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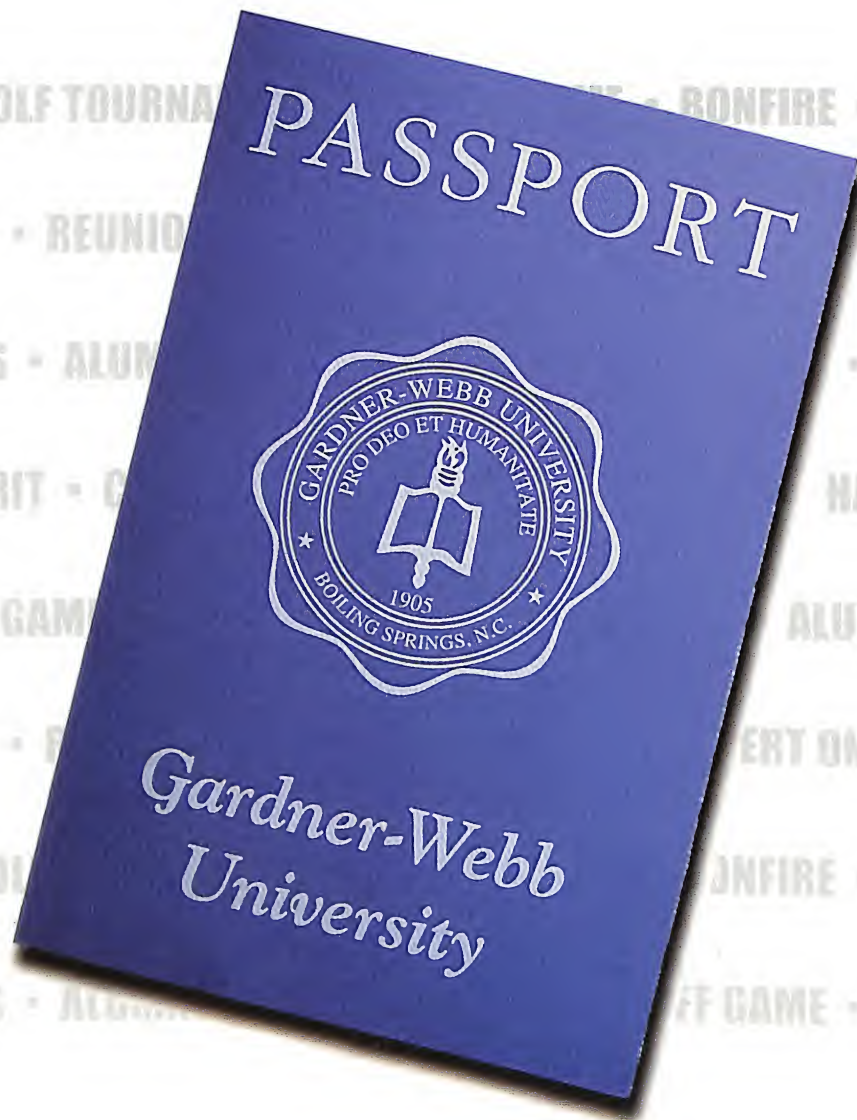
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THE (Blockbuster) SUMMER OF 2001

Three Landmark Events Shape GWU's Immediate and Long-Range Future

During what might have been your day at the beach, your 18 holes of championship golf, your annual attempt to write the Great American Novel or simply a swing in the hammock, three significant milestones were achieved at Gardner-Webb University.

A triangle of equally profound developments – an astounding new breakthrough for academics, a much-anticipated affiliation for athletics, and a brand new

facility for central North Carolina – served notice first to the region and then to the nation that Gardner-Webb is making its mark.

It might not be referred to as this now, but the “Summer of 2001” held quite a bit of excitement for those in the GWU family (and those who might now decide to join it!).

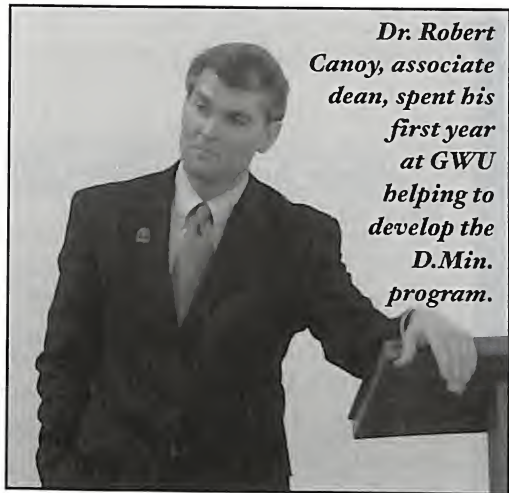
First Doctoral Program...

The University learned in late June that the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) had authorized the M. Christopher White School of Divinity to begin offering this fall the university's first-ever doctoral degree program, the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.). The program also is recognized by the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS), the chief accrediting body for Gardner-Webb.

The Commission approved the new degree program without notation and without requiring report back until the School's next regularly scheduled accrediting review in the Fall 2004. This means the accrediting body was assured that the University and the School of Divinity had made all of the necessary preparations to begin the program, and that students could enroll immediately.

The D.Min. degree is an advanced





Dr. Robert Canoy, associate dean, spent his first year at GWU helping to develop the D.Min. program.



The School of Divinity faculty

professional degree program designed for ministers who already have earned the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree and have had at least three years of significant ministry experience beyond the M.Div. degree. It is a three-year, 30-hour program with three basic components: five seminars, two semesters of supervision in ministry, and the completion of a ministry project. Only the seminar work is done on campus (each seminar is comprised of a Thursday morning through mid-day Friday experience for six weeks). The remainder of the degree's work is done "on the field."

Dr. R. Wayne Stacy, dean of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, said, "The D.Min. degree builds on and enlarges upon the innovative and creative approach of the School's widely acclaimed M.Div. curriculum. It is yet one more way in which the M.Christopher White School of Divinity is demonstrating its

unequivocal commitment to ministerial excellence in the service of the church."

Dr. Jack W. Buchanan, Jr., director of admissions for the School of Divinity, has been named director of the D.Min. program.

The School of Divinity, which was begun in 1993, has over 100 alumni serving in ministry positions around the world. It offers the Master of Divinity degree in pastoral ministry, Christian education, church music, and pastoral care and counseling. Most recently, the School of Divinity has begun a concentration in missiology and has partnered with the GWU School of Business to offer the M.Div./MBA degree.

Division I Conferences...

President Chris White announced on June 15 that the institution had accepted an invitation to join the Atlantic Sun Conference (A-Sun), formerly

known as the Trans America Athletic Conference. Membership is effective immediately, and GWU teams will play conference schedules and compete for championships in 2002-2003.

Gardner-Webb joins several established Division I Universities in the A-Sun. Current membership includes Belmont (Tenn.) University, Campbell (N.C.) University, the University of Central Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Georgia State, Jacksonville (Fla.) University, Jacksonville State (Ala.) University, Mercer (Ga.) University, Samford (Ala.) University, Stetson (Fla.) University and Troy State (Ala.) University.

The A-Sun sponsors championships in 15 sports, including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, volleyball, men's and women's track, baseball, men's and women's tennis, softball and men's and women's golf.



A crowd anticipates the June 15 announcement

Atlantic Sun commissioner Bill Bibb, who attended the announcement, said, "We are excited to add an institution that fits so well within the conference's framework of emphasizing academic as well as athletic success," Bibb said. "Gardner-Webb brings a great overall contribution to the A-Sun."

One week after the Atlantic Sun announcement, the football program announced its new affiliation with the Big South Conference, which also will begin in 2002. Head Coach Steve Patton said, "The Atlantic Sun is the best fit for the other sports, no questions. But in terms of football, the Big South is the ideal situation for us. I think over the past week Gardner-Webb did well for itself in athletics."

Vice President for Athletics Chuck Burch said that only wrestling and swimming now are without conference affiliation, but associate memberships for each in other conferences is being pursued.

GWU at Statesville...

Gardner-Webb marked the beginning of a new era in Iredell County with the first-ever appointment of a dean to lead the institution's Statesville campus. Dr. R. Norman Harris, former associate superintendent with



"...while an affiliation is crucial, your university also wants to be a good fit for a conference as well."

— Dr. Chris White

Gardner-Webb fields teams in each of the A-Sun's championship sports. The men's basketball team will begin ASC regular season competition in 2002-03 but, under NCAA rules, will not be eligible for the conference's postseason championship and automatic bid until the 2004-05 season. *(Under current applicable rules an institution joining Division I must be an active member for two years before becoming eligible for a conference's automatic bid. GWU will be eligible, however, for an at-large bid into the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship beginning in 2002-2003.)*

Dr. White explained, "Conference affiliation is paramount to the success of any college athletics program, and especially for an institution like Gardner-Webb that is reclassifying itself. But while an affiliation is crucial, your university also wants to be a good fit for a conference as well. I can say without hesitation that the Atlantic Sun is the best fit for Gardner-Webb University. We could not be more pleased or excited about our membership among these fine schools."

Iredell-Statesville Schools, now oversees management of the brand new "Gardner-Webb University at Statesville" facility.

Harris, who also has previously served as an adjunct instructor for Gardner Webb, began his duties on June 11. The official unveiling of the new campus building took place this summer.

Harris coordinates all activities in the facility, which houses programs for teacher education, agency counseling, the Graduate School of Business (MBA and Master of Accounting degrees), the School of Nursing (bachelor's and master's degrees), and the undergraduate evening school offering for working adults (GOAL Program).

Gardner-Webb has been present in Statesville for over 20 years at the former Davis Hospital Nursing building. However, the new 14,588 sq. ft. facility is the first real regional campus that has been designed and fully managed by Gardner-Webb, according to Dr.

Dr. Frank Bonner, GWU provost, who has overseen the new campus' construction:

"The future is very bright for GWU at Statesville. We certainly envision continued growth in enrollment and the number programs we offer well into the future."

Frank Bonner, GWU provost and senior vice president.

The new center is intended to be a comprehensive center, but non-residential. There are 16 other GWU branch campuses in North and South Carolina, but none have a dedicated facility like the new one in Statesville.

The new facility became operational in August, the beginning of the Fall 2001 semester.

It features two multimedia classrooms, with plans to equip all of the classrooms in the future.



The center also is being envisioned as a hub for Gardner-Webb's online courses.

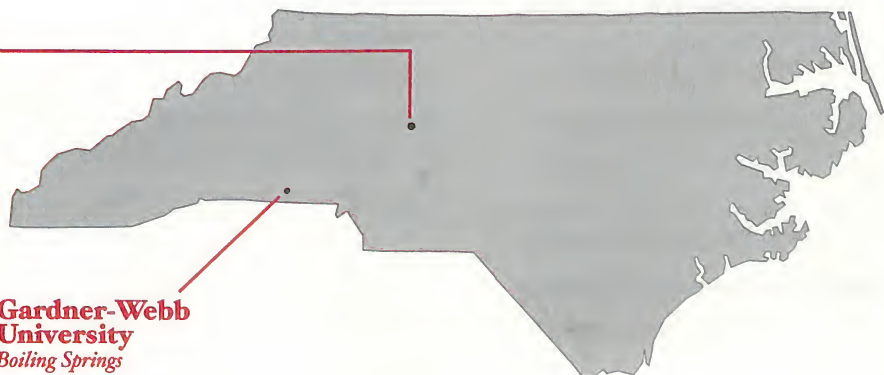
Harris said, "This new facility represents a rebirth for Gardner-Webb's presence in Iredell County. Especially considering the shortages in nurses and teachers, this institution has a chance to make a profound impact on this area of the state."

