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GWU Centennial: 1905-2005

Literary societies like those pictured at left thrived during the era when Gardner-Webb was Boiling Springs High School. We want to uncover more special memories such as these from our first 100 years as an institution.

If you have items of interest to share as we countdown to the Centennial, send them to *The Web* magazine, attn: Matt Webber, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.



President's Update

"Press Forward ... The Clouds Are Lifting"



TO THE GARDNER-WEBB FAMILY,

Many of you first were introduced to me in the last issue of this publication. I took that opportunity to openly explain why I am here and what Gardner-Webb can accomplish if we collectively and honestly share our thoughts and concerns before resolving to move this institution forward.

Since then many of you have taken the time to write or call me. Some have even made arrangements to meet with me personally. What a great experience it has been! In the brief time I have been working as interim president, I have come to fully understand why everyone says that the people associated with Gardner-Webb are what make it special.

My purpose for writing in this issue is to first bring you up to speed on how the institution is, in fact, moving ahead.

The second reason is to apprise you of all the magnificent news that has taken place in the last six months. This news is provided in greater detail for you throughout this magazine and my hope is that you will take the time to read about and appreciate just how strong Gardner-Webb remains.

Allow me to begin by saying that many of you are still hurting from the unfortunate events of the fall semester. I know you hurt because so many of you have shared your deepest concerns with me.

Please understand that I am thrilled that so many of you care so deeply for Gardner-Webb that you grieve when the university grieves. That is a sign of loyalty and devotion, and this institution needs all of its constituencies to be so moved by this place that everyone decides to constructively be a part of its resurgence.

But now is the time to look ahead. I can say that trustees, administration, faculty and students have had several months to examine the issues of the fall. Time has become a wonderful healer. However, action also is needed if we are to mend.

A new group of trustees joined the board in January and is excited to get back to the business of making strategic, long-range decisions for GWU. In fact, the May meeting of the trustees was indicative of the board's current mindset, as members focused their efforts on building projects and renovations that will bolster the student life, academic and community experiences that we can offer (*see page 6 for details*).

The administration is embarking on a new era as well. With the guidance of Board Chairman Neal Alexander, an expert in human resources, the senior staff and many of its auxiliary functions have been streamlined and made more efficient by reworking the focus and structure of their respective offices. The desired result is better communication, enhanced services, and increased accountability.

The faculty has transitioned during these months also. While some have left our university to embark on new challenges, many new faces have joined our ranks to help us get back to our main focus – teaching students. Faculty members consistently have been included and briefed about the university's direction, and the lines of communication are more open to their thoughts, ideas and input.

Through this transition we have seen a number of



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new programs, like ROTC and a student YMCA, added that will undoubtedly have a profound impact on current and future students (see pages 6 and 7 for more thorough information).

And our students have perhaps been most resilient during these months. Alumni, parents and friends of this university – those who do not enjoy the opportunity to be on this campus each day – would be overwhelmed at the positive attitude of our students. They want to learn. They want to grow. They want to enjoy their college experience. When the spring semester began, they came back to campus with short memories of what happened in the fall ... and they came back with high hopes for a renewed spirit.

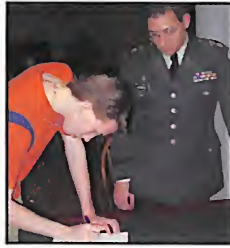
But while optimism has replaced pessimism in wonderful ways, I know that sour feelings remain in the hearts and minds of many. It is at this time that I encourage you alumni, you parents, you donors and you friends to set your sights on what can and will be a very bright future.

In less than a year, a search committee will bring forth a candidate for president whom God has raised up. In preparation for that new president, the university already has begun to pick itself up, dust itself off, and press on toward its goals.

Consider that in this magazine you will read about the new Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program that kicks off this fall (see page 8 for details). And professors like Dr. Tom Jones are using their unique talents, as well as their surroundings, to raise the academic consciousness of our students (page 9).

Consider that a student like Justin Alston can look past enormous difficulties and obstacles in life to achieve what many thought would never happen – a GWU degree (page 10).

And new partnerships are yielding new alumni, like the Burke County group who obtained their masters degrees at no cost (page 11). It should come as no surprise that these students, like those who



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represented GWU nationally so well at the Alpha Chi convention (page 11), are among the brightest students around.

Keep reading and you'll come across outstanding news from our athletic department, where 54 student-athletes landed on the Atlantic Sun Conference's All-Academic team (page 12).

The University continues to attract the most vibrant and talented people as well. Please take a moment to learn about Lou Ann Gilliam, our new director of alumni relations (page 14). Our alumni are such key people, and Lou Ann is dedicated to building friendships and educating our graduates about how they can get the most from their alma mater.



Page 14 – Alumni director

Speaking of alumni, I have been so impressed with the caliber of graduate that Gardner-Webb produces. It seems every one of you has an exceptional story to tell. Martha Mason (page 17) is no different. You will read how Martha hasn't allowed limitations in life to keep her from touching so many people. An inspirational story indeed!

And in September, I am privileged to share in what has become a wonderful event – Family Weekend (page 18). I have heard how special Senior Pinning is, and I am eagerly anticipating meeting so many new friends. Please make a note of the dates and the activities.



Page 18 – Family Weekend

I could go on and on, but I want to urge you to read The Web for yourself. It is a testament to the fact that the clouds are lifting and there is a glorious new day ahead. Again, I would like to ask each of you to continue to pray for our institution. Gardner-Webb exists as a community of Christian believers who seek to provide learning of distinction within a caring and nurturing environment. I am proud to say that. And I am proud to be your interim president.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Campbell



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Page 8 – Ed.D. program



Page 9 – Stellar faculty

Honor Codes



Students at many schools in America are required to sign an honor code at freshman orientation.



WHY THE DEBATE?

This year Duke University junior Jeff Pavlovic, a member of the Duke honor council, surveyed 250 fellow students about the school's new honor code. Their feelings were mixed. On a scale of one to five, most students gave the honor code a three. As in, it doesn't hurt, but it doesn't necessarily help.

"I don't think having placards on the wall or signing cards solves everything," Pavlovic said. "I don't think cheating is a problem here — but for those who do cheat, the system isn't going to reach them."

But one very prominent expert disagrees.

"Students at schools with well-implemented honor codes look at the issue of cheating in a fundamentally different way," said Donald McCabe, author of *"Academic Dishonesty: Honor Codes and Other Contextual Influences."* "What happens with the code is that students view cheating as a student issue, not as some kind of game with the faculty."

McCabe, a management professor at Rutgers University, surveyed 12,000 students over the past seven years. In 1990-91, 47 percent of students surveyed at colleges without honor codes admitted to cheating on tests, according to the survey results, which were posted on the website Student.com. At the approximately 100 American universities that require students to sign honor codes, the cheating rate dropped to 24 percent.

But while statistics seem encouraging, students often present a different view of the future of honor codes.

A recent editorial in the Cavalier Daily, the University of Virginia's student newspaper, opened with the statement, "The honor system at the university needs to go. Our honor system routinely rewards cheaters and punishes honesty." In the wake of a highly publicized cheating scandal in an introductory physics course at the university, it was easy to understand the frustration and concern surrounding Virginia's long-standing practice of trusting students to honor the university's tradition of academic

integrity.

McCabe and his colleague, Linda Klebe Trevifio, have collaborated to examine the issue of honor codes and their effectiveness. Responding to the Cavalier Daily's assertion, the pair issued this statement:

"We could not disagree more ... with the idea that it's time for Virginia or any other campus to abandon the honor system," the two researchers said in an interview that appeared on www.aaup.org. "We believe instead that America's institutions of higher education need to recommit themselves to a tradition of integrity and honor. Asking students to be honest in their academic work should not fall victim to debates about cultural relativism. Certainly, such recommitment seems far superior to throwing up our hands in despair and assuming that the current generation of students has lost all sense of honor."

Lauren Sachs of Millersville University reported recently on the widespread discussion among students who attend schools considering the idea of adopting formal honor codes where before there were none.

Specifically, Sachs quotes a student, Kara Spangler, at Swarthmore College who charged that: "If I am not mistaken, the lack of an honor code has neither allowed cheating to go unpunished at Swarthmore, nor encouraged mass plagiarism by the student body. That is because Swarthmore students are generally good people of great integrity. Let's not insult ourselves with the imposition of an artificial morality. We can think for ourselves."

Spangler adds, "Integrity cannot be forced upon a person. It does not rely on a written, artificial code. It instead depends on a person's own view of morality. Whether there is an honor code or not, students will continue to cheat if they do not feel it is morally wrong. It does not matter if they sign a paper ..."

Gardner-Webb in 2000 formally adopted the practice of signing the honor code and placing copies of it in every

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classroom on campus. Entitled “My Honor Is My Life,” the effort was spearheaded by then-SGA president Hannah Woody, who has since graduated.

GWU, which prides itself on educating students in a Christian environment, like many colleges seeks to attract those who enroll at the university with an understanding and adherence to a higher level of value system.



The Gardner-Webb Honor Code, entitled “My Honor Is My Life”

At the time “My Honor Is My Life” was adopted, Woody told The Web magazine that its purpose was more far-reaching than as a deterrent to cheating on tests.

“First, Gardner-Webb had always operated by an honor system, but this effort was to *initiate* students into the process and give them ownership of it. They were actively and consciously making a decision

to sign something they and their peers had decided upon, not just something dictated to them by administration.”

She added, “Second, we hope that by signing the Honor Code, students will realize that they are committing themselves to a life of integrity and honor outside the classroom as well. No, signing a piece of paper doesn’t make you something you aren’t, but it does make you think about the commitment you are making to yourself and those around you to live honorably.”

It was at that time a new process was begun. During University 101 classes, which every freshman takes, at least one class period is set aside to present the Code, discuss it, and time is allowed for the students sign it.

For a great number of those at Gardner-Webb interviewed by The Web, there simply is no debate as to the value, importance and relevance of GWU’s honor code to our institution. While other colleges and universities may be wading through a quagmire of arguments for and against the implementation or value of their respective honor codes, GWU was fortunate to have unanimous support in 2000 for its honor code’s creation.

It was that year in which administrators, trustees, faculty, staff and students embraced the honor code concept at Gardner-Webb. The main point made, as many remember it, was that Gardner-Webb unashamedly agreed to state its belief system for all to see.

The public display of the honor code, according to one faculty member, was likened to the effort by many in this nation to publicly display Ten Commandments – the point being that the public viewing the Ten Commandments doesn’t make people adhere to them, but rather it is a proclamation of the guidelines by which an organization or institution will hold itself accountable.

“The honor code at Gardner-Webb is significantly important,” said Dr. Frank Campbell, interim president. “It is especially noteworthy that our incoming students are educated about its content and asked to pledge their support to its ideals. Are we not held to a higher standard? Our honor code tells the world what it can expect from us. It does not exist to change anyone. Rather, it exists to clarify who we are and how we will live.”

However, for those who will continue to debate the concept of an honor code, author David Bass in a 2001 Currents magazine article offers the same guidance that was followed years ago by Gardner-Webb.

Bass said, “Cultivating a culture of academic integrity must be a community effort that draws on the commitment of everyone – students, faculty, and administrators.” □

SINCE WE LAST MET

TRUSTEES SET FIVE-YEAR GOALS FOR CAMPUS' PHYSICAL GROWTH

At its May meeting, the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees announced the implementation of an action plan to meet the institution's physical needs over the next several years. The Board also announced that members of the presidential search committee would likely be chosen and the search process begun by this September.

GWU Interim President Dr. Frank Campbell said the mission statement for the May meeting, as defined by Board chairman Neal Alexander, was to "establish the actions of the university for the next five years." In particular, the meeting focused on prioritizing the physical needs of the Boiling Springs campus based on current needs and the future growth of the residential student population.

Expansions and renovations to various facilities on campus were classified as short-term, immediate needs. Among those is an upgraded stadium. Stadium improvements would not only create room for the growing athletic training major, but would free much-needed classroom and office space for other academic areas as well. Also included in this timeframe is the Communications Studies Hall, where additional space would enhance the theater program and accommodate the newly approved art major. Improvements also are planned for the Gardner music facility and residence halls.

Further, the action plan stated that within two years, GWU would feature a seventh University Commons



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apartment-style dormitory. Also, within three to six years additional housing units and a science facility would be completed. Trustees directed the administration to develop fundraising and financing strategies to fund this plan.

A strategic plan that developed long-term goals for Gardner-Webb was initiated in 2001 with the involvement of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders. Trustees said the action plan enacted in the May meeting was a major step toward achieving the strategic plan goal that stated: "Gardner-Webb University's buildings, grounds and facilities will provide the atmosphere and resources required to facilitate learning, to develop sound character, to promote spiritual and physical health, and to attract and retain superior students, faculty and staff."

STUDENT YMCA WILL SET NATIONAL TREND

The Cleveland County YMCA, Gardner Webb University, and the

YMCA of the USA have formed a partnership to develop a GWU Student YMCA. Founded as the nation's first new Student "Y" in more than 50 years, it will prepare undergraduates for a career in the non-profit field, including YMCAs across the country.

