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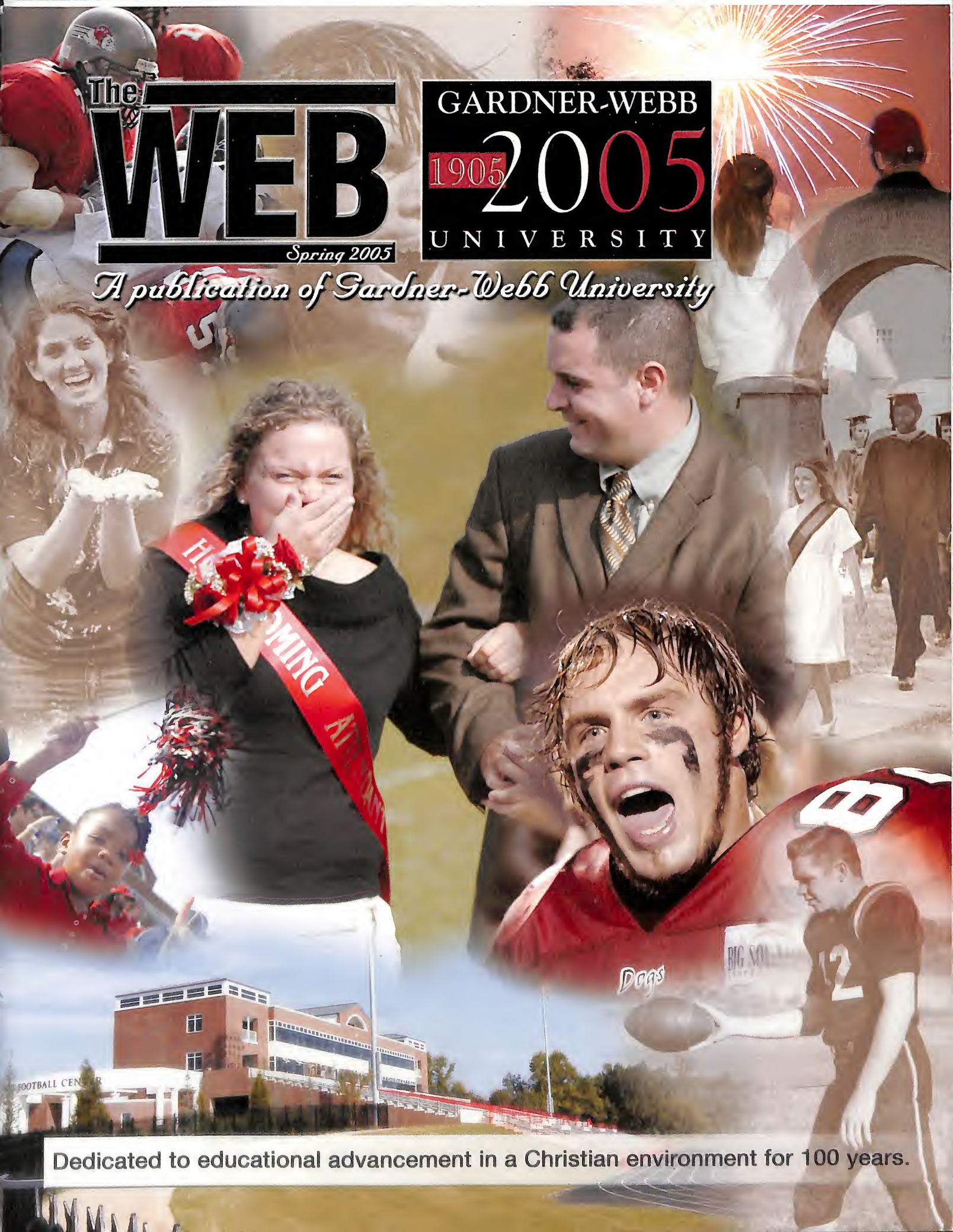
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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, ALUMNI EVENTS AND MORE ...

### MARCH 1

Fil Anderson, author of the book, "Running on Empty"

### MARCH 1 - 4

Spring Symposium  
"Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Medea Myth"

### MARCH 6

3rd Annual Racial Unity Service featuring Dr. Tony Campolo

### MARCH 10

GWU Concert Choir, Chorale, and Handbells Concert

### MARCH 22

Big Band Favorites by the Spartanburg Jazz Band

### APRIL 15-17

"CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION"

Centennial Concert, Theatre events, Baseball games,  
Children's activities and more

### APRIL 16

Half-Century Club Celebration at GWU

### APRIL 26

GWU Symphonic Band Concert

### MAY 7

Alumni gathering at "May Fest" in Rutherfordton, NC

### AUGUST 6

Alumni gathering and Hickory Crawdads Baseball Game

### AUGUST 18

Alumni gathering at the Livermush Festival in Shelby, NC

### SEPTEMBER 23 - 25

Family Weekend at GWU

### NOVEMBER 4 - 5

Homecoming Weekend 2005 at GWU

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Left: Coach Harris  
offers instruction to  
GWU students of  
yesterday.

Right: Future  
GWU Alums, Olivia  
& Duncan Szabaga  
ham it up for the  
camera.





# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



*Planting seeds for the next 100 years*

TO THE GARDNER-WEBB FAMILY,

**I** send you warm and heartfelt greetings from our magnificent campus. It is truly an exciting time to be associated with Gardner-Webb University. Our student enrollment continues to meet expectations, our award-winning faculty constantly offers students real-world experiences and our alumni always find ways to represent GWU with honor and distinction.

As we celebrate 100 years as an institution dedicated to educational advancement in a Christian environment, we also acknowledge our current and future Gardner-Webb students, faculty and staff. For, it will be their names and accomplishments that we commemorate in another 100 years during our bicentennial celebration.

There have been struggles and hardships, as well as celebrations throughout the history of Gardner-Webb University. From its humble beginnings as a boarding

high school in 1905 to the uncertain times of World War II, Gardner-Webb has always found ways to survive and thrive during times of adversity. Such is the character of this institution (see pages 4–5). Throughout the next few months we will continue to observe our centennial with concerts, athletic events, special activities and more (see inside cover). In fact, in January, in honor of our centennial, Gardner-Webb surprised two families by offering full-tuition scholarships to their newborns (see page 7).

Also in 2005, grand changes are on the horizon for Gardner-Webb. It has been my honor to serve as your president since October 2002, and it is with much anticipation and excitement that we await the naming of a new president this summer. The search committee comprised of trustees, faculty, administration and a student representative is diligently searching for a new leader who will build upon the excellent traditions of the past while planting seeds for our next 100 years.

The new president will find that the Gardner-Webb focus is the student. The Gardner-Webb faculty and staff have always said that, "Our students are the reason



***"We also have a growing list of distinguished alumni making outstanding contributions in their fields of service and within their communities."***





that we are here.” Not only do we say this with words, but also we honestly believe and practice that statement. Nearly 4,000 students in the fall semester experienced that caring approach to teaching firsthand as our faculty offered expert knowledge inside and outside of the classroom. Every year, Gardner-Webb



receives honors and recognition for its outstanding academic programs and world-class faculty. In this issue of *The Web*, you will discover a whole new world of practical communication that is enriching our students. You will find yourself in the middle of a Hollywood-esque movie set, riding with NASCAR champions and exploring

foreign lands with a *National Geographic* photographer (see pages 8-9).

And speaking of foreign lands, we have all been affected by the Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster. It is difficult to comprehend the pain, suffering and loss experienced by the victims. But, our hearts begin to heal when we hear the stories of compassion and



dedication provided by disaster relief workers and volunteers. We as an institution are blessed with Gardner-Webb family

members offering that same kind of compassion. We have students, alumni and organizations committed to feeding the hungry, clothing the homeless, and ministering to men and women in prison (see pages 7 & 10). We also have a growing list of distinguished alumni making outstanding contributions in their fields of service and within their communities (see pages 18 -28). We salute you.

It is an honor as well for Gardner-Webb to have many organizations outside the GWU family committed to our mission of assisting students in need.

Recently, Gardner-Webb received nearly \$1 million dollars to support first generation college students in earning a degree from the



university (see page 6). On behalf of these future students, we say thank you to the VanLunen Foundation.

The word foundation brings to mind the opportunity for growth and stability. Growth is always evident at Gardner-Webb. The academic, spiritual and physical landscapes continue to mature each semester. As you



will read in this issue, we continue to reach out to God while encouraging expanded learning opportunities. As you visit

our campus, you will see physical changes as well. In the fall, The Ernest W. Spangler Stadium renovations were completed. This three-story complex is one that offers numerous opportunities for academic as well as athletic development (page 7). It is a marvelous facility and we are proud of it.

I hope that you will enjoy the stories, the memories and the new friendships made in this issue of *The Web*. As always, should you have any comments, suggestions or questions, I encourage you to contact me or my staff.

God's Blessings to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank R. Campbell".

Frank R. Campbell



# ***100 Years of Perseverance and Dedication***

## ***A Gardner-Webb Centennial Snapshot***

### **December 2, 1905**

Boiling Springs High School charter accepted. Sponsored by the Sandy Run Baptist Association (Rutherford County) and the Kings Mountain Baptist Association (Cleveland County).

### **1908**

First campus structure Huggins-Curtis building completed. This facility served as a multi-purpose building complete with dorm rooms, classrooms, offices, chapel and dining hall.

### **1911**

Town of Boiling Springs incorporated with 75 homes.

### **1919**

Enrollment reached 366.

### **1920**

First football game in Cleveland County featured Boiling Springs High School and Gaffney High School.

### **1928**

School changed name to Boiling Springs Junior College.