He added, "I couldn't be more pleased to be associated with GWU."

Gardner-Webb University at Statesville

• the new 14,588 sq. ft. facility marks the University's distinction as the only four-year institution currently housed in Iredell County, which has been called the crossroads of North Carolina

Gardner-Webb University Boiling Springs



“TIM”: Teacher, Imitator, Minister

TIM ZEHNDER EXHIBITS A PERFECT MARRIAGE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND FAITH



“I am three things – a family man, a Christian, and a professor. Those three things are never separated.”

**- Dr. Tim Zehnder
Assistant Professor of Biology**

Students and alumni who have shared the college experience can think back to a teacher who challenged them, changed them or inspired them to think ... really think. Those teachers are rare.

And perhaps they wouldn't agree, but the professors at Gardner-Webb are, according to students, one-in-a-million. Like Dr. Tim Zehnder, for instance. Walk into his classroom on the first day of classes and he'll probably ask you “Why are you here?” At 8 a.m. on the first day of classes, students probably aren't prepared to answer that question. But again he asks, “Why are you here?” He makes you think, his students say.

The difference, Dr. Zehnder says, between scientists and philosophers is that scientists ask “how” while philosophers ask “why.” If that definition is accurate, then Dr. Zehnder must be a little bit of both. He'll certainly, as he says, “ask a lot of *why* questions.” According to him, that's what challenges students.

Dr. Zehnder is as well known for his enthusiasm as his challenges. He's enthusiastic about his family, his work, his students, and most of all his faith. “I am three things,” he

says, “a family man, a Christian, and a professor. Those three things are never separated.” Zehnder's always willing to share a picture or story of his two young sons, talk about his love for Scripture, or share his excitement for the Science Department.

As new department chair, Dr. Zehnder is optimistic about its future. “I think something big is going to happen in this department. A lot of changes are coming and we are ready for them.” With new faculty being added and newer facilities in the works, the future of the science department is just as bright as its students. Science is always changing its technology and its methods, and Gardner-Webb is growing and expanding in order to offer its students the chance to experience those.

One of Dr. Zehnder's main concerns is that with his added responsibility of department chair, he won't have as many office hours to be available to students. But office hours have never stopped him before from making himself accessible. Not only does he have office hours for his students, but his home is always open for barbeques or weekly Bible

studies, where he shares his love for his family and his love for God's Word. "I have the best of both worlds. I can teach a subject I love and teach scripture, which I love even more."

It's easy to see why Dr. Zehnder is a favorite with his students. Not only does he challenge them, but he listens to them. One of Dr. Zehnder's students, Joy Edwards, shares that it's because he cares about his students and he takes the time to get to know them.

"Dr. Zehnder genuinely cares about each and every student, and really does want each of us to do well. What makes him stand out is that he cares, too, about the student's life outside of his classroom, factors that contribute to many students' performance and personality," she says. "He notices when a student is angry or upset, or feeling hopeless or helpless. And not only does he notice, but he also tries to help or offer advice or simply a prayer."

Dr. Zehnder, however, takes no credit for his success as a teacher. "It's all for God's glory," he comments. "It's not me. When you see anything that is good and godly in

a person you are seeing God." He shares one of his favorite verses, Psalm 90:12: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Zehnder adds, "I ask God for wisdom. It takes wisdom to manage your time as well as be a leader."

Dr. Zehnder takes his position of leadership as a professor, and now as a department chair, very seriously.

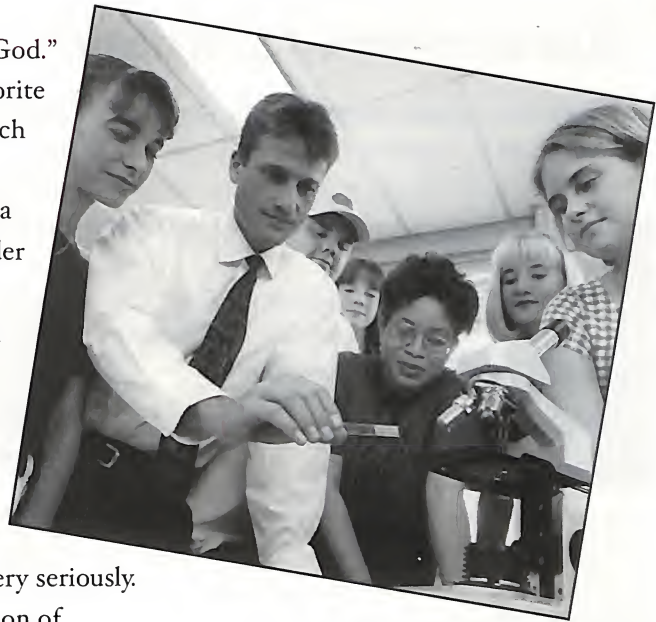
"When you're in a position of responsibility, students look up to you and it's important that you examine your life more closely."

He has a personal motto, which integrates the first three letters of his name 'Tim.' "My personal motto is that I am a Teacher, an Imitator of Christ, and a Minister using God's Word."

Dr. Zehnder says that as a science teacher his focus is teaching students. But, as he puts it, "Science literally means knowledge ... and truth isn't going to change."

Dr. Zehnder has an open and obvious love of truth. He says that he often uses scripture in teaching to relate science with life and Christianity. He challenges students to gain knowledge of the world around them, discovering the 'why's', asking the 'how's', listening to others views, and learning there is more to life than is imaginable.

Describing his life and his approach to faith and teaching, Zehnder becomes emotional. "Students will never know how much they mean to me. There's nowhere else I'd rather



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Students in his class this fall can be prepared for some challenges, which may include some hard tests and some tougher questions, but Dr. Zehnder says he wants students to pursue more than just an education, he also wants them to pursue life more abundantly.

He explains that there is no better place to tell students about God's plan for their lives than at a Christian university like Gardner-Webb.

"It's a blast to be used by God. It blows my mind how the Lord can use us."

Psalm 90:12: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Faculty News & Notes

• Bob Carey, communications studies, taught photojournalism at the World Journalism Institute held in the Empire State Building in NYC. He will lead future seminars on College Press Legal Issues, Investigative Reporting of the Private Sector and Photojournalism.

• Earl Godfrey, assistant professor of accounting, has been nominated for the national Committee on Students for the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

• Dr. Mary High, professor of sign language, recently taught a three-day workshop in Michigan, and attended three national meetings: the NC Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf and the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

• Ken Jones, athletics coach & assistant professor, had an article published online entitled "Sport-specific Strength Training" in the National College Sports News.

• Chris Parsons, communications studies, directed his third original outdoor drama this summer in Farmington New Mexico.

he also wrote the feature article for the Institute of Outdoor Drama summer newsletter entitled, "Do We Have Good Direction."

• Dr. Shirley Toney, School of Nursing dean and professor, participated in a summer workshop at Furman University as part of a Basic Preparation course for Parish Nursing conducted by the Medical University of South Carolina.

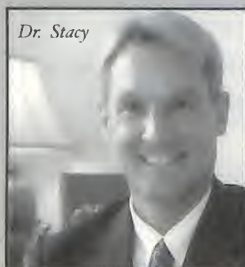


Dr. Toney

"Where Jesus Walked"

For many of us who study the Bible, our imaginations serve to conjure the only images we see of the Holy Land. That's where Dr. Wayne Stacy comes in.

As dean of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, Dr. Stacy has the opportunity to lead an annual trip to Israel and Egypt along with President White. As a study tour, participants not only see the historical places from where the Scriptures take place, but they study the passages that were inspired there.



Dr. Stacy

It's with these experiences in hand that Dr. Stacy has released a new book entitled *Where Jesus Walked* (Judson Press). The book, says Stacy, was written with a specific purpose in mind.

"It is a combination of scholarship and inspiration – a reflection of the academic perspective in terms of the history, the culture, the geography and the politics of the region. And the spiritual element is brought forth with scriptures that are relevant to the respective sites."

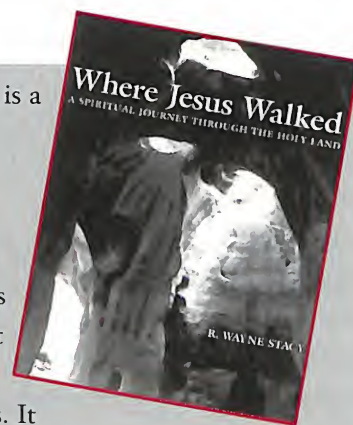
Dr. White said the book is a teaching tool as well as a collection of brilliant photographs and descriptions.

"The heart of the book is a group of devotionals that Dr. Stacy developed and gave during our study trips. It certainly is a virtual tour of the Holy Land and it masterfully combines Dr. Stacy's insights as a New Testament scholar with his creativity as a communicator."

Dr. Stacy adds that for the person who has never been to the locations where Jesus walked, the book goes even a step further.

"It is a tour, yes. But I believe it also can be a virtual pilgrimage for those unable to experience the Holy Land firsthand. There are a number of tour companies that can lead you on a tour of this land and tell you the social and political histories, but the tour we lead adds the spiritual significance of the site. I wanted the book to be a reflection of Gardner-Webb's tour, which is a powerful religious experience."

Stacy said he learned recently that several tour companies are now considering using the book as a guide for their Holy Land trips.



NEW FACES ARRIVE ... USHERING IN PROMISING ACADEMIC YEAR

An increase in programs and enrollment has meant the influx of several new faculty members for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president and dean of academic affairs, said this year's class, which numbers 19, is outstanding in terms of scholastic reputation and quality of character.

"We have employed another stellar crop of new faculty," said Blackburn. "That we can continue, year after year, to attract faculty members with these kinds of credentials is a tribute to the University."

The new class of faculty includes:

- **Dr. Frances Burch (Franki)** - Associate Professor of Physical Education
- **Dr. Christopher Davis (Chris)** - Assistant Professor of English
- **Dr. Stefka Eddins** - Asst. Professor of Chemistry
- **Paul Etter** - Instructor in Music and Director for the Concert Choir and Chorale.
- **Dr. Allen Douglas Eury (Doug)** - Assistant Professor of Education
- **Mrs. Emily Foss** - Assistant Professor of Accounting
- **Linda Carol Greene** - Assistant Professor of Psychology
- **Dr. David N. Judge** - Assistant Professor of Biology



"I went to college at a place like Gardner-Webb ... it's been my dream to teach at a university with this kind of mission."

— Paul Etter

- **Dr. John C. Keyt** - Professor of Marketing
- **Dr. H. James Lawrence (Jim)** - Professor of Communication Studies
- **Janet Fern Painter** - Assistant Professor of Education
- **Dr. Kirk E. Peterson** - Assistant Professor of Physical Education
- **Teresa R. Phillips** - Instructor in Spanish
- **Dr. William Eddie Richardson (Eddie)** - Associate Professor of Computer Science and Business
- **Mrs. Mary Roby** - Associate Director of the Library
- **Dr. Carroll Smith** - Assistant Professor of Education
- **Sharon S. Starr** - Instructor in Nursing
- **Dr. Larry Wakefield** - Assistant Professor of Religion

- **Dr. Deborah Richey Wittig** - Associate Professor of Sociology.