The newly founded Student YMCA will enhance the GWU college experience for students by meshing non-profit curriculum into existing programs and developing practical internships with YMCAs and other non-profits in the region. The student YMCA also builds on current GWU volunteer programs and develops a more intensive service-learning program. Area YMCA and non-profit executives will also serve as mentors to students in the program.

Dr. Daniel Nussbaum, director of leadership development for YMCA of the USA, noted, "GWU is the first university in the nation since the founding of Springfield and George Williams Colleges, more than a century ago, to develop this kind of partnership with the YMCAs."



Dr. Frank Bonner, GWU provost, added, "We envision a future where students choose Gardner-Webb because they want a career in the YMCA and we think they will be hired by YMCAs because of their GWU degree."

The GWU Student YMCA represents a major step in creating a "Leadership Development Center" for the YMCAs in the Southeast, Dr. Nussbaum explained. Many national YMCA trainings will be planned and delivered through the GWU Student YMCA office, with the Chicago-based YMCA of the USA committing funds to the staffing of the center. An executive director for the GWU Student YMCA was hired this summer and activities for students will begin in the fall.

"The idea of partnering with a university to offer college students a distinct path toward future employment with the YMCA is an innovative concept," said Cameron Corder, chief executive officer, Cleveland YMCA. "Students won't have a YMCA major, but they can gain training about the infrastructure of the YMCA and non-profits in general while they pursue their degrees."

The program and its new executive director will be introduced to GWU students in the fall, when details of the non-profit curriculum and specific YMCA opportunities for students will be finalized. A formal articulation agreement will be signed by GWU and the YMCA at that time.

GWU TO REVIVE ROTC PROGRAM

GWU also announced that beginning this fall it will work with UNC-Charlotte to offer Army ROTC to GWU students. ROTC has not been offered at Gardner-Webb since the 1980s, when the school offered the program in conjunction with Wofford College in Spartanburg.

Gardner-Webb students will be a part

of the UNCC battalion until GWU has sufficient students to justify its own group. UNCC officers will teach the military science courses on the Boiling Springs campus if five or more GWU students are enrolled, but students will travel to Charlotte once a week for the lab portion of the program. GWU officials hope the program will grow to 30 or more students in the near future, thus allowing the school to have its own battalion and ROTC faculty member/advisor.



Lt. Col. Richard Kingsberry of UNCC's battalion will help the GWU program to get started.

A GWU student inquires about the program during UNCC's visit to campus.

All students are eligible to take ROTC courses as electives, but if they apply for the program they must pass a physical and be interviewed. Those who are in the program get a monthly stipend, which begins at \$250 per month for freshmen, and increasing \$50 per year to \$400 per month the fourth year. They also get a \$600 per semester book allotment and have all ROTC supplies and equipment furnished at no cost.

Students pursue their chosen major while taking the required ROTC courses. Gardner-Webb, however, plans to introduce a proposal to create a military science minor for those who wish to pursue such an option. Gardner-

Webb officials say the program even allows for students to enroll up to their senior year in and then complete their requirements on an accelerated schedule.

For more information about the program, please call 704-406-3804 or e-mail gblackburn@gardner-webb.edu.

A NEW "DAY" IS ON THE HORIZON

"A Day for Gardner-Webb" is coming. This first-time event has been established to strengthen the relationship between the university and the community.

On November 6, volunteers will take time out of their busy schedules to visit friends, neighbors and colleagues and ask them to show their support of GWU with a gift to the Gardner-Webb Student Aid Fund.

All funds raised during this Day for Gardner-Webb effort will go toward student scholarships.

The Day for Gardner-Webb begins with a kick-off breakfast on the Gardner-Webb campus. Volunteers will then head out into the community to pick up gifts for the Gardner-Webb Fund.

Drop off sites will also be available for those who wish to show their support but could not schedule a visit.

The day will end with a reception where the totals for the day will be announced.

Together we can really make a difference to the students of GWU. Please say "YES" when a volunteer knocks on your door!

If you would like more information on becoming a team captain or volunteer to help with "A Day for Gardner-Webb," please contact:

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GWU TO OFFER ITS SECOND DOCTORAL DEGREE THIS FALL

Dr. Ron Nanney Will Lead Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership Program



Nanney

Gardner-Webb has announced it will begin offering its second doctoral program this fall when the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree is officially launched. The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), begun in Fall 2001, was the first doctoral-level degree in GWU history.

Known as the Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership, the program is a 63-hour course of study for those who already have obtained their master's degrees. Applicants must hold an entry-level license in educational leadership or supervision and have a minimum of three years successful administrative/teaching experience. The program comprises courses, research, seminars, and internships conducted in an environment based on Christian principles and values, according to GWU officials.

Applicants with the highest profile ranking will be invited to participate in interviews with the Ed.D. admissions committee.

"Schools are dynamic institutions whose practice is shaped by powerful and influential interests. As a result, the economic, political, social, and technological environment of schools is always changing," said Dr. Donna Simmons, dean of the Gardner-Webb School of Education.

Among the components of the programs include curriculum development and organizational structure, familiarity with educational fiscal operations, the historical background of school reform, ethics and legal issues as they relate to the educational setting, and supervising educational programs and personnel.

Serving as coordinator for the Ed.D. program will be Dr. Ron Nanney, who retired in 2000 from the Cleveland County school system after 33 years in public education. He has served as an associate superintendent for curriculum and instruction, staff development and research.

For more information about the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership, please call 1-800-492-GRAD(4723) or 704-406-4723.

Annual Awards

At Gardner-Webb University's annual awards luncheon, Apples and Accolades, the University's educator of the year award was presented, service awards

were given to faculty and staff who had completed a decade or more at GWU, retirees were recognized, and the male and female staff members of the year were honored. The event took place on Thursday, May 1.

Dr. David Yelton, professor of history, was awarded the Gardner-Webb Excellence in Teaching Award, which is voted on by faculty, staff and students and recognizes the outstanding faculty member of the past academic year. A \$1000 cash gift and a plaque accompany the recognition.

Dr. Jim Whitlow, director of university counseling center, was named Male Staff Member of the Year, and Loretta Clemmons, of university housekeeping, was honored as Female Staff Member of the Year.

Four employees were recognized with 25-year awards. They were: Dr. Dee Hunt, Jimmy Martin, Larry Thomas and Ann Wesson. Seven faculty and staff were recognized with 10-year service awards. They were: Ann Dellinger, Lowell Hamrick, Dr. Arlen Honts, Tracy Jessup, Cothenia Jolley, Bruce Rabon and Matt Webber.

Two retirement awards were presented – Dr. Sherman Parrish and Dr. Phil Perrin.



Yelton

Camp Recognized With New Business Honor

Dr. Sue Camp, professor of Business, was presented in the fall with the first Service Excellence Award for the GWU School of Business. The award will now be presented each year to a faculty member who has gone beyond the call of duty to help students or the School of Business.

According to Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, business dean, a December food drive was made successful by Dr. Camp's extra efforts. "She put the needs of others ahead of her own, and this is what the award will symbolize from now on – the spirit of our great faculty."

A plaque was presented to Dr. Camp at a gathering of all business faculty.



Faculty Spotlight on DR. TOM JONES



Not only is the Broad River Greenway an enjoyable place to go take a nature walk or fish, it's also a great place to learn. GWU students are able to learn a few lessons outside the four walls of their classroom, especially if they have Dr. Tom Jones.

As a professor of Biology and an outdoor enthusiast, Dr. Jones says that the Greenway is a great place to combine both of those things.

When inside the classroom, Dr. Jones is a professor at Gardner-Webb. When he's outside the classroom, he's a nature lover. But he's always a biologist and the Greenway is a textbook all its own.

"The students and faculty of the Natural Science Department have been using the area beside the river as an ecological laboratory since long before there was a Greenway," he says.



"I always try to do a wildflower walk and occasionally do hikes to a specific area such as Jolly Mountain Cave and just observe what we see on the way. Lots of the time, we will have some local old timers come along, and I always end up learning more about the history of the area."

"This has been a prime field study site for students in the ecology, botany, zoology, and environment for years."

He adds, "Student involvement at the Greenway can be for various reasons. I get them involved with a clean-up at least once a year. We use the Greenway for cookouts, field trips or student experiments."

He explains that students have done projects at the river such as plant identification and community sampling, mapping of ecosystems and vegetation, determining types and ranges of various salamanders, frogs, snakes, populations studies of various species or even location specific sites where several endangered species are found within and around the Greenway.

Whatever the activity, Jones stresses involvement with the Greenway.

He admits he was fascinated by the area around the river long before what we now know as the Greenway was ever there. And he has been a part of the Broad River Greenway idea since its inception.

"Once the Greenway was envisioned, I worked with Cleveland Tomorrow (the group that proposed the Greenway) in order to do an environmental impact study of the initial property in order to fulfill a requirement for a development grant," he remembers. "The grant allowed for the paving of the parking area and the

beginning development of some of the current trail system."

Ever since, Dr. Jones has continued to use the Greenway as a resource as well as a getaway.

"The Greenway has so much to offer. In addition to just a nice place to walk, hike, fish, or ride there are regularly scheduled activities like midnight canoe trips, wildlife education workshops, the herb garden, historic hikes, fishing and photography tournaments, places for kids to play, picnic sites, and so much more."

Dr. Jones serves on the Special Events Committee, which schedules regular activities at the Greenway. Dr. Jones also leads several hikes and talks each year.

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He concludes, "It's good clean fun in a safe environment. Some were skeptical about the Greenway at first, but now it is hard to find a parking space!"

Academic Notes

- Ken Baker, David Carscaddon, Ron Nanney, David Parker, and Tim Zehnder have been awarded tenure. Carol Blassingame and Matt Whitfield have been promoted to Professor. David Parker and Paula Qualls have been promoted to Associate Professor.

- The Board of Commissioners of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission granted continuing accreditation of our ADN and BSN/RN programs for eight years and initial accreditation of our MSN program for five years.

- A major in art was approved this spring by the faculty and trustees to begin in the fall.

- "Nurses: Lifting Spirits, Touching Lives" was this year's theme for National Nurses Week, celebrated May 6-12 each year. Please take this opportunity to make a contribution to the Grace C. Lee - Shirley P. Toney Endowed Nursing Scholarship in recognition or memory of your

favorite nurse or nursing student. We will send a note letting them know a contribution has been made in their honor.

The scholarship, established in July 2002, honors the memory of Mrs. Grace C. Lee, Founding Director of the Nursing, and celebrates the legacy of Dr. Shirley P. Toney, Dean of the School of Nursing. It was established to assist worthy and needy GWU nursing students.

To send a contribution, make checks payable to Gardner-Webb University (please mention the Lee/Toney Nursing Scholarship in the memo line), and mail to: Alumni Relations, Gardner-Webb University, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 704-406-3862. Also include the mailing address of the nurse you are honoring, if possible.

A Recent Graduate Makes The Unthinkable A Reality Simply By Walking Across A Stage

Seven Years, Countless Obstacles, One Diploma



Meet Justin Alston. He has had to overcome many battles in his life, including a serious automobile accident in 1994 and five brain surgeries between August 1999 and December 2000.

The surgeries were made necessary by an arteriovenous malformation (AVM), a rare and dangerous entanglement of blood vessels in the brain that can lead to hemorrhaging, seizures and stroke-like symptoms. To reduce the build-up of fluid around the brain, Alston has an implanted shunt designed to drain fluid from his head into his abdominal cavity.

"The good Lord has performed many miracles," Alston said. "I try to live each day like the AVM is gone but at the same time remember it's still there."

On May 10 in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center during Spring graduation ceremonies, Alston walked across a stage and received a diploma that was many years in the making ... and that many questioned he would ever obtain.

The cheers he got from the crowd were easily the loudest and most heartfelt of the day.

It's been seven years since Alston enrolled at GWU. He graduated despite a college career that was littered

with ongoing health problems that included one 48-day stay at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, including seven weeks in neurological intensive care.

Through it all, Alston has slowed down. He served on the Student Alumni Council for four years,



and was most recently its vice president. He was Commuter Committee chairman for a year, and involved in the math and sports management clubs. He also has worked as manager for the men's basketball team and as an intramural coach in basketball and softball.

He remained committed to serving his community as well, coaching little league baseball as well as YMCA and church league basketball. And, he points out, he kept active with his home church, Southeast Baptist in Greensboro.

"Every morning I have life for breakfast," he said.

With a degree in sports management and physical education, he hopes to attend graduate school (perhaps at Gardner-Webb) and pursue degrees in physical education, sports management or business.

He even wants to coach basketball someday, and he said he hopes that opportunity arises at GWU.

During Homecoming Week in the fall, Alston was named Homecoming king and Future Alumnus of the Year. That, along with the unending support and nurturing from GWU faculty and staff, has Alston smiling his trademark smile.

"It has all made me feel that a lot of hard work has paid off," he said.

After graduation, Alston has pledged to his new alma mater his efforts and unyielding desire to succeed. He plans to remain involved by attending Homecoming and other campus events. He is even considering a spot on the Alumni Board.

"Part of me will always be with Gardner-Webb."

