Honors Banquet
- Powder-Puff Football Game
- Bonfire
- Contemporary Christian Concert

October 14

- Campus Tours
- Reunions – Classes of 1947-48 and 1975-76
- Tailgate Competition
- Homecoming Parade
- GWU Football vs. Virginia Union

For more information about any or all of these events, we welcome your calls to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 704-434-4255.

Alumni Board News

The Alumni Board has undergone restructuring over the summer. In order to better meet the needs of the University and the Alumni, the Alumni Board has established an Executive Council which will meet more regularly and be responsible for administrative duties related to Alumni activities. The general Alumni Board will now meet twice annually, once during Homecoming and once in the Spring. Board members will also be asked to participate in University events, such as the Senior Pinning, Freshman Orientation, Homecoming and regional gatherings through the year.

The goals and overall focus of the Alumni Board have been clarified and prioritized. In the past, the board's main focus was Alumni Participation (i.e. financial support of the University).

Clearly, that will remain a primary goal. But the goals the University has set for the board are more focused on increasing the awareness of the Alumni about the things going on in and around GWU and re-involving the Alumni in those activities. By doing so, Alumni contributing to GWU will take care of itself while building a committed and enthusiastic Alumni.

Executive Committee Members:

Mark and Kim Sanders.....Co-Presidents
 Lisa Tucker.....Past president
 Lois Perkins.....1st Vice President
 Craig Watson.....2nd Vice President
 Gay Melton.....member at large

Alumni Board Members:

Richie Ambrose '95
 Doug Armstrong '88
 Noble Ball '51

Doris Ball '51
 Roger Dixon '64
 Dorothy Edwards '35 Lifetime member
 Tim Hagler '86
 Randy Hall '88
 Luci Hamrick '44
 Ronald Heafner '50
 Tammy Campbell Hoyle '88
 David Keim '87
 Gay Melton '67
 Lois Perkins '67
 Minna Rice '38 Lifetime member
 Cecil Rollins '54
 Mark Sanders '86
 Kim Sanders '86
 Lara Gopp '92
 Randy Swartz '87
 Cindy Swartz '85
 Keith Taylor '78
 Yvetta Washburn '88
 Craig Watson '87
 Evans Whitaker '83
 Darrell Wilson '53
 Sue Wilson '53

CLASS NOTES

The '40s

Marion Lansford Jolley '47 and **Cothenia Jones Jolley '47** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2000.

Dan King '49 was recently honored by the United Methodist Women of First Methodist Church in Forest City, NC for his service in the church. He and his wife, Beth, have two sons, Bruce and Eddie.

The '50s

Valeria Creech '54 has retired from Shelby City Schools but continues to direct music at her church.

Mildred Peterson Dixon '56 retired in 1995, after teaching for 40 years. She and her husband, George, a retired preacher, live in Fort Worth, TX.

Dr. Patricia Greene Palmer '57 has retired from Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC, after serving as a professor of biology for 33 years.

Joe H. Camp '58 A.A. and his wife, Linda, announce that their daughter, Elizabeth Camp Damesek, has received her D.D.S. degree from the UNC School of Dentistry. She and her husband, Joshua Damesek, who is also a dentist, have entered into general dental practice together in Charlotte, NC.

The '70s

Vickie Gordon Webb '72 B.A. and **Kenneth Webb '72 B.S.** reside in New London, NC with their two sons, Andrew, 16, member of the National Junior Honor Society, and Daniel, 15, who has had art work displayed in the county. Vickie is an adjunct professor of early childhood education at Montgomery Community College. She also teaches humanities at Stanly Community College. Kenneth is a drawer at Wiscasset Mills Co.

Carolyn Powers Wright '72 B.S. was recently named Teacher of the Year 2000-2001 by the American Legion Post 168 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. She teaches pre-school special education at North Myrtle Beach Primary School.

Rev. Leland Andrew Kerr '73 B.A. was married to Robyn Rose Kirby on February 5, 2000, at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. He is the executive director of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in Shelby and is a member of the general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The bride is a self-employed cosmetologist at The Mane Attraction in Gastonia. The couple resides in Shelby.

