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Alumni In The Loop

GWU Alums Greatly Involved In Helping To Shape The University's Future



At top: numerous alumni show their support by returning to campus each year to lecture and give guidance to GWU students

Deciding what is the most impressive Gardner-Webb trend in recent years would yield many possible answers: the addition of new programs, the heightened admissions standards, the physical growth of campus.

But one could make an equally valid case for the number of alumni who have become intricately involved in campus life, career counseling, boards of trustees and advisors, and even strategic planning.

It's a movement that brings with it exciting developments and possibilities. And the involvement of alumni with Gardner-Webb is crucial to future success, says Drew Van Horn, vice president of university relations.

"Too often, alumni at any college or

university feel the only way the institution wants them involved is through financial contributions" he explained. "We are trying to show that what we need most is the time, energy and interest of the alumni."

As evidence, Van Horn and Laurie Varley, director of alumni and parent relations, explain the recent creation of the Young Alumni Board, which comprises alumni from 1996-2000. The board planned a Young Alumni Tailgate in coordination with Homecoming activities and a possible spring or summer 2002 trip was also discussed. Board members called other alums to encourage them to join in the festivities.

"Not only is this Board ready to make an impact," says Varley, "but they see this as a

way to renew friendships and loyalty to their alma mater, too."

Van Horn also cites the surging involvement of alumni with the Board of Trustees as proof of former students impacting the institution's future. Among those who are currently serving the Board include:

JJ Abernethy '71, C. Neal Alexander '84, Tom Bell '71, Gladys Burroughs '42, Udean Burke '60, Linda Combs '66, C.E. "Bud" Hamrick '54, Arnold Isaacs '57, Dr. John Roberts '49, Carl Spangler Jr. '52, Dorothy Ann Spangler '47, Dr. Helen Stinson '54, Anthony Strange '83, Lisa Tucker '89, Dr. Doris Walters '59, and Dr. Gene Washburn '52.

An exciting new trend on campus has been the interest of alumni to return to campus and deliver classroom lectures to current students. Within the past year alone, numerous business graduates have shared their success stories and provided guidance to undergraduate and graduate students alike. One alum, Stephen Hendrix, even took the time to address a group of high school students visiting campus on the same day he was at GWU for a business school lecture.

"In return for representing GWU so well in their respective communities, we felt the need to recognize these alumni in some tangible way," adds Varley. "That's where the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates comes into play."

She explains that the Gallery is posted on campus year-round with the photos and descriptions of alumni making exceptional contributions to society. The most important goal it achieves, she says, is to inspire and encourage current students to persevere and look toward their own bright futures as GWU alumni.

Van Horn goes on to add that one of the easiest ways for alumni to show support for

their alma mater is to attend Homecoming.

"We are especially excited about a new approach to reunions in the future. Rather than having single class years reunite at Homecoming, we are planning to pattern reunions around groups of classes. For example, there may be a reunion for the classes of 1980 through 1982. We've heard alumni suggest the opportunity to reminisce with more people from their college years, and we hope this helps accomplish that."

Other new initiatives in the near future include the referral of prospective students by alumni and also involvement with the GWU Centennial Celebration in 2005.

"Our alumni are our most important resource," says Varley. "There is no one better to explain to a perspective student about the value of GWU than someone who has experienced it firsthand."

Forms like the one included in this issue of The Web should be used by alumni who know of a high school student considering his or her college options.

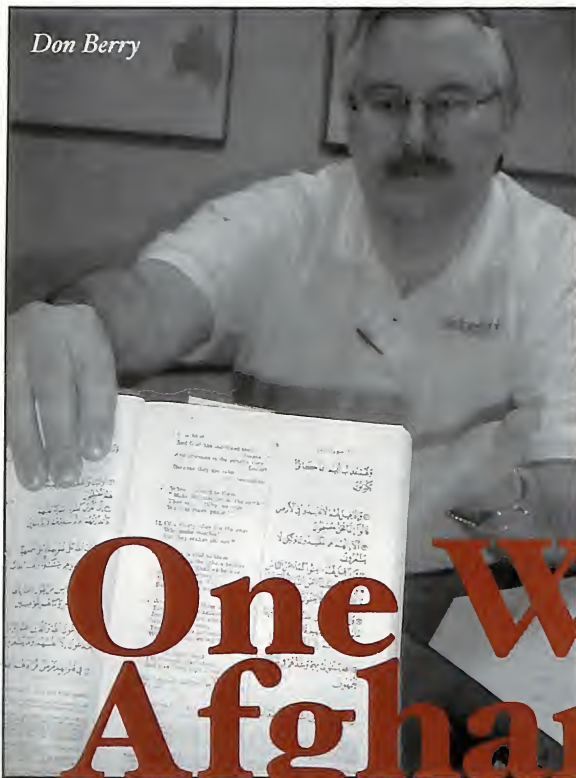
And, of course, when Gardner-Webb looks back on 100 years of existence it must revolve around the memories and activities of its alumni.

Van Horn says a year-long celebration of the Centennial is planned in 2005, and alumni are being encouraged to offer ideas for the celebration as well as contribute special stories, remembrances and memorabilia for the occasion.

"Our alumni hold the key to our history," Van Horn explains. "We must learn from those who have taught us and led us through these glorious years. "

The 50-year reunion class this April got involved by creating a new scholarship in honor of their fellow alumni.

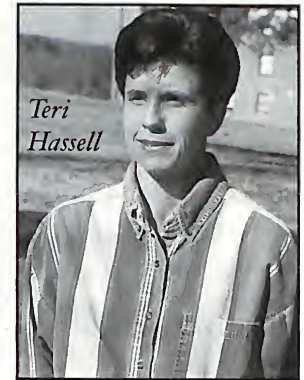




Don Berry



Bob Carey



Teri Hassell

One Word: Afghanistan

Faculty members speak of what lies ahead, beneath and behind

Teri Hassell, Bob Carey and Dr. Don Berry don't work in the same department on campus. Nor do they see each other very much. Honestly speaking, the most significant common bond between these three until recently was simply being fellow GWU faculty members.

But the events on September 11 changed all that.

Dr. Berry, assistant professor of missions in the School of Divinity, has spent the greater portion of his life serving as a missionary to places like Afghanistan. Hassell, an instructor in physical education and wellness studies, has spent the greater part of her life ascending to the rank of major (and possibly Lt. Colonel very soon) in the United States National Guard. Bob Carey has covered wars and conflicts for decades as a photojournalist.

The common element is Afghanistan.

Dr. Berry has a different view of Afghanistan's current plight than most of us might. It's an Islamic view. A view from a religious aspect that most of us admit we know little about.

With a Ph.D. in world religions, Berry's

dissertation was on Islam. He has a missionary background, a previous teaching experience at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic, and worked with the European Baptist Federation. He says he can't help but be influenced by the religious perspective of this war.

Churches, classes and his own students are asking him to share that perspective so that they too might have a glimpse into understanding the religion of Osama bin Laden. "I've spoken to churches and some classes and people want to know anything and everything. It runs the gamut. But Islam is so complex. You can't sum it up in a time limit," Barry says.

It's only natural people would ask questions, especially now when some are calling this a "religious war." Berry says that some Muslims would consider this a religious war, while others would disagree. He explains to groups what Islam

"All Americans ... are seen as missionaries of western culture." – Dr. Don Berry

is, and how some Muslims, known as Revivalists take that to the extreme.

"Try to understand their way of thinking. All of Arabia is considered holy land and to have western soldiers there defiles it. The presence of western culture, western dress, western businesses, western movies, and western values and influence in predominately Muslim countries threatens their very existence."

He adds, "Osama bin Laden sees western culture and influence and the presence of western troops in the Arabian Peninsula not just as an offense to Islam, but even as an act of war. What they're doing is not starting a war in their minds. They're responding to the war that's already been declared upon them by the very presence of those troops and western culture. All Americans are alike to them, with or without uniform. They are seen as missionaries of western culture."

Berry says that not all Muslims would concede with this way of thinking. "This is not a war against Islam," he says, "this is a war against terrorism. This is a war against people who use the language of Islam for their own political agenda. And I think that's what bin Laden is doing."

Bob Carey, a former photographer for the Associated Press, has seen the face of war, terrorism and destruction. He was in Oklahoma City after the world watched the Alfred P. Murrah building collapse and he also took his camera into war-torn Rwanda. His photographs captured the life sized images of children's faces who were affected by the war. He's seen the results and now he remembers those faces as he thinks about this new war in Afghanistan.

"I've seen those people who have no choice in the matter of war. I understand that when a group like the Taliban controls a region there are people who have no power – the children, women, the poor. They don't have a voice. They are an oppressed people. They are real people."

His perspective of the war is captured in the images of the citizens who live there. "I feel for

them. I've seen their faces and their helplessness and yet I don't know if there's another way around that when war is absolutely necessary."

Carey is thankful that our nation remembers the suffering of the people and is willing to offer assistance. "I've seen how important it is to provide humanitarian aid. Ideally the conflict will be resolved quickly and a new government can be established. In the meantime, I sincerely hope the U.S. can continue providing the innocent bystanders with aid. They need it to get back on their feet."

For Teri Hassell, her concerns following the September 11 attack were of a personal nature. "It didn't take long for me to figure out this was going to eventually involve military action."

Hassell serves as electronics and communications officer for the 30th Engineer Brigade in Charlotte, NC. She admits she began to wonder almost immediately if she would be called in to action. "If I were called up, my daughter and I have a plan in place so she will be cared for ... but, quite simply, I don't know if I'll be called. There's no way to know until it happens."

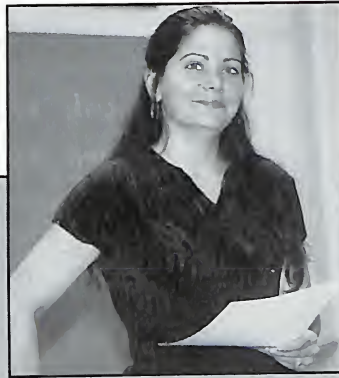
She also describes her heightened sense of awareness, saying, "I definitely pay more attention to what's going on around me. I'm especially more aware when there is a large crowd or major event. We should have always been taking precautions regarding any type of attack, but now we find ourselves being more alert and reporting suspicious behavior to the authorities."

And while caution is mixed with optimism for Hassell, she admits the future is uncertain for her as both a military officer and a citizen. "We can't afford to let our guard down again. I think we became too relaxed. We're going to have to focus more on homeland security than ever before in order to protect the citizens of the United States."

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– Bob Carey

Ms. Marathon



Don't let Teresa Phillips' small frame fool you.

There seems to be no limit to the interests of GWU's newest Spanish instructor. Her hobbies span traveling and poetry to exercise and marathon running.

"When I was a kid, I was into martial arts, tap dance, ballet and jazz," she says. "Being athletic is just part of how I was raised."

About four years ago at the University of Kentucky, Teresa was introduced to marathon running.