### **1930**

Football team claimed state title.

### **1932**

School contracted with teachers to run the College on the condition that they pay for books, food, supplies, heat, water, and lights and only accept what was left for their salary.

### **1933 - 39**

There were at least two occasions in the 1930's when trustees made motions to close the school. Both times the final vote revealed the enduring support for this institution.

### **1940's**

North Carolina Governor, O. Max Gardner and his wife, Faye Webb Gardner, backed the college bountifully through numerous student scholarships during the uncertain times of World War II.

### **June 15, 1942**

Trustees voted to change school name to Gardner-Webb Junior College in honor of North Carolina Governor, O. Max Gardner and wife Faye Webb Gardner.

### **Fall 1943**

Trustees embarked on a \$300,000 financial campaign. Trustees announced the school was debt-free.

### **Fall 1948**

Enrollment reached 420 - a 400% increase over five years.





**1953**

Trustees embark on \$1.5 million over-all campus improvement campaign.

**1969**

Gardner-Webb granted senior college status with 1300 students enrolled.

**1971**

First graduates of Gardner-Webb College received their Bachelor's Degrees.

**1971**

Christian Service Organization organized to provide scholarships to students preparing for ministry.

**1976 & 1977**

Gardner-Webb Golf Team won NAIA National Championship.

**1978**

Gardner-Webb became a pioneer in distance learning with the Greater Opportunities for the Adult Learners Program.

**1980**

First Master's Degree offered.

**1983**

1,749 Students enrolled.



**1987**

1st Annual Scholarship Luncheon held to offer opportunities for students and donors to meet.

**1991**

Gardner-Webb recognized by the John Templeton Foundation as a character building school.

**1993**

School changed name to Gardner-Webb University.

**1992**

School of Divinity established.

**1993**

MBA programs began.

**1998**

\$30 Million "Dreaming, Daring, Doing" campaign completed.

**2001**

First Doctorate Degrees offered.

**2004**

Enrollment reached nearly 4000 students.

**2005**

Gardner-Webb celebrates 100 years as an institution dedicated to educational advancement in a Christian environment.



# SINCE WE LAST MET

## Nearly \$1 Million Given To Assist First Generation College Students

"We are very grateful for this gift which will enable Gardner-Webb to offer scholarships to first generation students for years to come," noted Dr. Frank Campbell, president of Gardner-Webb University. That gift refers to a grant of \$924,000 awarded to Gardner-Webb to assist first generation college students beginning in fall of 2005. According to University officials, this is



one of the largest endowed gifts specified for student scholarships in the school's history.

The Gardner-Webb University/VanLunen Scholars Program is designed to offer advanced education



through half-tuition scholarships to four new students per year. The students designated as VanLunen Scholars will continue to receive the award annually throughout their Gardner-Webb career. The criteria for this program will focus on first generation college students with financial need and good academic standing.

The VanLunen Foundation has a primary objective of improving Christian education, and the foundation believes scholarships are a significant part of that effort. They are committed to utilizing their resources to change lives and foundation officials believe that Gardner-Webb University shares that same commitment.

"This wonderful gift is a great opportunity for some students to get a life changing education here at Gardner-Webb University. I am really excited about what lies ahead for these prospective students

and their families," noted Nathan Alexander, director of undergraduate admissions.

## Enrollment reaches nearly 4,000

GWU announced that its Fall 2004 enrollment figures met expectations. More than 3,724 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students were participating in fall semester classes.

## Family Weekend ... a Centennial Celebration

"We are family ... through the decades" was the theme for Family Weekend 2004 in celebration of Gardner-Webb's 100th birthday! During the September 24th - 25th weekend, the Offices of Alumni Relations and Student Leadership & Activities hosted a variety of events for students and their families.

As always, the highlight of the weekend was the Senior Pinning Ceremony. A traditional event since 1997, this affair offers an opportunity for family members, faculty, staff and friends to celebrate the GWU seniors and their accomplishments. Over 600 people shared tears, smiles and



memories during this Centennial Senior Celebration.

Following the Senior Pinning Ceremony, a Faculty/Staff Variety Show was held. Music, dance, skits, storytelling and a



healthy dose of humor filled the Kathleen Dover Theatre as numerous university departments were represented. A packed house brought the show to a close with a standing ovation.

Other festivities for students and parents throughout the weekend included a university wide family service project, barbecue and music festival at Lake Hollified, a Runnin' Bulldogs football game against Western Carolina University and a Student-Led Worship Service on Sunday morning in Dover Chapel.



## Success Continues for Gardner-Webb Radio Station WGWG

During the holiday season, Gardner-Webb's radio station, WGWG offered their first ever holiday compact disc, "WGWG Holidaze." The compact disc featured 16 tracks of traditional and original holiday tunes from local, regional and national artists. This fundraising project was a huge success as all copies of this Christmas CD sold out.

WGWG also received national recognition recently from The Communicator Awards. These honors were for "Outstanding Performance" in the area of Audio Production for 2004. GWU senior, Christopher Breedlove, Roland Kemokai ('04), and Noel T. Manning II ('94) were recognized for their contributions in several radio productions completed during 2004 for WGWG.

The Communicator Awards competition recognizes outstanding works in the field of communications. Entries are judged by industry professionals measuring talent that exceeds a high standard of excellence.





## Stadium Renovations Generate Excitement

The new Ernest W. Spangler Stadium was unveiled during football season, 2004. A renovation project on the stadium had been ongoing for nearly a year. The new stadium offers a state-of-the-art, three-story athletic complex, along with an additional 3,500 seats to the stadium increasing the capacity to 9,000.

The three-level complex also houses a new athletic training facility, classrooms, offices and a media-friendly press box. The President's box, broadcast booths, locker rooms, an expanded weight room, conference rooms and other amenities are also featured in the complex.

## GWU Adds Four To Hall of Fame Class In 2004

Gardner-Webb inducted four new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame as part of Homecoming 2004. The Hall of Fame Class of 2004 included former football



quarterback John Craven (1991-1994), baseball great Greg Hefner (1974-1977), former two-sport standout Gerald Freeman (1951-57), and former GWU golfer Wayne Myers (1976-1979).

Detailed accomplishments of these Hall of Fame inductees are located online at [gwusports.com](http://gwusports.com). The Gardner-Webb Athletic Hall of Fame's inaugural class was inducted in 1991.

## Gardner-Webb Sponsored Concert Benefits Over 500 Families

Over the Christmas holidays, 534 families were recipients of much needed food and toys courtesy of the the Seventh Annual Carl Cartee Christmas Concert to benefit the Salvation Army. Admission to this event was a non-perishable food item or a new child's toy.

Nashville based, singer/songwriter Carl Cartee and wife, Heather, recruited a stellar pool of talented musicians to assist them in this effort. Carl and Heather, both Gardner-Webb products, donate their time each year to ensure the success of this benefit.

Nearly 700 people attended the concert and were treated to traditional and original holiday tunes. This year's event brought in 1,283 pounds of food and 263 toys for the local Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. In the seven years that Gardner-Webb has sponsored this event more than 10,000 pounds of food and over 1,000 toys have been donated to this endeavor.

Carl and Heather released their first Christmas compact disc in December. All proceeds from this CD will also go to the local Salvation Army. More information is available on Carl Cartee online at [carlcartee.com](http://carlcartee.com).



## Full Tuition Scholarship given to Newborns

*Gardner-Webb University Offers Unique Educational Opportunity*

For many parents, a college education today is an expensive undertaking, and for potential college students to receive a full-tuition scholarship is even more difficult. On January 18, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center and Rutherford Hospital, that's exactly what happened.

Wylie Landon Ramsey, son of Tara Houser and Dustin Ramsey, and Jaianna Lynette Palmer, daughter of Stevie and Christina Palmer, became the recipients of the "Gardner-Webb University Centennial Scholarship." The interesting twist to this scholarship is the fact that the recipients haven't even celebrated their first birthdays.

This year, Gardner-Webb University celebrates 100 years as an institution dedicated to education advancement. As a part of its centennial celebration, Gardner-Webb chose to honor two newborns with full-tuition scholarships. The two recipients were recorded as the first-born children of 2005 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center and Rutherford Hospital.

The history of Gardner-Webb University has been deeply tied to both Cleveland and Rutherford counties since its inception.

Each child will receive a full-tuition scholarship to Gardner-Webb upon meeting admissions requirements. The scholarship allows the recipient to earn one undergraduate degree from Gardner-Webb within a five-year period. The recipient must also maintain good academic standing while enrolled as a Gardner-Webb student. Gardner-Webb has plans to keep these "Centennial Babies" involved in campus life for years to come by offering family passes to select university events.



# LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

## GWU Communications Studies Program Gains National Exposure ... Hollywood Style



If it was a secret, the secret is now out and the Gardner-Webb University Communications Studies Department is mushrooming at a rapid pace. A combination of

the strong faculty, new state of the art equipment, and the chance for students to network with world-class professionals are just a few of the reasons why this department is gaining national attention.

ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECTS EVER ATTEMPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS FULL OF HOLLYWOOD HYPE, RED CARPET TREATMENT, PAPARAZZI AND MORE AS THE FIRST EVER FEATURE-LENGTH MOTION PICTURE "THE LEGACY", MADE ITS BIG SCREEN PREMIERE AT SHELBY'S CARMIKE CINEMAS ON NOVEMBER 18TH.