Ethel Pederson '73 B.A. has been appointed principal of Kings Mountain Middle School in Kings Mountain, NC. She previously served as assistant principal at Kings Mountain High School since 1990 and was also a classroom teacher at Central School for 15 years.

James W. "Jim" Washburn '73, assistant coach with the Tennessee Titans, was recently inducted into the Cleveland County Hall of Fame.

Dr. Robert T. Parsons Jr. '75 B.A. was married to Mary Steele Thompson on January 1, 2000. He is the assistant librarian for

religious programs at Gardner-Webb University and is pastor of Boiling Springs United Methodist Church, and she is a public services librarian at Gardner-Webb University.

Marvin L. "Buddy" Quinn '78 B.S. has been named claim field executive/non-standard claim executive for Royal & SunAlliance (RSA) Insurance Company based in Charlotte, NC. He has 22 years in the insurance claim field and was previously employed as regional claim manager of Guaranty National Insurance before the company was purchased by RSA. He is married to **Diane Millington Quinn '80 B.S.** They reside in Goldsboro, NC and have three sons, Jeffrey, 17; Phillip, 13; and Justin, 11. Buddy's e-mail address is mlquinn@coastalnet.com.

The '80s

Lynne Becker Colley '81 B.A. and her husband, Clyde, have recently relocated to Ocala, FL.

Rev. Tim Wilkins '81 B.A. is the executive director of CROSS Ministry in Raleigh, NC. During the summer he spoke at the Exodus North America Conference in San Diego, CA and the Exodus World Conference in England. In addition, he was asked to speak at Amsterdam 2000, a Billy Graham Evangelistic Association event. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married seven years and have a baby daughter, Clare Elise, who was born May 5, 2000.

Thomas Zeigler '81 B.A. and **Sherri Murray Zeigler '81 B.S.** have relocated to Stanfield, NC, where Thomas serves as pastor of Kinza Memorial Baptist Church. In addition, he has been elected to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention General Board for a four-year term. Sherri is employed as a teacher by

Anson County Schools. Thomas' e-mail address is tomz@vnet.net.

Lisa Karen Butler Harris '82 B.S. and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Katherine, on November 24, 1999. They have two other children, Matthew, 5, and Holly, 2. Lisa's e-mail address is wrharris@pol.net.

Pat Philbeck Guffey '83 B.S. is now assistant vice president of the First National Bank in Shelby, NC. She is married to Buddy Guffey and has two children, Ensley Guffey and Lane Rogers.

Susan Jones '83 B.S. has been named principal of the Leap Academy, a school within the Burke County School System. Her e-mail address is sjones@burke.k12.nc.us.

Amy D. Wilson Sexton '83 B.S. has worked at the Anderson City Police Department for 13 years. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Weston and Ayrn. Amy's e-mail address is pdlady@mailcity.com.

Amy J. Wilson Covington '84 B.A. and her husband, Edward, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Inez, on November 24, 1999. Their other children are Hannah, 7, and Sarah, 4.

Alisa Painter Leybourne '84 B.S. and her husband, Carl, announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Addison, on January 4, 2000. They also have a son, Greyson, and twin daughters, Taylor Elizabeth and Austin Nicole.

Brian McCulloch '84 B.S. and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline "Maddie," on August 14, 1999.

Stanley Law '85 B.A. is the executive director of the H.L. McCrorey Family YMCA.

Telicia Sherrill Perkins '85

recently received a master's degree in middle school education from Appalachian State University. A Mill Creek Middle School math teacher, she has been with the Catawba County School system since 1995 and previously taught 10 years in Lincoln County. She and her husband, Robin, live in Maiden, NC with their children, Jordan and Alec.

Terri L. Reid '85 B.S. was selected as Shelby City School's Teacher of the Year. She is a third-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School and has taught in the Shelby system for 12 years.

Robert "Bob" Hammond '86 B.S. is employed as the registrar at The Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. He and his wife, Wendy, live in Clinton, MS, with their son, Steven Michael, who was born January 28, 2000. Bob's e-mail address is bhammond@rts.edu.

Lisa Russ Carter '87 A.A. has been appointed as associate director of nursing for the evening shift at Rutherford Hospital. She has been employed by the hospital for 13 years, having worked in the surgical unit for five years and most recently as night charge nurse, second medical nursing unit. Lisa lives in Ellenboro, NC with her husband, Clement, and their daughter, Susan.