"I really thought I could do it. I worked out five or six times a week, but when I finally tried to run a marathon, it nearly killed me."

Being just over five feet tall, a short stride meant having to take many more steps than other runners. But intent on successfully tackling a marathon, Teresa mixed discipline ("no fried foods," she explains) with other

"I'm learning the classic approach of mind over matter."

rigorous activities, like kickboxing.

So why does a Spanish instructor by day spend so many evenings on such a goal?

"I do it for the challenge. It's a time when I can clear my mind and concentrate on something new. And I'm always finding new ways to motivate myself."

At times, she confesses, the reward doesn't seem to merit the effort.

"But I am learning the classic approach of mind over matter when it comes to running. It's inspiring to see people in wheelchairs competing in marathons. If they are brave enough to finish, then I feel I can do it, too. So I push myself that much more."

So is her marathon training as much exercise for her mentally as it is physically?

"Definitely. I raise myself to a different level when I push myself to do something that seems physically impossible to accomplish."

GWU'S FIRST-EVER DOCTORAL PROGRAM UNDERWAY

The School of Divinity has begun offering the first-ever doctoral degree program in the University's history. The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree program is designed for ministers who wish to obtain the professional doctoral degree in ministry.

The program was authorized this summer by the Association of Theological Schools' (ATS) Commission on Accrediting. It is designed for ministers who already have the Master of Divinity from an accredited institution, three years of post-M.Div. pastoral ministry, and are currently serving in a ministry position.

The program is a three-year, 30-

hour program, including 18 seminar hours, six hours of field supervision, and six hours of project work. Dr. Jack Buchanan, Jr., recently named director of the D.Min. program, explained that the program is designed to integrate ministry theory with practice. Seminars are all two-day, four-week experiences. The first seminar offered is "The Ministry of Worship," and in the spring "The Ministry of Pastoral



Care" will be offered. Buchanan says, "There is a good complement of academic seminars focused toward ministry."

The program is gaining recognition even in its youth. According to Buchanan, that there has been considerable interest from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia.



Dr. Cindy McKinney helps make the teacher education program at GWU one of the state's best

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SHINE; AT&T GRANT HELPS CAUSE

North Carolina's 47 teacher education programs were rated recently in the third Performance Report on Teacher Education Programs for 2000-01 by the N.C. State Board of Education. GWU's program continued to improve itself and fare very well among its competitors.

This report rates teacher education programs according to three overall criteria: compliance with state and national accreditation standards, the quality of program completers, and involvement with and service to public schools.

The GWU program was 11th out of 47 colleges in North Carolina, ahead of such schools as Wake Forest, Davidson, Campbell, Meredith, Queens, UNC-Asheville and others.

The program received more good news when it received a \$16,800 AT&T Learning Network Teaching and Technology Grant. The money will help the GWU program to use technology in enhancing teaching and learning, while increasing efficiency and lowering costs. Along with three other colleges, GWU will use the money to collaborate on what is being called the N.C. Virtual Teacher Education Network project.

FACULTY NOTES

• **Keith M. Cagle** gave a workshop of "Linguistics of ASL" to Vermont Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Brattleboro, VT, in September. In October, he spoke at the workshop on ASL Non-manual signals to South Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (SCRID) in Myrtle Beach, SC. He provided a workshop on ASL Non-manual signals to the Educational Regional 10 in Dallas, Texas. He has received a Certification of Appreciation for my leadership in North Carolina Deaf community from North Carolina Association of the Deaf (NCAD).

• **Dr. Alice Cullinan** spoke on "The Role of Religious Education in Spiritual Formation" as part of the GWU Scholarly Lecturer Series.

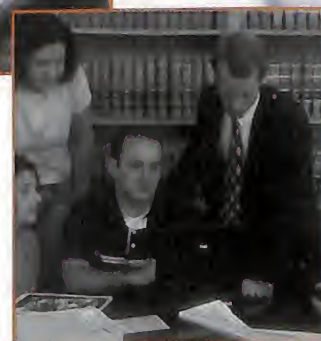
• **Dr. Charles B. Moore** attended the U.S. State Dept. International Visitor Program at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix along with Senator Jorge de Juan of Spain and Arizona State senator, Tom Smith.

• **Matt Whitfield** served as an adjudicator for the North Carolina Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) High School and Collegiate Artist Performance Competitions at Queens College, Charlotte, in October.



GWU FACULTY

THE MISSION STAYS THE SAME ...



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When a generation hears that this is “their war” it can create ...



Nihal



Johnny

Anxious Days



Dave

This land we call America was bought with a price. Our forefathers gave their lives that we might live in freedom. And in peace. And so we have. We have not known what war on our home soil is like. It is not something our generation has had to face, or even consider, until now. This feeling of uncertainty around us, is a new feeling for most, but not all. There are some who know what it's like to live in war.

“On Sept. 11th, everybody was surprised and shocked. I was not surprised. I am used to it. I’ve lived my whole life in such conditions. My American friends couldn’t believe it but I could picture it very well,” says Gardner-Webb senior

Nihal Kaissieh.

Nihal is from Bethlehem, Israel. A place where war is a part of daily life. But she says that she imagined that America would be different. “Ever since I was born I’ve lived through such things – kidnappings, bombing houses. I couldn’t imagine something like that would happen in a country like this. I thought it would be safe. In my country nobody was expecting something like that to happen here. It has affected me a lot,” she says.

Nihal also admits, though, that with her country having many problems of their own, she can’t help but be concerned for her homeland and her family. Nihal does not

know when she will see her family again. She says she misses them, but if she goes home her chances of coming back are very small.

"It shocked me, but I am worried more about what is going on back home. I can call sometimes and be talking to my family, and hear gunfire and ambulances in the background."

Nihal came to Gardner-Webb after meeting President White while he was touring the Holy Land with divinity school professors and students. Nihal hopes to go to graduate school here in America and earn her M.D. or Ph.D. in pharmaceutical studies. She would like to be a pediatrician.

Nihal says she has loved it here and she is obviously excited about her future, but she says she often finds her thoughts on her hometown of Bethlehem.

Nihal explains that for most of us, as Americans, we are afraid of what we do not know, but war is something about which she knows. Her country is a place full of political unrest and economic struggles. Her home has been plagued by terrorist activities and religious strife for centuries. The birthplace of Christ, ironically enough, has had one of the most difficult struggles to find peace.

"The war is very close there. It is a way of life."

Johnny Bradley is waiting for that certain phone call.

A junior public relations major, Johnny joined the Air Force National Guard 10 months ago. He is an E4 Senior Airman stationed in Charlotte, NC. So far, he has enjoyed the challenge. But joy has been tempered with caution.

"I knew that war would always be a possibility when I first signed up, but honestly I didn't expect it. When the events of September 11 took place, I was really upset."

Searching for confidence, he adds, "Now I'm glad I joined the military because I want to go fight the bad guy."

Inspired by a father who was a military man, Johnny has settled into the idea of serving his country. He envisions a long career with the National Guard, but he also has mixed emotions about the current conflict.

"My American friends couldn't believe it but I could picture it very well," says Nihal Kaissieh, GWU senior and Israel native.

"I think ending terrorism is a great goal, but I don't know how realistic it is. I am confident, however, that the United States will be successful in capturing at least some of the more powerful terrorist organizations."

Johnny admits to struggling with how to view another country, another culture that frowns upon America and its way of life. But, more than that, he wonders how he will react when the phone rings.

"Right now, I'm on call. If they activate me I'll have to leave school. The most likely date to receive that call is January 2nd. I think I'm pretty eager to do my part. I'm not scared."

Anyone in the military understands there's always a chance something will go wrong, says Dave Parker, a junior history major.

Prior to attending GWU, Dave was stationed in Fort Richardson, Alaska, with the U.S. Army.

"My reaction to September 11 came in stages. First there was shock. Then anger. Then a renewed sense of patriotism. Then I got mad and was ready to go back."

He says the Army has already tried to make contact with him, but the nature of the call was unclear. Sometimes, he says,

calls like that are routine, just to maintain information on soldiers. But he can't help wondering if this call might be one for active duty.

"Anybody in their right mind would be scared. But I've made a commitment to my country, and when you do that you have to complete your assignment – fear or no fear."

Dave says the U.S. military is well-prepared to enter a war that isn't conventional. But he acknowledges that this conflict could be a long, drawn-out process. His hope, however, is that he and his fellow young Americans will rise to the challenge.

"Our generation owes it to the generations of the past who made this country what it is. We owe it to them to sustain our way of life and our freedom. We owe it to them to keep going. I hope the patriotism of our generation will soar."



SENIOR PINNING: A TRADITION CELEBRATING THE GWU EXPERIENCE

In what is fast becoming one of the most treasured traditions at GWU, the annual senior pinning ceremony took place during Family Weekend 2001.

Seniors in the on-campus undergraduate program joined those from the GOAL Program to commemorate their Gardner-Webb experience with friend and family members.

The highlight of the evening comes when the senior designates a special person to do the honor of placing the pin on the senior. A time is set aside for the senior to tell this person why they have been selected for this duty.

"As you talk to one another," said vice president Drew Van Horn, "you will come to understand how many people are instrumental in helping a student to graduate. This is a night to remember those sacrifices, those encouragements and those dreams you've all shared over the years."

Honors, Recognitions Highlight Semester

• This year's *Graduate Education Scholarship* was awarded to **Beverly Kulii** from Kannapolis, NC. The full tuition scholarship is given every year to an incoming graduate school student who holds a current A level license and is pursuing a degree in education, school administration or counseling. Kulii is studying school administration through Gardner-Webb's new program located in Davidson County.

• The student newspaper, *The Pilot*, brought home several national awards recently. **Jessica Webb**, co-editor, was one of two in the U.S. to be named named a

recipient of the inaugural President's Award for Excellence in Student



Journalism at the Baptist Press Student

Journalism Conference banquet in Nashville.

Shane Kohns, the other co-editor won the top news story award. **Joy Marinelli** won several in photojournalism and **Charlie Baber** won first and second in cartooning.

• **Andy Polk** in November was named Top College Republican in the state of North Carolina, the highest state honor given by the College Young Republicans.

Raising Awareness for the Homeless

As a part of the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness

week, some GWU students hoped to make a difference on their own campus. The week of events included a special "Dimensions" with guest speaker Barry Hall, from Samaritan's Purse. There was also a school wide fast and a week-long canned food drive.

The week was concluded with a hunger banquet in which attendees were split up into three socio-economic groups using real world ratios. The groups ate nice, mediocre, or poor meals accordingly. Organizers hoped this representation of what life is like for other people would impact those attending.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON WARMS THE HEARTS OF STUDENTS, DONORS

The Sixteenth Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Reception, hosted by President Chris White and his



wife, Linda, successfully connected scholarship donors to the scholarship recipients with a meal and brief program.

Students were given an opportunity to spend time with the person behind the money funding their education. Donors were provided the opportunity to see the individuals who benefit from their giving.