The communications studies students will also be the first to tell you that the opportunities now offered to them are not available on just any university campus. Communications Studies Department Chairman, Bob Carey has his own idea on how things for

the department and its students have improved. "There is no doubt, that what we have been able to do in communication studies this year is a direct effect of the new equipment purchased by the administration." Dr. Jim Lawrence, professor of communications studies echoes this sentiment. "We began the semester with several enhancements in equipment and technology, like new digital cameras for our photo journalism students. TV production students now have 14 stations of the new Final Cut Pro nonlinear video editing software, new Canon GL-2 digital video cameras, new microphones and

tripods." The new equipment is in line with the department's philosophy of "digital convergence." Lawrence says that the department sees all of their new production-based classes as computer-driven and that they have chosen to focus almost exclusively on digital production.

"The sky is the limit for any student taking part in our communications studies program," according to Bob Carey. One of the most ambitious projects ever attempted by the department was full of Hollywood hype, red carpet treatment, paparazzi and more as the first ever feature-length motion picture "The Legacy", made its big screen premiere at Shelby's Carmike Cinemas on November 18th. The movie is a ghost story that was written by Professor Jim Lawrence, after the inspiration for the project came from his TV-News Production class and GWU senior Christopher Breedlove. "The Legacy" is a mysterious ghost story that is full of twists, turns, suspense and secrets. The film was a complete in-house production featuring students and faculty as the cast and crew. During the first four weeks of the fall semester, the film was cast, shot and edited. Compared to the Hollywood standards of the filmmaking process, it is almost unheard of for a project this massive to be completed in such a short timeframe. But, complete it they did with much success.

Bob Carey is hopeful that this is just the first of many projects of this kind to be produced by the students. "The





Legacy" is currently being entered into film festivals across the country. More information is available about "The Legacy" online at [www.legacy.gardner-webb.edu](http://www.legacy.gardner-webb.edu).

If you keep up with the popular sport of NASCAR then you probably know a little something about the annual Race Week held at Lowe's Motor Speedway near Charlotte, NC. Students in the GWU Communications Studies Department got a true bird's eye view of all the madness and mayhem associated with this event. Gardner-Webb's photojournalism program was selected by Lowe's Motor Speedway to document "Race Week: The NASCAR Fan through the Eyes of a Photographer." A number of universities throughout the region with photojournalism programs were considered for this project, but in the end GWU was chosen for this honor. One of the students who took part in this experience was GWU senior, Scott Holstein. "The photo project was a unique experience. I lived at the speedway for nearly all of Race Week in a huge RV," notes Holstein. "The speedway is like a playground for photographers. Everything was a photo opportunity. Our assignment for the project was the fan's experience of Race Week."

The finished project will be used by Lowe's Motor Speedway for presentations and promotions for existing and potential Race Week sponsors. This opportunity enabled the GWU photojournalism students to create an impressive portfolio, work on a real-world project while preparing for a career in the field.

As if the movie and NASCAR weren't enough, then there was the visit from one of the top 100 most important people in history of photography! Joe McNally of National Geographic Magazine came to Gardner-Webb to conduct a Comprehensive Photographic Lighting Series of one-day seminars. McNally was described by *American Photo Magazine* as "perhaps the most versatile photojournalist working today" and was on their all-time top 100 list of photographers throughout history. McNally is known for his



notable large-scale project, "Faces of Ground Zero," documenting the heroes and survivors of 9/11. He has also worked on assignments for such popular magazines as *Sports Illustrated*, *Life*, and *Time*.

Professional photographers from around the country attended the McNally workshops. McNally discussed techniques for studio and location lighting and offered participants opportunities to practice those techniques. While at Gardner-Webb, McNally and workshop participants took pictures throughout the community and on campus, while also doing portraits of several GWU athletes and GWU President, Dr. Frank Campbell.

According to Bob Carey, McNally's visit was a truly great achievement for the communications studies program and all participants.

With more specialized attention, state of the art technology, expert instruction and the commitment to digital convergence - the faculty is confident that these majors will be more competitive in the communication studies market.

- Paul Foster



## NEW FACULTY

The 2004-2005 academic year began with 10 new faculty members from various locales and backgrounds. They include:

- DR. SYDNEY K. BROWN - Assistant Professor of Education
- BARBARA G. COX - Coordinator of Criminal Justice for the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, Instructor in Social Sciences
- DR. KIRSTEN A. HEMMY - Assistant Professor of English
- MARY ALICE HODGE - Instructor in Nursing
- LINDA KAY JOHNSON - Assistant Professor of Nursing
- DR. JOHN KARRIKER - Director of GWU-Statesville Center
- DR. RICKEY H. MADDEN - Assistant Professor of Marketing
- DENISE A. MCGILL - Instructor in Communication Studies
- CORWIN MOORE METCALF - Assistant Professor of Business Administration
- DR. FELICE POLICASTRO - Assistant Professor of International Business



# **"AN EXPERIENCE THAT COULD LAND YOU IN PRISON - BUT FOR A GOOD REASON"**

Did you realize that 2 million prisoners are currently doing time in United States correctional facilities and that there are 2.3 million children with at least one parent incarcerated? Those are just a couple of reasons why Gardner-Webb Campus Ministries is making a difference in the life of an inmate, or their children by participating in "Prison Fellowship on Campus."

Prison Fellowship Ministry (PFM) is a religious organization looking for teams of college students with the courage, creativity, and compassion to reach out to those who are literally and spiritually imprisoned. Through volunteers across the United States, Prison Fellowship is repairing broken lives through the healing power of Christ. The ministry stresses the scripture written in Matthew 25:36 when Jesus said, "I was in prison and you came to visit me."

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Prison Fellowship is the largest prison outreach and criminal justice reform organization in the world. Its programs reach prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families in all 50 states and in more than 95 countries worldwide. Founded in 1976 by Charles W. Colson, Prison Fellowship targets the root causes of crime by applying the principles of restorative justice (restoring criminals, victims, and the community) through comprehensive, faith-based programs including in-prison mentoring, educational training,

biblical training and post-prison assistance.

Currently, according to GWU Campus Minister, Tracy Jessup, there are fewer than a dozen campus ministry chapters of Prison Ministry Fellowship across the country. Mark Early of PFM has



visited Gardner-Webb twice and has hosted training sessions to help equip students in preparation for sharing Christ with inmates. Jessup says the ministry enables a student to take part in other things like The Angel Tree Project and mentoring. In December, The Angel Tree Project took place at Gardner-Webb as families and children of prisoners attended a Christmas party complete with food, and gifts. Through the Angel Tree Ministry, kids can actually be helped year round with gifts, trips to a Christian summer camp, or one-on-one mentoring. The impact that volunteers make on the lives of these children and families is immeasurable. These children sometimes suffer loneliness, shame, rejection, and even poverty because their mom or dad is in prison. A kind word, a small gift, or the sharing of one's time may be all that one of these children will need to offer them hope for a future outside the walls of prison.

While only in its inaugural year, the Gardner-Webb Prison Fellowship Ministry is already making a difference. To learn more about Prison Fellowship Ministry, call 1-877-478-0100 or contact Andy Byers and GWU Campus Ministries at 704-406-4278.

- Paul Foster



# SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INSPIRES STUDENT

The summer of 2004 proved to be a season of miracles for Gardner-Webb University senior Shawn Pendergrass. Pendergrass, a public relations and Spanish major, spent the summer in Costa Rica, where he served as an intern at the Costa Rican Ministry of Exterior Relations. "I enjoy leadership positions," Pendergrass said. "I enjoy being able to make an impact on other people's lives and make things happen."

Pendergrass worked in Costa Rica's La Casa Amarilla, the Yellow House, which is similar to the White House in Washington, DC, he said. But, according to Pendergrass, the road to the Yellow House was full of obstacles. "It was a really amazing series of events," Pendergrass said. He originally intended to spend the first part of the summer studying at a language school in Costa Rica, where he would receive six hours credit in Spanish. Pendergrass then planned to return to the United States to fulfill his internship requirement after studying abroad at the language school, but all of the internships he applied for in the

U.S. fell through.

When he arrived in Costa Rica, Pendergrass discovered his Costa Rican host-family was made up of four women—a widow and her three college-age daughters. Although the family originally requested only female houseguests, they decided to let him stay. When he told his hosts about his need for an internship, they assisted him in looking for internships in Costa Rica.

According to Pendergrass, one of the daughters, Anabel, was friends with the daughter of Costa Rican Deputy of State, Mario Calderon. Calderon wrote Pendergrass a letter of recommendation, and Pendergrass received an interview with the head of the Ministry of Exterior Relations, Roberto Tovar Faja.

Pendergrass was required to complete the interview in Spanish. "I was becoming very comfortable with my Spanish," Pendergrass said. "I spoke very little English, and that was even when there was an English-speaking person there—and that was rare." At the end of the interview, Faja asked him

which department he wanted to work in. "I was on cloud nine for the rest of the day, week, forever," Pendergrass said. "It was amazing."

Pendergrass ended up in Direction of International Promotion, the agency responsible for promoting Costa Rica in tourism, culture, commerce and investments. His duties included researching the commercial relations between Costa Rica and China and preparing tourist, promotional, commercial, cultural and investment material to send to exterior missions.

Although his internship was underway, Pendergrass said he experienced a few financial difficulties while there. "I had about \$1.50 to eat with every day for lunch," Pendergrass said. Knowing his financial situation, his house-family offered to let him stay at their home free-of-charge and a local restaurant-owner provided him lunch. This was an answer to prayer.

Pendergrass said the generosity of the Costa Rican people influenced his life. "Spiritually, I experienced so much growth being there," There's not a day since I've been back that I don't think about my friends there and think about returning."



Pendergrass plans to pursue a career in international relations and is considering graduate school in Washington, D.C. "I would like to work in the development of under-developed nations," Pendergrass said. "I want to make sure that development doesn't

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dilute their cultures."