Did You Know:

New faculty member Jim Lawrence worked in Los Angeles as a filmmaker and screenwriter, and he has written movies for TV produced by CBS, Warner Brothers and Walt Disney



New faculty member Larry Wakefield not only established and taught at the Theological Institute in Michoacan, Mexico, but is also a black belt in Tae Kwon Do



GWU FACULTY

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The third in a series exploring diversity at GWU



Gardner-Webb has much to offer its students that goes far beyond its textbooks.

In a sense students have the opportunity to experience a whole new world. Literally. A world where students from different backgrounds, different cultures, and different continents live together. Being educated about lifestyles, places, people, and cultures different from your own is part of what makes Gardner-Webb a special institution of higher learning – learning that can be lived and not just taught.

Thirty-one different foreign countries are represented on the Gardner Webb campus. They include countries from the continents of Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, South America and students from all around the globe.

Recently two more were added to the list of international students. The Rev. Young-kuk Park and his wife Myung-sook Song from Korea will be spending six months in the United States taking classes in the School of Divinity. They are preparing to serve as missionaries, as appointed by Dong Shin Presbyterian Church in Seoul, Korea, where the Rev. Park is associate pastor.

"I came here to learn English," Young-kuk says, "and also I am going to go to Vietnam for the next two years for missions."

Boiling Springs is a long way from Korea, so how did the couple end up here? "One of my favorite and best things has been Gardner-Webb. This area is very calm and clean and very established in Christian tradition. And so we chose Gardner-Webb," he explains.

It may seem like an exciting thing to travel and study abroad, but as Young-kuk says, it's hard not to miss home. "Things are very different. The weather is almost the same as Korea, but the food is very different," he laughs. But on a serious note, Young-kuk and

Myung-sook point out that they have two daughters in Korea. Even though they e-mail quite often "they miss us everyday," Young-kuk says. Jin Park is 15 while her younger sister, Hyun Jin Park, is 11. It will be December before the family is reunited again.

"It's not just the things we eat that has been an adjustment, the American culture is unlike our own," Young-kuk explains, adding that it is especially difficult to communicate in a language other than his own. "America has more of a conversation culture. In our country, conversation is very rare."

There are other differences as well. "People here are very kind, but church is very different, and clothes are more casual. In Korea the classroom is more formal, but here the students are very relaxed."

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— Young-kuk Park
of Korea



STUDENTS

After a vacation in Charleston, SC, the Rev. Park compared the differences between U.S. cities and Korean cities. "Americans like old things – structures with history and heritage are given importance. In Korea, people like new structures."

It is difficult for most of us to imagine life in a strange place. A place where the culture and language are very unlike our own, where our families are far away, and we have to depend on others for such simple day-to-day tasks as going to the grocery store. Holidays, clothing styles, and even greetings may make no sense in such a far away place. This is the reality for many of the students who come to Gardner-Webb from other countries.

Having lived in Ghana, studied in Prague and in Wales, this is the first time divinity student Jill Awuni has been to the United States. "If I compare this to Ghana, it is very different. In Ghana all the big buildings were for offices and hotels and the people lived in villas or huts. The biggest thing that I was shocked about in America was the lack of public transport. Everybody drives here. That is also something that is new for me. To own a car in Ghana you must be rich."

Food and weather are both different for Jill. At home the food is spicier and the weather is not as humid, but there are things Jill has found she enjoys. "I like the independence. Also, women are respected and that is something I really admire that a woman can be equally in a position as much as a man. In my home women really have to struggle to be recognized. They are always in the background. It is changing, but it will take time."

On some days these new changes are exciting and adventurous, but mostly Jill feels that the differences in cultures present struggles and barriers to overcome.

"Coming I was scared, but then I started to relax because everyone was so very nice. That saying, 'People who care,' it is real. I couldn't bring anything and people just gave their concern," Jill says.

Jill doesn't know when she will see her family again. Plane tickets to Ghana are very expensive. "I would love to go, but I don't foresee it," she says, even though her mother has been very sick lately. "I miss my home, especially things I'm used to doing, and my family, my mother, and my brothers and my sisters. I miss them so much."

These are some of the struggles students may face. But others have even larger issues. Not all of the students have freely been granted permission to travel and study here in the United States. Some of the students have had difficult trials within their own governments to be afforded the opportunity to study here.

Carolyn McKinney, assistant director of admissions, has heard stories from students who persisted in their dreams of coming to America. "Ask these students about their struggles and what it took to actually get to the U.S. It will bring tears to your eyes. For some, it hasn't been easy. But God has made a way."

From Uganda, Tom Menya's request for a visa was denied twice. He came to be a part of the track and field team here at Gardner-Webb. In order to come he had to leave behind responsibilities to his family, say goodbye to friends, and learn to live half a world away.

"I came to get an education," he says. "In my country, the United States is seen as the land of freedom and the land of opportunities. Everyone wants to come to the United States. Here we are free. Back home we are not free."



Tom Menya
of Uganda

*"That saying:
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it is real. I couldn't
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their concern."*

– Jill Awuni
of Ghana



DAWG CATCHER

Matt Hudler's Creation Sparks A New Enthusiasm On Campus

The first thing you'll hear Matt Hudler explain is the pronunciation: "It's not Dog Pound ... it's DAWG Pound."

Hudler, a senior communications major from Charlotte, lit a fuse among students last year when he brainstormed, created and personally fueled a new entity, the Dawg Pound. Plain and simple, it's a student version of the Bulldog Club, the official booster organization of GWU athletics.

What's not so plain and simple is the drive that Hudler has shown in growing its enrollment. Like a struggling musician who sells copies of recording from the trunk of a car, Hudler literally knocked on dorm room doors, holding up a copy of a t-shirt design, giving his five-minute speech about school spirit, and collecting a few bucks for a shirt and a chance to sit among the "Pound" at athletic events.

"We just took a notebook around and got names and phone numbers of people who wanted a 'Dawg Pound' t-shirt. We ordered 60 shirts that first time and ended up ordering 60 more later on."

The result has been a wave of success, something Hudler sheepishly says might come from his status as a



fellow student.

"To be honest, I think other students responded so well because it was one of their own asking for their participation, not the administration asking for it. I was telling the students they should support GWU athletics because we're Division One now. Other schools coming in here who don't know us should be leaving our campus after the game with their ears ringing."

The GWU men's basketball team has enjoyed obvious success over the past two years. Their home record has been 30-1. Coach Rick Scruggs comments on the tremendous home court record, "The goal is the same height for both teams, the ball is the same size for both teams, the court is the same length for both teams ... so what's the difference? Our crowd."

The Dawg Pound, Hudler and Scruggs both agree, suddenly has given the old phrase "getting into the game" a whole new meaning. According to Rick Scruggs, the word has traveled about the Dawg Pound. Other teams have heard the rumors about the

Matt Hudler shows off the shirt that identifies the Dawg Pound



crowds and he says that intimidates them before they even get here.

"Our players love them. They talk about how awesome our crowds are, how unbelievable, how tremendous... there aren't enough adjectives. The players are inspired by them and talk about them a lot. They give a lot of credit to the crowd."

Right now, the Dawg Pound is for the students, although several older fans have approached Hudler about purchasing a shirt. Perhaps, he says, someday all GWU fans, regardless of age, will be Pound members.

"My goal is that in 10 years when I come back I would like to see a whole stadium or arena full of red t-shirts."

SUMMER EXPERIENCES COULD YIELD LONG-TERM RESULTS

Back when the summer heated up, some students headed for the beach. Others headed to work. For free. This past summer over 40 GWU students volunteered to work in summer ministries all over the world. And that doesn't even include students who participated in internship programs, or local ministries at home.

But why would students give their time away? Says Ryan Stamey: "To know that even in a small way you have affected someone's life...It is the most fulfilling and rewarding thing to be a part of." He spent his summer serving in a mission program for students in a North Carolina church.

Not only is volunteering rewarding but it can also be a valuable opportunity. Dan McClellan, a senior from Concord, NC, worked at radio station 106.5 FM, WEND, this summer, in order to gain more experience in the field of radio. "I got a feel for what it's really like working in radio. That's something you can't get in a classroom. I was able to discover my talents as well as establish contacts. When it comes time to look for a job, experience goes a long way."

Jasmine Joy Persons says that her experiences ministering in Nicaragua also helped her gain a new outlook on life. "I did construction work, worked in a school, and prayer walked for a



McClellan



Neely



Persons

Freshman orientation project, involving freshmen in a volunteer project, canned food

week in Managua, Nicaragua. I experienced a different culture and got to know the Nicaraguan people. The trip made such an impact on my life."

A little closer to home, Sabrina Siegriest is involved in a group called FOCUS, or Fellowship of Christians United in Service. Her group will travel several times this year to different church youth groups, spending the weekend with them having fun as well as studying the Bible. "I love doing FOCUS so it's not hard to make time for it."

Kelly Brame, director of leadership and volunteerism, is head of the Student Volunteer Corp, which oversees projects such as the

drives, Relay for Life, or building houses with Habitat for Humanity teams. "Not only does it make for a good resume, and job experiences, but it makes a difference ... and that matters," he says.

Mamie Neely, who worked at both WYFF, channel 4, in Greenville, SC and Cleveland Headline news, here in Cleveland County, now has a portfolio including 100 stories that were broadcast, a letter of recommendation from the assistant new director, and connections at the largest news station in the Greenville/Spartanburg area.

"I wasn't just looking for a place to earn my college credit," says Neely, "I wanted to learn."

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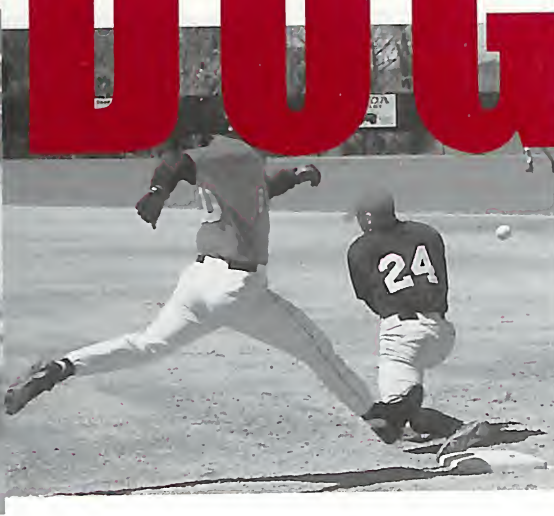
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FOOTBALL TEAM RATED AS TOP I-AA INDEPENDENT FOR 2001

One season after its leap to NCAA Division I-AA football competition, Gardner-Webb University entered the 2001 campaign with many of the weapons that helped forge last year's 7-4 record still in the arsenal.

Lindy's preseason magazine placed the Runnin' Bulldogs at the top of the 12 schools competing as I-AA

Independents in 2001, just one season before GWU begins play in the brand new Big South Conference for football.

Head Coach Steve Patton welcomed back 19 starters on offense and defense after seeing his staff hit the recruiting trails hard in February to reel in 20 new student-athletes.

The road won't be any easier this year, however, as nine Division I-AA opponents highlight the 2001 schedule.

Just as they did in 1999 and 2000, opposing defenses are worrying about Justin Richardson (5-10, 251). He led the Bulldogs with 1,110 yards rushing and eight touchdowns last season and

averaged better than 108 yards per game against seven Division I-AA foes.