Two outstanding GWU students spoke about the

impact the scholarships have on their lives and Dr. White wrapped up the event with brief statements, pointing out the diversity of the types of scholarships given and how that diversity reflects on the diversity of individuals who support this institution.

A moment was provided for each donor to tell their scholarship recipient the story behind the founding of their scholarship.

Dr. White addressed the donors, saying, "I appreciate you supporting the aims, values and character of the institution."

He added, "These scholarships do more than provide money. They provide opportunity to know Christ, build character and become a person of integrity."



Peer Advisors Program Formed

Now GWU freshman can have the assistance of other students who are willing to

help. A group of students, known as "Peer Advisors," are available as contacts to help freshman with class scheduling, advising, and even how to go about deciding a major. Peer Advisors have the opportunity to serve as a resource for group advising, speaking to University 101 classes (a college orientation class for freshman), helping students prepare for the pre-registration process, presenting programs in the Residence Halls and hosting advising functions such as the majors showcase, in which students with undeclared majors have the chance to speak with a representative from each department.

Beth Searcy, director of academic advising, said, "Utilizing peer relationship allows students to be able to work on class scheduling details when their advisors aren't available. They also have someone to serve as a role model and encourage them as they're just beginning."

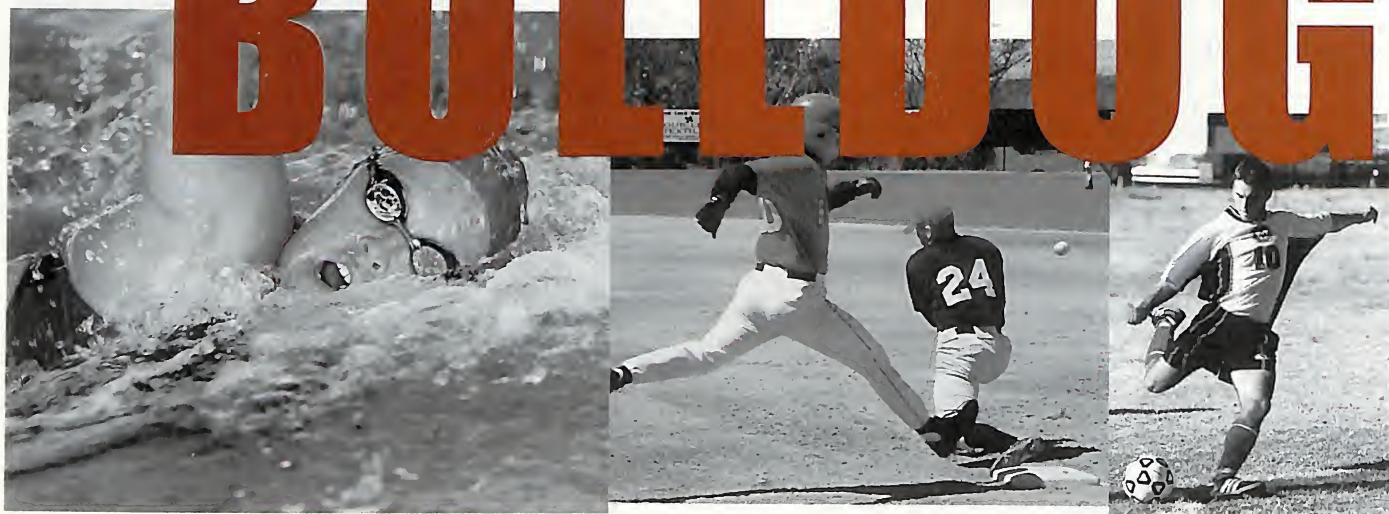
GWU STUDENTS

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BULLDOG



GOLF ADDS ANOTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

After holding a seven-stroke edge heading into the final day of action at the NCCAA National Golf Championships at Cross Creek Plantation this fall, GWU put the pedal down to pull away for the title.

The team title is Gardner-Webb's third national crown in golf, but the first since an NAIA National Championship in 1977. Gardner-Webb also won an NAIA National title in 1976 under legendary head coach Garland Allen.

Wednesday, the Bulldogs fired a two-day total of 612, putting 13 strokes

between first and second place. Malone (Oh.) College shot 625 overall to finish in the runner-up slot. Gardner-Webb shot 307 on Tuesday and 305 on Monday, using a dominant performance from a trio of All-Americans.

Steve McDonald led the pack on Tuesday and stayed strong in the final round to finish seventh overall with a two-day score of 152. The Bulldogs' aces Wednesday were Brian Parker and Chris Brady, as the pair tied for top tournament honors with two day scores of 149. Brady carded a 76 on Wednesday, while Parker moved up

from a tie for seventh with a second-day score of 74.

Parker defeated Brady on a third extra hole in the final round to capture medalist honors for the tournament.

All three golfers were named NCCAA All-Americans Wednesday, along with Northwestern Nazarene's Dane Leach, North Greenville's Brian Corn and Malone's Jeff Jackson.

The team, under the direction of former North Carolina All-American Tee Burton, will begin play in the Atlantic Sun Conference beginning in 2002-2003.

GWU Hall of Fame Adds New Class of Inductees

Each Homecoming, Gardner-Webb honors those former athletes who have brought great honor to the institution's illustrious history by inducting them into the GWU Hall of Fame. This fall, the new members include Steve

Sherman, a key member of the 1977 national champion golf team; Ralph Warthen, an All-American football player from 1980-82; and Dr. Henry Smith, who from 1951-53 was one of the most decorated two-sport stars in school history, playing football and basketball.



Ralph Warthen

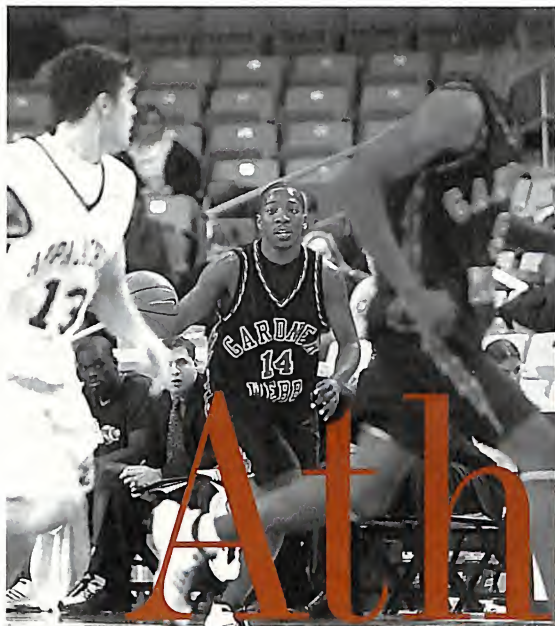


Dr. Henry Smith



Steve Sherman

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Athletics

Married To Success?

As the Bulldogs gathered to celebrate a 29-25 football victory over Liberty on October 20, backup quarterback Clint Patterson and receiver Darin Bradford picked up Haven Wagner, the girlfriend of receiver Adam Wilson, and hoisted her on their shoulders.

When they set her down in the middle of the mayhem, Wilson was there, on one knee. He held an engagement ring.

There was no better place for this proposal. In a way, Wilson and Gardner-Webb's team have been part of a marriage.

Moving from Division II to I-AA, as the Bulldogs did in 2000, is a path fraught with challenges, especially in the initial stages. Reaching the goals coach Steve Patton has set for the program, namely to contend for a national championship within 10 years, requires the kind of commitment akin to matrimony.

"The games are that much better, the opponents are that much faster," said junior quarterback Jeremy Martin. "We all feel like we're Division I athletes. For whatever reason, we didn't get recruited to play Division I, but we all feel like we can play."

— written by Dan Wolken of the *Charlotte Observer* (10/21/01)

Basketball Heats Up

The GWU basketball season is underway for the men's and women's teams, and with the transition to NCAA Division I has come a rigorous schedule for both squads. In particular, both teams are finding that the road is where they will spend most of their time this season. The men's team especially is aching to return home, as every game until January 26 is an away contest.

The schedules for both teams are shown here. Please support GWU whenever possible this season.

Men

Dec. 28 vs. Yale @ Greenville, SC 6:00 pm
Dec. 29 at Furman Tourney, Greenville, SC 6 or 8 pm
Jan. 5 at Murray State, Murray, KY 8:00
Jan. 10 at Centenary (LA) Shreveport, LA 8:05
Jan. 17 at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX 8:00 pm
Jan. 19 at Texas-Pan American Edinburg, TX 8:30 pm
Jan. 23 at Appalachian State Boone, NC 7:00 pm
Jan. 26 CENTENARY (LA) GWU 7:30 pm
Jan. 29 BREVARD (NC) GWU 7:30 pm
Feb. 2 TEXAS A&M-Corpus Christi GWU 8:00 pm
Feb. 5 at Savannah State Savannah, GA 7:30 pm
Feb. 9 at Lipscomb Nashville, TN 4:30 pm
Feb. 12 SOUTHERN WESLEYAN GWU 7:30 pm
Feb. 16 TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN GWU 8:00 pm
Feb. 19 SAVANNAH STATE GWU 7:30 pm
Feb. 23 LIPSCOMB (TN) GWU 8:00 pm

Women

1/03 Norfolk State Norfolk, VA 7:00
1/05 Murray State Murray, KY 4:45 CST
1/09 Savannah State GWU 7:00
1/14 Winthrop Rock Hill, SC 7:00
1/19 Texas-Pan American Edinburg, TX 6:00 CST
1/21 Texas A&M-CC Corpus Christi, TX 7:00 CST
1/24 Centenary GWU 7:00
1/26 Savannah State Savannah, GA 6:00
1/31 Davidson Davidson, NC 7:00
2/02 Texas A&M-CC GWU 6:00
2/05 East Carolina Greenville, NC 7:00
2/09 Lipscomb Nashville, TN 1:00 CST
2/11 Centenary Shreveport, LA 7:00 CST
2/16 Texas-Pan American GWU 2:00
2/18 - 2/20 NCCAA Regional Away
2/23 Lipscomb GWU 6:00

SINCE WE LAST MET

NEWS ITEMS FROM FALL 2001

Remembering Wyndolyn Hollifield

Wyndolyn Hollifield, one of Gardner-Webb's most beloved and faithful supporters, passed away in September after battling a lengthy illness. She was 85 years old.

Mrs. Hollifield's late husband, Hughy, was a 1935 Gardner-Webb alumnus who passed away in 1996. It was through Hughy's love and devotion to his alma mater that Wyndolyn became such a vital part of the GWU spirit.

Although the couple lived modestly, they were benefactors not only of GWU, but of numerous Christian and healthcare-related causes.

Perhaps most notably at this institution, Wyndolyn and Hughy Hollifield made possible what has become the centerpiece of campus, the Lake Hollifield Complex.

A recreational haven for students, employees and community members alike, the Complex provides walking trails, picnic areas, a six-acre lake and beautifully manicured grounds for gatherings and fellowship.

But the crown jewel of the Complex was what caused Mrs. Hollifield to beam when she spoke of the development – the Hollifield Carillon.