Pendergrass added, "Of the wisdom, knowledge and understanding I gained this summer, this is the greatest: that God is faithful to love and care for His children, that the family of God is a beautiful body of which I am eternally grateful to be a part, and finally," added Pendergrass " I learned a great deal about who I am now and who I want to become as I continue to develop. As God says in the book of Isaiah, 'Truly, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His thoughts higher than my ways and His thoughts higher than my thoughts.'"

- Amanda Wood  
GWU Student





# BULLDOG



## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

*GW FOOTBALL STANDOUT FINISHES CAREER WITH ALL-AMERICAN HONORS*



Gardner-Webb senior defensive lineman Harold Wells has been selected first-team Division I-AA All-America by The Sports Network, marking the third consecutive season a GWU player has earned All-America honors from the national news service. Wells also became the first GWU player in school history to be selected first-team I-AA All-America

by the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches' Association.

Wells, the 2004 Big South Defensive Player of the Year, was the only Big South student-athlete named to The Sports Network's All-America squad this season.

The Sports Network is considered the foremost authority on I-AA football nationally, and also sponsors the Walter Payton Award.

Wells (6-0, 271) had the best season of his career in 2004, collecting a career-high 86

tackles and led the nation with a career-best 22.5 tackles for loss. Wells added a career-high 7.0 sacks, 12 quarterback pressures and three forced fumbles for the Bulldogs.

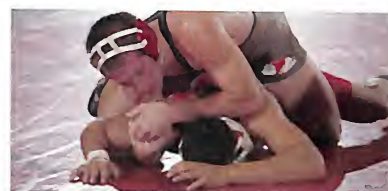
The versatile standout also spent time on offense as the Bulldogs' short-yardage fullback, leading the team and finishing among the Big South's leaders with eight rushing touchdowns.

Wells finished his GWU career with 186 tackles, 13 sacks and 39 tackles for loss in three full seasons as a starter. Wells has also scored 13 career offensive touchdowns (12 rushing, 1 receiving), and lined up at an amazing five different positions during his career at GWU (linebacker, fullback, defensive end, nose guard and tight end).

Since 2000, Gardner-Webb has seen players earn 19 spots on All-America teams at the I-AA level. During the past three seasons, GWU has seen 58 players earn All-Conference accolades, also one of the nation's top marks.

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## ON A ROLL ...

### *Soccer Standout Receives Academic and Athletic Honors*

Gardner-Webb forward Leeanna Woodworth was named the 2004 Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year and was one of four GWU players to earn All-Conference honors.

Woodworth, a junior, became the first player in Gardner-Webb women's soccer history to be named to the All-Atlantic Sun First Team. Senior Liz Kier and junior Maureen Foley both earned spots on the Second Team,

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while midfielder Brittany Woods was tabbed for the All-Freshmen Team.

Woodworth led the A-Sun in every offensive category this season, and lead the nation in scoring. The Virginia Beach, Va., native put up

assumed the career lead in assists this season (28).

Woodworth also smashed the school record in single-season scoring this year, easily surpassing the old standard of 44 points, and set a new benchmark in single-season goals, several of which were game-winners. Her 15 assists were the most in GWU single-season history. Woodworth became just the ninth player in league history to score 100 career points and has posted the second-highest single-season scoring total in A-Sun history. The All-Conference recognition is the second of Woodworth's career, as she earned second-team honors last year as a sophomore.

Woodworth also achieved academic first-team honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America and was selected for the second time to the Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic team. Woodworth also received numerous accolades from other organizations for her accomplishments.



59 points this year, scoring 22 goals to go with 15 assists, all career highs. Woodworth has rewritten the Gardner-Webb record book this season, moving up to third place in career scoring with 106 points. Gardner-Webb's third-leading career goal scorer with 39 to her credit, Woodworth also



# CROSSING ROADS AND CHANGING LIVES

## *GWU Alums Return to Their Roots Planting New Seeds in the Process*

The swaying trees, the shimmering lake, and the rolling hills of the Gardner-Webb campus have been a backdrop of unexpected transformations and significant events in the lives of Gardner-Webb alums, Tim and Terre Veeck. Terre ('01) was among the first group of campers ever to experience a week at Crossroads Youth Camps at Gardner-Webb. She eventually went on to attend Gardner-Webb as a student and meet her husband, Tim ('99). Together, they worked as Crossroads counselors during the summer breaks. "We have a strong sense of home here," says

Tim with a smile. This sense of home has even brought the two back to campus, and 'Crossroads' with a group of campers of their own from their current home in Louisville, KY.

The Veecks work with an inner city ministry called the Portland United Methodist Center. The Portland neighborhood is the oldest in Louisville brimming with poverty and racial tension. "There are kids who are dirt poor in our program," says Terre. "It's not everyone, but every kid we know has some instability."

Tim and Terre's main focus is with the youth in the K-12 after school program. They strive to instill character and guidance in the life of each child. For the older ones, job skills are taught. The harsh reality of a bleak future is facing these kids every day. Portland United Methodist Center is doing everything they can to help change that forecast.

Portland is a tight-knit community where "everyone knows everyone," according to Terre. The youth have a strong sense of identity with their neighborhood. One thing that many of the

students have been commenting about is that they experienced that same sense of community while at Gardner-Webb.

According to Tim, the youth of the Portland center are hardly ever encouraged to pursue college – and few end up graduating from high school. "College is not even in the scope of their thought process," explains Terre. Tim adds, "It's good for them to get a feel of what it's like to be on a college campus." At first, Tim says,

he was not sure if this camp was going to be the best fit for the kids. Some of them had never even been to a worship service before, much less a week full of them. But since he and Terre had worked with Crossroads precious, they knew the staff and their intense passion for youth. "We knew we wanted to bring them here because we trust the staff and know Crossroads is a camp to encourage and empower youth," Tim states confidently. Terre agrees, "Everyone kept telling us that they're having a wonderful time. We're seeing several youth with a sincere desire to grow in their faith."

The compassion Tim and Terre have for each of their campers is evident. There are few people in the world willing to completely pour themselves into others from whom they expect nothing in return. "Terre and I are both big about sharing our lives with others," Tim explains. "I even got to show them the swing where Tim proposed to me," Terre smiles with eyes sparkling.

For the Veecks, bringing their youth to Gardner-Webb meant giving them a taste of an "experience" that shaped their lives. Terre states with gratitude, "Gardner-Webb is a part of who we are."

- Pamela Darnell, GWU Student



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# GWU FOOTBALL PRODUCT JIM MAXWELL HAS TAKEN A GIANT STEP TO THE NFL

Former Gardner-Webb University football standout Jim Maxwell has truly made it to the big time in the world of professional football. Jim is now playing in the National Football League with the New York Giants under head coach Tom Coughlin. Jim was originally signed as a rookie free agent in May. Since that time he has continued to take advantage of his opportunities, which has led to more playing time as an outside linebacker on defense. During his time at Gardner-Webb, Maxwell started in 42 games, posting 306 tackles (172 solo), 10 sacks, 30 tackles for losses, 4 interceptions, 11 fumble recoveries and 8 forced fumbles. He was a two-time All-Big South selection during his collegiate career, and earned first-team Co SIDA Academic All-District 3 honors as a senior – along with All-American honors as a junior. In his senior season in 2003, Maxwell had 116 tackles (70 solo), 15 tackles for loss and 10 pass break ups to help GWU pick up its second consecutive Big South Conference title. The Jonesville, SC native graduated in December 2002 with a degree in business administration and has since been pursuing an MBA through Gardner-Webb.

Maxwell's playing time with the Giants at the beginning of the season began on special teams. As the season progressed, he began seeing more action at the outside linebacker position. Maxwell's breakthrough performance was at the hands of the Baltimore Ravens

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felt by Ravens starting Quarterback Kyle Boller on third-and-six early in the fourth quarter to force a punt. He and teammate Osi Umenyiora caught running back Chester Taylor behind the line of scrimmage two plays earlier for a one-yard loss during that same drive.

Jim says continued adjustments and the dedication to learn how

in December. The 6-foot-4, 242-pound outside linebacker, had four solo tackles (6 total), along with a tackle for loss and a sack. The sack was



to be better at his profession started when he first came to Gardner-Webb. "Football is football wherever you are and it was really a big leap for me coming from a small high school to Gardner-Webb and I felt like I had to adjust to it. The size of the players and the speed of the game was a factor", Maxwell said. "Now I feel like I'm going through the same thing here. In the NFL the biggest adjustment is that it's the next level, even bigger and faster players and the scheme is more complicated," Maxwell noted. "There's a lot more study time involved as well and I'm adjusting to that. I feel like with more experience, I'll be even better."

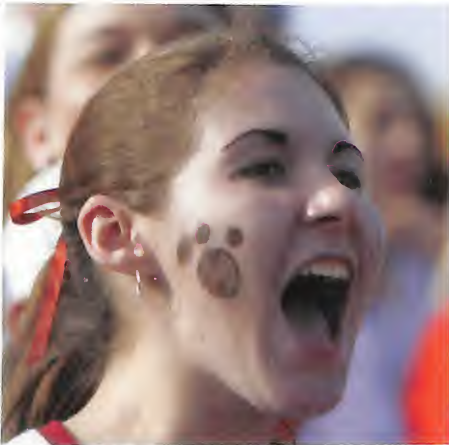
The Giants' coaching staff believes that they are building a team for the future with players like the heralded Eli Manning (quarterback) of Mississippi, Reggie Torbor (linebacker) from Auburn and Gardner-Webb's own Jim Maxwell, combined with Giants veterans like defensive end Michael Strahan, and tight end Jeremy Shockey.