Richardson, who is currently fifth on the Bulldogs' career rushing chart, had 150 or more yards rushing three times last season – all against I-AA opponents. His 124-yard effort at No. 23 New Hampshire last year did not see the standout back reach the endzone, but his effectiveness allowed Gardner-Webb to control the clock late in that 38-35 victory. A summer of intense training in both speed and explosive power should allow for improved numbers for Richardson in 2001.

Junior quarterback Jeremy Martin (6-1, 194) has returned under center after his best season at the college level. The former Rhode Island Gatorade Player of the Year had the third-best passing season in school history, completing 192-of-382 attempts for 2,551 yards and 18 touchdowns and was named Football Gazette I-AA National Player of the Week after throwing for 403 yards and

accounting for four touchdowns in Gardner-Webb's 38-35 win over then No. 23 New Hampshire.

Martin's favorite target will again be sophomore William Andrews, Jr., (6-1, 174), who hauled in a Gardner-Webb freshman record 70 receptions for 933 yards and eight touchdowns in 2000.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are again anchored by senior inside linebacker Tory Atkins (6-0, 216), a tackling dynamo who led the team with 138 stops in 2000. Heading into his senior season, Atkins was tabbed the top defensive player among I-AA Independents by Street & Smith's preseason football magazine. Last year, he earned third-team I-AA All-America honors.

Home games in 2001:

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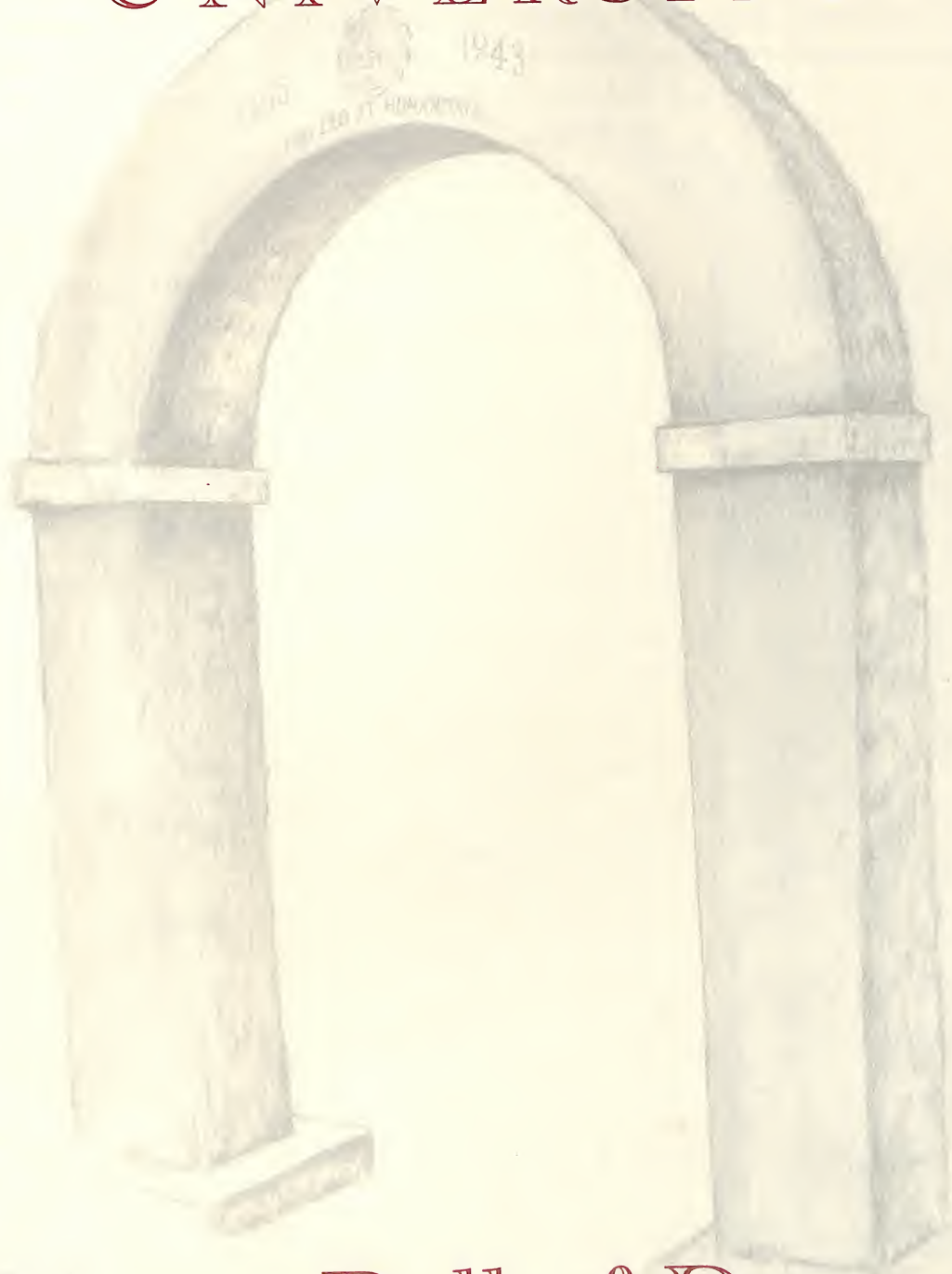
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 Mrs. Wanda D. Turpin
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 Mr. and Mrs. J. David Upchurch
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 Ms. Alice M. Wald
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 Ms. J. Eugenia Ware
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Warlick
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Warner
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 Dr. and Mrs. W. Wyan Washburn
 Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Weathers, Jr.
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 Mr. Virgil S. Weathers
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew C. Webber
 Mrs. Grace D. Webster
 Mr. John Webster
 Mr. Jerry W. Weddle
 Mr. Kevin Weickel
 Mr. and Mrs. John A. Welshofer
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven A. Wentzel
 Mr. Foreman S. Westray
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 Mr. and Mrs. Gary H. Whitaker
 Mr. and Mrs. John B. Whitaker
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. White
 Mr. and Mrs. William Scott White
 Dr. Jimmy Delmar Whitlow
 Ms. Joyce B. Whitman
 Mr. and Mrs. William B. Wilder
 Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wiley
 Mrs. Frances R. Wilhoite
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Wilkes
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 Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur G. Wingo
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 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Wood
 Mrs. Vanessa Woods
 Mr. and Mrs. David F. Workman
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 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Calvin Wright

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 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele Wright
 Ms. Mary H. Wylie
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 Mr. Charles Ray Yelton
 Dr. and Mrs. David K. Yelton
 Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Yelton
 Mr. and Mrs. Ted E. York
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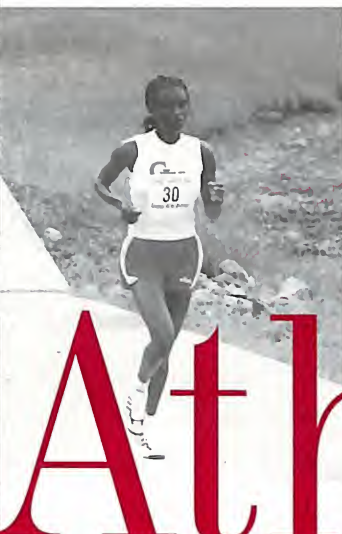


"I knew that God wanted
 me to be at Gardner-Webb,
 and when I got a
 scholarship it was basically
 a confirmation that God
 wanted me here. It was
 confirmation that God had a
 place for me here and He
 would work out the details.
 He provided for me
 through people who cared."

—Joshua Reich
 Lexington, NC



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Athletics

Young Men's Soccer Team Faces Challenges

Gardner-Webb men's soccer coach Tony Setzer unveiled this fall a challenging schedule for his Bulldogs, with 18 Division I opponents in line to play GWU.

The Bulldogs are in their second season of transition to the NCAA Division I level in 2001 and are tackling several ACC and SEC programs in the process.

Road dates with Clemson (10-24-01), Wake Forest (9-25-01) and South Carolina (10-15-01) highlight the road schedule, which also includes games against Charlotte, Wofford, Campbell, Virginia Tech, Stetson and Central Florida.

Setzer, who has been at the helm of Gardner-Webb's program since 1988, looks forward to the difficult slate.

"We have a young team returning, but after playing several top-level schools last season, our young men will have the chance to play some of the nation's best

programs again in 2001."

Schedule Toughens For Women's Soccer

Coming off its second-straight winning season under head coach Kevin Mounce, the GWU women's soccer team will do battle with 17 NCAA Division I opponents in 2001.

National top-5 and Atlantic Coast Conference power Clemson University highlights the schedule, with the Bulldogs traveling to Death Valley for a 7 p.m. kickoff on September 3, 2001. Other road dates include Southern Mississippi, Centenary, Georgia Southern, High Point, Charleston Southern, Liberty, Presbyterian College, South Carolina State, East Tennessee State, Troy State and Elon.

Mounce, who has posted a pair of winning seasons in two years at the helm of the Bulldogs' program, realizes the tough road in front of his team, but accepts the challenge.

"The schedule that we've compiled for

the 2001 season is definitely a tough one," he said. "Our young ladies have one season of Division I competition under their belts and we feel that, following a solid preseason, should step forward and be competitive against some of the best soccer programs in our region -- and the nation."

National Honors For GWU Stars

Gardner-Webb junior Sylvia Chelimo competed for her home country in the World University Games in Beijing, China this summer. The Games were held August 22 through September 2.

GWU coach Bryan Fetzter was by her side, as he was selected to coach Uganda's distance runners in the prestigious competition. Chelimo is the second Gardner-Webb track athlete to place well in international competition this summer. Teammate Natilee Dawkins took fourth in the triple jump at the Jamaica National Championships in June.

SINCE WE LAST MET

NEWS ITEMS FROM SUMMER 2001

First GWU Endowed Chair Is For Divinity

A retired North Carolina pastor and Baptist leader now has his name permanently associated with the M. Christopher White School of Divinity.

The establishment of the Bob D. Shepherd Chair of New Testament Interpretation was announced in August and Dr. Todd Still, associate professor of New Testament Interpretation, was appointed to be the first occupant of the new chair.

The endowed chair is

the first established at Gardner-Webb University, but similar endeavors currently are being organized for divinity and other disciplines at the institution. The minimum amount to endow a chair at GWU is \$500,000.

The endowment was made possible by Shepherd's friends and former church members who "chose to honor him in a tangible way that would ensure that his legacy of ministry would benefit generations to come," according to Wayne Stacy, dean of the School of Divinity. Shepherd served as director of development at GWU from 1980-83. He has been pastor of churches in Sanford, Mooresville and Morganton. He has also served as interim pastor in Winston Salem, Charlotte, Lincolnton, and in South Carolina as well. He has been president of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina,



Dr. Still being inducted as a new divinity faculty member in 2000

and was former president of the Council on Christian Higher Education.

Of the new appointment, Stacy said, "Dr. Still's poise and presence as a scholar, communicator and pastor have made him a highly recognized figure both in academia and the church. He is the kind of person around whom we want to build the School of Divinity."

Dr. Still commented, "I view this development not only as a personal honor and privilege, but as an important benchmark for Gardner-Webb University and the M. Christopher White School of Divinity."