Vance E. Hunt '87 B.S. GOAL was recently appointed as the first African-American pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC. His wife, Minnie, is employed at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Wendy Hayes Amerson '88 B.S. and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their first child, Amber Marie, on November 22, 1999.

Jean Moore '88 B.S. is the

clerk to the board of county commissioners for Iredell County and assistant to the Iredell County manager. She has a 22-year-old daughter, Erika, and a 21-year-old daughter, Monika.

Joellen Folger Belton '89 M.A. is now a teacher at the Millennium Charter Academy in Mount Airy, NC. She has been employed as a classroom teacher for 27 years and has taught kindergarten through third grade as well as a multi-age class comprised of K-1 pupils.

Samuel T. Capps '89 B.A. has been hired as a children's consultant for Lifeway Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. His e-mail address is ttcapps@lifeway.com.

Debbie Collins '89 M.A. has been appointed to the teaching staff at Millennium Charter Academy in Mount Airy, NC. She has been employed as a classroom teacher from 1973 through the current year in the Mount Airy city schools and has taught kindergarten, first grade, second grade and a multi-age class comprised of K-1 students.

Randall Lee Fulton '89 M.A. has been named principal of Mineral Springs Middle School.

Laurie Bush Johnson '89 B.S. and **John Paul "J. J." Johnson '89 B.S.** recently celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary. In addition, Laurie has received a full U.S. Air Force scholarship and will begin full-time studies at the University of Florida, pursuing a graduate degree as a women's health nurse practitioner, and J. J. has been awarded the half million dollar award for outstanding work as the territory manager for Tampa Spot Coolers. They live in Tampa, FL and have two daughters, Rachel, 6, and Sadie, 3. Laurie's e-mail address is laurielizabeth@hotmail.com.

Steve Young '89 M.A. was

Charlotte Area Alumni Gathering A Great Success

On Saturday, August 26, the Gardner-Webb University Alumni Board and Office of Alumni Relations hosted a Charlotte Area Alumni Event.

The event took place at Jillian's Entertainment Restaurant, located in Concord Mills Mall. Over 60 alumni and friends enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship. Head football coach, Steve Patton, was the special speaker and informed the alumni and friends of the University's move to Division I Athletics.

Drew Van Horn, VP for University Relations and Laurie Varley, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, gave updates on the exciting changes and progress GWU is making. Everyone was encouraged to come back to campus for Homecoming festivities on Oct. 13-14.

Mark Sanders, Co-President of the Alumni Board along with Lisa Tucker, past Alumni Board President and current Board of Trustee member, gave away various door prizes and gave greetings on behalf of the Alumni Board. Alumni will be kept up to date on future area alumni events.

Laurie Varley said after the event, "All of our alumni are extremely important to us and we want to find ways to keep in touch with them and fellowship with them.



The area alumni events, like this one in Charlotte, are a wonderful way to accomplish these goals."

Laurie added that alumni that are interested in organizing an alumni event in their area should contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 704-406-4255.



selected as Principal of the Year for Mooresville, NC area schools. He has been principal of Mooresville Intermediate School since January 1999 and has also served as principal at Mooresville Middle School and N.F. Woods Advanced Technology and Arts Center.

The '90s

Dr. Karen Elizabeth Curtis '90 B.S. was married to David William Leslie on May 6, 2000, at Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC. She is a specialist in family medicine and has a private practice in Due West, SC, and the groom is in engineering services with the Abbeville plant of Milliken & Co. The couple lives in Abbeville, SC. Karen's e-mail address is kcurtis@emerald.com.

John Keeter '90 B.S. has been named manager of retail technology at Lowes Foods in Winston-Salem, NC. He and his wife, Julie, live in Clemmons, NC with their five-year-old son, David, and their three-year-old daughter, Audrey.

B. Eugene "Gene" Klump '90 M.A. has been promoted to banking officer at Lexington State Bank.

Mary B. Secrest '90 B.S., '95 M.B.A. has been promoted to vice president of marketing for the consumer products division of Alba-Waldensian.