Inscribed bells hanging in the upper chamber of the carillon bear the names of Wyndolyn and Hughy Hollifield, as well as Forrest Hollifield, the couple's only son

whom they lost in the Vietnam War.

The carillon's builders beam a bit, too, when they proudly describe the bell tower as the most modern structure of its kind anywhere – the bells were manufactured to be played either manually or electronically.

In what has become a signature characteristic of the university, the carillon chimes every hour and plays musical selections daily, ranging from Christian hymns, to patriotic tunes, to the GWU alma mater after a Runnin' Bulldog victory.

"Her generosity knew no bounds," said President Chris White. "She touched so many with her kindness and her grace."

She had also recently made possible a new leadership conference facility at Lake Hickory for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. That organization had recognized Mr. and Mrs. Hollifield as N.C. Baptist Philanthropists of the Year as well.

Among the couple's other activities included the establishment of scholarship funds at Wake Forest University, the "Wyndolyn Hollifield Mission/Church Assistance Fund" for the retirement of mission pastors, numerous donations to and through the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, and gifts for cancer, Alzheimer's and diabetes research.

The following page contains one example of how the Hollifields' generosity touched others.



Wyndolyn Hollifield took great pleasure in the development of the lake complex that she made possible. She often visited campus to witness the construction of the carillon (below), and she took part in the bell tower's dedication (at left).



Attention Gardner-Webb Alumni

We Need Your Input ...



Have We Lost Touch?

In case the years have slipped by, or you've relocated, or some significant change has occurred ... we want to know your current information. If you feel the information we have on hand is not accurate, please take the time to keep us up to date.

(please print) Graduation Year _____ Program/Discipline (i.e. - nursing, business, education) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Employer _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____ E-mail: _____

Interests/hobbies:

Colleges attended/degrees earned:

Accomplishments/Awards:

Spouse Name: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Children and their birthdates:

**I Want to
Give Back to
Gardner-Webb by:**

- ☐ Assisting with Admission activities
☐ Serving on a steering committee for regional alumni activities
☐ Serving on a Reunion committee
☐ Soliciting 10 classmates for the Gardner-Webb Fund
Providing: ☐ internships ☐ career advice ☐ job placement assistance

*(Complete and mail to: Gardner-Webb University, Office of Alumni & Parent Relations,
Boiling Springs, NC 28017)*

*Do You Know Someone
Who Needs To Hear From Gardner-Webb?*

Alumni are our most valuable resource. You can especially assist us in two very important ways: (1) by letting us know of any alumni who may not be currently receiving information from GWU, and (2) by referring to us young men and women you feel may be prospective students.

Please complete the information below and return to us as soon as possible.

Thanks for your continued support!

My name is: _____

My address is: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

My phone number: _____

My e-mail address: _____

The following person(s) is also an alumnus of GWU, but has not been receiving information **OR** is a prospective student:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE and/or E-MAIL _____

**(Complete and mail to: Gardner-Webb University, Office of Alumni & Parent Relations,
Boiling Springs, NC 28017)**

*"Thank you for
providing such a
beautiful place ..."*



Dear Dr. White and Board of Trustees,

September 20, 2001

It has been said, and rightly so, that we will always remember where we were and what we were doing on September 11, 2001. Shortly after I heard about the terrorist attacks I was on my way to the "duck pond" on your campus.

My two small boys and I met a neighbor and her children at the lake for a walk. We walked the perimeter of the lake, fed the ducks some bread, played in the gazebo, sat on the swing, and listened to the clock chime eleven o'clock. It was a lovely morning spending time with happy children and a good friend.

Thank you for providing such a beautiful place that the Boiling Springs community can share. My family and I often visit the lake and we have enjoyed the fireworks from our front porch for several years.

I will always remember the events of September 11, 2001, and I will always remember the peaceful sanctuary I found on the Gardner-Webb campus. I will remember the brilliant blue sky, the chiming clock, the greedy ducks, and smiling children. I will remember.

Sincerely,

Marja Houston

*From the
wildlife to the
annual July 4th
fireworks, visitors
enjoy the lake
complex year-round.*



\$1.25 Million Grant Will Start Divinity Youth Program

Lilly Endowment Inc., of Indianapolis, IN, has given the school a \$1.254 million gift, the largest grant ever for GWU. The funds will establish and maintain a Ministerial Vocation Program for Youth to be administered through the M. Christopher White School of Divinity.

The establishment of the Ministerial Vocation Program for Youth at Gardner-Webb is part of a movement to address the issue of diminishing numbers of qualified ministers worldwide. The hope is that youth would be engaged in serious theological discussions at

an earlier age, thus allowing them to more easily discern the call to ministry and make plans for educational and ministerial preparation.

"Lilly Endowment Inc., and Gardner-Webb University share the concern for the future of Christian ministry. This effort proactively seeks to identify, and foster the development of, youths who may have the capacity and calling to enter the ministry," said Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean of the School of Divinity. "Specifically, we at Gardner-Webb will implement a three-part approach to this endeavor, which will run for four years."

Dr. Stacy explained that the GWU program will include (1) a ministerial mentoring component; (2) a Lilly Summer Experience; and (3) a

partnership with Crossroads, which is a Christian youth camp hosted three times each summer on the GWU campus.

Dr. Wayne Stacy counsels a young man hoping to enter the Christian ministry.



Campus Reacts To Sept. 11 Attacks With Tears, Prayer



Late in the afternoon of September 11, the flagpole on the quad became a natural meeting place for students to join together in the aftermath of the infamous terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC.

One student, Julie Jo Nelson, a sophomore from Fairfax, Va., was relieved to learn that her father, a Navy commander, was not in the Pentagon when that attack occurred.

"Knowing that Dad could have been there ..., " she said, "I was in awe. I just lost it."

Campus prayer meetings sprang up across campus, and campus minister Tracy Jessup organized a formal service

for the campus community and all other visitors who needed a place to reflect, pray or simply be close to other concerned citizens.

"This has brought the country to its knees," said freshman Merry Leigh Miller soon after the attacks. She explained that she has close family relatives in reserve duty who may be called now into active service.

Other students felt these events could cause America to come together and be humbled before God.

"Our roots are founded in God under Christianity," said Edie Hering, a junior. "This is uniting our country in prayer."



photo by LaDonna Becker

photo by Margaret O'Driscoll

Campus Bookstore Named In Allens' Memory

The Leonard A. Allen Memorial Campus Shop was dedicated on October 1, 2001. It was named in memory of Leonard A. and Miriam S. Allen.

Mr. Allen was employed by Gardner-Webb for 29 years. Mrs. Allen also spent her life in education as an elementary school teacher.

The naming of the bookstore was in response to a gift received by the university through the Allen's estate. Mr. and Mrs. Allen had named Gardner-Webb as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

President White said at the dedication ceremony, "We felt the naming of the campus shop in their memory would be a fitting tribute to the Allens. Mr. Allen positively impacted the lives of many students

while managing the campus bookstore. Their legacy and names will live on as a result of their love and support of Gardner-Webb."

Centura Bank Remembers Suttle With Tennis Gift

RBC Centura Bank has memorialized the late J.L. Suttle Jr. with a gift to the Gardner-Webb University (GWU) tennis program. The undisclosed amount is payable to the institution over a four-year period to assist with the development of the new GWU tennis facility.

Suttle was president of Cleveland Federal Savings Bank in Shelby, which was recently acquired by RBC Centura. He also was a regional leader in the insurance and savings and loan industries. At GWU, Suttle served as a trustee and benefactor for several decades.



Allen family and friends at the recent bookstore dedication.



Contributing to the new tennis complex pays tribute to Suttle by recognizing his support of higher education and his passion for the game of tennis, said RBC Centura officials.

As a result of the bank's generosity one of the 12 new courts within the facility will jointly bear the name of Mr. Suttle and RBC Centura.

Dale Winn, a Cleveland County executive with RBC Centura and a Gardner Webb alumnus, added, "Through the acquisition of J.L. Suttle Jr.'s business, RBC Centura was able to enter this market. This gift signifies the appreciation our bank feels for being given the opportunity to get to know the people of Cleveland County. We hope this is the start of many future involvements with this university and this area."

RBC Centura and GWU officials at the court named for J.L. Suttle

Bettie Morris Estate Will Provide Needed Scholarships

The late Bettie S. Morris, a long-time GWU supporter, named Gardner-Webb the recipient of a trust from her estate that will establish the Bettie Stinson Morris Tennis Scholarships.

Four women's tennis scholars will be named each year. A tennis court also will be named in memory of Gladys Stinson Morris and Bettie's late husband, Ray A. Morris.

Mrs. Morris, a former GWU trustee who lived in Rutherfordton, NC, was an active tennis player well into her seventies.

Passport to Homecoming 2001

MEMORIES FROM OCTOBER 5-6

Homecoming weekend began on Friday, a beautiful day for the Annual Golf Tournament at the Cleveland County Country Club. Lunch was provided by Chick-fil-A and alumni golf teams enjoyed the competition of the game as well as the fellowship.

Homecoming Saturday may have been slightly dampened by a few Fall showers early in the day, but the spirit of Gardner-Webb was definitely present in the many alumni who "came back home!" Many of our alumni came out to Spangler Stadium to enjoy various pre-game cook-outs and to renew old friendships.

Alumni groups represented were Young Alumni, Classes of 1976 & 1977, Pep Band Alumni, Choral Alumni and American Sign Language Alumni.

The Homecoming Parade made its way down Main Street at 12:30 p.m. and included alumni dignitaries Anthony Strange (Grand Marshal), Randall C. Hall, M. Reid Armstrong, and Joshua Benedict, all who were honored later in the evening at the Alumni Awards Banquet. The Student Alumni Council Ambassadors rode

a self-created float that included a trolley making it's way to GWU from various countries of the world.

The Bulldogs took on the Morris Brown Wolverines at 1:30 and made us all proud with a victory of 38-15!



A special Alumni Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening, in the Recital Hall at O. Max Gardner Memorial Hall. This year, The Alumnus of the Year Award went to Mr. Anthony N. Strange, Class of 1983; the Young Alumnus of the Year Award went to Mr. Randall C. Hall, Class of 1988; Junior College Alumnus of the Year Award went to Mr. M. Reid Armstrong, Class of 1958; and the Alumnus of the Future Award to Mr. Joshua D. Benedict, Class of 2002.



Also being honored were alumni inducted into the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates: Robert C. Abernethy, '73, Dorothy B. Austell, '41, Diane C. Brooks, '73, Collette W. Deviney, '72 & '82, Kennie Earnhardt, '77, Melanie Campbell Ford, '73, R. Leigh Ford, '73, Joseph Allen Freeman, '84, Corless Horne Goode, '82, Brenda Barrett Gray, '73, Barbara B. Hendrix, '89, Jennifer E. Carlton Kampfe, '97, Terry L. Ledford, '75, Greg T. Mathis, '77 & '01, Patti Ellis McMurry, '99, Michael D. Philbeck, '74, Wayne D. Roberts, '71, Brad Smith, '88, Julie Jackson Strange, '82, Michelle Webb Strickland, '97, Lisa Robertson Weaver, '85, T. G. Wes Westmoreland, II, '88, and J. Ronald (Ron) Wright, '69 & '71.