Still, who is a recognized scholar in Pauline studies, received his Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow in Scotland under the

supervision of Professor John M.G. Barclay, arguably the foremost interpreter of Paul in Great Britain today. Additionally, Still has produced numerous articles, book reviews and monographs for publications such as the Review and Expositor, Biblical Illustrator, Southwestern Journal of Theology, and Scottish Baptist News. Currently, Still has three significant projects forthcoming that analyze various aspects of Paul's life, letters and thought. A committed churchman, Dr. Still also currently serves as interim pastor for Pleasant Grove Baptist in Shelby, NC.

GWU President Chris White noted, "Todd Still's appointment to this chair is a clear indication of our commitment to excellence in ministry preparation."



Dr. Todd Still

Summer Graduation Features Greg Mathis

Gardner-Webb held Summer 2001 graduation ceremonies on August 4th in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus. Approximately 260 total students participated in the ceremonies.

During the service, students from various campus organizations gave brief addresses to a capacity crowd in Paul Porter Arena. Student speakers represented the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Highlighting the ceremony was the Reverend Greg Mathis of Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC, who received an honorary doctorate during the ceremonies. Mathis is also a GWU alumnus and former president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Recently "The Biblical Recorder" named him as one of the most influential

people in Baptist life in the 1990s. Last year he also received the "Long Leaf Pine Award" presented by Governor James B. Hunt in recognition for his service to the state of North Carolina.

Mathis also delivered the keynote address to the graduates, saying, "I ask you today, as you contemplate your future, 'Are you going to be happy in life?' If you're wondering just how you will determine the answer to that question, I say it most likely comes down to three key decisions you will have to make.

"First, you have to decide who will be your companion in life. Someone who is compatible with you in a physical, intellectual, moral

"Are you going to be a giver or a taker? Are you going to serve or be served? I say give something back..."

***— Greg Mathis,
pastor and GWU
alumnus***



(Above) The Rev. Greg Mathis receives the honorary doctorate; (At right) N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall at the MBA graduates' banquet with Dr. Arlen Honts, dean of the School of Business



and spiritual sense.

"Second, you have to decide what will be your mission in life. Are you going to be a giver or a taker? Are you going to serve or be served? I say give something back, and I challenge you to use the inverted pyramid model of life. Rather than asking how many people you can step on to get to the top, ask how many people can you carry.

"And third, you must decide who will be your master in life. Because whether you realize it or

not, you're under something's control. Is it a force that's good or evil?

"As you can see, these decisions will not only affect your life's happiness, but your eternal destination as well."

Other activities surrounding the graduation ceremonies included a dinner honoring Dr. Greg Mathis. Also, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program held a dinner to honor its graduates, featuring the North Carolina Secretary of State, Elaine Marshall.

Freeman Fund Gives Students A Head Start

For seven Cleveland County students, the dream of going to college has become a reality.

A scholarship fund formed by area business leaders several years ago continued this year to provide financial assistance to high school students who qualify academically for college but whose unique situations might otherwise prevent them from attending.

In a July presentation, seven Cleveland County teenagers received awards from the Joseph B. Freeman Jr. Education Fund.

Since the scholarship's inception, over half of the

Freeman fund recipients each year have enrolled at Gardner-Webb University.

Scholarship funds provide tuition, housing and meals for the students. This year, five of the seven recipients will attend Gardner-Webb.

The 2001 recipients who will attend Gardner-Webb are Kelly Dawn Powell, a Burns High graduate who plans to attend GWU's School of Nursing, who is the daughter of Gary and Marilyn Powell; Ashley Elizabeth Triplett, a Crest High graduate planning to major in biology, whose parents are Robert and Delle Triplett; Ashlyn Brooke Todd, a Burns High graduate enrolling in the School of Nursing, who is the daughter of Philip Todd and Donna Dellinger; Margaret Harrill

Butler, a Crest High graduate planning to major in athletic training, who is the daughter of Doug and Anne Butler; and Michelle Nicole Burr, a Shelby High graduate enrolling in the GWU School of Business, who is the daughter of Mark and Carol Burr.

Scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The fund, begun by several area business leaders, is named in memory of Joseph B. Freeman Jr. who was head of the Interstate Johnson Lane office in Shelby before his death.

"Webb 19" Hits The Airwaves Over Summer

"We have lift-off ..." While that might be a bit overdramatic when describing GWU's new cable television venture, WEBB 19, the feeling of successfully launching into the unknown is just as satisfying.

As a result of a proposition made to the

University by Time Warner Cable, Gardner-Webb has organized and developed a daily slate of television programming options for the citizens of Cleveland County.

Aside from informing, educating and entertaining the local viewers, administrators feel communication studies students should benefit most from the arrangement.

"Anytime an opportunity like this presents itself, we must ask ourselves first how the students will reap the rewards," said Drew Van Horn, vice president for university relations. "This new project certainly benefits the institution in terms of exposure, but we want to make this an exciting option for our TV majors as well."

WEBB 19 began with forums, interviews and issues-oriented roundtable discussions with university and county leaders.

Future goals include the broadcast of fine arts and cultural events, athletic contests, visiting lecturers and documentary-style packages. WEBB 19 is produced by the university



Recipients of Freeman Fund scholarships gather to accept their awards this summer.

*Communication
Studies facilities
used for WEBB 19*



relations division and the GWU department of communications studies.

When edited programs are not being aired, the station features a video billboard that displays GWU and community news and events, complete with an audio feed from the campus radio station WGWF-FM (88.3).

Fay Webb Gardner Honored

On August 16, the tenth annual banquet honoring Distinguished Women of Cleveland County included the late Fay Webb Gardner.

Fay Webb Gardner and her husband, O. Max Gardner, are the benefactors after which GWU is named.

O. Max Gardner III, presenting and accepting the award for Fay Webb Gardner, said that his late grandmother "would love this group tonight. This is the kind of group that she was all about."

Wife of one of Cleveland County's most distinguished men, "Miss Fay" distinguished herself



as "a real diplomat, a lady of great skill and grace," a woman who unexpectedly met President Harry Truman in her dressing gown and said calmly, "Mr. President, welcome to Shelby."

Her grandson said, "I

think her message tonight would be, 'You always look forward, and always be vigilant about what your rights are, or you're going to lose them.'"

Freshmen Met With All Smiles

There was the usual – aching backs, last-minute purchases, August heat and tearful good-byes – but many of the GWU upperclassmen helped make the transition smooth for the incoming freshmen class of 2001.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Student Alumni Council joined faculty and staff members to help carry luggage, give directions, and sometimes simply offer a drink of water to campus newcomers on August 17.

More than 150 volunteers assisted with the move-in process, a gesture that one senior said was "a way to show that we welcome freshmen to campus ... they are our fellow

students now."

More than 425 freshmen arrived for the new year. The class is divided into 19 sections and six to eight Big Brothers and Big Sisters are assigned to each section to assist with the transition.

"The upperclassmen are our orientation leaders,"



said Karissa Weir, director of student activities. "They just do whatever is needed to help."

Freshman Amanda Vick from Tennessee said, "The help with moving in is a nice deal. You don't get that at a big university."



Lizzie Lee's Memories

One of GWU's oldest living alums remembers life in 1924

Lizzie Lee Kendrick Dedmon remembers the caring, watchful eye of dorm mother, Miss Curtis, and the fine example of Prof. J.D. Huggins, Boiling Springs High principal. At the age of 97, she lives in the Shelby area surrounded by her family spanning four generations. Lizzie Dedmon graduated from Boiling Springs High School, now Gardner-Webb University, in 1924.

Mrs. Dedmon had seven children: Mary Ruth, Doris Ann, Betty Sue, Charles Edwards, Joe, Roy Lee and Richard (deceased). Mary Ruth, Betty Sue, Carolyn Kendrick Putnam (niece), and Lizzie shared their memories of the Boiling Springs High School days and those stories told throughout the generations.

Some of Lizzie's fondest memories are of the pranks the students would play on dorm mother, Miss Curtis. "Miss Curtis looked after the girls and kept an extra close watch on those who had boyfriends," says Dedmon. And while Lizzie did not date during her high school years, she was instrumental in getting best friend, Reola Wall and her younger brother, John Burl Kendrick, together. Both John and Reola graduated from Boiling Springs High School. As the story is told, the girls would decide among themselves which of the boys they chose to be their beau. Reola Wall became Lizzie's best friend in high school and she told Lizzie she chose John Burl Kendrick, not knowing this was Lizzie's brother.

Fifty years after John Burl and Reola's graduation, their grandson, Wayne Putnam, graduated from Gardner-Webb College in 1975 in the same spot at an outdoor graduation ceremony as his grandparents. Carolyn Kendrick Putnam, photographed at left with Lizzie and two of her daughters, Betty Sue and Mary Ruth, is Wayne's mother. Lizzie's daughter, Mary Ruth, also graduated from the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb in 1997.

As Lizzie tells it, "Life on campus during the high school days was quite different than it is today." Girls were not allowed to leave campus without special permission to sign out, while boys had a little more freedom. The girls would make a weekly trip to the Hendricks store escorted by a teacher. When Lizzie, John and Reola were in high school, there were approximately 13 faculty and staff members, compared to 120 full-time faculty and nearly 400 total staff members today.

Many of the pranks carried out by the girls included visiting each other's rooms, often with a girl stationed as a lookout. Visiting rooms even among the girls was not allowed. At meal time, the girls would enter from one side of the dining room, and the boys from the other. Girls and boys sat across from each other on opposite sides of the table, changing positions regularly to avoid the same boy and girl sitting across from each other, "so they didn't get too friendly," said Lizzie.

Socializing among students took place in societies: the Athenian and the Ramseur societies were the two female societies. These groups allowed for a division in the students for playing softball and tennis, and for debate practice. A yearly debate event included boys and girls.

After graduating high school, Lizzie met her husband, A.V. Dedmon, at a lawn party. Lizzie had received her teacher's license and began teaching in the area county schools. She later gave up teaching to care for her children.



Lizzie and her (growing) family are a GWU tradition



John Kendrick, 3rd from left, back row.

CLASS NOTES

The '50s

Jim Garrison '53 was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his 43 years of coaching and teaching at Chowan College. He and his wife, **Joyce Malone Garrison '53**, have been married for almost 50 years.

Frieda Stanley North '58 retired in 1999 after 31 years of teaching elementary school. Her husband, Albert L. North, Jr., is a retired naval officer. He completed his second career as an administrative officer with a marine engineering firm in July 2001. They have been married 42 years, have two children and two grandchildren. They reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

The '60s

Charles E. Thomas '67 A.A. is currently the principal of North Henderson High School in Hendersonville. He is married to Linda Thomas, and they have two grown children.

Dawn Edwards Smith '68 A.A. recently received her bachelor's degree from Salem College. She works at RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. as a financial analyst in disbursements operations. Dawn and husband, Pat, live in East Bend. They have one son, Chris. E-mail them at dsmith3628@aol.com.

The '70s

Bill Harrill '71 B.A. GOAL has been elected as president-elect for the S.C. Director of Missions Fellowship. He is serving a second term on the Board of Directors for the S.C. Association of Non-Profit Organizations and is director of missions for the Waccamaw Baptist Association. His wife, Sandi, is a student at Francis Marion University. They are expecting a grandchild in November. E-mail: WBAssn@cs.com.

Nancy Magill Smith '72 B.A. was married to Tim Smith on April 14. They have four children: Jason, Jeremy, Joel Kerr and Adrienne Smith. Nancy is a registered nurse at Bristol Regional Medical Center. Tim is an engineer with Nuclear Fuels Services. E-mail: nancytim@preferred.com.