Nancy Reid Owen '90 B.A. and her husband, Charlie, announce the birth of their daughter, Ashleigh Nicole, on January 11, 2000. Nancy is employed part time as a training coordinator for Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare and provides counseling services at West Cabarrus Church in Concord. Her e-mail address is charlieandnancy@hotmail.com.

Marlana "Lana" Kay Ashley '91 B.S., '95 M.A. was married to John Wayland White on March 25, 2000, at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. She is employed by the Cleveland County Department of Social Services, and the groom is employed by Keeter Ford Lincoln Mercury. They reside in Boiling Springs, NC.

Don Durham '91 B.A. and **Gaye Kluttz Durham '91 B.A.** announce the birth of their daughter, Hiatt Channing, on June 20, 2000.

Lorie Hardy '91 B.S., '97 M.A. has been appointed principal of Mt. Ulla Elementary School in Rowan-Salisbury Schools. Prior to this, she was assistant principal at West Rowan Middle School. Lorie's e-mail address is loriehardy@hotmail.com.

Sherry Oxford Lund '91 B.S. GOAL and **Bryan Lund '93 B.S.** announce the birth of their third child, Laura, born in January 2000. Their other children are Kaitlyn, 6, and Adam, 4.

Robbie Anne Morgan '91 B.S. remarried in July 1999 to Jim Wrenn. They live in Oxford, NC, with her eight-year-old step son, J.W. Robbie Anne is a recreation therapist at the Murdoch Center, and Jim is an electrician with Aire-Wise. Her e-mail address is mudpuppy@gloryroad.net.

Tracey Martin Shoaf '91 B.S. and her husband, John, announce the birth of their second child, Nolan Douglas, on May 11, 2000. They also have a four-year-old son, John Graham.

Jane Richards Szabaga '91 B.S. is now employed as a word processor at Proskauer Rose LLP. Her e-mail address is jszabaga@att.net.

Mike Albright '92 B.S., '99 M.B.A. has been hired as the regional cost manager at

Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company. In this new position, he will oversee the cost accounting system at the company's metal and spring plants in Hickory, NC.

David E. Epley '92 B.A. was married to Mary J. Bowes on March 4, 2000, at Parkwood Baptist Church in Gastonia, NC. He is employed with Gaston City Schools and Life Span, and the bride is the director of personnel at Lumiere Medical Ministries. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Bobby Joe Gettys Jr. '92 B.S. recently began a new pastoral ministry at Montford Cove Baptist Church in Union Mills, NC. His e-mail address is bobrob@blueridge.net.

Daniel R. Heeringa '92 B.A. and his wife, Dawn, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on March 17, 2000. Daniel's e-mail address is dandawn@msn.com.

Linda Young King '92 B.S. earned certification in early adolescence and English language arts from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She and her husband, Larry, live in Shelby.

Wendy Myers Lewis '92 B.A. and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Aaron, on March 15, 2000. They also have a four-year-old daughter, Rachel Ann. Wendy's e-mail address is bwlewis@lexcominc.net.

Lisa Gaye Merrell Lyerly '92 B.S. and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Paul, on May 11, 2000. They also have a two-year-old daughter, Brittany Ann.

Emma Wallace '92 B.S.N. now staffs the Burgaw, NC office of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital Counseling Center.

Michael E. Cain '93 B.S.

GOAL graduated from the Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, VA in December of 1999. He plans a private legal practice with James Webb Jones, Attorney at Law, in Chesapeake, VA, after passing the Virginia Bar. Michael's e-mail address is gomikie@earthlink.net.

Donald R. Helton Jr. '93 B.A., '97 M.A. has been ordained to the gospel ministry by Cedar Falls Baptist Church, where he serves as minister of music and education. In addition, he recently was selected as Staff Member of the Month by the New South River Baptist Association in Fayetteville, NC.

Lauren Kay Lee '93 B.S. and **Jeffrey Mark Dixon '94 B.S.** were married on May 20, 2000. She is employed by Gaston County Schools, and he is employed by Belk Inc. The couple resides in Gastonia, NC.

Sarah Ruth McBrayer '93 B.S. was married to Dr. Norman Zelig Einstein on May 13, 2000. She is employed by Catawba Memorial Hospital as a medical social worker, and the groom is employed by Catawba Memorial Hospital as an emergency room physician. They live in Lenoir, NC.