Each award winner was presented with a plaque and a special lapel pin designed for this occasion.

Their biographies and pictures will be displayed in the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates located in the Dover Campus Center throughout the year.



A GWU Tradition: *The Barkley-Brown Family*

In 1947 Bill Barkley Sr. began a family tradition by enrolling at Gardner-Webb.

Since 1949, when he graduated from G-W, seven members of his family spanning three generations have made this institution their choice for higher education. Bill Sr. fondly remembers hopping in the car with his high school principal to meet the president of Gardner-Webb Junior College. "President Phil Elliott admitted me on the spot," said Bill Sr. "He was very encouraging."

That was the beginning of a family legacy that would last over 50 years.

Bill Barkley Sr., Bill Barkley Jr., Jan Barkley Brown, Robert (Bob) Brown Jr., Sylvia Johns Barkley, Wes Barkley and Erin Brown are all members of the Barkley-Brown family who attended or are currently attending Gardner-Webb. Bill Sr., Jan, Bob, and Erin reminisced about time spent at Gardner-Webb and shared their experiences and memories of college life.

Many of Bill Sr.'s most cherished memories are from his time on the baseball team. "Dr. Elliott, Dr. Bob Dyer, a psychology teacher, and Dr. Ben Fisher, a religion teacher, would all come to the baseball games. Dr. Dyer would use me as an example in psychology class on how I stared all the batters down that I pitched to."

After completing his education at Gardner-Webb, he went on to enjoy a career as a professional baseball player before becoming a State Farm Insurance Agent. Later his son, Bill Jr., and daughter, Jan followed in their father's footsteps and made Gardner-Webb their home.

Bill Jr. was president of the Student Government, Male Student of the Year in 1975, and graduated cum laude. He met

his future wife, Sylvia Johns, at Gardner-Webb. After completing his education, Bill joined the United States Marine Corps. He became a Lt. Colonel and was a presidential helicopter pilot for former President George Bush. He passed away on May 19, 1993, when that helicopter crashed in Maryland due to mechanical failure.

Jan attended Gardner-Webb at the same time as her brother. Together, they shared many unforgettable memories. "We were all required to go to chapel and I sat in between my brother Bill and our friend Ray Barger. They were always cutting up and giving signals to the guys who sat across from us. All the guys got in trouble and had to go see the vice president of the college, Dr. Tom McGraw, for cutting up in chapel. I laughed at them because they all got

in trouble and I didn't. The next day I got a letter saying I had to go see Dr. McGraw, too!"

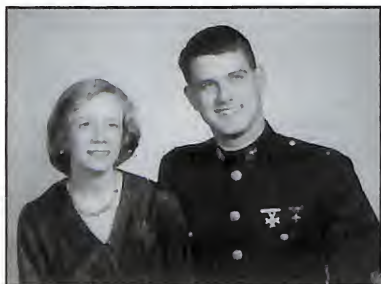
Jan met her future husband, Bob Brown Jr., at GW. They were both physical education majors and returned to GWU for their masters degrees. Bob remembers the first time he met Jan: "I only knew baseball players until we had a 50s dance at the beginning of school. I met a lot of people I had known from our home area and I met some girls there including Jan. I would have the pleasure of dating most of them at one time or another!"

Following the lead of their parents, Wes Barkley and Erin Brown both chose to attend GWU. Like his father, Wes was named the Male Student of the Year. He graduated from GWU in May of 2000 and is presently in his second year of Law School at Campbell University. He is currently working on a series of novels featuring historical figures.

Erin is the latest member of the Barkley-Brown family to come to Gardner-Webb. She is currently a freshman enjoying a volleyball scholarship. Erin reflects on her time at GWU, saying, "So far, I've had a good time here at Gardner-Webb. I think it's interesting how so many of my family members have attended the school and I'm glad to be a part of the family tradition!"



Bill Barkley Sr.



The late Bill Barkley Jr. and wife, Sylvia



Bob and Jan Brown



Wes Barkley

CLASS NOTES

The '40s

Betty Lee Johnson '47 A.A. is volunteering again. This year she is working at the Casar Elementary School of the Arts in the Kindergarten class.

Lansford Jolley '47 A.A. had published this year a book entitled "Visions of Faith: The Sesquicentennial of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association." He



was presented a plaque in appreciation of his efforts by the Association on October 29.

John Walker '48 A.A. has recently moved back to Rutherford County after living in California for more than 50 years where he taught high school music and worked in church music. He plays piano regularly at Caulfield's Restaurant in Forest City.

The '50s

Patricia Spurlin '58 A.A. is retired and volunteers as an activities leader at Peachtree Centre, a long time care facility, of Gaffney. She is the president of the Cherokee County Retired Teachers Organization and the secretary for

the Alumni Board of Directors for Limestone College. She also makes time to enjoy her grandchildren.

The '60s

John Michael Durham '60 B.A. married Kelly Matthal on September 22, 2001, in Atlanta, GA. John is currently a senior production artist at HPC Publications in Norcross, GA. Next year he plans to attend the University of Georgia.

Joan Spurlin '60 A.A. was recently profiled by "The Mount Airy News." Joan went on to teach after college. Last May Joan retired after 34 years of teaching. She spends much of her time with her church, Highland Park Baptist, where she teaches the first and second graders in Sunday School. Joan has directed the choir program for 38 years.

William B. Watterson '63 A.A. is the NC English Teachers Association's Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002. Watterson is a Shelby native residing in Banner Elk. He is in his sixth year teaching English at Watauga High School in Boone. He has taught at Brevard College and Lees-McRae College, where he served as chairman of the humanities division, acting academic dean, and director of admissions. Adding to his credits are a B.S. and M.A. degree, and graduate study at various institutions. He and wife, Carol Sisk Watterson '63, have two children.

Pat Wells '63 A.A. is a retired teacher and elected school trustee with Cherokee County School District. Her husband, Nick Wells, is the owner of Cherokee Acoustics. They reside in Gaffney, SC, and can be reached at: naps@innova.net.

Kathryn Bean '64 works at Charta Communications in Lenoir, NC. She has been the office manager there for the past 22 years. She has two children, and

one grandson.

Sonja Hutchins '65 A.A. was appointed division director of professional careers, for Central Piedmont Community College. She and husband Guy Hutchins reside in Concord, NC. She can be reached at sonja_hutchins@opoo.oo.no.us.

The '70s

Roger V King '75 B.S. was

promoted to senior vice president and division manager with Wells Fargo Financial. He will be relocating to Denver, CO, with his wife, Jonnie, and their 2 sons. Roger has been with the company since 1978. He was the Regional Manager in Atlanta, GA, for the past five years. Roger can be reached at rogerking@mindspring.com.

Dr. Becky (Gearren) Gunter '77 B.A., '96 MCM received an Academic Award by the School of Divinity Faculty. She completed a

CSO Benefits From Daughter's Remembrance of Parents

Anita Sprinkle Roberts first became familiar with the scholarship program at GWU in Fall 2000 when she was acquainted with a divinity student, Tommy Byrd, through one of his two part-time jobs.

Upon learning of his calling and the difficulty of being a student and working adult, Anita met with campus minister Tracy Jessup to find out how to help students like Tommy. Jessup informed her of the Christian Service Organization, which makes it possible to establish scholarships in honor or memory of others. Funds are then awarded annually once a scholarship's corpus reaches a minimum dollar amount. One hundred percent of the interest earned is given to students entering the ministry.

Anita says Bruce Rabon, director of church relations, guided her through how to establish a scholarship and even noted that any administrative costs with her fund are absorbed by GWU as well. Convinced of the worthiness of this endeavor, Anita established the Foster C. "Pluto" Sprinkle Christian Service Organization School of Divinity Memorial Scholarship. Once it was fully endowed, she then began to create the Clemmie Brewer Sprinkle CSO Memorial Scholarship. Anita says she has found no better way to remember her parents than by helping others in their name.

Anita has since reviewed her estate planning strategies and included GWU, and specifically the CSO, in her will. "The opportunity to help students with their education is so important, and I was fortunate that my parents were always there for me."

Anita recently met Cody Davidson, the first recipient of one of her scholarships. "Somehow I feel Mother and Daddy are smiling down on us because of this lasting legacy."



Foster and Clemmie Brewer

Young Alumni Board Created

The first Young Alumni Board was established this year and comprises alumni from 1996-2000. The board planned a Young Alumni Tailgate in coordination with Homecoming activities and a possible spring or summer 2002 trip was also discussed. Board members called other alums to encourage them to join in the festivities. Over 60 young alumni attended a BBQ lunch tailgate at Homecoming.

"Not only is this Board ready to make an impact," said Laurie Varley, director of alumni and parent relations, "but they see this as a way to renew friendships and loyalty to their alma mater, too."

Members of the Young Alumni Board include:

Lori Burris '96
Kristen Lott Setzer '96
Heather Robertson White '96
Ginger Blair Ford '97
Jennifer Kampfe '97
Jennifer Wall '97
Janet Jones '98
Amanda Williams '98
Gretchen Fritz Zoch '98
Brad Huss '99
Larry Durham '99
Gabe Clevenger '99
Robin Gore Hamrick '99
Jesse Bowles '00
Steel Keefe '00
Amy McCall '00
Eric Wise '00
Ashley Abbott '00

second masters in Religion at Wake Forest University in 1999, where she received a full academic scholarship. In June 2001, she graduated with her Doctor of Ministry Degree in Worship from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. Becky can be reached at: wagandbag@aol.com.

Carol Hambright Rorie '77 B.A. and William Edwin Rorie III '80 B.S. were married on August 25, 2001. The couple resides in Shelby.

Melanie Thomas '77 B.S. began work as assistant director of field operations with the NC State Bureau of Investigation on September 10, 2001. See article in this section for more information on Ms. Thomas.

Ken Kessler '78 B.A. is the associate pastor for discipleship for Brookwood Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL. His wife, Teresa, is a physical education teacher. They have three boys, Kevin, Bryan, and Jacob. Ken can be reached at: kenk57@bellsouth.net.

James McDowell '78 performed his unique blend of blues at St. John's Historical Church in Rutherfordton. He has recently completed his first CD entitled "Jackpot Jesse."

Timothy Scott Eanes '79 B.A. celebrated his 15th year as the senior pastor of the Fairview Baptist Church in Statesville, NC. He is working on a Doctor of Ministry Degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Timothy's oldest son, Ryan, is a junior at Wake Forest University and his youngest son, Casey, is a senior at Statesville High School. His daughter, Laura, is a freshman at Statesville High School. Timothy can be reached at tseanes@conninc.com.

Rebecca Ann Wilfong '79 B.S. and Russell W. Wood were married June 16, 2001, at First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. Rebecca is employed by Wachovia Bank as a commercial loan business analyst, and Russell is employed by RJR Tobacco as a programmer.