Mike Matheny '73 was selected as North Carolina's Principal of the Year for 2001 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Mike is now eligible to be considered for the NASSP National Principal of the Year. He is currently the principal of Millers Creek Intermediate School in Wilkes County.

Howard Wagoner '73 B.S. and wife, Linda, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on June 5, 2001. February marks Howard's completion of six years as pastor of Needmore Church in Woodleaf, NC. They have three children and four grandchildren. E-mail is: rwagoner@lwol.com.

Dale Winn '74 B.S. was recently named a commercial banker at Centura Bank's Shelby office. His new responsibilities will include commercial lending, small business lending, and mortgage lending.

G. L. Brown '75 B.A. preached his affirmation sermon on May 4 at Grace United Community Church. He will serve as the director of evangelism. He will lead a 10-week series of Bible study sessions entitled "Alpha." He will also lead the home mission and foreign

mission evangelism team.

Dan Fredrick Greer '75 B.S. married Rhonda Faye Bishop April 7, 2001, at Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby. Dan is an account executive with WOHS Radio in Shelby. Rhonda is an assistant manager at McDonald's in Shelby. After a trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, the couple live in Shelby.

Mickey Mahaffey '75 is the founder of the Council of Independent Peacemakers, an advocacy group for the homeless, and the School of Traveler, a group aimed at familiarizing young people with nature and outdoor living.

Voneva Nunn-Abraham '75 and Johnny E. McKeown were married April 14, 2001. Voneva is employed as a registered nurse and retired health care administrator. Johnny is

semi-retired and self-employed. After trips to Brazil, Argentina, Honduras and the beaches of Punta del Este Uruguay, they reside in Lowerys.

Sandy McNeely '76 B.S. M.A. has been named principal of James Love Elementary School. She has been the assistant principal at Marion School in the Shelby City School district. She has also received the administration and supervision degree from UNC at Charlotte. She is married to Keith McNeely and has 2 daughters, Jody Grubb and Beth Lloyd, and a granddaughter, Sidney Grubb.

Becky Gearren-Gunter '77 B.A. graduated June 9th from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago with distinction with her doctor of ministry degree. She is married to Dr. William Gunter, pastor of

Attention Class of 1952 and 1953 Alumni

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the classes of 1952 and 1953's 50 year reunion scheduled for April 12-13, 2002. The reunion planning committee has already met and is preparing a variety of activities for a fun-filled reunion weekend. If you would like more information regarding the reunion please contact Laurie Varley, director of development for annual giving, at (704) 406-3862. Listed below is the Reunion Planning Committee for the Classes of 1952 and 1953.

Bob Pettyjohn, co-chairmen	Carolyn Pettyjohn
Billy Bates, co-chairmen	Betty Bates
Bob Blackburn	Cline Borders
Bob and Sarah Bush	Marquean Ross Cole
Peggy Cole	Peggy Millen Fletcher
James and Joyce Garrison	Ken Grayson
Bill and Fran Griffin	Mollie and Jim High
Frances Allen Kiser	Banks and Sara Miller
Pat Withers Moore	Glenn Pettyjohn
Billie and Gene Washburn	Darrell and Sue Wilson
Rebecca Luffman Calloway	Bill Blair
Betty Ledford Henderson	

Webber Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. She works as a worship consultant with Richmond Baptist Association. She can be reached at: wagandbag@aol.com.

Donna Cheek '78 R.N., '93 BSN has joined the administrative staff of The Outer Banks Hospital as vice president of clinical operations. She formerly worked at Rowan Regional Medical Center in Salisbury and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She and husband, Jeff, have two sons, Corey and Cameron.

James I. Scarborough '78 B.A. was elected president of the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. James lives in Raleigh and can be reached by email at j.scarborough@mindspring.com.

The '80s

LouAnn Bridges '80 B.S. and '87 M.A. has been promoted to vice president of student services at Cleveland Community College. LouAnn lives in Boiling Springs with her husband, Miller Bridges, and their two children.

Tricia Evans Hunt '81 B.S. and Kevin L. Hunt announce the birth of their son, Zachary, on June 25, 2001. Tricia is working as a job placement specialist with the Vocational Rehabilitation Facility. She and Kevin have been married since June 1990. Kevin works in assembly with the NACCO company. They have an 8-year-old daughter, Chelsea. The family resides in Morganton, NC.

Richard Lee Bonnell, III '82 B.S. GOAL has received a Master of Human Resources degree from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. He works as a medical malpractice investigator with the State of Florida.

Karen Moniz Bramlett '82 B.S. has been appointed as teacher-in-charge of Warwick Preschool.

Karen and husband, Lewis, have three children: Naomi, Leah and Benjamin. They reside in Bermuda and can be reached by e-mail at: kabram@northrock.bm

Myra Melton '83 A.A., and '95 B.S.N. recently earned a M.S.N./M.H.A. degree from UNC-Charlotte.

Ilene Allinger Candreva '85 B.S. and husband, Phil, announce the adoption of their new son, Liviv Freerick Lyman Candreva, from Romania. Ilene and Phil have two other sons, Chris and Andy. Phil works as a naval supply corps officer for the U.S. Navy. They reside in Pennsylvania and can be reached by e-mail at: ilenecmsa@netscape.net.

Thom Hartman '86 B.S. and Mary Hartman '86 B.S. announce the birth of their daughter, Mallory Lilliana, on November 28, 2001. Mallory has two brothers, Landon, age 6, and Ryan, age 3. Thom is the pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Valdeese, NC. Mary previously worked as a teacher. She now is a full-time homemaker. E-mail them at: t_hartman@msn.com.

Stephen C. Summers '86 B.A. has been awarded the D.Min. degree in Worship Studies from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastors Arden First Baptist Church in Arden, NC. He and wife, Amy, have three children. E-mail is stephen@ardenfbc.org.

Burgin W. Beale '87 M.A. has been promoted to principal of Southern Pines Elementary School



Art Duckworth '89 B.S., '97 MBA recently has been promoted to the position of audit manager of the new environmental, health and safety management systems audit unit of Duke Energy. "I didn't set out to be an auditor but I can see the Lord's hand at work by opening certain doors at work that allowed me to gain specific experiences and acquire professional certifications." He explains he now has responsibility for auditing the company's businesses worldwide. Duckworth began working at Duke Energy in 1976. He said he attributes part of his spiritual and professional development to the caring of two GWU faculty, Dr. Anthony Negbenebor and the late Dr. Keith Griggs.

in Southern Pines, NC.

Kipton V. Cloninger '87 B.S. graduated from Cumberland University with a Master of Arts in Education.

Abbigail Stephens Kalaf '87 B.S. and husband, Bill Kalaf, announce the birth of their son, Andrew James, on February 28, 2001. They have a son, Matthew, age 4. The family resides outside Kansas City, Missouri. Bill is employed at Sky Gear as business manager and controller.

David Brent Keim '87 B.A. and Shell Strange Keim '88 B.A. announce the birth of their fifth child, Asa James, on March 20, 2001. David is an attorney, and Shell is a homemaker. David can be reached by email at david.keim@sas.com.

Barbara J. Stevenson '87 M.A. is retiring from her job as an

assistant principal at West McDowell Junior High after more than 30 years in the McDowell County schools.

Ella Lavena Wilkey '87 B.A. and James Kenneth Stone, III, were married on June 23, 2001. Both are employed at The Music Center. After a trip to North Myrtle Beach, SC, they reside in Granite Falls.

Nathan C. Wriston '87 B.S. and wife, Julie, announce the birth of their third child, Rebekah Kate, on June 7, 2001. Their two sons are Jonathan, 5, and Gavin, 3. Athan is a helicopter pilot with the U.S. Army. They currently reside in Fayetteville, N.C.

Gary L. Kerley '88 B.S. GOAL has accepted the position of principal for Alexander County Head Start located in Taylorsville, NC. He will supervise 41 staff members overseeing 128 students. He and wife, Sherri, live in Taylorsville with son, Dustin. Gary can be reached at: hdstart@twave.net (attention Gary Kerley).

Danny L. Reece '88 B.A. and wife, Jennifer Norman, announce the birth of a son, Charles Daniel, on November 8, 2000. His sister, Anna Lee, is four and entered kindergarten in August. E-mail: DandJReece@Wilkes.net.

Joyce Jaynes Poplin '88 M.A. was named principal of Nebo Elementary School in McDowell

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County. She also attended Nebo Elementary as a child.

Sarah White Mayberry '89 B.S. was named 2001 Alexander County First Union Ben Craig Teacher of the Year. She is a 4th grade teacher at Ellendale Elementary School.

Amy Clinard Niccolai '89 B.S. and husband, Bill, announce the birth of a daughter, Hailey Ann, on June 30, 2001. Hailey weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 21 2/3 inches. Amy works as an office manager of Professional Pool Services of Charlotte, Inc., which is owned by husband Bill Niccolai.

Jennifer Richards '89 B.A. was promoted to divisional administrator and transferred to the international division of Young Life. She has been on staff with Young Life for five years.

The '90s

Karen Elizabeth Curtis Leslie '90 B.S. and David W. Leslie announce the birth of their son, Jonathan William Leslie, on April 19, 2001. Karen is a family physician with Due West Family Medicine, and David is an engineer with the Milliken Abbeville Plant. The family resides in Abbeville, SC.

Lisa Nelson '90 M.A. is working as principal of Midway Elementary School. She previously worked as principal of Silver Valley Elementary School. She worked in the county school system as a physical education teacher for almost 10 years, then spent two years as an assistant principal.

Joy E. Cole '91 B.S. began her two-year term as chair of the Gaston Chamber of Commerce's Professional Women's Association. She is a chiropractor in Gastonia.

Penny Sharts Clontz '91 B.S. and Eric Clontz announce the birth of their daughter, Breanna Nicole Clontz, on April 8, 2001. Penny is the career development coordinator at Crest High School

in Cleveland County, and Eric is the marketing director at Carpenter's Decorating. Penny can be reached by email at cowoman@rocketmail.com. The couple resides in Shelby.

Jane R. Szabaga '91 B.A. is working as an executive assistant at Shattuck Hammond Partners. Denis, her husband, works as a Web designer with United Media. They reside in Bloomfield, NJ, and can be reached at jaynee@yahoo.com

Kimberly Hooker Weber '91 B.S. and Robert Weber announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Anne Weber, on May 29, 2001. Kimberly is the technical helpdesk manager at SunTrust Banks, Inc. Robert is an engineer at Therma-Wave. The family resides in Orlando, FL. Kimberly can be reached by email at KWeber3@cfl.rr.com.

Robbie Anne Morgan Wrenn '91 B.S. and husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Morgan Adams, on June 22, 2000. Robbie is a recreation therapist for Murdoch Center. Jim is a leader starter of heat/air for Switzerland Air. E-mail: mudpuppy@gloryroad.net.

Ed Barron '92 B.S. is the new director of Davie Family YMCA. He has worked as branch director for the Canon Memorial YMCA in Kannapolis for six years.

Kerrie Leigh Byers '92 B.S. and Joel Shane Earley were married June 16, 2001, at First United Methodist Church in Forest City. She is employed by Rutherford County Schools as a kindergarten teacher at Mount Vernon Elementary School. He is the co-owner of Padgett and King Funeral Home and is the Rutherford County Coroner. After a wedding trip to Williamsburg, VA, the couple resides in Forest City.