Martha Dee Pollard '93 B.S. was married to Kevin Richard Greene on July 8, 2000 at Main Street Baptist Church in Emporia, VA. She is employed by the City of Shelby as program director at the Shelby City Park. The couple lives in Cherryville, NC.

Mark Rape '93 B.S. and **Chrissy Hess Rape '94 B.S.** announce the birth of their daughter, Gracelyn Ann, on March 8, 2000.

Susan Davis Whitener '93 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Mitchell, announce the birth of their son, Kinston Davis, on April 27, 2000.

Audrey Elizabeth Carlton '94 B.S. was married to Richard Ford Mood on June 17, 2000, at Shuford Memorial Gardens in Hickory, NC. She is a kindergarten teacher at Weatherstone Elementary in Cary, NC, and the groom is a U.S. Air Force flight engineer currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base in Spring Lake, NC. Audrey's e-mail address is a.carlton@mindspring.com.

Angela Tonya Carpenter '94 B.S. was married to Joseph Wayne Thompson on May 20, 2000. She is employed by Superior Seeding Inc., and the groom is employed by Harris Teeter. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC.

Stephanie Cole Higgins '94 B.S. and her husband, John, announce the birth of a child, John Cole, on August 22, 1998.

Lori Harrison Jablonski '94 B.A. recently received her Master of Arts in Christian education degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Kelvin R. Monteith '94 B.S. and **Mary Katheryn Robinson Monteith '94 B.A.** announce the birth of their son, Canaan Bradley, on December 23, 1999. Their e-mail address is mmonteith@sprynet.com.

Jennifer Minton Shows '94 A.A., '96 B.S.N. and her husband, Philip, announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Elizabeth, on April 5, 2000. This is the couple's first child.

Gayla Michalle Whitmire '94 A.A. was married to Bobby Eugene Hudson on February 26, 2000. She is a registered nurse at Carolina Community Care of Forest City, and the groom is employed as a welder by Korey Construction of Shelby. The couple resides in Bostic, NC.

Jennifer Mitchell Shelley '95 B.S. was recently selected as the 2000-2001 Teacher of the Year

at Weaverville Primary School.

Lori Snipes Tate '95 B.S., '99 M.A. and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Madalyn Laurel, on February 29, 2000.

Crys Baker '96 B.S. graduated from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University on May 13, 2000 with a doctor of medicine degree. She is starting a residency in family medicine at Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, SC. Her e-mail address is crys_baker@hotmail.com.

Michelle Kimberlee Michael Carpenter '96 B.S. and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their son, Garrett William, on March 24, 2000.



Scott Edward Jablonski '96 B.A. received his Master of Arts in Christian education degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 19, 2000.

Tina M. Duncan '96 B.A. has been appointed by the North American Mission Board to serve with the Collegiate Ministry for universities in the Cincinnati metro area.

Jarrold Harold McCraw '96 B.S. was married to Amber Alisha Darnell on April 8, 2000, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC. He is employed by the North Carolina Highway Patrol in Monroe, and the bride is employed by Sagebrush and Jansen's Hallmark, both in Monroe. The couple resides in Monroe.

Franklin Capell Shelton Jr. '96 B.A. and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace, on April 30, 2000. In addition, Frank was selected by Brig. General James Hawkins, Commander of the 89th Airlift at

Andrews Air Force Base, to fly on a two-day trip to North Carolina and Florida aboard "Air Force Two" for an annual civic leaders tour. Frank also has been promoted to minister of evangelism and outreach for Dunkirk Baptist Church in Maryland. His e-mail address is frank.shelton@mail.house.gov.

Tammy Taylor '96 B.S. lives in Richmond, VA, and her e-mail address is renault@juno.com.

Janet Anthony '97 M.A. has been appointed assistant principal at Grover School in Grover, NC.

Brian Kenneth Bishop '97 M.A. was married to Angela Renee Long on June 10, 2000, at West Side Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC. He is an athletic trainer with the Greenville Hospital System, and the bride is director of communications for the Greater Greenville Association of Realtors. They live in Greenville, SC.