They have one daughter, Jessica, age 17. The family lives in Jamestown, NC. Rebecca can be reached at redwoodo616@aol.com.

The '80s

Stanley Reid Martin '80 B.S. was married to Sherryl Joiner Thompson on June 30, 2001, at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort at North Myrtle Beach, SC. Stanley is employed by Whaley Carpet and Furniture in Shelby, while the bride is a third grade teacher at Township Three Elementary School. They reside in Shelby.

John R. Smith '80 and his wife, Twyla Smith, announce the birth of Julie Breann Smith. Julie was born on April 2, 2001. She has a proud big sister, Kayla Amanda Smith, 10 years old. John can be reached at: SMITHJ18@Fastransit.net.

Lynda Stewart '80 B.S. was appointed principal of Kings Mountain Middle School effective January 1, 2002. Lynda is filling the position as an assistant principal at KMMS until that time.

Mike Thompson '80 B.A. the county commission chairman, has been elected third vice president of the NC Association of County Commissioners during their annual conference. He will be working with the Executive Committee to lead the associations board of directors.

Kathy Morris '81 B.S. has accepted a position as new trial court administrator for Gaston County. She has spent the past nine years working in with Gaston County courts.

Connie H. Cuthbertson '82 B.A. serves as the minister of music at Adaville Baptist Church. Connie is one of the 15 religious music directors in the United States who received Awards of Distinction for outstanding service to their churches.

Called Upon by the President

President Bush has named **Linda Morrison Combs '66** to be Chief Financial Officer of the Environmental Protection Agency. Combs founded Combs Music International in 1991, and currently serves as its President. From 1989 to 1991, she was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management, and from 1987 to 1989, she was Associate Administrator for Management of the Veterans Administration. Combs served at the Department of Education from 1982 to 1986, first as Executive Secretary and then as Deputy Under Secretary for Management. She is a former elected member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. Combs received degrees from Appalachian State as well as a Doctorate degree in Education Management from Virginia Tech University.

Brian McCulloch '83 B.A. and Lisa McCulloch were awarded the American Lung Association of North Carolina's Volunteer excellence Award for Revenue Generations. The couple has raised \$90,000 for the fight against lung disease.

Dr. Michael Dwight Faulkner '84 B.A. is the assistant principal for curriculum and instruction at the West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, NC. WMHS serves 1700 students. Dr. Faulkner also serves as the pastor of Steele Creek Baptist Church in Charlotte. He can be contacted at michaelfaulkner@cms.k12.nc.us.

Lisa Anne Scronce '84 B.S. married Dr. Derward Lee Creech, Jr. on June 23, 2001, at Salem Baptist Church. She is employed by Gaston County and Cherryville Elementary Schools. The groom is employed at Lincolnton Animal Hospital. They live in Lincolnton.

Avery C. Williams '84 B.S. and Krista L. Benfield were joined in marriage on August 3, 2001. Avery is employed by the NC Highway Patrol as a state trooper stationed in Iredell County. Krista is employed with Hickory Printing Group Inc. in Conover as a payroll administrator. After a wedding trip to Pigeon Forge, TN, the couple live in Union Grove.

Christine Byrd '85 B.A. was named the new assistant principal to West Yadkin Elementary School. Christine has worked in the Yadkin County School System for the past 16 years. She previously served as a teacher, title I director, migrant education director and as coordinator of Summer School.

Deborah Lorraine Maltba Kendall '86 B.S. has been promoted to income maintenance supervisor II with the Rowan County DSS in Salisbury, NC. Prior to this Deborah was an income maintenance investigator II at the agency. Deborah and her husband, Victor James Kendall, live in Kannapolis with their sons, James Michael, age 14 and Matthew Ray, age 5. Deborah can be reached at: kendalldm@co.rowan.us

Sherry Kay Kepley '86 A.A. and Spencer Alvin Squier were wed on July 28, 2001, at the Arboretum at Tanglewood in Clemmons. Sherry is chief executive officer, and Spencer is president both of All-State Express Inc. The couple spent a weekend at the Manor House at Tanglewood and made their home in Advance, NC.

Andi Morris Wilson '86 B.A. and husband Randy Wilson announce the birth of their daughter, Andrea Ellan Wilson "Drew," born on August 29, 2001. Drew has an older sister named Devin, age 6. Andi can be reached at: andi@Asheboro.com

Christie Boyer '87 B.S. and husband, Scott G. Boyer, announce the birth of their second son, Brooks Christopher Boyer, born on August 26th, 2001, weighing 6 pounds and 1 ounce. His big

brother, Hunter, is five years old and in Kindergarten. They live in Riverview, FL. Christie can be reached at: gwuboyer@earthlink.net

William Edward Jones '88 B.S. married Lora Wyatt Rector on June 9, 2001, in Gatlinburg, TN. He is a plant manager at Wright Table Company of Morganton. The bride is a customer service representative with the same company. The couple resides in Morganton.

Mickey Sharpe '88 B.S. has been invited to serve on the board of advisors for the School of International Home Furnishings at High Point University. He was recently recognized as the top account executive for Office Interiors, Inc. and for Haworth, Inc. in NC. He resides in Lexington with his wife Beth, '88, and their two children, Mary Caroline and Samuel. Mickey can be contacted at msharpe@oiteam.com.

John N. Waters '89 B.S. and wife, **Robin Hawkins Waters '89 B.A.**, announce the birth of their son, William Gregory Waters. William was born on May 19, 2001. Robin is a teacher for Rutherford County Schools, and John is a manager for Tricon Global Restaurants. He can be reached at: DragonSong99@hotmail.com

The '90s

Andrea Buettner '90 B.S. and her family are continuing to minister to the urban poor in Pittsburgh. They are currently training people in urban ministry.

Kimberly Jones Proctor '90 B.S. has earned the titled of "2001-2002 Teacher of The Year," for Washington Elementary School in Shelby, NC. This is her sixth year as the physical education specialist. Additionally, she recently received her purple belt at McIntosh Karate Studio, also in Shelby. She resides in Cherryville with her husband Daniel and their

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The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations in conjunction with the Office of Admissions, will be hosting area events for alumni and prospective students of GWU. You will have the opportunity to meet other alumni and parents and obtain an update on the growth and various activities at Gardner-Webb University. Light refreshments will be served.

Scheduled events are planned in the following areas:

- **Statesville, NC** _____ **Friday, Jan. 25**
- **Valdese, NC** _____ **Thursday, Feb. 7**
- **Greensboro, NC** _____ **Tuesday, Feb. 19**
- **Winston-Salem, NC** _____ **Thursday, Feb. 21**
- **Asheville, NC** _____ **Friday, Feb. 22**
- **Jacksonville, FL** _____ **Monday, March 18**
- **Orlando, FL** _____ **Wednesday, March 20**
- **Tampa, FL** _____ **Thursday, March 21**

Alumni, parents, prospective parents and students from these areas will receive a separate invitation listing the details of the event. Please mark your calendars today and plan to attend. You will have a great opportunity to meet and greet those who share your support and encouragement of Gardner-Webb University!

children, Zachary and Autumn. Kim can be reached at: kproctor@ccss.k12.nc.us.

Sandra Elizabeth "Beth" Smith '90 B.S. GOAL has been nominated for a national award, "First-Year Student Advocate Nominee to National Resource Center at Houghton Mifflin Company;" and is nominated for the NC Community College System Staff Award. Beth works at Montgomery Community College. Her husband, Dennis, owns and operates Smith's Auto Sales. They live in Mt. Gilead, NC.

Trent Ashley Jessup '91 B.A. and Carolyn Paige Waddell were united in marriage on October 13, 2001. Trent is a lieutenant in the

US Navy Reserves and teaches at Flat Rock Elementary School in Mount Airy. He is pastor of Woodville Baptist Church, Mount Airy. The couple resides in Mount Airy.

Don Kevin Owens '91 B.S. graduated from the 104th Basic State Highway Patrol School on August 16, 2001. He has been assigned to Troop G District 2, in Rutherford County. He and his wife, Colette, live in Rutherfordton with their three children, Kelsey, Nick, and Jordan-Ann.

Donald Ray Peeler '91 B.A. is currently residing in Gaffney, SC. He can be reached at: drpeeler@bellsouth.net.

Alum Helping Fight Terrorism

'77 Grad Does Her Part With State Bureau of Investigation



September 11, 2001, marks the day terrorism invades the homeland of the United States and the second day of work for **Melanie Williams Thomas** as Assistant Director of Field Operations with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI). Melanie graduated in 1977 from Gardner-Webb with a degree in Social Science. She talks about how her new position is affected by the terrorist acts.

"I was tasked with the responsibility of coordinating the SBI's field resources to work jointly with federal and local agencies in the efforts against terrorism. Priorities, resources and personnel had to be redirected to focus on the aftermath of the attacks and future terrorist threats."

Melanie has worked with the SBI for 16 years and adds, "The events of September 11, 2001, had a significant impact not only on my new position, but the entire law enforcement profession."

In her current position, Melanie supervises the day-to-day operations in the eight districts that make up North Carolina. She was appointed to the new position by Attorney General Roy Cooper on September 5. She is the first woman to be appointed to the position.

The attorney general pointed out the importance of Ms. Thomas' experience working her way through the ranks with the SBI, "She knows what it's like to be an agent in the field, and she knows what it's like to be a supervisor. That type of experience will be invaluable in directing field operations."

Melanie and the SBI have been dealing with the anthrax scare. "The SBI, working jointly with other state and federal agencies, played a significant role in developing an Anthrax Advisory Protocol. Initially, SBI agents responded to a limited number of calls concerning suspicious packages to provide guidance to the local agencies."

Ms. Thomas admits that her job is a tough one. "You see things human beings do to their fellow man that are just horrific. But you also see the best in people. We're seeing that now in New York and the rest of the U.S."

She says that Gardner-Webb has benefited her personally and professionally in many ways. She recalls the commitment, concern and dedication of the professors and staff at Gardner-Webb.

"I truly felt as if the staff and students in the Gardner-Webb community were part of my extended family."

Thomas Harvey Whitaker '91 B.S. has received his doctoral degree in Mathematical Sciences from Clemson University. He lives in Forest City, NC.

Camie Aline Best '92 A.A. and Fred Steele Lankford Jr. were united in marriage on September 8, 2001. She is a registered nurse employed by Metro Nursing. Fred owns Fred's Race Engine Design. The couple resides in High Point.

Shannon Kelly Leftwich '92 B.S., '00 M.B.A. and William Thomas "Tommy" Marion Jr. were married on September 6, 2001, in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. Shannon is the office manager with Granite City Construction Co., Inc. Tommy attended Appalachian State University and is employed as a cable technician with Surry Telephone Membership Corp. The couple makes their home in Dobson.

Bernie Edward Maness '92 B.S. exchanged wedding vows with Mary Lynn Rives on Sept. 1, 2001, at First United Methodist Church. Bernie is employed by the Randolph Co. Sheriff's Office and Mary is employed with Three Springs Inc. They reside in Bear Creek.