# HOMECOMING

## *Centennial Homecoming Celebration: A Journal Entry*



An ocean of red and black pom-poms, painted faces, crazy wigs, fireworks, and abundant enthusiasm: all of these things were present during homecoming weekend at Gardner-Webb University. As a freshman, I did not know what this long-standing notorious weekend would involve. I, like many, expected the traditional homecoming essentials: spirit week, the parade, the game, crowning a queen, and the dance. In high school, these are the things that make homecoming. I assumed that was all there was to it in college as well. However, GWU changed things up a bit and our Centennial Kickoff weekend

changed my long-established view of what homecoming week is about. Everything about the "Centennial Homecoming" was special,

from the quickly, yet beautifully decorated floats, to the resounding roar of bulldog cheers in the new Spangler stadium. My friends and I also puzzled many onlookers when we dressed like boys on 'opposite day' and who can forget rolling the campus amidst a force field of every disgusting material known to man. The grand finale of my first GWU homecoming was dancing the night away with all of my friends. New traditions and memories were born for many this week at Gardner-Webb, memories that may carry on through the next 100 years.

Yes, I had expected homecoming to be enjoyable, but I can honestly say I had no idea it would be **this** exciting. Gardner-Webb knows how to have the kind of fun that leaves you contentedly exhausted, yet always ready to get back out there for more. I can't wait until next year!

—Martha Combs  
GWU Freshman



# ING 2004



## CENTENNIAL KICKOFF

### *A New Tradition Begins as Gardner-Webb Celebrates 100 Years*

The atmosphere was festive, and the mood cheerful as alumni gathered for a new homecoming tradition. This year the Office of Alumni Relations hosted "The Grand Reunion: the Brunch for the Decades." Alumni from the classes of 1935 - 2004 gathered in Lindsey Court for food, fellowship and celebration. Gardner-Webb President, Frank Campbell brought greetings to those in attendance and a special screening of the University's "Centennial Video" was presented. Through inspirational music, archive photos and computer graphic elements; this video offered highlights of Gardner-Webb's 100 years as an institution dedicated to education advancement. Alumni watched, as the video connected the past, present and future of Gardner-Webb University.

The Brunch was created to give alumni

the chance to visit as a cohesive group with graduates from throughout the decades. As the older alumni mingled with the newest graduates, a common theme was uncovered ... a true love for their alma mater and a passion for the Gardner-Webb experience.

During the brunch, special reunion classes, Half-Century Club, and classes of '64, '74, '84, '94 and '04 were recognized.

As memories were shared, and traditions revisited, alumni were reconnected with their alma mater and classmates and a new tradition began.

-Dawn Anthony





# 2004 GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

*Gardner-Webb University established the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates to recognize and honor alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their fields of service and in the communities in which they serve. Every year, alumni are selected from nominations by their peers and the Gardner-Webb community.*

## CRYSTAL DAWN BAKER, B.S. '96

Crystal Dawn Baker graduated in 1996 with her



Bachelor of Science degree. She continued her education and earned a doctor of medicine degree in 2000 from East Carolina University School of Medicine. She is a staff physician for Uptown Family Practice in Greenwood, S.C.

Ms. Baker is an active volunteer, donating her medical skills to United Ministries, a local, free medical clinic.

## WES W. BARKLEY, B.A. '00.

Wes W. Barkley graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 2003, Mr.



Barkley received his Juris Doctorate from Campbell School of Law. He has been employed with Sigmon, Sigmon, & Isenhower law firm as an associate attorney since September 2003.

In 2004, he published his first novel, "How the Gallant Fell." The novel is a first in a series entitled "The Anderson Chronicles."

Mr. Barkley also serves on the Board of Trustees at Gardner-Webb.

## MARTHA HOVIS BUMGARDNER, B.S. '82, M.A. '88

A double alumna of Gardner-Webb, Martha Hovis



Bumgardner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1982 and a Master of Arts in Education degree in 1988.

Mrs. Bumgardner has served as an education professional since 1982. She is employed by Gaston

County Schools as a seventh grade math and science teacher at Belmont Middle School. She was selected as the teacher of the year for Belmont Middle School in 2003.

## BOBBY RAY BUSH, A.A. '53

After graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1953 with



an Associate of Arts degree, Bobby Ray Bush earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University in 1957 and his Master of Arts in Education from Western Carolina University in 1976.

A Korean War Veteran, Mr.

Bush began his career in education in 1957.

Mr. Bush has received several awards and honors including the South Carolina All-Star Coach of the Year and induction into the GWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

## CHASITTY CAMP CALHOUN, '98 B.S.

While pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree,



which she earned in 1998, Chasitty Camp Calhoun was enrolled in the Wake Forest University School of Medicine physician assistant program.

Since 1998, she has served as a physician assistant in family medicine at Tri-City Medical Associates.

## JACK DAVID CARPENTER, A.A. '58

Jack David Carpenter received an Associate of Arts



degree in 1958. He continued his education at Appalachian State University, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in business education in 1960.

Upon graduation, he began his career with N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. He retired from the company in December 2003. In 1983, he was named adjuster of the year by the North Carolina Adjuster's Association.

## DR. CAROLE ROBERTS CARVAJAL, '93 B.S.

After graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1993 with a



bachelor of science degree, Dr. Carvajal earned her doctor of dental science degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1997.

She has been serving as a general dentist for seven years. Dr. Carvajal is actively involved in her community and uses her professional training and career to benefit others by serving as a volunteer with the Dental Free Clinic. She also volunteers at the Timberlake Early Learning Center.

## KIP CLONINGER, B.S. '87

After graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1987 with a



Bachelor of Science degree, Kip Cloninger received his Master of Arts in Education from Cumberland University in 2001.

Since graduating, he has held several teaching, coaching and athletic director positions. Mr. Cloninger is a teacher and defensive coordinator for the football team at Sullivan Central High School.

## RAY MCKAY HARDEE, B.A. '84

Ray McKay Hardee graduated in 1984 with a



Bachelor of Arts degree. He earned his Master's of Human Development and Learning degree from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in 1987.

He has been serving as the lead pastor of Forest Pointe

Church in Belmont, N.C. since 2001. From 1986 to 2001, Mr. Hardee served Gardner-Webb in a variety of capacities including associate director of admissions, men's tennis coach, University 101 instructor and dean of admissions and enrollment management. In 2000, he was honored with the prestigious GWU Male Staff Member of the Year Award.

## T. PERRY HILDRETH, '84 B.A.

Dr. T. Perry Hildreth graduated in 1984 with his



Bachelor of Arts degree. He received his Master's of Divinity and Master of Arts in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1988. He earned his Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Seminary in 1995.

Upon receiving his doctorate, he began teaching at Palm Beach Atlantic University where he is now an associate professor of philosophy. While at PBAU, Dr. Hildreth has served as the interim assistant dean for the School of Ministry and as chairperson of the University faculty. In addition to teaching at Palm Beach Atlantic, he has served as an adjunct professor at Jefferson Community College and Western Kentucky University.

## TRENT ASHLEY JESSUP, '91 B.A.



After graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1991 with his Bachelor of Arts degree, Lieutenant Trent Ashley Jessup earned his Master of Arts in Education in 1992 from Converse College and his Master of Divinity in 2001 from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is a chaplain for the United States Navy. He was commissioned in 1996 and began active duty in 2002. He serves as chaplain for the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven. Lt. Jessup has been deployed to Iraq twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II. As chaplain, he ministers to 700 Navy Construction Battalions, "Seabees" and their families. His battalion has helped build schools, banks, a police station and provide plumbing to orphanages in Iraq.

## TRACY C. JESSUP, '89 B.A.



After graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Tracy C. Jessup continued his education at Beeson Divinity School where he graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1994. He will receive his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Nebraska this spring.

From 1994-1996, Mr. Jessup was the director of admissions for the GWU School of Divinity. Since



## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



Neal Alexander, Jr. graduated through the GOAL program with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1984. He is the vice-president of human resources for Duke Power Company. He began working with the company in 1967.

He has served as the district governor of Lions Club International and as president of the North Carolina Lions Foundation and has received numerous honors from that

organization. He has also served on the GWU Board of Trustees for three terms and served as chairman in 2003 and 2004.

## JR. COLLEGE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin graduated in 1935 with an Associate of Arts degree. He continued his education receiving his Bachelor in Arts degree from Furman University in 1942. He earned a Master of Theology in 1945 and Doctor of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy in 1955 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Dr. Scoggin began teaching Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955 and was named professor emeritus in 1984. Currently, he is

an announcer for a classical music station, WCPE, and is the host of the radio program "Music in the Night."

## YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1986, Andy Hanner earned a Master's in social work and theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is now the president and chief executive officer of Three Rivers Center for Behavioral Health, a company he led out of bankruptcy in 2000. The organization, now thriving, offers inpatient, residential and outpatient services to adolescents, adults, and seniors for psychiatric and substance abuse related illnesses.

## FUTURE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Ms. Kellie Robinson is a senior at Gardner-Webb and will graduate in May 2005 with a bachelor of science degree. She is serving as Student Government Association president for Gardner-Webb. She is also Tri Beta secretary and a Young Life leader at Shelby High School. Ms. Robinson serves as the student representative for both the NCAA Steering Committee and the University's Presidential Search Committee.



She has received numerous awards recognizing her excellence in both academics and community service. After graduation, she aspires to attend graduate school and obtain a master's degree in physician assistant studies.

1996, he has served as the minister to the University and assistant dean of students for Gardner-Webb. Mr. Jessup has received numerous awards for excellence in education and profession.