(A version of this article previously appeared in the Biblical Recorder, The Pilot and the Greensboro News and Record.)

"My health problems have made me work harder because I don't want things given to me. Every morning I have life for breakfast." – Justin Alston

FREE MASTER'S DEGREES? IT'S TRUE FOR 20 TEACHERS FROM BURKE COUNTY



"Twenty free masters from Gardner-Webb University? What? Is that possible? I wondered if I had heard right. I was astonished. They were actually offering 20 free masters from a private institution. That's an opportunity of a lifetime. And it's been such a success."
– Martha Causby

Graduation ceremonies in May looked routine to the casual observer. For a group of 20 graduates from Burke County who received their master's degrees, however, the day was anything but normal. The reason? A few years ago Burke County Public Schools partnered with Gardner-Webb to allow 20 teachers to obtain their graduate degrees at no cost to the teachers. The only stipulation is that they remain as

Burke County teachers for at least three years.

"The idea was a creative way to retain highly skilled and well trained teachers for the students of Burke County," explains Steve Demiter, director of personnel for Burke County Public Schools. "We wanted to retain excellent teachers for our children. Teachers who wanted to obtain advanced skills and commit to teach in Burke County for the opportunity to earn those skills without paying college tuition."

Once the idea was generated and a grant acquired, GWU, which has been teaching graduate programs in Burke County since 1997, was asked to become a part of the equation.

"GWU has been flexible and willing to be a part of this process," Demiter says.

Interested teachers were selected on a competitive basis with the help of both Burke Co. Schools and Gardner-Webb University. Students had to meet certain requirements and there was an application process along with essays and references. Students also had to

commit to serving Burke County Schools for at least three years after receiving their degree.

"This is an opportunity most of us would not have had. Finding the money is hard and to be offered this chance is a rare opportunity. It was an honor to be chosen," said student Suzanne Rose just before graduating.

The other students in the classroom agree, nodding their heads enthusiastically.

"When I first heard about this opportunity, I didn't believe it," says Martha Causby. "Twenty free masters from Gardner-Webb University? What? Is that possible? I wondered if I had heard right. I was astonished. They were actually offering 20 free masters from a private institution. That's an opportunity of a lifetime. And it's been such a success."

The students say they have been grateful for the opportunity to become master teachers with a degree from GWU.

"It is one of the best ideas for a county unit to share as a partner with a university. Gardner-Webb has been conveniently located as well as flexible around our school calendars and personal calendars as well. Other educators can't believe the opportunity we've had," says Causby.

She adds, "One of the greatest benefits is the spectrum of all age groups and experiences represented here. This class represents from one year to 23 years of experience in the classroom and we've learned from each other and grown."

Sixteen GWU honor students recently turned heads and impressed crowds at the Alpha Chi national convention in Washington, DC. Membership in Alpha Chi, a national honor society, is the highest academic honor that can be achieved at GWU.

Competing with approximately 500 other students from 78 colleges and universities, GWU students were led by Larissa Bixler, Sarah Olimb and Erin Boyd of the English and Communications Studies departments. Olimb especially drew rave reviews when the author of 16 books eagerly asked questions after Olimb's presentation of "The Literary Knight: Secular vs. Spiritual." The science department was well represented by Manny Trujillo, who delivered a PowerPoint presentation of "Molecular Dynamics Simulation of the Movement of Small Molecules Across a Polymer Membrane." Kathryn Phillips, followed with a presentation entitled "Viral Vector Mediated Gene Therapy for Parkinson's Disease," and, in turn, won a prestigious Nolle Scholarship from national Alpha Chi for her research.

Students Patrick Woody and Jasmine Joy Persons spoke to a standing-room only audience also as Woody presented "The View of Jesus in the Ku Klux Klan" and Persons spoke about "Who is Jesus Through the Eyes of a Muslim?". Among other members attending the conference, Doug Singer performed his original piano composition, "Sonata in A minor, Opus 3, Adagio-Allegro ma non troppo." Supporting players such as team captain Christina Parkins and chapter delegate Sanchia Gool earned subsidies for the team by attending business meetings and managing details.



Patrick Woody was among those competing at the national Alpha Chi convention.

HONOR STUDENTS FARE WELL IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

BULLDOG



NATIONAL MEDIA EXPECTS BULLDOGS TO BE ON TOP

GWU's football team is ranked No. 21 nationally by Street & Smith's magazine in its preseason I-AA poll, and is picked to win the five-team Big South Conference.

Gardner-Webb, which finished 9-1 last season and won the inaugural Big South Conference football title, reached as high as No. 18 in the national polls last season, and earned a preseason national ranking for the first time since moving up to the I-AA level by any publication or polling organization.

The Bulldogs, who have a 22-9 record in three seasons at the I-AA level, return 18 starters from last year's team. GWU is ranked just behind No. 20 Illinois State

and No. 22 Villanova in the poll.

Gardner-Webb opens its 2003 season on Aug. 30 at home vs. Clark-Atlanta, and will travel to Bozeman, Mont., on Sept. 6 for a tough matchup with Montana State – the 2002 Big Sky Champions who are ranked No. 17 nationally by Street & Smith's heading into 2003. GWU also has tough non-conference road tilts with No. 16 Furman (Sept. 27) and Western Carolina (Nov. 22), along with improving I-AA Independent Florida Atlantic (Nov. 1).

GWU will host Liberty (Oct. 11) and Charleston Southern (Nov. 8) in Big South action, while traveling to Coastal Carolina (Oct. 4) and VMI (Oct. 18).

2003 GWU Football Schedule

08/30	Clark-Atlanta (6 p.m.)
09/06	at Montana State (3 p.m.)
09/13	Weber International (6 p.m.)
09/20	Chattanooga (6 p.m.)
09/27	at Furman (2 p.m.)
10/04	at Coastal Carolina (7 p.m.)
10/11	Liberty (6 p.m.)
10/18	at VMI (1 p.m.)
11/01	at Florida Atlantic (4 p.m.)
11/08	Charleston Southern (1:30 p.m.)
11/15	Florida International (1:30 p.m.)
11/22	at Western Carolina (2 p.m.)

GWU Places 54 On Academic All-Conference Teams

Led by strong fall academic semesters by its men's basketball and women's soccer programs, Gardner-Webb athletics placed 54 student-athletes on the Atlantic Sun Conference's All-Academic Team.

In its first season of competition in the Division I Atlantic Sun Conference, GWU ranked sixth out of 12 schools with its 54 team members in seven sports. Football, women's swimming and wrestling, sports that also had improved academic results this past semester, do not compete in the Atlantic Sun. Student-athletes were required to post a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for the All-Academic Team.

Gardner-Webb's men's basketball program was tied with Belmont (Tenn.) as the top academic performer in the conference, with eight of its 13 team members named to the All-Academic team. Tim Behrendorff, Chris Wiggins, Brian Bender, Simon Conn, David Anderson, Kevin Cantwell, Eli Strait and Brendan Clowry earned All-Academic honors from the league. Seven of the eight players will return for the 2003-2004 season, providing Coach Rick Scruggs with a strong nucleus of players who excelled on the court and in the classroom.

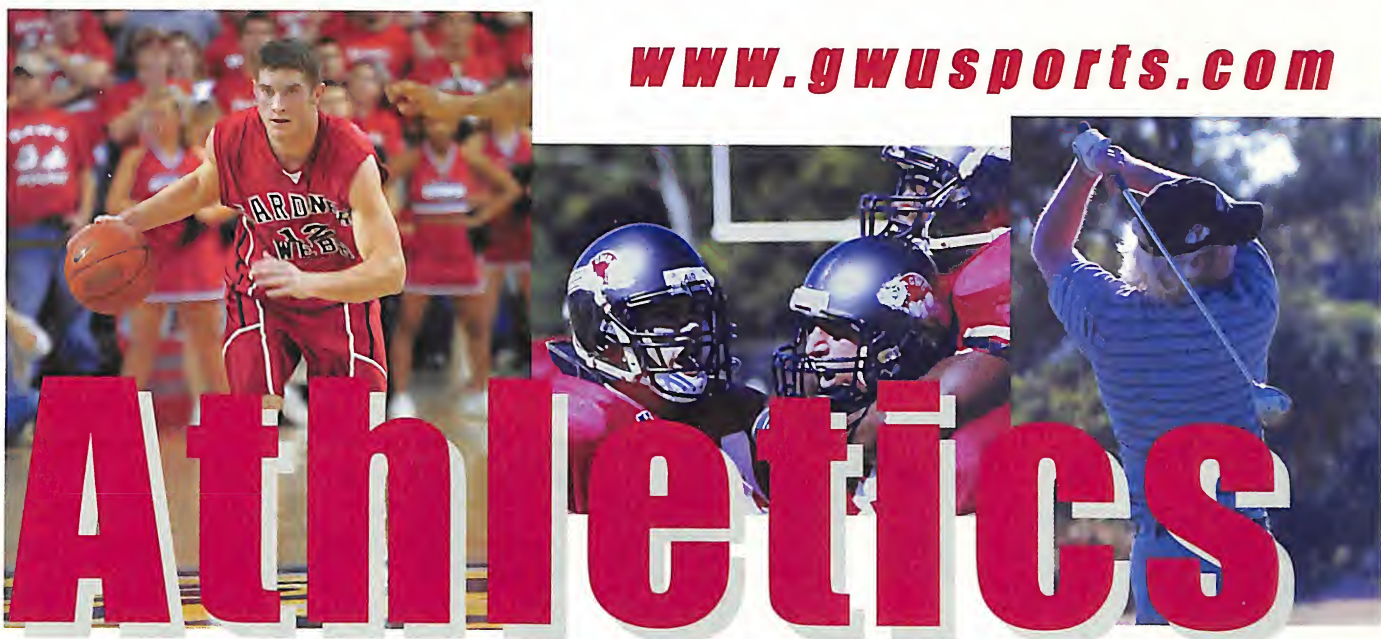
The GWU women's soccer program placed 16 members on the A-Sun All-Academic Team, which led all 12 women's soccer programs in the league, and also led Gardner-Webb's seven Fall/Winter league

sports in total selections. Amber Bolick, Lisa Britt, Maureen Foley, Andrea Frame, Hilary George, Michelle Haas, Jenny

Volleyball (eight selections), women's cross country (six selections), men's soccer (six selections), men's cross country (seven selections) and women's basketball (three selections) were also well represented on the All-Academic team.

The Atlantic Sun Conference sponsors 15 varsity sports has a membership that includes: Belmont University, Campbell University, Florida Atlantic University, Gardner-Webb University, Georgia State University, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville University, Mercer University, Samford University, Stetson University, Troy State University and the University of Central Florida.

www.gwusports.com



Athletics

GWU Football In TV Deal

The Football Network (TFN), which will begin service this fall as

a 24/7 all-football cable network, has announced a five-year deal to carry Big South Conference football as part of its charter programming lineup.

The package will feature six games a year from the Division I-AA League, whose

football-playing members include Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Gardner-Webb University, Liberty University, and Virginia Military Institute.



"As we continue to expand our lineup prior to launch, we are delighted to add this hard-hitting conference from a devoted college football region of the US," said Jerry Solomon, President and CEO of The Football Network.

Agreements have also been announced with the College Football Hall of Fame and with Pat Summerall, who will be a featured "voice" for the network.

MLB Drafts GWU Star

GWU junior centerfielder Sam Bradford was chosen in the 22nd round of the 2003 Major League First Year Player Draft by the Seattle Mariners Wednesday, marking GWU's first baseball draft pick in

18 years. Bradford, a 6-foot-1, 180-pound junior, was the 656th overall selection in the draft and was the third outfielder chosen by the Mariners.

The last time a Gardner-Webb player was drafted by a Major League club came in 1985, when the Bulldogs' Neal Cargile



went in the 12th round to the New York Yankees. Bradford is the first GWU student-athlete to be drafted by one of the three major U.S. sports since football standout Terry Guess was

selected by the New Orleans Saints in the fifth round of the 1995 NFL Draft.

This past season, Bradford fueled an excellent season at the Division I level by the Bulldogs, batting a team-high .337 with 12 home runs and 41 RBI. Gardner-Webb finished the season with a 33-23 mark and an 18-15 record in the powerful Atlantic Sun Conference.

D-I Finals for Wrestler

Gardner-Webb junior Erik Wince hit the mats at the NCAA

Division I Wrestling Championships in March at Kemper Arena, becoming the first Gardner-Webb student-athlete to participate in a Division I national championship event.

Wince, who prepped at nearby Crest (N.C.) High, posted a 15-9 record during

dual matches this past season, advancing through the East Regionals in Dover, Delaware, as a wild card selection to the nationals.

Wrestling in the 174-pound weight class, Wince faced No. 8 seed Brian Glynn of the

University of Illinois as his first opponent.

Wince also this spring was named GWU's Male Co-Athlete of the Year at the athletic department's annual sports banquet.