Ginger Blair '97 B.S. and **John Ford '98 B.S.** were married on June 3, 2000, at Story Memorial Presbyterian Church in Marion, NC. She is a chemist at Milliken Chemical in Spartanburg, SC, and he is a business systems analyst at First Union National Bank in Charlotte, NC. The couple resides in Boiling Springs, NC.

Chris Sean Canipe '97 B.S. was married to Elizabeth Ann Plummer on July 8, 2000 at Zoar Baptist Church in Shelby. He is a student in the masters of social work program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a mental health counselor at Pathways Mental Health. She is employed by the Cleveland County School system as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Springmore Elementary School. They reside in Shelby, NC.

Jason Farr '97 B.A. and **Jennifer Satterfield '98 B.S.** were married June 24, 2000, at Victor Baptist Church in Greer, SC. Jason is employed as the housing coordinator at Gardner-Webb, and Jennifer is a third grade teacher at Taylors Elementary School in Taylors, SC. They reside in Greer, SC.

Kenneth Freeman '97 B.S. is a football coach at Charleston Southern University. He lives in North Charleston, SC with his wife, Stephanie, who is a registered nurse.

Kendra Kirby Haneline '97 B.S. and **Corby Haneline '99 B.S.** announce the birth of their first child, Chandler Kirby, on May 24, 2000. Their e-mail address is haneline@connectu.net.

Bulldog Madness

GWU freshmen enjoyed games and refreshments at Bulldog Madness on campus on August 20. This fun-filled event was sponsored by the Student Alumni Council and the Alumni Board. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of GWU did a great job of leading the students in a variety of games and activities. Watermelon and beverages were served by SAC and Board members to conclude the festivities. The event provided a good way for new students to develop friendships.

GWU freshmen took advantage of Bulldog Madness to make new friends



Kimberly L. Hardegree '97 B.A. has received the Addie Davis Preaching Award from Baptist Women in Ministry. She also recently graduated from the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, GA and is scheduled to be ordained in September.

Angela Franklin Hull '97 B.S. received notification in January 2000 from the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners that her North Carolina CPA certificate is being issued. She is employed by Dale K. Cline, CPA, PLLC, in Hickory.

Christy Carole Ledford '97 B.S. was married to Moises Miranda on May 6, 2000, at Lattimore Baptist Church in Lattimore, NC. She is employed by Beneficial Mortgage of North Carolina, and the groom works at Allen Tate in Gastonia. The couple lives in Shelby, NC.

Rev. James "Jimmy" Lee Morton, Jr. '97 B.A. is currently in his second year in pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, he recently preached to more than two thousand people at the Charleston, West Virginia Civic Center. His email address is jlmjr@dellnet.com.

Ruby K. Poarch-Gordon '97 B.S. is now working as an independent insurance agent for AFLAC in Gastonia, NC. Her e-mail address is kgaflac@bellsouth.net.

James "Josh" Wall '97 B.A. recently completed his Master of Arts in political science degree at Appalachian State University.

Jennifer Joy Wall '97 B.A. is in her second year of graduate school at Auburn University and anticipates completing her Master of Hispanic Studies degree in May 2001. Jennifer also is a graduate teaching assistant at Auburn and teaches Spanish classes there. Her e-mail address is sableangel@hotmail.com.

Steve Bernstein '98 B.S. GOAL is a key accounts manager with Jones & Frank Corporation in Charlotte, NC. The company recently honored Steve for his outstanding performance and presented him the Lou Holtz award. He and his wife, Sherry, have relocated to Kannapolis, NC, and his e-mail address is steveberns162@cs.com.



Brian Allen Clubb '98 was married to Jennifer Gail Lynch on March 25, 2000. He is employed by Hillman Fasteners. They live in Cherryville, NC.

Garry Eller '98 B.A. is a photographer with Cameras In Action, a photography company which covers the NASCAR racing circuit. His photographs have been published in major magazines such as Sports Illustrated, Autoweek Magazine, Beckett Racing Publications and Racing Collectibles Magazine.

Shannon Hancock McCrary '98 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Walker, announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Grace, on October 19, 1999.



Stacey Hoskins McKeown '98 B.S. announces the birth of her daughter, Cassie Lynn, on December 28, 1999.