He received the Outstanding Male Student Award from GW and was inducted into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and College in 1989. He was awarded the Distinguished Student Award from Beeson in 1994 and the GWU School of Business honored him with the Distinguished Minister Award in 2004.

### FRANCES ALLEN KISER, A.A. '52

After graduating in 1952 with an Associate of Arts degree, Frances Allen Kiser continued her education at Western Carolina earning her Bachelor of Science in 1954. In 1967, she received her Master of Arts in Education from Appalachian State University. In addition, she has earned certificates in gifted/talented students and supervision from University of North Carolina- Charlotte.

Mrs. Kiser served as a life-long educator in Cleveland County for over 40 years. Mrs. Kiser has also been recognized for her exceptional teaching winning several awards. In 1974, she was named the North Carolina Teacher of the Year. She has also been honored with the Ann Dover Bailey Excellence in Teaching Award, Vision Cable Star Teacher Award and a Certificate of Achievement from the Cleveland County Board of Education.



### HOLLY JO'AN MIDDLEBROOKS, '94 B.S.

Holly Jo'an Middlebrooks graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She will earn a Master of Science degree in Health Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of North Florida in December of 2005. Since 1999, she has been serving as a senior vocational



rehabilitation counselor with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Florida Department of Education working with deaf and hard of hearing cases. In 1994, she received both the Sociology Award and the Noel Program for the Disabled Award.

### ROBERT (BOB) HARRISON NEILL, '49 A.A.

Mr. Robert (Bob) Harrison Neill was born November 4, 1928, and grew up in Kings Mountain, N.C. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1947 where he excelled in football. Mr. Neill was selected to the Kings Mountain High All Time Football team for its first 50 years and was inducted into the Kings Mountain Hall of Fame in 1993.



He graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1949 with an associate of arts degree.

Mr. Neill has spent most of his successful business career as chairman of his own firm, Bob Neill and Associates, Inc., specializing in commercial real estate development and brokerage.

### HANNAH VALDEZ, '99 B.S.

Hannah Valdez graduated in 1999 with her Bachelor of Science. In 2003, she earned her Master's in Social Work and Juris Doctorate from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, graduating at in the top 20% of her class. She is in the process of completing a two-year clerkship in the Staff Attorney's Office of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ms. Valdez is licensed to practice law in Illinois. She is a member of the Illinois Bar, the Chicago Bar Association and the Seventh Court of Appeals Bar.

While at GWU, Ms. Valdez played tennis and was recognized for her community service with the Governor's Award and the J.C. Penny's Golden Rule Award.



### SUE VANCE WILSON, A.A. '53

Sue Vance Wilson earned her Associate of Arts degree in 1953. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University in 1955. Now retired, she served as an Algebra teacher for the Mooresville Graded School



District from 1970 to 1995, while at the same time serving as the vice-president of Wilson's Auto Parts. She has also served as president of the Mooresville Education Association.

In 1999, she began serving as the first female deacon at First Baptist Church of Mooresville, where she is a member.



## Class Notes

**WILLIAM "BILL" KINCAID '57 A.A.** is a public information officer for Caldwell County, N.C. He still recalls many fond memories created at GW. [bkincaid@co.caldwell.nc.us](mailto:bkincaid@co.caldwell.nc.us)

**DORIS LAVONNE WALTERS '59 A.A.** retired and moved to Wilmington, N.C. in April 2004. She is in the process of writing her second book. She is also doing some work with social services and is a guardian ad litem for New Hanover County. She lived in Winston-Salem, N.C. for 15 years after serving 20 years as a missionary in Japan.

**REV. MITCHELL PRUITT '62 A.A.** retired June 2004 after serving 40 years as pastor of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. His ministry career started in January 1958. He began serving Chestnut Ridge in 1964.

**WAYNE LAUGHTER '65 A.A.** was honored by Coulwood Middle School on May 16, 2004 for his years of service. The school's gym was named in his honor. He has served the school for 36 years in a variety of positions including coach, teacher, administrative assistant and athletic director.

**DR. LINDA COMBS '66 A.A.** has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of assistant secretary for budget and programs and chief financial officer of the United States Department of Transportation. She was nominated for the position by President Bush. In this position, she oversees all budgetary management functions of the Department.

**ROBERT V. DODD (BOB) '66 A.A.** has served as a pastor of local churches in the Western N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church for 31 years. In 2002, he went on medical disability, but continues to write, teach and preach. He and his wife, Ann, now live in Matthews, N.C. [prayingfriend@aol.com](mailto:prayingfriend@aol.com)

**KAYE MARTIN '66 A.A.** is serving as the administrative assistant to the executive vice president for the Denny's Corporation. [kayemartin@charter.net](mailto:kayemartin@charter.net)

**REBECCA J. GARDNER '69 A.A.** writes, "Graduating from GWU seems to becoming a family tradition." Her son, Andy, graduated in 1998. He works as the financial aid director at

Cleveland Community College. He is married and has three children, Katie, Emma and Nathan. Rebecca's daughter graduated in May 2004 and is a registered nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Emily is married and has one child, Paige.

**JUANITE CARPENTER FICKLING '71 B.S.** and Peter Ellison Fickling '71 B.S. moved to Calabash, N.C. and have formed Fickling & Associates. The company provides consulting to healthcare facilities regarding reimbursement as well as personal and professional tax consultation. They would love to hear from their classmates. [fickling1@atmc.net](mailto:fickling1@atmc.net)

**EDWARD RUFUS MCGIMPSEY, II '71 B.S.** has accepted a call into ministry. He is owner/operator of Ebony Funeral Services. He is also a deacon and lay speaker at New Bethel Church.

**PHILLIP D. HOPKINS '72 B.S.** and Dona D. Shiflette were married June 5, 2004. He is the athletic director at Walhalla Middle School and coaches boys and girls basketball. She is the owner of Shiflette Bookkeeping and Tax Service and is active in community theatre as an actress. The couple resides in Anderson, S.C.

**KENNETH RAY REID '75 B.S.** is serving as pastor of College Street Baptist Church in Walhalla, S.C. after an eight-year ministry at First Baptist Church, Blacksburg, S.C. [csbspastor@bellsouth.net](mailto:csbspastor@bellsouth.net)

**RICK HOWELL '76 B.A.** and Susan Howell '77 B.A. Rick is the principal at Sunny View Elementary in Mill Spring. The school has been named a "No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School" by the secretary of education. Susan is a guidance counselor at Polk Central School in Mill Spring.

**WALTER F. PAYNE, JR. '76 B.S.** is president of ImageMark Business Services. He would love to hear from all former Gentle Way Singers. [walter@imagemarkonline.com](mailto:walter@imagemarkonline.com)

**RON RASH '76 B.A.,** a Pulitzer Prize nominee, has released his second novel, "Saints at the River." He holds the Parris Distinguished Professor Chair in Appalachian Studies at Western Carolina University.

**JOHN DAVID TEETER '76 B.S.** has been named one of 12 members of the Board of Visitors for Lenoir-

Rhyne College. He is the executive vice president of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in Hickory.

**SUSAN DENTON '78 B.S.** has been named Kings Mountain Intermediate School's teacher of the year for 2003-2004.

**SGT. TOM JOHNSON '79 B.S.** is serving as police chief for the Oak Island Police Department. He has been in law enforcement for over 30 years, most recently serving as sergeant over the criminal investigation division with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

**DONNA JO LAVERY '79 B.S.** is a teacher with Gaston County Schools. [dlavery@gaston.k12.nc.us](mailto:dlavery@gaston.k12.nc.us)

**CHIANDRA DAWN MASTERS '80 B.S.** and Edward Peter Zinola were married on June 26, 2004. She is employed by Drivestream, Inc. He works for Westat Corporation. The couple resides in McLean, VA.

**SUZETTE RENFRO '80 A.D.N.** was honored by Mayland Community College's Board of Trustees with the distinguished service award on April 27, 2004. She is affiliated with several community organizations and is the coordinator of the Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children.

**MARIAM O. WRIGHT '81 B.S.** has been promoted to senior vice-president, Americas cable operations for Corning Cable Systems. She has over 24 years experience with the company and will be responsible for leading the manufacturing operations; research, development and engineering organization; and the cable product line management group.

**VAN HAMLIN '83 B.S.** has been promoted to senior vice-president for Wachovia. He is a 32-year veteran with the company and has held numerous responsibilities during that time.

**ROSALIND TRACEY TUCKER DUNCAN '84 B.A.** is working as a child placement coordinator for Easter Seals UCP of N.C. in Jacksonville. She supervises therapeutic foster homes serving the needs of children and families. She has worked in the field of child welfare for the past 13 years. She lives near Topsail Island, is divorced and has two teenage sons. [traceyduncan62@hotmail.com](mailto:traceyduncan62@hotmail.com)

**DOROTHY REICHERT KINKOPF '84 A.D.N.** traveled with her son, Philip, on a mission trip to Bolivia in June 2004. During the trip, they ministered to Quechua Indians.

**BRIAN MCCULLOCH '84 B.S.** and Lisa McCulloch announce the birth of their son, John T. McCulloch, II, born June 16, 2003. The McCullochs are members of Carmel Baptist Church.



**RONALD HARGRAVE '85 B.S.** was named principal of East Alexander Middle School by the Alexander County Board of Education for the 2004 school year. He has served as assistant principal at the school since 2002.

**CINDY KELLY '85 B.S.** graduated from the Cannon Financial Trust School and earned the designation of Certified Trust Financial Advisor. She has 10 years experience as a financial advisor.

**JIMMY LANCASTER '85 B.A.** has accepted the pastorate at Maplewood Baptist Church in Yadkinville. He previously served Jerusalem Baptist Church.