Olin Darren Wilson '92 B.S. married Jennifer McClure on July 21, 2001. Olin is a teacher and coach at Fort Mills High School, where Jennifer also teaches. The couple lives in Fort Mill.

Timothy McDonald Bridges '93 B.S. and Melinda Leigh Cravens were married on July 7, 2001, in Lexington, Ky. Timothy is employed by IBM, and Melinda works at the Lexington Christian Academy. The couple lives in Lexington.

Andrea Sells Dezern '93 B.S., '98 MBA and Adian Dezern announce the birth of their son, Trey Alexander Dezern, born on August 2, 2001.

Kathy W. Harris '93 B.S. GOAL has been named to the position of dean of student services

at Montgomery Community College. She has worked with the college for 22 years as receptionist, admissions officer, financial aid officer, registrar, public relations officer and director of enrollment management.

Steve Queen '93 B.S. was wed to Kellie on August 9, 2001, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Steve is a territory manager for Loman Garrett, Inc. Kellie is the office coordinator at Raleigh Community Hospital of Physical Therapy. Steve can be reached at: KSQ2001@cs.com

Capt. Michael C. Edwards '94 B.S. and his wife Capt. Denise Edwards both of the US Air Force would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Kaitlyn Elisabeth. Born on October 6, 2001, she weighed 5 lbs and 13 oz.

Mary H. Williamson '94 B.S. is currently working as a social worker for Commonwealth of Kentucky. She reside in Louisville, KY, and can be reached at bluelion63@hotmail.com.

Lee Darnell '95 B.S. is a business professional, and the former EMS Manager for Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, NC. Lee has been promoted to managing the Emergency Department.

Allison Creasy Gillespie '95 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Doug Gillespie, announce the birth of their second child, Raegan Ann Gillespie, born on June 19, 2001. Raegan's proud big sister is Alanne Rae Gillespie. Allison can be reached at: gillespie3@centralva.net.

Jennifer Ellen Hamby '95 B.S. was wed to Keith Joseph Sorrow on September 1, 2001, at Mountain Grove Baptist Church. Keith is employed by Corning Cable Systems. Following their cruise to the Eastern Caribbean the couple live in Granite Falls.

Brian Michael Teague '95 B.A. and **Allison Berry Teague '95** have returned to North Carolina as the music and education pastor at Young Memorial Baptist Church. Allison is a teacher at the Sylvan

Learning Center. Brian can be contacted at: breaug@softhome.net.

Darlene Broadhurst '96 B.S., the former director of annual giving at GWU, began graduate school in the fall of 2001. She is enrolled in the College Student Development Masters program at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. She can be reached at: darinn@yaho.com.

R. Renée Jones '96 B.S. was elected National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary for 2001-2001 Miami, FL. She lives in Gastonia and her e-mail is: NCADJGEN@MSN.com.

Joy Low '96 B.A. has been a missionary for the past 14 years with Youth With A Mission and has served in more than 25 countries. She will soon be traveling to Montana for six weeks to train other pastors and missionaries. After that she plans to leave for Mongolia, Myanmar, and Thailand. Joy can be contacted at: joylow@ywam.org.

Cary Cash '97 M.A. has been appointed as principal of Sugar Loaf Elementary School. Prior to this promotion he was the assistant principal at Hiddenite Elementary School. Cary lives in the Hiddenite with his wife, Jamie, and children Lindsey and Jodie.

Sandra Phillips Clantanoff '97 B.S. and husband, Weston Clantanoff announce the birth of their son, Chase Weston Clantanoff on August 30, 2001. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 and a half inches long.

James C. Duckworth III '97 B.S. GOAL and wife Betty M. Duckworth announce that their daughter is serving in South Korea in the U.S. Army. **Carrie Duckworth, B.A.**, is a Gardner-Webb graduate, too. She is currently an E-4 Specialist graduated from the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, VA. She can be reached at: duckworthc@hot.com. James can be reached at duckworthj@cadmus.com.

Phillip Byron Keefe '97 B.A. has been promoted to offensive coordinator at Quiney University as of June 2001.

Matthew Robert Norman '97 B.A. has recently joined Sperry and Associates, a marketing and communications firm. He works as an account executive. Matt can be contacted at michelleandmatt@yahoo.com.

Deborah Pyles '97 B.S., employee of BB&T, has been promoted to the banking office. She joined the bank in 1997 and had been working as a retail services officer. Deborah is secretary for the Yadkin Business Women's Club and a member of the Yadkinville Downtown Business Association.

Bruner Remy '97 M.B.A. recently received the 2001 Cleveland Community College Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award. Bruner has been an instructor of accounting at the college since 1999. He and wife Rachelle live in Shelby with their two children, Jennifer and Clifford.

Misty Louise Simmons '97 B.S. and Larry Travis Bruner were married September 8, 2001. Misty is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification as an ATC teacher at East Surry High School. Larry is employed by Pike Electric Corp. The couple lives in Dobson.

Jennifer Wall '97 B.A. and Josh Wall, twins, are now teaching at Western Guilford High School. Jennifer teaches Spanish and her brother teaches world geography.

Rhonda Ivie Wesson '97 B.S., '01 M.A. and her husband Jamie Wesson announce the birth of their daughter, Kendall Grace Wesson, born on May 12, 2001, and weighed 7 lbs and 10 oz.

Karen Eddins Winters '97 B.A. graduated from Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond on May 26, 2001, with a Masters in Divinity. She begins studies at the University of Wales this fall in Celtic Christianity.

Laura Buchanan '98 A.D.N. had a baby boy on May 17. She and husband Scott Buchanan named him Eli Ryan. He weighed 5lb and 13 ounces. Laura can be reached at wawaeli@aol.com.

Aime Lynn Gouge '98 B.A. exchanged wedding vows with Jerry Nance on April 14, 2001. The ceremony was performed by Aime's father at Southside Baptist in Mooresville, NC. The couple honeymooned in Key West, FL.

Angela Miller '98 B.S. and husband Timmy Miller gave birth to their second daughter, Amanda Noelle Miller, on July 3, 2001. Angela can be reached at angela@wave.net.

Suzanne M. Morris '98 B.S. and Richard L. Proctor were married September 22, 2001, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Smithfield, VA. Suzanne is a vision impaired teacher for Rowan-Salisbury Schools and Richard is stationed at Fort Bragg. Suzanne can be reached at: RandSProctor@aol.com.

Jennifer Burton York '98 B.S. and Kevin H. York '00 B.S.

celebrated the birth of their son, Michael Kevin York, on May 15, 2001. Kevin teaches 4th grade and Jennifer 3rd 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.

Melissa Welsch '98 and Larry Durham, Jr. '99 B.S., '01 MBA were united in marriage on October 20, 2001. Larry is a HR recruiting specialist for Duke Energy. Melissa is employed by Rhyne Elementary School as a family literacy coordinator. Larry can be contacted at: ldurch29720@aol.com.

Michael Allen Wilbanks '98 B.A. married Lori Adele Stanley on June 9, 2001, in Spartanburg, SC. The couple are both teachers at Kings Mountain High School. He teaches history while the bride teaches science. They make their home in Kings Mountain.

Karen Lynn Beam '99 M.A. was married to David Allen Gilbert on July 21, 2001, at Maple Grove Historical House in Hickory.

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Karen is a special educator for Hudson Elementary School, and the groom is a communications analyst for Henredon Furniture in Morganton. The couple resides in Hickory.

Chrystal Dawn Cook '99 A.A. married Derek Scott Prive on May 19 at Mount Vernon Baptist. Chrystal is a registered nurse at Frye Regional Medical Center OBGYN. Derek is a sales representative for Benco Steel. They live in Granite Falls.

Annie Flint '99 B.S. joined the Hospice at Charlotte Marketing and Development Departments in April of 2001.

Jennifer Lynn Gold '99 B.S. and William "Bill" Jackson Arey Jr. were married on September 22, 2001, in Shelby. Jennifer is employed by Cleveland Community College. Bill is employed by the NC Department of Transportation. The couple lives in Shelby.

Tanya Renee Graybill '99 BS and Kevin Roy Stephens were married October 20, 2001, in Charlotte, NC. She is a recruiter at Wachovia Securities, Inc. and the groom is a sales representative for DeWalt Power Tools. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC. Her e-mail address is TanyaGraybill@hotmail.com

Bobby Hokett '99 B.A. is currently residing in the northeast metro area of Atlanta. In November 2000, he founded a grass-roots organization named Gwinnett Community Task Force. In April of 2001, they received a grant from the United Way of Metro Atlanta to fund their community paint-outs. Bobby works full time as a intervention specialist at the Lilburn Elementary School. Bobby also volunteers at the Family Intervention Response and Support Team, and on two Department of Juvenile Justice Youth Diversion panels. He can be reached at Luvlout@yahoo.com.

Tanya Renee Houck '99 B.S. and Paul Lawerend Cianchetti were married May 19, 2001, in

North Wilkesboro. Paul is employed by Getronics as a computer technician. Following a wedding trip to Dillard, GA, the couple reside in Moravian Falls.

David Johnson '99 B.S., M.B.A. has been named Wilkes County School's transportation director. David had worked with Lowe's Companies since 1990 where he worked in accounting, financial analysis and as a store training instructor. He has volunteered as a fireman, volunteered with the Wilkes Rescue Squad and worked with the Wilkes EMS team.

Randy Lowman '99 B.S. has been appointed an Erie Insurance representative. He is principal agent and owner of Lowman Insurance Agency in Valdese. Randy is chairman of deacons at Flemings Chapel Baptist Church. He and wife Jaimee Lowman are the parents of a son, Davis.

Rebecca Jane Merrick '99 B.A. married Michael Farmer in July of 2001, in Sylva, NC. Rebecca teaches at Gamewell Middle School. Michael is a home health nurse for Caldwell County Home Health. The couple now lives in Lenoir, NC. Rebecca can be reached at rmfmcf@bellsouth.net.

Becky Parker '99 B.A. is now living in Boca Raton, FL. Her husband, Matt Parker, is currently working for Cris Carters FAST Program in the field of Sports Performance Enhancement. Becky can be reached at becks_va@hotmail.com.

Brandi E. Tolbert '99 B.S. was hired by the Chief District Court Judge Jonathan L. Jones as the judicial assistant and juvenile court coordinator. She has worked closely with community referral sources and legal personnel. She will maintain and facilitate the local juvenile court committees.

Laura Beam Warren '99 B.S. married Matthew William Warren on June 16, 2001. The ceremony took place at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville, NC. After taking a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, they live in Crouse. Laura

can be reached at laura_warren@catawba.k12.nc.us.

Lille Whitney '99 B.S. of the First Citizens Bank in Hildebran, NC, has been promoted to financial services officer.

Martha Satterwhite Wooten '99 B.A. and Reverend John M. Wooten express gratitude to those who supported and encouraged them. The couple has moved to Meridian, Idaho. Martha and John can be reached at jrterrier121@earthlink.net.