Gretchen Susanne Smith '98 A.A. was married to Joshua Adam Eudy on June 17, 2000, at First Baptist Church of Statesville, NC. She is a registered nurse at Northeast Medical Center in Concord, NC, and the groom is a software trainer/consultant at Marion A. White, PE, Inc. They live in Charlotte. Gretchen's e-mail address is gseudy@hotmail.com.

Shannon Paige Travis '98 was married to William Perry Davis Jr. on May 6, 2000, at Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. Shannon is a case manager with the Cleveland County Department of Social Services, and the groom is a fire inspector with Cleveland County Emergency Management Services and is chief of the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. They reside in Kings Mountain, NC.

Christy White '98 B.A. recently accepted a position at The Guilford Center as the coordinator of adult mental health services for the deaf and hard of hearing. She also completed graduate school in May of 2000 with a master's degree in social work and a certificate in the deaf and hard of hearing speciality. Her e-mail address is christy_white27@hotmail.com.

Ginger Leigh Baker '99 A.A. was married to Jeffrey Brian Hall on June 4, 2000, at the Shuford House and Garden in Hickory, NC. She is employed as a registered nurse at Frye Regional, and the groom is a student at Catawba Valley Community College. They reside in Connelly Springs.

Florence Elizabeth Bonner '99 M.B.A. was married to Charles Brenneman "Brent" Crawford on March 18, 2000, at First Baptist Church of Shelby, NC. The couple resides in Asheville, NC.

Haley Elizabeth Bridges '99 B.S. was married to Brent Babb on December 18, 1999, at First Wesleyan Church in Kings Mountain, NC. She is a second grade teacher at Spartanburg Christian Academy, and he is an investment consultant with Wachovia Investments. They live in Inman, SC.

Christy Dawn Gregory '99 B.S. was married to Corey Matthew Trouille on April 8, 2000, at Mount Ruhama Baptist Church in Maiden, NC.

Shawn Montgomery '99 B.A. is now teaching social studies and coaching the junior varsity girls' basketball team at Carroll County High School in Hillsville, VA.

Lynna Kay Moore '99 B.A. was married to Joseph Thomas Parker on June 10, 2000, at First Baptist Church on Amelia Island, FL. Lynna Kay is a third grade and American Sign Language teacher at Faith Christian Academy, and the groom is a sales associate at Robinson's Jewelry. They also work with the youth drama ministry at Christ the Redeemer Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Lynna Kay's e-mail address is littlebitmoore@mindspring.com.

Connie Maria Parker '99 B.S. was married to Craig Lyon Hearn on April 8, 2000. The couple resides in Charlottesville, VA.

Janet Gail Poston '99 A.A. was married to Joey Wayne Hamrick on March 4, 2000, at Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital, and the groom is employed by Queen Custom Builders, LLC of Shelby. They live in Shelby.

Lisa Salmon '99 B.S. has been hired as the new city finance director for Statesville, NC.

Katheryn "Kati" Elizabeth Stewart '99 B.S. was married to Dickie Ray Riggs on June 10, 2000, at Fairview Baptist Church in Galax, VA. She is employed at WorkForce Carolina, and the groom is employed by L.S. Starrett Inc. The couple resides in Lowgap, NC.

Kurt O. Wassen, Jr. '99 M.B.A. has been promoted to quality manager at Copeland Corp. for the discus product line. His e-mail address is klwassen@shelby.net.

Corie Lewis Weathers '99 B.S. and her husband, Matthew, have moved to Waco, TX, to attend Baylor's Truett Seminary.

Kelli Bradley Webber '99 B.S. and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Padgett, on August 13 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. The family resides in Shelby.

Solomon Willis '99 B.S. has been accepted as a student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Wake Forest University in the Department of Mathematics. In addition, he was awarded a University Graduate Teaching Assistantship for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Susan Rebecca Withers '99 A.A. was married to Jason Dwayne Blount on February 26, 2000, at Basilica of Mary Help of Christians in Belmont, NC. She is employed by Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, and the groom is employed by Pegram Insurance Co. They live in Mint Hill, NC.

2000

Carrie Duckworth 2000 B.A. recently completed both phases of basic training in the U. S. Army. Ranked as a Specialist E-4, Carrie disembarked in August for a tour of duty in South Korea.