Diane Hensley Simpson '92 B.S. was promoted recently from assistant public works director in York County to one of the two assistant county managers.

Gastonia Alumni Gather, More Events Planned

The Gaston Country Club was the location of the Gastonia Area Alumni Event on July 21, 2001. Over 40 alumni were in attendance. The program consisted of athletic updates from Chuck Burch, vice president for athletics, and head men's basketball coach, Rick Scruggs. Drew Van Horn gave an update from the University and Laurie Varley, director of development for annual giving, gave an update on alumni relations. The Gastonia Alumni Event was sponsored by the GWU Alumni Board. Many board members were also in attendance. The Office of Alumni Relations is expanding the number of alumni events in NC and Florida this coming year, with the goal being to re-establish relationships with GWU alumni. Be on the lookout for further information.



John Osborne Ware II '92 B.A. and Jill Annette Dillard were married March 17, 2001, in Gatlinburg, TN. John is employed by Montgomery Insurance Co., and Jill is employed by TIAA-CREF. The couple plans took a summer wedding trip to England. They reside in Denver.

Michelle Clary Mullis '93 A.A. and Robert Mullis announce the birth of their 3rd child, Matthew Rylee on Jan. 5, 2001. Michelle is an RN at St. Luke's Hospital and Robert works at BMW.

Ricky C. Johnson '93 B.S. has been appointed as pastor of Maple Springs and Charity United Methodist Churches. He will begin serving on July 1, 2001. His wife, Sang Ok Johnson, is a sewing machine operator at Indera Mills. The couple resides in Hamptonville, NC. Ricky can be reached at sangok@yadtel.net.

Jacqueline D. Lyon '93 B.S. is an accountant. She resides in Severn, MD, and can be reached by email at jacolyon@yahoo.com.

Amy Joellen Sharpe '93 B.A. was married to Jason Scott Drass in May of 2001 at Jersey Baptist Church of Linwood. Amy received her masters degree in media management from Regent University. She works as a field training specialist with national Cable Television Association. Jason is a media consultant with Intel.

Cynthia Owen Aiken '94 B.A. and Bryan Aiken were married on March 10, 2001. Cynthia is an office assistant at L.B.M. Industries, and Bryan is a foreman for Aiken Builders. The couple resides in Rosman, NC.

Tracey Anderson '94 B.S. and husband, Greg, announce the birth of their son, Jonathan David, on

June 7, 2001. The Andersons work as missionaries in Ayacucho, Peru, with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. E-mail: greganderson@MWBm.org.

Jack D. Meetze '94 B.A. and Rebecca Suzanne Lee were married at Beaumont Baptist Church. Jack is the minister of students at Beaumont Baptist Church. After a trip to the Poconos, the couple resides in Chesnee.

Missy Ervin Carter '95 B.S. and Calvin Carter announce the birth of their 3rd son, Piper Drayden Carter on Oct. 5, 2000. Missy is an elementary school teacher, and Calvin is a computer aided drafter. The family lives in Madisonville, TN. Missy can be reached by email at carterxj@icx.net.

Major Ron Hill '95 B.S. was named the new Chief of Police for the Mount Airy Police Department. He has been serving as interim chief. Hill is married to Carolyn and has four children, Lori, Gina, Christi and Jacob.

Jennifer Beck Jones '95 A.A., '97 BSN and John Jason Egolf were married July 7, 2001, at Charleston First Baptist Church. She is employed as a school nurse with the Henderson County department of public health, and he is the sales manager at Egolf Motors.

Lynn Littlejohn '95 B.A. has been promoted to business manager at the News-Topic newspaper. She has worked with the paper for 15 years. She has a daughter, Haley, 4.

Kelly Amanda Head '96 B.A. and Jeremy Andrew Allen were married July 14, 2001. Kelly is employed by Iredell County Dept. of Social Services as a Social Worker I. Jeremy is owner/operator of Laundry Express in Charlotte. The couple lives in Troutman.

L. Alexander Thomas '96 B.S. was promoted from CPA to Manager of Butler & Stowe. He resides in Forest City.

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Look for more info soon, or contact Cassie Bridgeman at cbridgeman@gardner-webb.edu or 704-406-3923.



Kathryn Page Wells '96 M.A. and David Wayne Ozmore were married on April 21, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Kathryn is employed by the Kings Mountain School District. David is employed by Cleveland County YMCA. After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Kings Mountain.

Sunny Benton '97 B.A. and Christopher Robert Calhoun were married on June 23, 2001, at Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. Both are employed by Gaston County Schools. Following a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the couple lives in Gastonia.

John Allen Jarvis '97 B.S. and Elizabeth Ruth Weaver were married on May 26, 2001, at the home of the bride's parents. John is employed by the Gastonia City Police Department, and Elizabeth is employed by NewSouth Athletic Co. After a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple lives in Gastonia.

Dana Michelle Linville '97 M.A. and Kenan James were married June 9, 2001, at Fairview Baptist Church. Dana is working as a kindergarten teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School. Kenan teaches at Forbush High.

After a trip to the North Carolina and Georgia mountains, the couple lives in Yadkinville.

Janet Philbeck Ritter '97 B.S. recently completed the Wells Fargo Bank Credit Management Training Program in San Francisco, CA. She is relationship manager in the commercial banking division of Wells Fargo Bank in Houston, TX. Her husband, **Brian Ritter '98 B.S.**, is the district sales manager of The Butcher Company. The couple resides in Houston, TX. Janet can be reached by email at ritterj@wellsfargo.com.

Holly Denton-Wall '97 B.S. has been promoted to financial administrative officer of First National Bank. She joined First National in 1993.

Vicki Grigg Burnham '98 A.A. and husband, Phillip, announce the birth of their daughter, Annslee Victoria, on May 13, 2001. She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz.

Nelda Ownens Dukovic '98 B.S. GOAL is working a career planner at East Central Technical College. Her husband, Jon, is a purchasing agent for Elixir Industries. They can be reached at ndurkovic@ectcollege.org.

Chad Farris '98 B.A. married Charlotte Ann Auth on December 9, 2000, at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Chad is minister of music at Eastern Heights Baptist Church who graduated with a master of church music degree in May of 2001. Charlotte works as a plan processor at Invesmart. E-mail: farrisce@home.com.

Vickie Fitch '98 B.S. has been promoted to area manager for the Cleveland County Personnel Services Unlimited. Formerly director of sales and marketing for Deer Brook Golf Club, she is also an Ambassador for the Cleveland County Chamber and participates in the Bethware School lunch buddy program.

Timothy Leopold '98 B.S. joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program. He

reported to Fort Benning for basic training. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Gastonia.

Tamara Lynn Walker '99 B.S. and Dusty Lee Price were married April 14, 2001, at Palm Tree United Methodist Church in Lawndale. Tamara is a teacher with Cleveland County Schools. Dusty is employed by KCI Tower Systems. The couple lives in Shelby.

Brenda Pardue '98 M.A. has been named Teacher of the Year for the West Yadkin school in Yadkinville, NC, and is the Yadkinville County Teacher of the Year.

Jeanna Brooke Raby '98 B.S. and Jason Ray Rhyne were married June 9, 2001. Jeanna is employed at West Iredell Middle School. Jason is employed at Mocaro. The couple lives in Statesville, NC.

DeShawn Harris Shedrick '98 B.S. and Deborah Jo Freeman '99 B.S. were married June 9, 2001, at Flint Hill Baptist Church in Shelby. She is a senior social worker with the Lincoln County Department of Social Services. He is employed by the Maxim Group of Charlotte. After a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple lives in Gastonia.

Amanda Williams '98 B.A. has been promoted to director of publications at Manual Woodworkers & Weavers, a home textile corporation in Hendersonville, NC. E-mail: spottydotty@earthlink.net.

Laura Ann Beam '99 B.S. and Matthew William Warren were married June 16, 2001, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville, NC. Laura is a teacher with Catawba County Schools. Matthew is a microbiologist with Ipharma, Inc. Following a trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Crouse.

Ivey Ann Clontz '99 M.A. was married to Jonathan Vann Gunter on May 19, 2001. Ivey is employed as a licensed counselor with the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System. Husband, Jonathan, is employed as a mold technician

with Good Year Tire and Rubber Company in Statesville. Following a trip to Oahu and Maui, Hawaii, the couple lives in Advance.

Mark Richard Dougherty '99 B.S. and Amanda Ivey Houston were married July 14, 2001, at Dover Chapel on the GWU campus. Mark works as a graduate hall director at GWU. Amanda plans to graduate from GWU in December 2001. They took a wedding trip to the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania.

Stephanie Duncan '99 B.S. and Harvey Matthew Fritts were married April 14, 2001, at Dry Ponds Baptist Church. Stephanie is employed by Hansen-Lambert in Hickory. Harvey is employed by Coca-Cola in Hickory. The couple took a wedding trip to the southern Caribbean.

Brandie Nicole Freeman '99 B.S.N. married Justin Quinn on March 17, 2001, in York, SC, at Central Baptist Church. Brandie is a registered nurse with Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, NC. Justin works as a mechanical engineer with Alcatel in Hickory. After a trip to Mexico,

they live in Hickory. E-mail: gr8cardiacnurse@aol.com.

Shannon Neal Gibson '99 B.S. and Bobby Lee Dimmette were married April 7, 2001, at the home of Shannon's parents in Catawba. Shannon and Bobby are both employed as radiologic technologists at Catawba Memorial Hospital.

Robin Lee Gore '99 B.S., '00 MBA and Leif Charles Hamrick were married on July 7, 2001, at Dover Memorial Chapel on the Gardner-Webb campus. She is a financial accountant at GWU, and he is the director of grounds at GWU. The couple honeymooned on a Western Caribbean Cruise.

Matt Hamrick '99 and Jennifer Hamrick '00 announce the birth of Hayden Michael Hamrick, born May 4, 2001, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz.

Corby Dwayne Haneline '99 B.S. is now the family life minister at Zion Baptist Church in Shelby. He, his wife, **Kendra Kirby Haneline '97 B.S.**, and their one-year-old son live in Shelby. Corby can be reached by email at ckh96@bellsouth.net.

Kevin Helton '99 B.A. and wife, Melinda, are currently living in Norcross, GA. Kevin is a drivers examiner for the Georgia State Patrol. Melinda is employed with the Gwinnett County Public Schools as a paraprofessional. Their e-mail address is Quazely@aol.com.

Susan Ann Henderson '99 A.D.N. graduated with a B.S.N. in May of 2001. She has been working as an operating room nurse specializing in orthopedic surgery in Alamance Regional Medical Center. She resides in Yanceyville and can be reached at sannhender@hotmail.com.

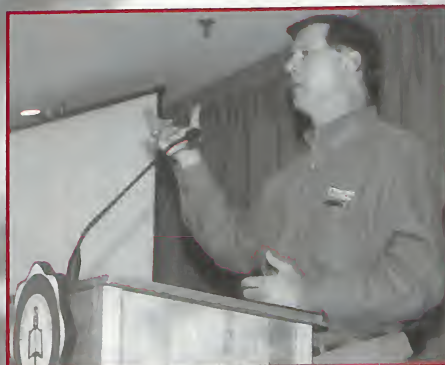
Deborah Hohmann '99 B.S. has been hired as staff accountant at Jones Williams & Co., a Winston-Salem accounting firm.