The '00s

Ashley Rebecca Abbott '00 B.A. is currently living in Charlotte, NC. She works in the Department of Human Resources for Accenture/e-peopleserve. Ashley can be reached at: arabbott@yahoo.com.

Sandy Chapman '00 B.S. is currently living at Lake Norman in Cornelius, NC. She is an accounting manager for Concept Steel, Inc. Her husband, Ryan Chapman, is employed by Carolina Detailing, Inc. as an executive VP. Sandy can be reached at: mrcssc@bellsouth.net.

Kelly Elizabeth Baynard '00 B.S. and Bradley Lynn Wilkerson were united in marriage on September 1, 2001. Kelly is employed by RBC Centura in the audit department as core team specialist. Bradley is employed by The Swing Centre and David Wilkie Construction. They reside in Forest City.

John Michael Durham '00 B.A. and Kelly Jean Matthai were married on September 22, 2001, in Atlanta, GA. John is employed as a Senior Production Artist for HPC Publications. Kelly is a design editor for The Christian Index in Atlanta. The couple now resides in Loganville, GA. John can be contacted at: john_durham@hotmail.com

Ben Wood Fuller '00 B.S. and Megan Neil Setzer '01 B.A.

were married on July 21, 2001, at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Conover, NC. Ben works at Gaffney High School while Megan is employed by Cleveland County Schools at Crest High School. The couple resides in Shelby.

Matthew Oliver Hannam '00 B.S. and Whitney Marie Lybrand '01 B.S. were married July 7th in James Island Baptist Church. Matt is employed by Young Life in Greensboro where the couple make their home.

Candice Gail Huffstickler '00 B.S. was joined in marriage to Craig William Brittain on May 17. Candice works for the US Department of Agriculture, Eastern Laboratory in Gastonia. Craig is employed by Ramsey Products Corp. in Charlotte. They took a wedding trip to Las Vegas.

Heather Michelle Jolley '00 B.S. married Justin Clint Walker on Saturday, June 16, 2001, at the Spindale United Methodist Church. Heather is a teacher at Spindale Elementary in Rutherford County. Justin is a firefighter in the town of Spindale. They live in Rutherfordton.

Tonya Erica Kampes '00 B.S. is currently working as the assistant to the youth director at Timonium Presbyterian Church in Maryland. Soon Tonya will be starting a new position at an elementary school as a personal assistant.

Misty Lynette '00 B.A. is employed at Gaston County Department of Social Services as a child protective services investigative social worker.

Jonathan Arnold Martin '00 B.A. is working as youth pastor at Linwood Church of God and is attending the Church of God Theological Seminary. His wife, Amanda, is teaching English and Journalism at Crest High School.

Kelly Matthai '00 B.A. and John Durham '00 B.A. were united in marriage on September 22, 2001. Kelly is design editor for the GA State paper. John is the lead production artist for an apartment guide book publishing

company. The couple currently resides in Loganville, GA, and can be reached at:kelozbel@hotmail.com.

James Barton Moss '00 B.S. was married to Tonya Michelle Roe on July 14, 2001, at Springwell Church in Taylors, SC. James Moss is the warehouse and shipping manager at Southern X-Ray LLC in Greer, SC. The couple lives in Taylors.

Brian A. Murdoch '00 B.S. was recently promoted to vice president-commercial banking officer at First South Bank in Spartanburg. He also graduated from the South Carolina Bankers School, and has over eight years of experience in consumer and commercial lending.

Danny E. Steadman, Jr. '00 B.S. and Sherry Belton '01 B.A. were married on May 19, 2001, at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. The couple resides in Spartanburg, SC.

Ashley M. Blanton '01 M.A. and John P. Clary were united in marriage on July 21st at the First Baptist Church. Ashley is currently working at the Northwest Elementary School. John is employed with S&ME. The couple resides in Gaffney, SC.

Melanie Kathryn Bost '01 B.S. and Matthew James Dunker '01 B.A. were married July 7, 2001, at First Baptist Church. Melanie is employed by Cleveland County as a teacher. Matthew is currently working at Gardner-Webb University. They live in Boiling Springs.

Jennifer Elizabeth Davis '01 A.A. exchanged wedding vows with Joseph Andrew Holland on July 14. Jennifer is a registered nurse, employed by Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Joseph is working at Tech Systems in Greenville. The couple now makes their home in Spartanburg, SC.

Emily Diana Davidson '00 B.A. and Michael Dawson Nixon were married June 9, 2001. Michael is a Social Studies Teacher

at Walton High School. After their honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple make their home in Dunwoody, GA.

Tony Fogleman '01 M.A. is the new principal of the Casar Elementary School of Arts. Before this promotion Tony was the assistant principal of Township Three Elementary School. He has been working in education since 1992, when he first came to the Cleveland County Schools.

Jodi Dyan Jenkins '01 B.S. and Brandon Scott Huffman exchanged wedding vows August 25, 2001. Jodi is employed by Lincoln County EMS as an administrative assistant. Brandon is employed by Rudisill Enterprises in Gastonia. After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple live in Cherryville.

Rebecca Lynn Jolly '01 B.S. and Andrew A. Reed were married on July 7, 2001, in Florence Baptist Church, Forest City. Rebecca is employed with Dana Elementary as a third grade teacher. Andrew is employed with Skyland Fire Rescue as a firefighter. The couple took a wedding trip to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. They live in Hendersonville, NC.

Shawnalyn Terese Kanoelani Ochmann '01 B.S. exchanged wedding vows with Steven W. Conner on July 21, 2001, in Hilo, Hawaii. Shawnalyn is a fifth grade teacher at Marion Intermediate School in Shelby. Steven is employed as a maintenance electrician with Galey & Lord. They live in Forest City, NC.

Sarah Elizabeth Oakely '01 B.A. and Scott Cammack Park '00 were married on Saturday, July 14, 2001. Sarah is employed with Covenant Child Care Center and Scott is employed by Health Net, both in Lubbock. The couple resides in Texas.

Leslie Faye Renfroe '01 A.A. married Erich Thomas Rhohm on Saturday, August 4, 2001, at Christopher Road Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. Leslie is a registered nurse at Rutherford

Hospital and White Oak Manor in Shelby. The couple resides in Boiling Springs.

Kelley Alicia Smith '01 B.S. was wed to Nathan Edward Phillips on June 23, 2001. Kelley is a registered nurse at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Nathan is a Boiling Springs police officer as well as the owner of Clearsprings Landscaping. The couple lives in Boiling Springs.

Steven Michael Staton '01 B.A. wed Samantha Lynne Sain on Aug. 4, 2001, at West Hickory Baptist Church. Samantha is enrolled at Gardner-Webb and is majoring in sacred music. Steven has started Divinity School at GWU and is a youth minister at Double Springs Baptist Church in Shelby. The couple took a wedding trip to Hilton Head, SC, and reside in Shelby.

Apryl Marie Wesson McCraw '01 B.S. is employed by the Accounting firm of Craig and Barry in Shelby, NC, and was married to Joseph McCraw October 6, 2001. The McCraws are living in Shelby. Apryl has been accepted to the Graduate Program at Gardner-Webb to begin working on her Masters in Accounting. Her mother, Anne Wesson, works in Enrollment Management at Gardner-Webb.

Lindsay Amber Wyatt '01 A.A. and Scott Vernon Chenevey '01 B.S. were married on July 21, 2001, at Beulah Baptist Church in Statesville, NC. Lindsay is working at the Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Scott is employed by the Cleveland County School System. After their trip to Durango, CO, the couple live in Shelby.

Deaths

Lynn Barrett '95 A.D.N. passed away suddenly on August 31, 2001. She was employed by Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Sydney 'Syd' Caudle '76 B.A. died on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, after a sudden illness. Syd was the owner of a "The Jewelry Maker" in Hendersonville and a corporate account executive with SunCom. Sydney was a member of Bent Creek Baptist Church and was involved in many church activities.

Wellington Hamrick, 83, died September 2, 2001. He was a member and former deacon of Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Hamrick also served on the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors.

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

Wyndolyn Royster Hollifield, died at the age of 85 on September 20, 2001, in Winston-Salem, NC, after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Hollifield and her husband, Hughy, generously gave of their resources to create the Lake Hollifield Complex on the GWU campus. They made donations to various other Christian and healthcare institutions during their lives as well.

Amy Mariana Hilbun Joyce, 74, died August 18, 2001, following a long term illness. Amy had taught school for 30 years in the Burke County Schools. She was a member of the Senior Adult J.O.Y. Choir at Drexel First Baptist Church.

Wayne Sullivan York '67 A.A. died on September 23, 2001. He taught at Tri Community Elementary School and Chase High School where he was Assistant Principal. He served as Principal at Ellenboro and Bostic Elementary Schools, was Director of Curriculum with Rutherford County School and was a beef farmer. He was a member of Race Path Baptist Church, and served with many organizations.

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Alumnus of the Year

Anthony N. Strange, '83, is the President and CEO of Integrated Business Systems, Inc., in Richmond, Virginia. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Gardner-Webb University and is a member of the Third Presbyterian Church in Richmond. Mr. Strange and his wife, Julie, have three children: Ashley, Corrie and Carson. They reside in Richmond, Virginia.



Young Alumnus of the Year

Randall C. Hall, '88, is currently the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary for the Bank of Asheville in Asheville, North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Gardner-Webb University Alumni Board. He resides in Asheville where he is a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church.



Junior College Alumnus of the Year

M. Reid Armstrong, '58, is President and Majority Owner of Holland Logistics in Statesville, North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Traffic League, North Carolina Trucking Association and the American Trucking Association. He attends the Catawba Heights Baptist Church in Belmont, North Carolina, and resides in Cornelius with his wife, Sarah Cordelia Hardin. They are the parents of two children, Amelia Von and Sarah Sloan Harris.



Future Alumnus of the Year

Joshua D. Benedict, '02, is a Sports Management Major at Gardner-Webb University. He is the son of Linda Albers and hails from Albany, New York. Josh is currently serving his second term as Student Alumni Council President, and is Chairman of the Senior Campaign for the Class of 2002. He aspires for a career in Sports Management upon graduating from GWU.



Jennifer Elizabeth Carlton Kampfe, '97

is currently owner and music therapist for Music Rx, LLC, in Radford. She resides in Radford with her husband, Paul W. Kampfe, M.D. They have four children, Sarah Grace, Nathan Paul, Laura Jeanette and Carlton Bramlett. "GWU provided me with numerous musical opportunities that I will always cherish and hold close to my heart."



Michelle Webb Strickland, '97

has been Choral Director/Fine Arts Department Team Leader at Burns Middle School in Lawndale, North Carolina, since 1997. She has been the Minister of Music at Zion Baptist Church in Shelby since November of 2000. She is a member of Zion Baptist Church and is married to Peter L. Strickland, a 1997 GWU Graduate. They have a foster daughter, Amber, and reside in Shelby.



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