Men's Hoops Sign Top Guard

Men's basketball coach Rick Scruggs

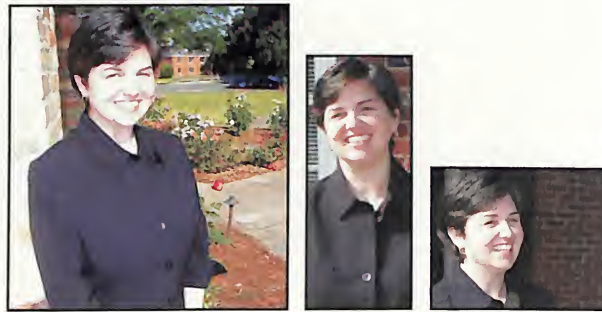
announced that Jeffersonville (Ind.) High star Matt Pait has signed to play for the Runnin' Bulldogs. Pait, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound guard, is one of the highest rated prep recruits to sign with the Gardner-Webb men's program since GWU moved to the Division I level three years ago.

The top prospect in Southern Indiana this season, he was a first-team All-State selection following a stellar senior year (18.8 points, 4.1 assists, 3.0 steals and 6.3 rebounds per game).

Pait was named to the Indiana High School Basketball Guide's Tremendous 26 Team and was selected for the prestigious Hoosier Basketball Magazine Top 40 Showcase.

NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR SETTLES IN

LOU ANN GILLIAM IS TWICE AN ALUMNUS, A CLASSIC "PEOPLE PERSON," AND SHE SAYS HER FAVORITE NEW IDENTITY IS BEING A MOM



Walk into a room where Lou Ann Gilliam is and you'll soon be talking to your long lost friend, whether you've ever met her before or not.

With an infectious and bubbly personality, but also a keen ability to listen intently, Gilliam came back to Gardner-Webb this spring as the new director of alumni relations. Twice an alumnus and for many years a member of the Admissions Office, Gilliam returns to GWU in this new role after having her first child ("Matty Grace," she says, almost whispering, with the world's biggest smile.).

The Web sat down with Gilliam soon after she arrived back on campus. Here is a sampling of that conversation:

QUESTION: "For those who don't know you personally, how would you describe your feelings toward your alma mater?"

"I became acquainted with GWU back when I was in junior high at a youth event. I fell in love with the school – not just because it was a pretty campus, but because I sensed that it was a special place. Gardner-Webb embodies what it means to be an 'alma mater.' It is here that I have been nurtured. It is here that I have been challenged, stretched and encouraged.

"GWU has introduced me to so many wonderful people ... my favorite alumnus, Trey Gilliam, faculty members that enlightened me to expand my mind, staff members who have dealt graciously with me and many lifelong friends."

QUESTION: "What is your 'vision' for alumni involvement with Gardner-Webb?"

"Involvement – I welcome it – whatever form it comes in: people sharing their fond memories, attending events, reading The Web, sending us a classnote, interacting on our message board, praying for the students, faculty and staff, encouraging students they know to consider us for their educational choice, coming by to visit, and donating their time, energy and financial resources."

QUESTION: "What are your short-term and long-term goals for yourself and/or your office?"

"The main goal of the alumni office is to communicate to our alumni that they are important. They serve as an anchor to our identity as a University. Everything GWU does builds upon the foundation alumni have laid. We are continually building upon the layers of tradition.

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– LOU ANN GILLIAM

with which we have lost contact. We need to gather alumni e-mail addresses for the GWUpdate, a monthly online magazine that our office sends out once a month..

"Long-term, I want to listen to our alumni and answer these questions: What do alumni want? How can we work together with them to meet their needs? How can we help them become connected with the University and then develop a strategy for meeting those needs?

"I want to continue working with our Alumni Board to develop and/or refine ways to meet the needs of our Alumni. I want the alumni office to host successful regional events in the Spring.

"Mostly, I want our office to help our alumni to feel connected with the University."

QUESTION: "Are there areas that you've noticed where we are 'less strong'?"

"Perhaps, our alumni do not realize how vital they are to the life of our school. They care about their school, but sometimes they do not recognize how much we need them – we need their support."

QUESTION: "How can alumni, and the alumni relations office, assist in the recruiting process?"

"One of the reasons Gardner-Webb appealed to me is because of the positive relationships I had with GWU graduates. Our graduates are wonderful role models.

"I hope that our alumni are encouraging their children, grandchildren, and students in their community to consider Gardner-Webb for their college choice. Our office, in conjunction with admissions, will gladly send materials and applications for alumni to give prospective students.

"There is the opportunity for alumni to represent GWU at college fairs in areas that GWU is not able to personally reach with an admissions counselor."

QUESTION: "How can you develop current GWU students into future productive alumni?"

"Our students are why we are here. Without our students we would cease to exist. I want our office to communicate how grateful we are they chose Gardner-Webb to be their 'alma mater.' I hope our office will be able to build relationships with our students so that they will entrust us to help them stay connected with us."

QUESTION: "Will fundraising be a major focus of your job? If so, is it your top priority?"

"I think my main task is to communicate to alumni that any gift they can give to the University is valuable. All donations that are given by our alumni benefit GWU. National ranking organizations and foundations that give us grants ask 'What is the alumni giving rate?'

If we can increase the percentage of alumni that give, alumni can change affect the way we are ranked and help foundations know that this is a worthy place to invest money."

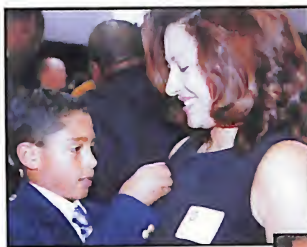
QUESTION: "How can GOAL alumni feel a stronger connection to GWU? Any specific plans to address GOAL alumni relations as a whole?"

"GOAL students are a vital part of the body of our alumni. I'm working with the GOAL office to figure out how we can best meet the needs of this

population. I welcome suggestions from our GOAL alumni to help me in the process."

QUESTION: "How can alumni contact you if they have questions or information to offer?"

"Please feel free to email me lgilliam@gardner-webb.edu, call the alumni office 704-406-3862, or if you are planning a trip to campus please stop by the office." □



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Alumni and Their Stories

Grandmother, Grandson Now Share A Special GWU Bond

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is indeed a special day for this graduate," began GWU Provost Dr. Frank Bonner. "His grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Crowder Calton, graduated from the Boiling Springs High School 80 years ago, in 1922. The Boiling Springs High School, which was then a boarding school, later became Gardner-Webb Junior College. It then became Gardner-Webb College and finally, Gardner-Webb University. Mrs. Calton is now 99 years old, and she is here with us today to witness the graduation of her grandson - Thomas Cecil Calton."

GWU was blessed to have Hattie Calton in attendance at Tom's graduation in August of last year. This June, Mrs. Calton turned 100 years old. "The applause was rapturous," remembers Tom Calton. "I walked across the stage to receive my degree from this fine institution. With every step, I was walking in the footsteps of my dear grandmother - who had already lit the path for me - 80 years before. At that moment, a sense of pride and belonging began washing over me like I had never felt in all my years at

Gardner-Webb."

Tom added, "It was only after I had pursued my education for a while that the parallels became more interesting. That we had both graduated from the same institution nearly 74 and 80 years apart was fascinating ... that she was alive, able to witness and even participate in her grandson's graduation was simply astonishing," says Tom, who received his bachelor's degree in religion in 1994 before returning to Gardner-Webb to earn his Master of Divinity degree.

The Calton family has a deep appreciation for higher education. Hattie is well-read, especially fond of books with Christian subjects and biographies; and has had a great impact working in libraries through the churches she attended.

The library at Green Creek First Baptist is named in honor of Hattie Calton's passion and hard work. Mrs. Calton shared the library motto, and her own, "To be well-rounded: read, think, pray." When asked what she contributes to her long life, she responded, "I attribute it to the Lord, and I tried to put the right priorities in order, but I miss it sometimes."

Tom now serves as chaplain at Hospice of Rutherford County.



National Educator Award for "Hero"

"Education is her life; it is her calling. She is a tireless teacher who works late into the night, prays for her children and is doing exactly what she was made to do," says the Rev. Tom Cabaniss, of wife, **Lara Cabaniss '98 MA.**

"I have always surrounded myself with children and found joy and comfort in that. I can't help but do it; I'd be miserable if I didn't," says Lara Cabaniss, winner of the National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation and a teacher/curriculum coordinator at Fred L. Wilson Elementary School in Kannapolis, NC.

Recipients of the Milken Award don't know they are being considered for the award, which heightens the surprise when the award is presented. "I am absolutely stunned," said Cabaniss after the whole of the elementary school, as well as her husband, were called to a surprise assembly where Cabaniss was presented the award. The award was presented by State Superintendent of Education Mike Ward who called Cabaniss "a real North Carolina hero."

In April she attended an all expenses paid professional development conference in Los Angeles with other Milken award winners as part of her award which includes a monetary gift. One hundred individuals received awards from Milken across the nation this year. She is one of 35 from North Carolina to receive the award since the inception of the program in 1985.

Cabaniss received her master's degree in school administration from Gardner-Webb in 1998. She says that knowledge can be taught, but "until you have a passion for what you are doing, performance is only mediocre."



Lara Cabaniss

Historian's Work Brings Praise

Retirement isn't slowing down

Lansford Jolley, GWU historian and decorated alumnus. At a recent banquet of the North Carolina Society of Historians, Jolley received the prestigious Ethel W. Twiford Religious History Book Award for "Visions of Faith: The Sesquicentennial History of Kings Mountain Baptist Association: 1851-2001."

The book was singled out from 15 entries in the category. Judges lauded the work for being insightful, relevant and thorough.

Among the comments from the judges were: "This book is simply brimming with information about the history of Baptists in North Carolina. Not only do the pages house well-researched data, but many also house some exceptional photographs that bring life to the history in a simple, but meaningful, way. This book's value is immense, and the author should be commended for his superior effort."



Lansford Jolley

"When you go see Martha, you think, 'I really don't know anything about overcoming obstacles.'"



The sleek metal cylinder, the life and breath of Martha Mason, can be called just that when an undaunted spirit such as hers is its inhabitant. Mason has transformed the metal encasement that encircles her into a vehicle for reaching her aspirations and giving to her community. Golden-yellow with silver fasteners, the 800-pound iron lung and its physical boundaries are not what Martha concerns herself with, but rather knowledge, good friends and life.

Martha Mason was quarantined at home during the funeral for her brother, Gaston, who died at age 13, after contracting Polio. The following day she began her own battle with Polio and life in an iron lung. Mason was 11. After a year of battling Polio, she was told she would not likely live beyond another year. Fifty-five years later, experts say she may have lived in an iron lung longer than any other in the world.

Enduring the loss of many of her own physical abilities, paralyzed from the neck down, she has become the backbone of her community and an author. Now at the age of 66, Mason has written her memoir, "Breath: Life in the Rhythm of an Iron Lung."

Mason graduated top of her class at Gardner-Webb College in 1958. She was a pioneer in distance learning; listening and participating in classes through an intercom system from her living quarters. She, along with mother and father, moved into the Huggins-Curtis building, where the Dover Campus Center is located today. She returned home to Lattimore during the summer of the fire that burnt Huggins-Curtis, and moved back into Happy Dorm the following year.

"Gardner-Webb was my launching pad," says Mason. She continued her education, rocketing to first in her class once again at Wake Forest University. She moved into the facilities at Wake Forest much like she did at Gardner-Webb and attended classes by intercom, traveling to Winston-Salem in the back of a Bost bread truck. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

A book rack fastened above her provided her the opportunity to read. Before obtaining an automatic page turner, her mother would turn the pages of the books she read. In 1994, she received a voice activated computer. It was after her mother's death in 1998 that she began to write her memoir, though becoming an author was a long-time aspiration.

Mason is quick to voice the praises of those good friends who are necessary to her care. Bringing recognition to these individuals is one reason she gives for writing her memoir - but with Mason, you get the feeling that those who care for her consider it a privilege.

She has impacted many lives, teaching one of her assistants to read and write. The Charlotte Observer quotes retired school teacher, Polly Fite as saying, "Everybody loves her. She makes you feel like you're important. When you go see Martha, you think, 'I really don't know anything about overcoming obstacles.' Your own problems don't seem that much anymore." Scribbs Howard News Service labels Martha as the 'Belle of Lattimore'.

It was these good friends, and just about the whole town of Lattimore, NC, who gathered under carnival tent, complete with barbeque, homemade cakes, shrimp and bubble machine, on April 12, to commemorate the publication of Mason's memoir.

"Books are almost as important as air," says Mason.

Articles on Martha Mason have appeared in Our State magazine, newspapers in several states, and on radio station WFDD 88.5 FM. "Breath: Life in the Rhythm of an Iron Lung" is available at the Gardner-Webb Campus Shop, through John F. Blair Publisher, at (800) 222-9796, and major book chains. If you happen to be driving through Lattimore, Mason's hometown, you can also pick up a copy at Taters, the local restaurant.

Survivor Turns Author

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“OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO!”

GWU Family Weekend 2003

SEPTEMBER 12-14

The Office of Alumni Relations in conjunction with the Office of Student Leadership & Activities will be hosting GWU Family Weekend September 12-14. This year’s theme, from the title of Dr. Suess’s book, “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!,” is a reminder that “Life’s a Great Balancing Act” in the choices we make to reach lifetime goals. Family Weekend 2003 will provide opportunities for parents, siblings and spouses to experience campus life, meet other GWU families, and visit with faculty and staff.