Emily Kaye Hoyle '99 B.S. and David R. Thornburg were married June 23, 2001. Emily is employed by Gaston County Schools. David is a member of Lowell Volunteer Fire Department and served in the U.S. Navy. The couple honeymooned in Scotland and now live in Gastonia.

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Carla Kincaid '99 B.S. has been recruited to serve as associate director of Girl Scout Membership Services for Catawba County. She is in charge of registration, placement and volunteer training. She is a resident of Morganton.

Sonni Ashlyn May '99 and Telly Keith Sly '01 B.S. were married May 26, 2001, in the Dover Chapel on the Gardner-Webb Campus. Sonni is employed as an RN with Gaston Memorial Hospital. Telly is a sales rep with Cintas Corp in Charlotte. After a trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple lives in Mount Holly.

Jeff Peal '99 M.A. has accepted a position in Sparta, NC, as principal of Alleghany High School for the 2001-2002 school year. He has worked as assistant principal of North Wilkes High School since

fall of 1999.

Teresa Pruitt '99 M.A. has been named Burke County school system's Teacher of the Year for Hildebran Elementary School. She teaches 2nd grade.

Timothy Nelson Simpson '99 B.S. and Audrey Leighann Hodges were married on June 16, 2001. Audrey is a teacher at Jones Intermediate School. E-mail is: tsimpson@advi.net.

Heather Frances Sizemore '99 B.S. and John Shannon Black were married April 28, 2001, at Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. She is employed by Eagle Roller Mill Co., Inc. of Shelby, and he is employed by Yale Carolinas, Inc. of Charlotte. After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple lives in Shelby.

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Stephanie Marie Vester '99 B.S. and Jonathan Edward Crocker were married May 5, 2001, at the home of the bride's parents. She is the human resource manager, and he is a service adviser for Vester Honda Mazda CPJ in Wilson. After a wedding trip to Jamaica, they live in Spring Hope.

Solomon Willis '99 B.S. teaches high school math and physics at Gaston Day School in Gastonia, where he is also the yearbook advisor. He was also recently elected as a task force officer in the NCSMA. Solomon can be reached by email at owepar@yahoo.com.

The 'oos

Scott Harrison Brown '00 M.A. and Kristi Suzanne Wagner were married April 14, 2001, at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. Scott is a physical education teacher and Kristi is a 3rd grade teacher in the Iredell-Statesville school system. After a trip to Charleston, the couple lives in Statesville.

Rebecca Friend '00 M.A. is the Anne Dover Bailey Teaching Excellence Award recipient from Cleveland County Schools for 2001. She teaches at Crest High School as an English instructor.

Craig Steven Garriss '00 B.S. was awarded the Advanced Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education Standards Commission, the highest professional certificate awarded to law enforcement and criminal justice officers in NC. He began working with the Wilkesboro Police Department in 1997. Garriss and wife, Donna, have one daughter, Amber.

James Thomas Hammonds, Jr. '00 B.S. and Angela Maria Royall were married April 7, 2001, at Millers Creek Baptist Church. He is employed by UPS, and she is employed by Lowe's Home Center, Inc. After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, the couple resides in Hays.

Rebecca Horner '00 M.Div. was married to Reverend Douglas Shenton on April 28, 2001. They reside in New Jersey and can be reached at: missbec@juno.com.

Ashley S. Leitherer '00 B.A. is working for State Farm Insurance Co., as an agent staff member. She received her property and casualty license in March. She and husband, Jim, are in a new home in Ocala, FL. Ashley can be reached at: JALeithrer@juno.com.

Chris Madden '00 B.S. is a sales representative at Western-Southern Life Insurance Company. He can be reached by email at chris.madden@wslife.com.

Jamey Moyers '00 B.S. will be teaching 4th grade in Colonial Beach, VA. He previously taught 3rd grade. E-mail: jmoyers@rivnet.net.

Penny Myers '00 B.S. and Jason Yountz were married June 2, 2001. Penny is employed by Goodyear Statesville Mold Plant as a human resource specialist. Jason is employed by Eddie Yountz and Son Grading and Septic Tank. The couple lives in Statesville.

Jana Seivers '00 B.S. works with teen parents at the middle and high schools in Surry County in the Teaching For Tomorrow program. She has an 8-year-old daughter, Ariel.

Kevin H. York '00 B.S. and **Jennifer Burton York '98 B.S.** celebrated the birth of their son, Michael Kevin York, on May 15, 2001. Kevin teaches 4th grade and Jennifer 3rd grade in the Iredell-Statesville Schools. The family resides in Statesville. Kevin can be reached by email at khyork_28677@hotmail.com, and Jennifer can be reached by email at jly_28677@yahoo.com.

Brian J. Alverson '01 M.Div. is working as full-time minister of education at First Baptist Church in Tryon. Brian is married to April Adair Alverson. They reside in Columbus, NC.

Ira Glenn Bottoms III '01 B.A. and **Sheryl Denise Cox '01 B.A.**

were married May 26 at Clear View Baptist Church in Franklinville, NC. The groom is the son of Dr. Glenn Bottoms, GWU professor. The new Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms are employed as summer missionaries for the Randolph Baptist Association. After trips to Atlantic Beach, Chimney Rock and Dillsboro, the couple lives in Missoula, MT.

Laura Elizabeth King '01 and Christopher James Hayes were married May 19, 2001, at Westview Baptist Church in Shelby. Laura is employed by Foothills Podiatry of Shelby. Christopher is employed by Cleveland County Sanitary Department. After a trip to Tennessee, the couple lives in Shelby.

Amy Leigh McCuen '01 B.S. and Jeremy Blair Robinson were married April 28, 2001, at Friendship Baptist Church in Gastonia. Amy is employed by CSFBdirect Brokerage Firm. Jeremy is employed by Sunhoist & Craine Inc. Following a trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Belmont.

Daniel Scott Thomas '01 B.A. and Sarah O'Neil Donaldson were married June 9, 2001, at lake Hollifield on the GWU campus. Sarah is a senior at GWU. Daniel is employed by Sandy Run Baptist Church. After a trip to San Francisco, the couple lives in Mooresboro, NC.

Kenneth Martin Wince '01 married Jessica Chrystin McSwain June 2, 2001, at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. The reception was held at the Gardner Music Hall on the Gardner-Webb campus. Kenneth is employed at Riverbend Golf Course. After a trip to the Bahamas, the couple resides in Shelby.

Deaths

Elva Mae Spake Abrams died June 13, 2001, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center at the age of 79. She was employed with the Cleveland County School System as a librarian. Survivors include her husband, Robert White, four children, and five grandchildren. Memorials can be made to GWU, Robert and Elva Abrams Memorial Christian Scholarship Fund, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017, or Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Richard Thomas "Tom" Breeden Jr. died May 23, 2001, at Grace Hospital at the age of 69. He previously served on the board of trustees at Gardner-Webb.

Robert B. Hamrick died May 20, 2001, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center at the age of 70.

Ethel Lancaster Hines Harrill '49 A.A., 72, died July 9, 2001, at Rutherford Hospital.

Wilburn Thomas Hendrix '42 A.A. died Jan. 18, 2001.

Rev. Thomas Alfred Lineberger Sr. died June 27, 2001, at Grace Heights Nursing Center at the age of 88. He served on the Board of Associates at Gardner-Webb and he has pastored four churches in North Carolina. He was also a director of missions for the South Mountain Baptist Association.

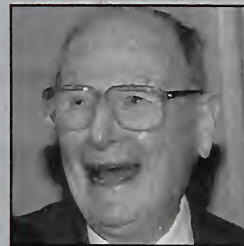
Mary Lou Richards Palmer died at the age of 88 on May 18, 2001.

Louise Austell Short died May 25, 2001, at the age of 83, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. She was 1982 Bulldog Club member of the year at Gardner-Webb.

Rachel Scroggs Sturkey '53 A.A. died May 26, 2001, at her residence. She is survived by her husband **Don Sturkey '53 A.A.**, two children, and several siblings and grandchildren.

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Memories of Dr. Robert Allen Dyer



"They were two of the most wonderful people I've known in my lifetime (70 years)," said **Bob Bolick '52** of Dr. Robert Allen Dyer and his wife. "And truly, Dr. Dyer was a most unique individual, a dynamic Christian, a brilliant teacher, an outstanding mentor and a precious friend! Many, many of his students became seekers of knowledge because of him."

Dr. Dyer was professor of psychology and religion at Gardner-Webb from 1946-56, when he left to teach at Wake Forest. He died on April 14 at the age of 88. Dr. Dyer was a native of Baton Rouge, La.

Bob Bolick is an example of Dr. Dyer's influence. Bolick received his associates degree from Gardner-Webb and a bachelor's degree in English and Bible from Wayland University in Plainview, Tx. He also gained a degree from Gaston College. Now retired, he worked for 25 years in the Air



Force, being retrained several times to gain more knowledge and skills. While at Gardner-Webb Bolick said he "took every course known to man." He credits this thirst for knowledge to Dr. Dyer's influence.

But Dr. Dyer's influence on his students' lives extended beyond the classroom. "In addition to being in his psych classes, I had treasured associations with him after classes," said Bolick. "On occasion I would help him with his roses alongside the driveway of his home."

He adds, "Many times, as I was doing a chore for him, he would recount his and his wife's ordeal as prisoners of war in a Japanese prison camp (WW II). It was so sad, yet so riveting, that I could only listen intently as I worked."

Dr. Dyer and his wife were imprisoned while serving as educational missionaries at the Seinan Gaquin School in Fukuoka, Japan. They spent 38 months in a civilian concentration camp as prisoners of war. They were liberated by American armed forces in February 1945.

Dyer is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Mills Dyer.

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GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES



Sharon Case Randall '68 A.A. is a syndicated columnist for The Monterey County (CA) Herald and Scripps Howard News Service in Washington, D.C. She has received numerous writing awards over the years and is a frequent speaker for civic groups and charities. She said, "A scholarship made it possible for me to attend GWU. But the greater blessing was the people I met who made an impact on my life."



Willard P. Armes '66 A.A. is Director of Training and Career Development for Z-Tel Technologies, Inc. in Tampa, FL. From 1997 to 1998, he was the President and Co-Founder of SunCom Associates, Inc. He is a retired Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. He said, "Gardner-Webb provided me with the opportunity to associate with bright, caring people, who challenged me academically and athletically."

FEATURED GWU ALUMNI



Julius W. "JJ" Abernethy III '71 B.A. has been recognized as the GWU Alumnus of the Year for 2000-2001. He has provided outstanding service to Gardner-Webb through his dedication to the Bulldog Club, and he has impacted the lives of countless young people through his involvement with the AAU basketball program.



Hannah Heather Woody '01 B.S. has been named the GWU Alumnus of the Future. She works for the Free Congress Foundation in Washington, D.C., and is past president of the GWU Student Government who aspires one day to be governor of North Carolina. As a student, Hannah was active in FCA and served as chairman of the Senior Campaign.



Elmer Udean Burke '60 A.A. has been recognized as the Junior College Alumnus of the Year. He is owner of Nancy and Udean Christian Tours. He is currently a GWU trustee, serving his third term. He said, "I know I could not have made a better decision than to have chosen and attended Gardner-Webb."



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