Dana Carole Grant 2000 B.S. and **Andrew William Cauble 2000 B.A.** were married May 27, 2000, at Bethany Baptist Church in McDonough, GA. They now reside in Fort Worth, TX.

Angela "Angie" Darice Key 2000 B.S. was married to Benji Shane Meadows on May 27, 2000. She is employed as a payroll and billing clerk at Pike Electric, and the groom is a manufacturing engineer at Siemens Westinghouse. They live in Mount Airy, NC.

Vickie Nichols Livingston 2000 B.S. has been honored with an endowment by her parents, Mailon and Ella Mae Nichols of Taylorsville, NC. The Vickie Nichols Livingston Endowment Fund was created as a permanent endowment fund for missions.

Ashley Nicole Sims 2000 B.A. was married to James Lee Leitherer on June 10, 2000, at Guthrie Grove Church of God in Pelzer, SC. The couple lives in Ocala, FL.

Deaths

Lorene McHam Benson passed away recently at a Spartanburg area nursing facility.

Sarah Burnett Gillespie '24 passed away May 5, 2000, at National Health Care in Greenville, SC.

Perry Glenn passed away June 16, 2000.

Grace Rutledge Hamrick passed away June 13, 2000, at her home in Shelby. She had served on the Gardner-Webb University Board of Advisors.

The Reverend Dr. Arvil Woodrow Icard '36 died April 11, 2000, at Lakeview Living Center in Pineville, NC.

Norris "Pee Wee" Jones '49 passed away June 12, 2000.

Thomas T. Long, Jr. '31 passed away November 17, 1999.

George Ernest McDowell Jr. died June 25, 2000, at Evergreens of Greensboro, NC.

James Britton "Jim" McGregor '64 died April 19, 2000, at his home in Greenville, SC.

Jennie Hawkins Metcalfe '25 passed away on May 6, 2000.

Dr. Sidney Darrell Mitchell '78 died June 12, 2000, in Atlanta, GA.

Charles Shelton '51 passed away July 15, 2000.

Lucinda "Cindy" Stroup '23 passed away November 22, 1999.

Thomas Dennis Whitesides '53 of Clover, SC died March 22, 2000.

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M. Reid Armstrong '58 A.A. is currently the President and Majority Owner of Holland Logistics in Statesville, North Carolina. Mr. Armstrong lives with his wife, Sarah, also a GWU graduate, in Cornelius, North Carolina. He says, "Gardner-Webb provided a very friendly atmosphere with a good balance in academics, spirituality and athletics."



Harwick Kiser Jr. '94 B.S. is presently the President of Giros America, Inc. located in Colfax, North Carolina. He and his wife, Sibel, live in Walkertown, North Carolina. He says, "My experience at GWU was one of the most memorable experiences in my life. The work was challenging, and the grades I received gave me confidence in my abilities ..."



Ronald Lindler '85 B.A. currently works as the Senior Vice President and Catawba County Senior Executive for BB&T. Mr. Lindler lives in Newton, North Carolina, with his wife, Debbie. He says, "Gardner-Webb presented a positive atmosphere ... with guidance and discipline necessary to achieve my educational and professional goals."

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Lori Nanney '90 B.S., '98 M.A. is currently a first grade teacher at Boiling Springs Elementary School in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. She and her husband, Thomas, live in Boiling Springs with their son, Adam. She says, "The Gardner-Webb experience has enabled me to pursue my personal goals of becoming a life-long learner ..."



Stephen Prevatte '97 M.Div. is the Associate Minister of Education at John's Creek Baptist in Alpharetta, Georgia. Mr. Prevatte and his wife, Kelli, currently live in Alpharetta with their children, Caleb and Anna Katherine. He says, "Gardner-Webb's School of Divinity equipped me to not only be a 'preacher' but more importantly, a minister and pastor."



John Roberts '49 A.A. is currently President and owner of Graphic Printing and Mailing in Greenville, South Carolina. He is also the Editor Emeritus for the Baptist Courier and was Editor and President from 1966 to 1996. He and his wife, Helen, reside in Greenville. He says, "At Gardner-Webb I found ... a lasting awareness of purpose in life."

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