The highlight of Family Weekend is the annual Senior Pinning Banquet & Ceremony hosted by the President and the Office of Alumni Relations. As part of this traditional ceremony, Seniors will be honored and presented a special pin by a significant person of their choice. The pinning ceremony will symbolize the places they’ve been, the places they’ll go, and those that contribute along the way.

GWU students and families will be “off to great places” as part of the Family Weekend festivities, which will include:

Friday, September 12

- *”You’ll start happening, too!” – Senior Pinning Banquet & Ceremony
- *”Where Boom Bands Are Playing!” – GWU Family Variety Show

Saturday, September 13

- *”Join the High Flyers” – 5K Race & Kids Fun Run (*Sponsored by the GWU Running Club & Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society*)
- *”You’ll be on your way up!” – Broyhill Adventure Course
- *”In the wide open air.” – Family BBQ & Ice Cream Social
- *”And games to be won!” – GWU Football Game

Sunday, September 14

- *”Your mountain is waiting.” – Student-led Worship Service

“There’s fun to be done!” so contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (704) 406-3862 for more information about Family Weekend 2003 or visit our web site at www.alumni.gardner-webb.edu.



UNDERGRADUATE DAY ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Dr. Donald N. Bridges '56 retired in 2002, from the Department of Energy with 35 years service. Most of his career was spent at the Savannah River Site where he served at various times as program manager for the nuclear materials production program, tritium recycle program, and the nuclear materials stewardship program. Dr. Bridges retired from the Naval Reserve in 1992 with the rank of Captain.

Carlos D. Bull '57 retired in 1992, from RJ Reynolds Tobacco and is providing guide services for water fowl hunting in Hyde County, NC.

Sonja Hedrick Jones '59 is a retired classroom teacher from the Cleveland County School System. Her husband, W. Allen, is retired from Dover Textiles.

Vicky Scoggins Jackson '64 and husband, Jon, live in Daytona Beach, FL. Jon is a medical doctor. They have two daughters; one teaching in Atlanta, and the younger practicing law in Charlotte with her husband. E-mail: Savpub@aol.com.

Charles Orr Gardner '66 AA works as Controller for Oxford Womenswear. His wife, Lana Painter Gardner, received a Masters of Library Science degree, Magna Cum Laude, in 2002, and was named librarian at the Cowpens, SC, branch library.

Sue Turnmyre Elder '68 is self-employed as a dog groomer. Her son, Jason, is 29 years old with two sons, ages eight and three. E-mail: sue6900@aol.com.

Jerry W. Goforth '70 AA is working in Florence, SC, as a CACP with Circle Park Behavioral Health Services. He has

two daughters; Maghan Renee and Lauren Katherine. He is also a graduate of Mars Hill College '72 and Marion College '78 (M.Ed.). He is working toward certification as a LPC.

Woody Fish '72 see Pamela Fish '82 listing.

Carson Michael Shook '72 BA and **Barbara Raynor Shook '73 BS** announce the birth of their first grandchild on May 19, 2002. Carson is a pastor at Grove Park Baptist Church and Barbara is a National Board Certified teacher at Butler Ave. School. Carson and Barbara can be reached at momshook@hotmail.com and cmshook@hotmail.com.

Marcia Duncan '73 BA has been named assistant superintendent for the Greenville County School District. She previously served as principal of Carolina High Academy.

John David Tiller '73 works as senior organizational development specialist in Business Operations with LifeWay in the Christian stores division. He is a 21-year employee of LifeWay where he has held positions in discipleship training, the church resources division, human resources of the finance and business services division, and the Christian stores division. He is also a speaker/trainer for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville, MTSU, state and national organizations, as well as Southern Baptist state conventions, local associations, etc. He received a doctorate degree from Tennessee State University in 2001.

Jerry C. White '74 has been elected first vice president of South Carolina Baptist Convention, president SC Pastors Conference 2003, and trustee of Anderson College, SC. He is pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Greer, SC, where his wife, Janet, is secretary. E-mail: jwhite@riversidebaptistchurch.net.

Phillip C. Campbell '75 BA is celebrating 25 years of ministry. He is a 1977 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Phil has served in the ministry at FBC Lincolnton since January 1, 1978, and was honored by having Phil Campbell Day on January 12, 2003, with a special worship service, followed in the evening with a "roast" and fellowship. He recently had a song, "Give To God Your Worship", published through Lifeway Publication by Broadman Press, where it appears in the Spring 2003 Worship Magazine. E-mail: fbclincmusic@bellsouth.net.

Jack D. King '75 BS, attorney at law, is employed by the Law Office of Michael Krakar, Employees of Zurich, North America, Orlando, FL, as a trial attorney. His wife, **Hope Hathcock King, '75 BA**, is a first grade teacher at Pine Hills Elementary School, in Orlando. They have a daughter, Lauren Hope, age 16, and reside in Oviedo, FL. E-mail: kingfish32765@yahoo.com.

Carolyn Wallace Newsome '76 BA received certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in November of 2002. She has taught music for 22 years at Walker-Gamble Elementary School in New Zion, SC. Her husband, Mike, is a guidance counselor with Turbeville Correctional Institute. E-mail: cnewsome4@hotmail.com.

William Putnam '76 serves as minister to adults at Buncombe St. United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC. He is married to Debbie, who is a minister at First Baptist Church in Greer.

Daniel "Dan" L. Cook '77 BS is working as director of association services at NC Electric Membership

Corp., in Raleigh, NC. His wife works in real estate. E-mail: dan.cook@ncemcs.com.

Karen Chapman Pettyjohn '77 BS and **Robert C. Pettyjohn '77 BA**, own and operate Pettyjohn's Inc. in Wake Forest, NC. E-mail: pettyjohn4@mindspring.com.

Herbert Bruce Treece '77 BA is chief of information services with the Division of Voc. Rehabilitation and his spouse, Georgia, is an executive director with Windsor Point CCRC. E-mail: bruce.treece@ncmail.net.

Richard (Rick) Clayton Young '77 BS is a teacher and coach at Henry County Public Schools and his spouse, Lauren Hamlett Young, is a nurse practitioner with the Carolina Health Services. E-mail: ryoung@henry.k12.va.us.

Bruce Piercy '78 BA is serving as minister of music at Enon Baptist Church in Morganton, NC. E-mail: bpiercy@netscape.net.

Paul David Matheny '79 BA and Sherry Beheler Miller were married on November 16, 2002, at the Inn on the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. Paul is employed by Carolina Farm Credit, and Sherry is employed as a prenatal specialist with Rutherford County Schools Early Head Start Program.

Cassandra "Sandy" Jackson Williams '79 BA has obtained an AS degree in registered nursing and works as a risk manager/quality improvement coordinator at Plantation Bay Rehabilitation Center in St. Cloud, FL. Her Husband, Mark, is a landscaper and sole-proprietor of SanMark Landscape. They have three children: Mark Aaron, Joseph, and Katy. E-mail: swheettea2@aol.com.

Rebecca Ann Wilfong Wood '79 BS is working as a commercial loan business analyst with Wachovia Bank. Her husband, Russell, is a systems analyst/programmer with RJR Tobacco. E-mail: rebecca.wood@wachovia.com.

Jack Warlick '80 retired from law enforcement after 31 years. He worked as chief of police in Lenoir for 14 years, having also served in Valdese, and as an officer in Burke County.

Timothy Warren Vanderburg '81 BA graduated with a Ph.D in History from Mississippi State University in 2001. He is working in the social science department at GWU as an associate professor and serves on the faculty curriculum committee. His wife, **Marsha Turner Vanderburg '81 BS**, works as a polysomnographic technologist with the Carolina Pulmonary and Comprehensive Sleep Center. E-mail: TVanderburg@gardner-webb.edu.

Wally Ainsworth '82 BA is director of EMS with the Cape Fear Valley Health System. He resides in Fayetteville. He can be reached at wallyg8r@aol.com.

Carla Detter '82 BS has received National Board Certification in library media. She is a library media specialist with Lincoln County Schools. E-mail: cdetter@lincoln.k12.nc.us.

Pamela Davis Fish '82 BS and **Woody Fish '72** reside in Durham. Pamela is a teacher at Brogden Middle School and Woody is football coach at Duke University. They can be reached at pepam1019@aol.com and hwfish@DUAA.Duke.edu.

Dave Fortson '83 BS is retiring as Rock Hill Police Chief after five years. He plans to reside in Rowan County, NC.

Kim Alewine McCool '83 BS joined

the faculty of Carolina Classical School as a kindergarten teacher. She has served on the Columbus Revitalization Committee, chaired and served on committees with her church, and raised support for the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" campaign.

Dr. Evans P. Whitaker '83 BS has been named president of Anderson College. He most recently served as vice president of Belmont University. He received a doctorate and master's degree from Vanderbilt University.

Anita Bullin '84 BS received the Jon A. Young Service Award, the most prestigious award presented by the NC Cooperative Education Association. She is director of career services at Surry Community College.

Sybil White Houser '84 BS graduated with a MBA. in August 2002, and is director of client development at Scott Vending Co. She is married to Ron Houser and their daughter, Monica, is currently a junior at Garner-Webb. E-mail: swh@blueridge.net.

Angela R. Jeter '84 BS GOAL works with Johnson C. Smith University as director of Continuing Education and Community Service. She has worked with the university since 1994, responsible for setting up the university's service learning/community service center. E-mail: ajeter@jcsu.edu.

Eva Whittington Self '84 BA continues her work by speaking with Dr. James Dobson on broadcasts, as one recently aired on WMIT, 106.9. She was the first student to graduate from GWU in a wheelchair. She is married to attorney, Andrew Self. They have two children. E-mail through the Web site: www.evasef.com.

Keith Fleming Feather '85 BA began a newly developed position as a NC church consultant for LifeWay Church Resources. Previously Keith was working for Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro as education pastor. Keith's

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wife, Anna, is home schooling their three children, Adelyn (10), Robert (7), and Zachary (4).

John "Mark" Biggers '86 BA resides in Charlotte and can be reached at MBiggsFam@aol.com.

Bobby L. Carrier '86 BS is managing director for Hawthorne Foreign Exchange LLC, in Charleston, SC. He has more than 15 years experience as controller and chief financial officer with manufacturing and service companies in North and South Carolina.

Lt. Hank L. Guess '86 BS completed the FBI National Academy and was presented his diploma by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III. He joined the Hickory Police Department in 1978 and is the commander of Adam PACT. He has served as patrol officer, in criminal investigations, support services and special operations.

Andy Hanner '86 BS works as chief executive of Three Rivers Center for Behavioral Health in West Columbia, SC. He was recently featured by The State newspaper in Columbia for working with the organization through a time of near-bankruptcy to financial stability. He received his master's in social work and theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to Jennifer; they have two children.

Kent L. Teague '86 BS has been named city executive at the LSB Bank in the King, NC, office. He joined LSB in 1997. Teague is married to Tracy Crouse Teague. They have one daughter and one son.

Scott G. Boyer '87 BS and **Christie Swaine Boyer '89 BS** announce the birth of their daughter, Jordan Elizabeth, on December 3, 2002. She has two brothers, Hunter and Brooks. Scott works as an assistant store manager with JC Penney. E-mail: gwuboyer@earthlink.net.

Thomas Craig Watson III '87 BS and Jessica Carothers Phillips were married August 3, at Lutheran Chapel Church. Thomas is employed by Watson Insurance in Gastonia, and Jessica attends Belmont Abby College.

Roberta Borden Wilson '87 BA has launched the public relations business, Headline Communications, based in Lincoln County, NC. Roberta served as managing editor of The Shelby Star for over three years, and as a senior staff writer for over five years. She has worked as reporter for The Charlotte Observer, The Hickory Daily Record and The Lincoln Times-News. She has worked as a freelance journalist, including publication of a weekly garden column. She received awards from the NC Press Association, the National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management, and national and regional awards from Thomson Newspapers, Inc. Roberta is married to Thomas J. Wilson, Jr., an attorney in Lincolnton. They have three children: Allison, Thomas III, and Mary Hannah.

Malcolm C. Allen '88 BS is the owner of Orchid Island Rentals. On April 4, 2002, Malcolm was granted his license as a Licensed Lay Minister with the United Church of Christ. Malcolm will be serving as youth pastor and pastoral associate at the United Church of Sebastian. E-mail: m.c.allen@juno.com.

Christie Swaine Boyer '89 see Scott Boyer '87 listing.

Laura Bridges '89 BS is serving as district court judge. She was re-elected in November 2002, for the 29th judicial district.

Amy Clinard Niccolai '89 BS and husband, Bill, announce the birth of Sara Hope on November 15, 2002. Hope has a 3 year old sister, Hannah, and 18 month old sister, Hailey. E-mail: aniccolai@carolina.rr.com.

Lisa Carol Tucker '89 BS works in management with the company Shoe

Show. E-mail: ltucker@shoeshow.com.