**PHILLIP LUTHER CAPPELL '86 B.A.** and Pamela Joanne Stepp were married March 20, 2004. He is the bi-vocational pastor of Kings Grove Baptist Church. She is a probation/parole officer with the State of NC. The couple resides in Hendersonville, N.C.

**GARY PAUL COX '86 B.S.** and Karen Benson Cox were married on June 26, 2004. He is an applications programmer/analyst for the N.C. Department of Correction. She is a registered nurse with the UNC-Chapel Hill Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C.

**LOLITA R. HARGRAVE '86 B.S., '03 M.A.** see Lolita R. Hargrave '03 M.A. listing.

**LISA HEAFNER COLLINS '87 B.A.** and Mark Collins '89 B.A., '99 M.Div. announce the birth of their third child, Kelsey Elizabeth, born April 8, 2004. She joins siblings John (12) and Amanda (8). Lisa is a special education teacher at North Aiken Elementary School. Mark is the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Monetta, S.C.

**THOMAS WOODROW GRAYSON, JR. '87 B.S.** and his wife, Kimberly, celebrated their fourteenth wedding anniversary in July. They have two daughters, Kristina (12) and Mary Anne (10) who attend Crestdale and Providence Schools. Both of their daughters are competitive swimmers with the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club and both competed in the LC Western Jr. Qualifier. Mary Ann qualified and competed in four events at the 2004 N.C. Jr. Championship. [t.w.grayson@att.net](mailto:t.w.grayson@att.net)

**REV. VANCE HUNT '87 B.A.** is now serving as senior minister at Memorial United Methodist Church in High Point, N.C.

**TAMARA NANCE '87 B.S.N.** and Van Nance proudly announce the adoption of their son, Jacob Michael.

**ANITA PHILLIPS '87 A.D.N.** was honored as one of Rutherford Hospital's top ten nurses at the 2004 Nursing Excellence Awards. She is a registered nurse in surgical services.

**NATHAN CHARLES WRISTON '87 B.S.** has relocated to Hanau, Germany from Giebelstadt, Germany after returning from Iraq in September 2003. On September 1, 2004, he was promoted to the position of chief warrant officer four. He and his wife, Julie, are celebrating 17 years of marriage. They have four children. Nathan has been selected as the U.S. Army Europe Standardization Officer for UH-60 black hawk pilots in the European theatre. [natewriston@hotmail.com](mailto:natewriston@hotmail.com)

**TERRY WAYNE EDDINGER '88 B.A.** and Cynthia Eddinger announce the birth of their first child, Hunter Levi, born June 30, 2004. [twel1@infionline.net](mailto:twel1@infionline.net)

**VICKIE FITCH '88 B.S.** has been named the new vice-president of membership services for the Cleveland County Chamber. Prior to the new position, she served as the manager for the Cleveland County branch of Personnel Services Unlimited. In 2001, Vickie was awarded the Chamber's volunteer of the year award.

**JANET LOIS SMITH '89 B.A.** and Kenneth Dale Childers were married on June 18, 2004. She is employed by Cleveland Regional Medical Center and is an adjunct professor for Gardner-Webb. He is employed by Cleveland County EMS. The couple resides in South Carolina.

**WILLIAM A. MORRIS '90 B.S.** has been promoted to colonel in the Alabama Guard as public affairs officer in the headquarters and is on staff for Major General Rowe.

**MARY JANE B. SMITH '90 B.S.** earned NBCT status in Early Childhood Generalist in 2003. She teaches at Mountain Park Elementary in State Road, N.C.

**NORLINA BROOKS STRAND '90 B.S.** and Derek L. Strand celebrated their one-year anniversary on July 26, 2004. They also announce the birth of their daughter, Denyla Azoni, born June 25, 2004. [norlinam@msn.com](mailto:norlinam@msn.com)

**TERRY L. CRANFILL '91 B.S. AND TERESA GOFORTH CRANFILL '01 B.S.** announce the birth of their third child, Terryn Leeanna, born September 25, 2004. They also have two sons Tanner and Taylor.

**JANE SZABAGA '91 B.A.** and Dennis Szabaga welcomed a son, Duncan Cole, on August 18, 2004. He joins older sister, Olivia. [jayneec@cootiehog.com](mailto:jayneec@cootiehog.com)

**HARRY WRIGHT '91 B.S.** is an accounting manager for CompX National. He resides in Greenville, S.C. with his wife and two children.

**LISA P. ALVINO '92 B.S.** has been appointed the vice-president for First National Bank's board of directors. She is responsible for asset liability

management and funds management within the financial services department.

**TAMATHA CARSON '92 B.A.** has been promoted to purchasing manager for Dixie Sales Company, a subsidiary of Barrett Corporation of Canada. She moved back to N.C. in 2003. [tccarson@earthlink.net](mailto:tccarson@earthlink.net)

**KAREN LEIGH GREENE '92 B.A.** graduated from Florida State with a Ph.D. in European History. During her studies, she held the Fellowship in Napoleonic Studies. She served as a teaching assistant and received the F.S.U. History Department's Thomas Campbell Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003. She is an adjunct professor for Western Civilization at Brevard Community College in Melbourne, F.L.

**SHANNON SALE HAMPTON '92 B.S., '02 M.B.A.** and Marty Hampton welcomed their first child, Carter William, on November 14, 2003. [Shannon\\_Hampton@vfc.com](mailto:Shannon_Hampton@vfc.com)

**LORI LAMBERT '92 B.S., '94 M.A.** was named the 2004 teacher of the year for Rutherford County Schools. She is an English teacher at R-S Central High School.

**SALLI PHILLIPS PETTY '92 B.S.** and Michael Petty proudly announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Philip, born May 27, 2004. Salli is a physical education teacher at Cherokee County School District No.1. She also obtained her master's degree in education with a specialization in divergent learning from Columbia College in 2001. [sepetty@mindspring.com](mailto:sepetty@mindspring.com)

**BRENT BARBEE '93 B.S.** is serving as purchasing agent for Richmond Community College. He is also a member of Hamlet's city council.

**RICKY CLAY JOHNSON '93 B.S.** graduated from Hood Theological Seminary with his m.div. He is minister to Franklin Heights and Maple Grove United Methodist Churches.

**JACQUELINE LYON '93 B.S.** is a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [jacolyon@yahoo.com](mailto:jacolyon@yahoo.com)

**KEVIN QUALLS '93 B.S.** is serving as senior pastor of First Baptist Church Florence, S.C. He started his service to the church on August 22, 2004.

**JOAN MARIE CAUDLE '93 B.S.** and Vance Dale Vaughn were married on October 16, 2004. She is a program manager for Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy. The couple resides in Dobson, N.C.



**BRYAN DRUM '93 B.S.** has been promoted to vice-president of BB&T. He began working for the bank in 2001 and is a financial cluster leader.

**SHERRY-JOAN THOMPSON '93 B.S., '00 M.B.A.** and Dominic Dell'Aquila, Jr. were married on June 12, 2004. She is a long-term care financial consultant with D.P.L., Inc. and is an adjunct professor for Gardner-Webb. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and is employed by National Golf Cars. They reside in Hickory, N.C.

**CHRISTINA MCDANIEL WRIGHT '93 B.A.** and Jeff Wright announce the birth of their third son, Jarod Wesley, born February 29, 2004. He joins older brother Hunter (5) and

Jeremy (3). Christina is the media specialist at Blacksburg High School.

**ANN ALLEN '94 B.S.** has been selected by the Director of the National Institutes of Standards and Technology to the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.



**JULIA LOUELLEN MASH CREWS '94 B.S.** and Stephen Michael Crews announce the birth of their second child, Victoria Grace, born June 9, 2004. They also have a three-year old daughter, Olivia Faith. CrewsPainting@aol.com

**ANDREW HOPPER, JR. '94 B.A.** graduated from drill sergeant school on June 26, 2004. In 2001, he was named soldier of the year and received the Army Achievement Medal. He was promoted to staff sergeant on March 21, 2004.

**AUDREY CARLTON MOOD '94 B.S.** and Richard announce the birth of twin boys, Erich Wilhem and Gunnar James, born June 6, 2004.

**LISA NAN SHELTON '94 B.S.** and Harry Jenkins Mauney, Jr. were married on April 17, 2004. She is a medical technology lab manager for Jones Family Practice. He is employed by Jenkins Food, Inc. The couple lives in Shelby, N.C.

**MELISSA LEIGH ERVIN CARTER '95 B.S.** and Calvin Carter announce the birth of their fourth son, Major Greyson, born October 1, 2003. He joined his three older brothers: Bryce (8), Colton (6) and Piper (3). Melissa is a teacher with the Monroe County School System in T.N. She obtained her master's degree in instructional leadership in 2002 and earned her educational specialist degree in August 2004. carterm@monroe.k12.tn.us

**TRACY ROWE HAHN '95 A.D.N.** and James Marion Bass were married on June 12, 2004. She is a registered nurse at Rutherford Hospital. The couple resides in Forest City, N.C.

**KIMBERLY DAWN HAUSER '95 B.S.** and David Wayne Caudle were married on May 11, 2004 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. She is a staff accountant for Jaylene G. Moss, Ltd. He is a computer programmer with Lorraine Home Fashions. They reside in Marshville, N.C.

**SABRINA BARNES MERRINER '95 B.A.** and Michael Merriner announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Mae, born May 20, 2004.



**CHRIS SLOAN '95 B.S., '97 M.B.A.** and Denise Sloan '99 B.A. are the proud parents of Camden Jeremiah born February 9, 2004. The family resides in Shelby, N.C.