Ronald Scott Warrick '89 BA and **Kimberly Tobin Warrick '92 BA**: Ronald is a sales representative at Carolina Envelope and Printing, and Kimberly is a teacher/coach at East Davidson High School. E-mail: rkk26316@aol.com.

Doug Andrews '90 BS is a pricing specialist with GE lighting in Hendersonville, NC. Rachel Morrell was welcomed into the family on December 31, 2001. She has an older sister, Meredith (3), and an older brother, Zachary (5). He would love to here from former classmates. E-mail: D.Andrews@mchsi.com.

Holly Maxanne Kale '90 BS and Richard Linwood Bowman were married June 29, 2002, at Dover Chapel at GWU. Holly is employed by Cleveland County Schools as a second grade teacher at Township Three Elementary School, and Richard is an assistant chief of Number Three Volunteer Fire Department.

R. Shawn Lewis '90 BA is editor of the Richmond Count Daily Journal in Rockingham, NC. He joined the Daily Journal in January, and since then the newspaper has won 12 statewide and national awards. He is a board member of the Richmond County Literary Council, and music director at First Baptist Church of Ellerbe. His wife, **Dawn Jestes Lewis '92 BA**, has been named director of public relations for Richmond County Schools. Prior to that post, she was employed as an English teacher at Rockingham Junior High School. he is also a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church of Ellerbe. They have two children: Breanna, 7, and Zachary, 3. E-mail: gobraves68@carolina.rr.com and moochie1925@carolina.rr.com.

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Kenneth Lyall '90 BS, '02 MA, upon completing his masters degree at GWU, is working as a physical education teacher and resides in Jefferson, NC. E-mail: lyallk@wilkes.k12.ncc.us.

Karen Barker '91 BS and Kevin Barker announce the birth of their first child, Gabriel Wallace, born January 23, 2003. Karen is a teacher with Stokes County Schools. Kevin is a state trooper with the NC Highway Patrol. E-mail: kobykeb@aol.com.

Kimberly Cooke '91 BS, '95 MBA has joined Citizens South Bank Corp. as vice president and loan administration manager in Gastonia. She formerly worked for First Gaston Bank and the Lincoln Bank of NC.

Don Durham '91 BA has been named president of the Atlanta-based Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Foundation. Durham has worked as assistant to the president and director of gift planning at GWU, director of development at United Methodist Family Services in Richmond and vice president for foundation development at Albright Care Foundation in Pennsylvania.

Angela Bennett Farthing '91 and husband, Andy, announce the birth of their third daughter, Rebekah Grace, on May 11, 2002. Angela is a registered nurse with Watauga Medical Center. Andy is an engineering manager with IRC/TT Electronics.

Mark Kevin Miller '91 BS joined the Allen Tate Co., in Shelby, NC, as a sales associate.

Nathan Alexander '92 and **Sheila Alexander '92** announce the birth of their son, Avery Thomas, on November

8, 2002. They also have a 6-year-old son, Andrew Charles.

David Wayne Bentley '92 BS owns and operates a coffee shop, Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse, that is now located in downtown Hickory, NC.

Erik D. Cummings '92 BA and wife, Dr. Monique Nichol Cummings, announce the birth of Reaiah, on November 2, 2002. Erik serves as senior pastor of New Life Baptist Church of Carol City. Monique is employed as a teacher with Miami-Dade Public Schools. E-mail: pastoredc@hotmail.com.

Dawn Jestes Lewis '92 see R. Shawn Lewis '90 listing.

Daniel Mauney '92 BS has joined with two partners to open STEP by Sloan, a ladies shoe and accessory store in the Dilworth area. He formerly managed Via Veneto Shoe Salon of Charlotte. E-mail: DaanMauney@aol.com.

Roosevelt Morgan '92 BA is store manager for Conley's Galaxy Food Center in Greensboro, NC. He has been responsible for opening approximately 10 grocery stores while working with Lowe's Foods. Morgan is married with one daughter.

Dean Rollo '92 BS is a planning manager with Duracell. E-mail: dlrollo@yahoo.com.

Nina Schnipper '92 BS has graduated from a massage therapy program in Colorado and received national certification for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. She practices massage therapy in western Colorado, specializing in myofascial release approach. She volunteers for several local organizations, hosts a bluegrass radio show on the community radio station, has hosted two concerts, and promotes bluegrass in the Rocky

Mountains. She has run two marathons and plans to run another along Lake Tahoe. E-mail: pfinstructor@yahoo.com.

Caswell Ellis Spencer '92 BS and Stephanie Ann Potter were married August 24, 2002, at Edenton Street United Methodist Church.

Kimberly Tobin Warrick '92 see Ronald Warrick '89 listing.

Dennis Woodrow Wilson '92 see Amy Wilson '99 listing.

Angelia Anthony Bieberich '93 BS and husband, Mark, announce the birth of their first child, Alexa Dare, on April 4, 2002. Angelia is a sixth grade teacher with West Lincoln Middle School. Mark works as a chassis specialist with Winston Cup Racing's MB2 Motorsports. E-mail: aabieb@aol.com.

Sharon Cusick, RN, '93 ADN is working as a community health nurse with St. Claires Hospital. She worked as a public health RN, high-risk OB charge nurse in the he past and has enjoyed 10 years of nursing. Her husband, Robert, is an aircraft mechanic with Continental Airlines. E-mail: sharonrn973@hotmail.com.

Bryan Drum '93 BS is assistant vice president for BB&T Bank in Forest City, NC. Bryan joined the bank in 2002. He and his wife, Teri, have a daughter.

Robin Sigmon Greene '93 BS is marketing director at Western Piedmont Symphony. E-mail: mrhegreene@earthlink.net.

Joseph Wilton Kafina '93 BS and Danielle Garnette were married January 4, 2003, at the Summerall Chapel at the Citadel. Joseph is employed by Charleston Southern University, and Danielle is employed by Dorchester School District Two.

Brian Elliott Winn '93 BS and Kelly

Mildred Cheek were married March 1, 2003, in Salisbury. Brian is employed by Nationwide Logistics. Kelly is employed with Food Lion LLC.

Kelly Horton Barker '94 BS is an account executive at Citifinancial Mortgage. E-mail: kelb@alltel.net.

Gregory Thomas Carpenter '94 BA married Melissa Miller, June 2002, in Hawaii. He graduated with a MA from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2002, and is a minister to students at Eastern Hills Baptist Church. E-mail: gregcarpenter01@earthlink.net.

Kevin Andrew Cloer '94 BS and wife, Maria, announce the birth of their first child, Garrison Lewis, on August 9, 2002. Kevin works as vice president of purchasing at Piedmont Hardwood Flooring. E-mail: Kvnclor@msn.com.

Clarence V. Howard '94 BA has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army Reserves and elected to command Company A, 1st BN, 518 Regt. He works as a developmental disability counselor with Pathways. He is married to Marla, who works as the juvenile clerk of court in Rutherford County. E-mail: choward@pathmhdds.org.

Andre Kwasnik '94 BA and wife, **Danielle McDonald Kwasnik '95 BS**, announce the arrival of their second child, Dylan Robert, on March 31, 2003. Dylan has a 2 1/2-year-old sister, Alexis. E-mail: kwasnik@bellsouth.net.

Matthew Rice '94 BS and Dana Qualls Rice announce the birth of their first baby. Andrew Phillip Rice was born on January 29, 2003. Matthew is a minister of evangelism at Apex Baptist and Dana is a pharmacist. E-mail: matt@apexbaptist.org.

Michael Lee Rollins '94 BS and Elizabeth Anne Gold were married August 17, 2002, at Bethlehem Lutheran

Church. Michael is employed by the City of Hickory, and Elizabeth is employed by High Hope in Hickory.

Jennifer Nicole Bunton '95 BS married Richard Fred Bryant December 28, 2002, in Charleston, SC. Jennifer is a Spanish teacher in Taylors, SC. Richard is employed by CarMax, Inc., and is a US Marine Reservist.

Leslie Hope Green '95 BS and Lance Edward Davis were married on December 14, 2002, at Maylo United Methodist Church. Leslie is employed by Gaston County Schools, and Lance is a senior systems engineer with Advanced Systems Group in Gastonia.

Andrea Dockery Johnson '95 BS and husband, Joe, announce the birth of their first son, James Daniel Johnson, on November 28, 2001, in Kirkland, WA. E-mail: doc_90@hotmail.com.

Danielle McDonald Kwasnik '95 see Andre Kwasnik '94 listing.

Kristina Wilson Land '95 BS is a private investigator with Wilson & Wilson Investigator, Inc. E-mail: kwland@carolina.rr.com.

Robert Michael Layton '95 BS earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, the highest certification offered for law enforcement officers, from the NC Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.

Myra Jo Melton '95 and Lee Sommers Douglass were married February 10, 2003, at Charleston Chapel. Myra is employed by Cleveland Regional Medical Center, and Lee is employed by the city of Shelby.

Allison Berry Teague '95 BA and **Brian Michael Teague '95 BA** announce the birth of their son, Daniel Wesley, born September 5, 2002. Brian is music and education pastor at Young Memorial Baptist Church.

Robert Lewis Upchurch '95 BS and Stephanie Lyn Elledge were married - September 28, 2002, at First Baptist Church. Robert is employed by Lowe's Companies as a manager in special order sales, and Stephanie is employed by Lowe's Companies as an accounting supervisor.

Jeannine Walker '95 see James Walkerr '00 listing.

Todd Wimberly '95 BS and wife, Tonya, announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Lee, on December 22, 2002. Todd works as a teacher with Catawba County Schools. Tonya is an RN with Frye Medical Center.

Chad R. Grimmert '96 BA and Lorin Marie Aughterton were married on October 12, 2002, at the Protestant Chapel. Chad is serving in the Marine Corps, and Lorin is a teacher at Queens Creek Elementary. The couple resides in Jacksonville.

Jennifer Minton Shows '96 BSN and Philip D. Shows announce the birth of Preston Andrew Shows. He was born on November 14, 2002, and has a proud big sister, Bailey Elizabeth.

Heather Tonyaleigh McGee Anderson '97, '99, '02 BSN GOAL accepted a position teaching at Mary Black School of Nursing at the University of SC Spartanburg. Her husband, Matthew, works as a civil engineer with the City of Charlotte. E-mail: htmus@yahoo.com.

Robert T. Carter '97 BS and Tiffany Vashuna Matthews were married on August 3, 2002, at Pineville United Methodist Church. The couple resides in Simpsonville, SC.

Kendra Kirby Haneline '97 BS and

Corby Haneline '99 BS announce the birth of their son, Carter Luke, born on July 1, 2002. They also have a two year old son, Chandler. E-mail: ckhaneline@bellsouth.net.

Donald R. Helton '97 MCM married Beth Presson after 41 years of being single, on October 19, 2002. This is a first marriage for both. Many of Donald's former college mates were in the wedding. The Rev. George

Presson and the Rev. Thom Hartman performed the ceremony. Donald is a minister of music at Grace Baptist Church and Beth is a legal secretary with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. The couple resides in Mount Holly, NC.

Mindy Lynn Mallard '97 BA and Timothy Everette McMurphy were married in Dover Memorial Chapel on the campus of Gardner-Webb University. Mindy is employed as director of operations for Awareness Division-Pinkerton Consulting and Investigations in Charlotte, and Timothy is employed as a cardiothoracic recovery nurse at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple resides in Matthews.

Steven Troy Queen '97 BS and wife, Kelly, are anticipating the birth of a child in August. Steven is owner of Wakefield Energy Specialist. Kellie works in administration with Duke University Health Systems. E-mail: sqace@cs.com.

Jeanna Carrie Ford Read '97 was married to Pat Read in 2001. Jeanna works as a social worker for Surry County Health Department. Pat is Director of Financial Support with Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare. They reside in Laurel Fork, VA. E-mail: pread@psknet.com.

Robert Clyde Traywick '97 BS and Lucy Holland McBride were married October 26, 2002, at Earle Street Baptist Church. Robert is employed as distribution manager at Amerigas Propane Corporation, and Lucy is employed as vice president at McBride's Inc. They reside in Greer, SC.

Ann Braylo '98 BS is a special education teacher for the Newton-Conover City Schools. E-mail: ann_braylo@nccs.k12.nc.us.

Johanna Marie Bronsink Humphrey '98 BS and Jason Humphrey joyfully announce the birth of their daughter. Brianna Nicole was born December 1, 2002. E-mail: luvpamperedchef@chartermi.net.

Jennifer Blalock McBride '98 MA and Bruce Reid Kennerly were married on October 5, 2002, at the Dan Sugarman residence on Lake Norman. Jennifer is employed as an assistant principal at Mooresville Senior High School, and Bruce is employed with the Iredell County Sheriff's Department. The couple resides in Mooresville.

Shannon Hancock McCrary '98 BS and husband, C. Walker McCrary, III, announce the birth of a son, Charles Walker IV, born November 21, 2002. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Samantha.

Tara (Roebuck) Pass '98 BS and **James Pass '98 BS** announce the birth of a son, Carson James, on April 10, 2003. Tara graduated with her masters degree in Music Education from UNC-Greensboro with a 4.0 GPA in August. She was also selected as Teacher of the Year in September at West Iredell High School. James works in finance with AmeriCredit Financial Services. E-mail: thepassfamily@att.net.

Elizabeth Sloas Phelps '98 BS and husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their third child, Jeffrey Garrick Phelps,

on May 15, 2002.

Gretchen Zoch '98 BS, see '01 MA Graduate Degree Section

Amber Bates '99 see Jeff Bates '01 listing.

Heather Sizemore Black '99 BS is a customer service representative at Eagle Roller Mill of Shelby.

Natalie Venise Crosby '99 BS and Chad Smith were married on November 3, 2002, at Indian Hill Baptist Church in Gaffney. Natalie works in management at Friedman's Jewelers and Chad works in sales at Factory Brand Shoes. The couple resides in Gaffney, SC.

Jason Hargett '99 BS, see '01 MBA Graduate Degree Section.

Corby Haneline '99 see Kendra Haneline '97 listing.

Eric Lewis '99 BS GOAL was promoted to Plant Manager for Black & Decker Corporation in Dallas, TX. He is married to Tammy. E-mail: eric.lewis@kwikset.com.

Abbey Medcalf '99 BA graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2002, with a masters in Christian education. She works at First Baptist Woodstock in Woodstock, GA, as an elementary associate for 3rd-5th grades in the elementary ministry. E-mail: Abbey.Medcalf@fbcw.net.

Kristie Montgomery McCormick '99 BA and Gregory McCormick were married on May 4, 2002, at Smith Mountain Lake, VA. The couple resides in Chesterfield. E-mail: KristieMMC@aol.com.

Kristie June Odom '99 BA is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. E-mail: Greenjunebug73@hotmail.com.

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Christina Whitehouse Suggs '99 BA and Matthew are full-time students at Campbell University Divinity School and hope to pursue a career in missions. They would like to hear from anyone from 96-99 whenever you are in the Raleigh area! E-mail: deevahh@hotmail.com.

Michael Kevin Watson '99 see Elizabeth Gardner '00 listing.

Amy Tarlton Wilson '99 BA and **Dennis Woodrow Wilson '92 BS** were married in May 1998, at the Dover Chapel. They live in Newton, NC, with their son, Joshua Daniel, born June 14, 2001. Dennis has been with the USPS in Morganton for four years; Amy is pursuing her master's degree in English Education at GWU. She served as the graduate assistant in the Gardner-Webb Writing Center from January 1999 through May 2001. Dennis is a postal clerk at the US Postal System in Morganton, NC. The couple can be reached at amy_den@bellsouth.net.

Wesley William Barkley '00 BA and Natalie Ann Henline were married on December 15, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church. Wesley is attending Campbell University Law School, while Natalie is a nurse at Catawba Valley Medical Center. The couple is residing in Dunn.

Rick Baquero '00 BS is a human resources supervisor with Danaher Tool Group and anticipates pursuing a MBA degree at GWU. His wife, Maureen, is a teacher with the Lincoln County School System.

Kimberly Sheree Brown '00 BA and Bobby Ray Bringham were married on October 26 at Dallas Baptist Church. Kimberly is employed by Gaston County Department of Health and Humane Services, and Bobby is employed by Phoenix Marketing Group

Inc. in Gastonia. The couple resides in Bessemer City.

Leroy Jonathan DuBre '00 BS and Akesha Lani Patterson were married August 30, 2002, aboard "The Majesty of the Seas" cruise ship. Leroy served as a sheriff's deputy with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and Akesha is employed with Locklear Interiors in Atlanta. The couple resides in Miami Lakes, Florida.

Elizabeth Nichole Gardner '00 BS and **Michael Kevin Watson '99 BS** were married August 24 at Calvary Baptist Church. Elizabeth is employed with the Surry County Senior Services as a social worker, and Michael is employed as a sales representative for NOCO Energy. The couple resides in Mount Airy.

Nancy Geedey '00 BSN was named assistant director of nursing for Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. Prior to LNRMC, she served as regional director of field case management operations for Concentra Integrated Services, Inc. in Charlotte.

Stella Keefe '00 BA began a new job as a sign language interpreter at Myers Park High School in Charlotte, NC. E-mail: stellakeefe@excite.com.

Brandy Jean Perdue '00 MA and Gregory Harden Clemmer were married June 22, 2002, at West Hartsville Baptist Church. Brandy is a teacher and Athletic Trainer at Independence High School, and Gregory is employed with Grady Cole Center and Memorial Stadium as Facilities Manager. The couple resides in Matthews.

Misty McKee Richardson '00 BA and husband, Jeremy, announce the birth of Dayton Paul on September 12, 2002. Misty works as a child protective services investigative social worker with Gaston County.

Linda Sain '00 BS graduates August 1, 2003, from Western Carolina University with a masters in Physical Therapy. On October 25, 2003, she weds Greg Woodby of Wilmington, NC. E-mail: ljsain@yahoo.com.

Lisa Moore Shuping '00 ADN works as a registered nurse with Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Her husband, Tim, works with Duke Power. E-mail: lshuping@carolina.rr.com.

James "Matt" Walker '00 BS has been serving at Coast Guard Station Fort Macon, Atlantic Beach, NC. He is married to **Jeannine Michelle '95 BA**. E-mail: mattwalker1@hotmail.com.

Richard L. Wood '00 BA serves as associate pastor of youth and education at Judson Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC. He is a master of divinity student at Campbell University. E-mail: rlwood24@yahoo.com.

Jessica Kate Baldree '01 AA and Richard Perry Ivey were married on December 7, 2002, at Double Springs Baptist Church in Shelby. Jessica is a registered nurse in Woman and Children's Services at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, while Richard is a patrol officer with the Shelby Police Department. The couple resides in Boiling Springs.

Charlene Banks '01 B.S. is a CBS professional. E-mail: banks_c_1999@yahoo.com.

Jeff Bates '01 BS and **Amber '99 BS** were married June 17, 2000. They announce the birth of their daughter, Kailee Alexis, on February 22, 2003. E-mail: jeffandamber01@msn.com.

Meredith L. Cornette '01 BSN and

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Michael D. Confer were married on August 31, 2002, at Green Street Baptist Church. Meredith is employed with Cornerstone Internal Medicine as a registered nurse and Michael is employed by Service Team Inc. The couple resides in High Point.

Shannon Leigh Goodson '01 BS and **Shane David Hudson '02 BS** were married August 17, 2002, at the home of Franky and Donna Goodson. Shannon is

employed with Lincoln Christian Academy, and Shane is employed with Belk. They reside in Maiden.

Rhonda Lynn Hebert '01 AA and **Emmett Jay Davis** were married on June 1, 2002, at Kistler's Chapel United Methodist Church. Rhonda is employed as a registered nurse in the OB Unit at Rutherford Hospital, and Emmett is employed by Southwestern Logistics as a dispatcher. They reside in Forest City.

Andrea Johnson '01 BSN has been named nurse manager of the Northern Surry Skilled Nursing Facility at Northern Hospital of Surry County. In April 2002, she assumed the position of staff development coordinator at Surry Community Nursing Center.

Christi R. Pipkin '01 and **M. Ray Macleod '01** were married May 26, 2001. They reside in Chinquapin, NC. Christi teaches kindergarten at BF Grady Elementary School. Ray teaches Biology and Earth Science at East Duplin High School. E-mail: smiley_ra@hotmail.com.

Miriam Medina Oviedo '01 BS and **Adrian Nathaniel Clark** were married July 27, 2002, in Providence Baptist Church. Miriam currently attends UNC, and Adrian attends Gardner-Webb University. They reside in Shelby.

Jennifer Brooke Parker '01 BS and **Timothy Daniel Livingston '02 BA** were married May 25, 2002, at Gardner-Webb. They reside in Shelby.

Emily Elizabeth Plemmons '01 BS and **Kenny Wayne Elkins** were married September 14, 2002, in Gatlinburg, TN. Emily is a fourth grade teacher at West Marion Elementary and Kenny is employed with the NC Department of Transportation. They reside in Marion. E-mail: emken@mcdowell.main.nc.us.

Josh Runtenelli '01 BS is working as a counselor with East Indiana Treatment Center, an addiction treatment center. E-mail: j_runtenelli@yahoo.com.

Carolyn Wiley '01 BS is preparing to go back to school at UNC Charlotte to be a certified NC secondary education teacher, and continues speaking on eating disorder awareness and prevention. Carolyn is a receptionist at Burris, MacMillan, Pearce, and Burris, PLLC. SE-mail: cwiley0516@aol.com.

Hannah Heather Woody '01 BA is a legislative correspondent with the US Representative Todd Tiahrt (R-KS). E-mail: hannah.woody@mail.house.gov.

Michael Edward Bowers '02 BA and **Kendra Michele Johnson** were married on July 20 at Bethel Baptist Church. Michael is employed with Orange County Schools in Hillsborough. The couple is residing in Cary.

Carolyn Anita Polk Broadway '02 BS is a juvenile services coordinator with the Union County Public Library. E-mail: mbroadway1@carolina.rr.com.

John S. Castelloe, Jr. '02 BS is sergeant of the NC Department of Correction. He was awarded the Advanced Certificate by the NC Criminal Justice Education Standards Commission on August 16, 2002. John was one of 167 officers to receive an Advanced Certificate during the commission's quarterly meeting. E-mail:

sturandolph@yahoo.com.

Carmen Michelle Cornetto '02 BS and **Robert Marchael Bullard** were married recently. Carmen serves in music ministry at Son Valley Church, where Robert will serve as director of evangelism. They reside in Las Vegas.

Holly Breanna Davis '02 BS and **Harold Dean Rose** were married on April 13, 2002, at Bethel Baptist Church. Holly is employed at McDowell Technical Community College, and Harold is employed by Ethan Allen of Old Fort. They reside in Marion.

Melony Cheri Gantt '02 BS works as program coordinator and summer day camp director at the Lincoln County Family YMCA. She is engaged to be married in September, 2003. E-mail: gigglesgwu@hotmail.com.

Kristin Carol Helton '02 BA and **Shane Allen Solomon** were married October 12, 2002, at Crestview Baptist Church. Kristin is employed by State Employees' Credit Union, and Shane is employed by Carillon Assisted Living. They reside in Shelby.

Carolyn Michelle Hensley '02 BS is working as an accounting clerk. E-mail: hensleyem@hotmail.com.

Shane David Hudson '02 see Shannon Goodson '01 listing.

Amy Elizabeth Lineberry '02 BS and **Charles Jeremy Chavis** were married December 7, 2002, at First Baptist Church. Amy is employed at Food Lion corporate office, and Charles is employed at Prodyn Inc. They reside in Landis.

Timothy Daniel Livingston '02 see Jennifer Parker '01 listing.

Joy Marinelli '02 BA has joined the Richmond County Daily Journal as staff photographer. Joy served two internships prior to joining the paper.

ALUMNI LINKS

Heather Tonyaleigh McGee '02 see McGee '97 listing.

Judi Mitchell '02 BS GOAL is working as family services/ transportation services manager with BROC Head Start. Husband, Robert, is a teacher's assistant with North Wilkes HS. E-mail: Headstartjudi@hotmail.com.

Tonda Renee Philips '02 and James Day Hall were married January 11 at Highland Park Baptist Church. Tonda is co-owner of Homeland Mortgage LLC in Dobson, and James serves as a computer programmer with Pike Electric. They reside in Mount Airy.

Wayne E. Sankey '02 BS is self-employed. He resides in Winston-Salem. E-mail: wdsankey@bellsouth.net.

Bailey Daryn Smith '02 BS and Melissa LeeAnne Hamilton were

married on December 14, 2002, at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Bailey is employed by Genesis House Inc. in Gastonia, and Melissa is children's director at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. They reside in Lattimore, NC.

Tiffany Nichol Taylor '02 ADN and **Brian Tyler Nuckols '02 BS** were married on June 15, 2002. Tiffany is a registered nurse at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Brian is a pharmaceutical sales representative at Johnson & Johnson. They reside in Abingdon, VA.

Johnna Miranda White '02 BS and Billy James Colbert were married at The Wedding Chapel by The Sea. Johnna is staff accountant at ECMD Inc. in North Wilkesboro and Billy is an AFLAC agent in Jonesville. They reside in Elkin.

Elissa Hope Williams '02 BS and Jeremy Daniel Church were married November 16 at Carolina Memorial

Baptist Church. Elissa is a police officer for the City of Greensboro and Jeremy is a firefighter for the City of Greensboro. They reside in McLeansville.

Adam Ebert Wilson '02 BS and Haven Julianne Wagner were married November 23, 2002, in Charlotte. Adam is an account analyst for Newport Group. Haven is a pre-school teacher at Calvary Child Development Center. They reside in Monroe.

Abigail Wolford '02 is a staff writer for the Kings Mountain (NC) Herald.

Ashley Faith Bower '03 BS is a qualified professional assistant with The MENTOR Network. E-mail: smartgirl2506@yahoo.com.

Undergraduate and
GOAL Program Alumni

Van Dearmin '88 MA received the 2003 Wachovia Principal of the Year award for Mount Airy City Schools. The award is co-sponsored by the NC Department of Public Instruction and Wachovia Bank.

Nettie McGill McCarrell '90 MA and Harold Frank Roberts were married September 8, 2002, in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem. Nettie is a retired teacher and education coordinator for the YMCA Literary Initiative Traditional Program, and Harold is self-employed in Vancouver, WA. The couple resides in Vancouver.

Sharon Richardson '98 MA has been named Stokes County Principal of the Year. She serves Southeastern Middle School.

Stacy Williams '99 MA earned National Board Certification in

2000-2001 as Middle Childhood Generalist. She is a teacher with Iredell-Statesville Schools. She and husband, JD Williams, announced the birth of their second son, Seth, on November 29, 2001.

Karen B. Hodges '00 MA received certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards during 2001-2002. She has 25 years of teaching experience, and is working with Surry County Schools. She is married to Danny R. Hodges. They have one son, Danny. E-mail: DrHodges@surry.net.

Tiffany Keating Hall '98 BS, '01 MA has been named a Teacher of the Year for 2002-2003.

Jason Hargett '99 BS, '01 MBA was married on August 24, to Kelly Joanne McGuire. Jason works in research at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Shelby. They

reside in Forest City, NC. E-mail: jahargett@msn.com.

Gretchen Zoch '98 BS, '01 MA has been named a Teacher of the Year for 2002-2003. E-mail: gzoch@carolina.rr.com.

Terri Lynn Robinson '02 MBA and Donald Wayne Gore were married October 12 at Beck's Baptist Church. Terri is employed as administrator of Brian Center Health and Retirement, and Donald is currently stationed at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA.

Tamala D. Bullard '03 MBA is an instructor in the business department of Mitchell Community College in Statesville. She is teaching students enrolled in the Continuing Education Program.

Graduate Alumni

Deaths

Robert Hoyle "Bob" Beason '46 died on July 9, 2002, at his home. He was a retired pharmacist and an active member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Iva Jean Kincaid Beason, and two children.

Earlene Shaver Bland died January 21, 2003, following a long and courageous battle with Huntington's Disease. She was disability retired from the Statesville City School System, after 17 years of teaching. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Dennis Eugene Brooks died February 26, 2003. He retired from Burlington Industries after 32 years in a management position. Dennis was a member of First Baptist in Altavista, where he was a deacon. He is survived by his wife and son.

Cheryl Harrison Brown died January 15th after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She worked as a registered nurse at Pro Med Emergency Center in Gastonia. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

James W. Buchanan '72 died January 20th at Catawba Valley Medical Center. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church, a US Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War, and brigadier general in the NC National Guard Association. He retired as asst. district attorney from the State of NC. He is survived by his wife.

Robert Joseph "Bob" Callahan '55 BA died July 22, 2002. He was a member of the Biofeedback Society of America and the Biofeedback Society of NC, where he served as president and chairman of the Board of Directors. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Long Callahan, and a son.

Ronald Gene Canipe '72 died January 18, 2002, at the UNC Hospital at Chapel Hill. He belonged to the First Baptist Church and was a member of the George Byrd Sunday School Class. He is survived by his wife, Nell Alderman Canipe, and two children.

Amy L. DeVenny '94 died March 4th. She was a sign language interpreter for high school and college students. Amy did volunteer work interpreting for children who were deaf, participated in a relief ministry after a hurricane, and worked for Habitat for Humanity locally and in Florida. She is survived by her mother and two brothers.

Robert Ramsaur Forney '31 passed away at the age of 91. He served on the Board of Advisors at Gardner-Webb. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Irvin Forney.

Virginia Barron Huggins Gault '54 died on December 24, 2002. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and worked for a number of years in the Sunday School. She is survived by her husband, William E. Gault, and two sons.

George F. Hambright '67 died December 19, 2002, at Upstate Carolina Medical Center. He was a member of Bowling Green Baptist Church, and his last pastorate was Unity Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Annie Sue Byrum Hambright, and five children.

Carvus Hames Jr. '47 died on November 29, 2002, at Randolph Hospital. He was retired from Prestige Fabricators and he was a member of Cross Road Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Robbins Hames, and three children. Alumnus Rev. Archie Chapman assisted with the funeral and his wife, Eunice Highsmith Chapman, attended.

Jesse Broughton Hamrick '39 passed away in October, 2001, at Crawley Memorial Hospital.

Madge Mauney Harris died November 19, 2002, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. She taught at Gardner-Webb and was a member of Zion Baptist Church. She is survived by two children.

Garland Alford Hendricks died on January 8, 2002, at Hillside Nursing Center. He served at Knightdale Baptist Church and later at Olive Chapel Baptist Church. He was a professor of church community development at Gardner-Webb and began the BE Morris Academy of Christian Studies. He is survived by his wife, Estelle Dabbs Hendricks, and three children.



Teresa Huss '81 passed away March 1st, at the age of 41. Teresa's brother is Stephen Sain, GWU registrar.

Ruth Kiser, retired long-time employee of the Student Development Division and teacher at GWU, passed away March 12 at the age of 73. She worked in missions groups internationally. She also worked at East Texas Baptist College. Memorials may be made to the Ruth Kiser CSO Scholarship, Gardner-Webb University, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

Eugene Wesley Lowery died December 27, 2002. He was a member and active player of the Little Theater of Charlotte, a member of the MG Club, and a member of Myers Park Baptist Church. He is survived by three children.

James Macdonald died January 16th at Mercer Hospital. He enjoyed a long and successful career in the banking industry. James is survived by his wife.

Vernon Martin '59 passed away unexpectedly May 12th at the age of 63. Vernon was a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, with perfect attendance. He worked for over 40 years with the US Postal Service, and for over 30 years with H&R Block. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Velvia Rippey Martin, two daughters, three granddaughters, his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Garry Ray Mitchell '91 B.A. died on October 11, 2002. He was an assistant chaplain with Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

F. Jimmie Mize '71 died at Carteret General Hospital. He was the minister of music at First Baptist Church, and a pastor at Friendship Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Mize, and two children.

Minna Lee Boling Rice '38 died on December 1, 2002, at Westminster Health Care. She was a member of Pendleton Street Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Fidelis Sunday school class and former Sunday school teacher.

Joe Lewis Swing '48 died on October 26, 2002, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He was a retired superintendent of Cone Mills, Cliffside Plant, and a member of Cliffside Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Ann Jenkins Swing, and three sons.

Julia "Julie" Ann Trogdon '93 BS passed away, April 14th at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Julie wrote grants for the Triad Region of the Easter Seal Society and was a member of the Boyd's Bear Club. Julie was heavily involved with GWU while a student: a member of the Student Entertainment Association with honors, editor of the annual, member of BSU, University Chorale, Resident Council, Spanish Club and president of HAPY.

Libby Alexander Tyner died December 5, 2002. She served with her husband as a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippine Islands for 25 years and in Singapore for one year. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur. She is survived by her husband and three daughters.

Frances Austine Cuthbertson Vick died on November 7, 2002, at Presbyterian Hospital. She was a professor of English, a sponsor of the Student Government Association, director of May Day, director of drama, editor of the college catalogue, and dean of women at Gardner-Webb. She is survived by two sons.

Gordon Rayman Washburn died on November 3, 2002. He retired as chief of security at Gardner-Webb. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sheppard Turner Washburn, and five children.

Neal Ann "Nan" Webb Watson '71 died on October 18, 2002, in Tampa, FL. She is survived by her husband, Lt. Commander John R. Watson, and two daughters.

Charles Darrell Wilson died January

30th at Watauga Regional Medical Center of Boone. He was a well-loved businessman of Mooresville, who owned and operated Wilson Auto Parts. Darrell was a Korean War veteran serving in the US Army, a Mooresville City councilman for 19 years, deacon of First Baptist Church, and was currently serving as a member of Gardner-Webb University Alumni Board. He is survived by his wife, Sue Wilson, and three children.

Dorothy Edwards Zanon died on October 1, 2002, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Ruth Dixon. Memorials may be made to Flint Hill Baptist Church Building Fund, or to the Christian Service Organization of Gardner-Webb.

LEGENDARY COACH NORMAN HARRIS DIES

Coach Norman Harris, former Coach and Athletic Director in the fifties and sixties at Gardner-Webb, passed away at age 77 on Wednesday, January 22, 2003, after an extended illness. He was predeceased by his wife, Jane, approximately two years ago after 52 years of marriage. He is survived by son, Norman Jr., daughters Ann and Debbie, along with their families. Coach Harris had a profound effect on all with whom he came in contact. He was like a father to those he coached. He made a memorable comment at our 45th GWU class reunion in 1997 as follows: "Keep your eyes on Jesus, and if you play ball, keep your eyes on the ball"! Great advice! This gentle, compassionate man will truly be missed. In honor and memory of Coach Harris, the classes of 1952 and 1953, along with GWU, have established the Norman Harris Leadership Scholarship Fund with a goal of raising \$100,000. The scholarship will be awarded to the person or persons, chosen by the Financial Aid Office, who have the most financial need and who has promising exceptional ability in his or her chosen field. Anyone wishing to participate in this most worthy cause should send contributions to:



**Gardner-Webb University
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PO Box 997
Boiling Springs, NC 28017
Attention: Norman Harris Leadership Scholarship Fund**

This article is presented by a group of friends and former players for Coach Harris on behalf of all interested alumni.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gene and Billie Washburn
Billy and Betty Bates
Bob and Sarah Bush
Bob and Carolyn Pettyjohn
Darrell (now deceased) and Sue
Wilson

Trustee Earns Baptist Award

Mailon Nichols of Taylorsville, NC, was recognized this spring with the NC Baptist Heritage Award presented by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The award celebrates an individual's lifetime contributions to Baptists in North Carolina.

Mailon Nichols and his wife, Ella Mae, have made a tremendous impact on Gardner Webb University and their surrounding communities. A second-term trustee at GWU, Mr. Nichols has been especially key in giving guidance and support to the School of Divinity at GWU.



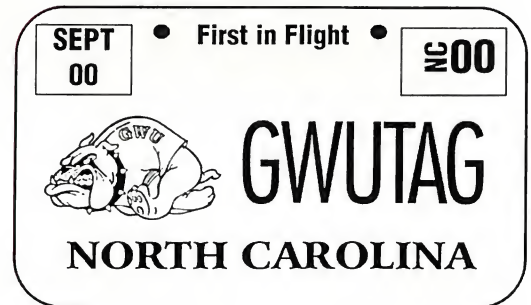
Mr. Nichols has not only made personal provisions for future gifts to Gardner-Webb and the its School of Divinity, he has been active for decades in enlisting support and prayers for the university and its commitment to Christian Higher Education.

Currently the Nichols are very active members of Antioch Baptist Church in Taylorsville, where Mr. Nichols serves as a deacon, a member of the Stewardship Finance Committee, and as Stewardship-Finance representative to the church's Building Committee. He has been instrumental in helping construct a new facility for the church, which is scheduled to be completed soon.

Cruise In Bulldog Style

The effort is still ongoing to determine interest among alumni for an official GWU license tag. Please contact the alumni office if you haven't already shown your support for this project.

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PICKING UP THE PIECES

After the funeral, the two surviving children went to work sorting through the papers of their deceased father, trying to get a handle on his financial situation. They discovered three things:

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- 2) Their dad had been generously supporting several charitable organizations;
- 3) Their dad had left behind no will or other instructions to guide them in the distribution of his estate.

Faced with this situation, the children decided to give part of whatever portion of his estate they might receive to those organizations their father had supported during his life. They had to make assumptions about which organizations to help, how much he would have wanted to give and in what proportions. Not knowing his wishes made a difficult task more difficult.

This is just one of the several thorny issues the surviving family faces when a loved one dies without a will. In the midst of sorrow and time pressures, tough decisions must be made.

How much better it would have been had the father taken the time to create a will. Indeed having an up-to-date and valid will is one of the greatest gifts any father or mother can give family members.

To help you further consider this important area,

we have prepared a complimentary Will Kit that contains helpful information regarding wills and other estate-planning documents. For your personal and no-obligation copy, use the response form below or call our Office of Gift Planning at 704-406-3975.

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There has never been a better time to show your support of Gardner-Webb and its students. Your gift to the Centennial Club is an endorsement of Gardner-Webb University's mission – for God and Humanity – and it is an important way to help ensure that the values and traditions we have established over these past 100 years remain in place and accessible for students of all levels of financial means for the next century.

Please show your commitment to the heart of Gardner-Webb and these students with your support. Thank you.

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While the Centennial Club is the foundation of the Gardner-Webb Fund, the dedication and number of people seeking to support this institution has spurred the creation of other groups as well. *The Springs Club* is for GWU supporters who give \$250-\$499 during a fiscal year. *Carillon Society* members contribute gifts of \$500-\$999 during a fiscal year. *The University Club* is our most prestigious group. Members of this club give \$1000 or more during a fiscal year, and are invited to a formal event each year.

For more information on the Centennial Club, or any of our other giving clubs, please contact us: Gardner-Webb University * Office of Annual Giving * (704) 406-3923 * www.gardner-webb.edu

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