**VICKIE CLARK '96 B.S.N.** graduated from Pfeiffer University with a master's degree in health administration. She is a nurse manager for surgical services with Medical Park Hospital. vaclark@nuvanthealth.org

**HEATHER ROBERTSON WHITE '96 B.S.** has graduated from residency at Carolina's Medical Center in obstetrics and gynecology. She joined Midtown OB/GYN in August. mhewhite@yahoo.com

**JULIE BLANTON WILSON '96 B.S.** and Brian Wilson announce the birth of their third child, Lauren Grace, born July 19, 2002. She has an older sister, Courtney (6) and an older brother, Austin (4). wlsnbrianwilson@bellsouth.net

**AMY ARMSTRONG '97 B.A.** recently completed her master of divinity degree from Beeson School of Divinity. She is now working in Los Angeles among international university students for three years through C.B.F. Global Missions. amyjarmstrong@hotmail.com

**MISTY SIMMONS BRUNER '97 B.S.** and Larry Bruner announce the birth of their first child, Kylie McKynzie, born December 11, 2003.

**AMY MICHELLE JOLLEY '97 B.S.** and Charles Frank Bracebridge were married on March 13, 2004. She works for Omega Consulting Group of Fort Lauderdale, F.L. He is employed by Core Molding Technology. The couple resides in Gaffney, S.C.

**SHANE KIRBY '97 B.A., '00 M.Div.** and Emily announce the birth of their first child, Luke Allen, born November 22, 2003.

**ERIC NARVAEZ '97 B.S.** earned his M.B.A. from Clemson University in 2000. He is employed by Dell, Inc. as a production operations manager. robert\_narvaez@dell.com

**NEAL PAYNE '97 B.A., '04 M.Div.** and **AMBER PAYNE '98 A.D.N.** announce the birth of their second child, Bethany Faith, on August 10, 2004. She joins older brother Ethan (3).

**KELLY LINK TRAYNUM '97 B.A.** and **VICKIE HATEM TRAYNUM '97 B.A.** Kelly graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law in May 2004, earning his juris doctorate. He passed the N.C. bar exam in August 2004, and is an associate with Nelson, Mullins, Riley, & Scarborough, LLP. Vickie received her m.div. in 2001 from Campbell University. She started a new printing and design business, 720designs, in August 2004. kerry.traynum@nelsonmullins.com

**ANGELA MICHELLE AMICK '98 B.S.N.** and **JEREMY KARL AMICK '01 M.Div** announce the birth of their firstborn son, Nathanael Clark, born January 23, 2004. Angela is a part-time obstetrical nurse at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Jeremy is the high school Bible teacher at Sheets Memorial Christian School and the youth minister at East Davie Baptist Church. jeremy\_refuge@yahoo.com

**DEVIN BAIN '98 B.S., '00 M.B.A.** and **DOUG BAIN '99 B.S.** announce the birth of a son, Ethan Ryan, born March 4, 2004. redraiders14@bellsouth.net

**JULIE ALLYSON BROWN '98 B.S.N.** and Joseph Adam Freeman were married on September 4, 2004. She is employed by Carolinas Healthcare. He works for Ralph Whitehead Associates. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**BRIDGET DIONE CAMPBELL '98 B.S.** and **DANIEL EDDIE BURLESON '04 M.B.A.** were married on July 3, 2004. She is an information systems engineer for Burke County Schools. He is a production scheduler for Future Foam. The couple resides in Hickory, NC. bridgie1973@yahoo.com

**BRANDY PERDUE CLEMMER '98 B.S.** and Greg Clemmer welcomed their first child, Gregory Wendell, on July 23, 2004.

**GABE CLEVINGER '98 B.A., '02 M.Div.** and **LEAH ROBBINS CLEVINGER '98 B.A., '02 M.Div.** announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Page, born October 20, 2003.

**CLYDE JUNIOR DEAL '98 B.S.** is now the police captain for the city of Hickory.

**CHRISTOPHER LEE EMERY '98 B.S.** see Elizabeth Coates Emery '99 listing.

**DEBBIE F. HERNANDEZ '98 B.S.** has been assigned by the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections as a probation officer in Stokes County.

**JAMES RUSSELL JULIAN '98 B.S.** and **HALEY TYCER JULIAN '01 B.A.** announce the birth of their first child, Joy Lindsay, born November 12, 2003.



## ALUMNI LINKS

**AMBER PAYNE '98 A.D.N.** see Neal Payne '97 B.A. listing.

**KIMBERLY ANN TATUM '98 A.D.N., '01 B.S.N.** and David Bryan Middleton were married on July 12, 2003. She is a registered nurse at Guilford Health Clinic. He is employed with the Westminster Company. [rnkat2000@aol.com](mailto:rnkat2000@aol.com)

**LIZ STOJETZ '98 B.S.** has accepted a position as the head women's soccer coach for Brevard College. She previously served as the assistant women's soccer coach for the University of South Carolina Spartanburg, where she also worked as the assistant sports information director.

**VIRGINIA M. TOMLINSON '98 B.S.** has been promoted to the position of database administrator for McFarland & Company Publishers, Inc. She has worked for the company since 1998. Virginia and her husband, Donald, have three daughters.

**AMANDA LEE WILLIAMS '98 B.S.** and Micah Young Eller were married on May 8, 2004. She is a graphic web design specialist for Biltmore Baptist Church. He is a finishing supervisor at Prinpak, Inc. The couple resides in Horse Shoe, N.C. [aeller@biltmorebaptist.org](mailto:aeller@biltmorebaptist.org)

**TAMMY B. YARBOROUGH '98 B.S.** has been promoted to the position of executive director of HAVEN in Lee County. HAVEN is a domestic violence and rape crisis organization in Sanford, N.C. Tammy has worked with the organization for eight years. [tbyarborough@yahoo.com](mailto:tbyarborough@yahoo.com)

**BELINDA AYERS '99 B.A.** and Matthew Elliott were married on September 4, 2004. She is an internet producer/writer for CBN.com. The couple resides in Virginia Beach, V.A. [belinda.ayers@cbn.org](mailto:belinda.ayers@cbn.org)

**DOUG BAIN '99 B.S.,** see Devin Bain '98 B.S.

**ELIZABETH COATES EMERY '99 B.S. AND CHRISTOPHER LEE EMERY '98 B.S.** announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Christopher, born May 18, 2003. [ecemery@clevelandcountyschools.org](mailto:ecemery@clevelandcountyschools.org)

**JEREMY FERN '99 B.A.** has been promoted from admissions counselor to assistant director of admissions at GWU. The promotion was effective July 21, 2004.

**OTIS H. FLOYD '99 B.S.** has been initiated as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. He is pursuing his doctoral degree in educational leadership at UNC-Charlotte.

**JASON HARGETT '99 B.S., '02 M.B.A.** and Kelly announce the birth of their first child, Alana Briann, born September 3, 2004. Jason has accepted a position as production supervisor with Eaton Corporation.

**CHRISTINE CAROLE JENKINS "CJ" '99 B.A.** and David Allan Zimmerman were married on June 12, 2004. She is a sign language interpreter with the Clover (S.C.) school district. He is a church developer with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and pastor of New Song Fellowship. The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.

**JERRI LACKEY '99 B.S.** has joined the professional staff at Lawing, Rowe & Company, C.P.A's. She has 22 years experience in bookkeeping, accounting and banking.

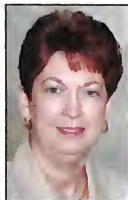
**EMILY MAUCK '99 B.A. AND SHANE MAUCK '99 B.S.** announce the birth of their second child, Cooper Jones, born January 29, 2004. [emilymauck@adelphia.net](mailto:emilymauck@adelphia.net)

**JULIANNA LYNN ORTIZ '99 B.A.** and Brian Franklin Mills were married on November 8, 2003. She is an English teacher for the Lincoln County school system. He is as an assistant principal for the Statesville-Iredell school system.

**STEPHANIE ROXANNE RICE '99 A.D.N.** and Richard Martin Moorhead were married on June 19, 2004. She is a registered nurse with Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is employed with WM Clearing and Grading. They reside in Blacksburg, S.C.

**DENISE SLOAN '99 B.A.** see Chris Sloan '95 B.S. listing.

**LILLIE WHITNEY '99 B.S.** is celebrating 30 years of service to First Citizens Bank. She is employed as a financial services officer at the Hildebran, N.C. branch. She is a member of East Burke Middle School Partners for Progress and an instructor at Western Piedmont Community College.



**SOLOMON LEE WILLIS '99 B.S.** hosted a regional conference for Texas Instruments at Gaston Day School for math, science and technology teachers. In October 2004, he presented a session on using graphing calculators to teach linear regression at the state math teacher's conference in Greensboro. As an official trainer for Texas Instruments, he has been selected to present sessions at math teacher conferences in Anaheim, C.A. and Washington, D.C. in 2005. [owepar@yahoo.com](mailto:owepar@yahoo.com)

**JILLIAN KATHILEEN ANDERSON '00 B.A.** and Ashley Edward-Otha Anderson welcomed a child, Ayannah Grace Anderson, to their home on March 12, 2004. In June, Jillian received her C.I. from R.I.D. [anj\\_Anderson@hotmail.com](mailto:anj_Anderson@hotmail.com)



**WES BARKLEY '00 B.A.** has written the first work in his Civil War trilogy tracing the lives of five fictional brothers from Catawba County fighting for the south. He is an attorney in Newton, N.C.

**LARISSA SNIDER BROWN '00 B.S.** and Samuel Brown are the proud parents of Spencer Allen, born March 21, 2004. [thebrowns02@aol.com](mailto:thebrowns02@aol.com)

**MANDY J. DICKERSON '00 B.A.** received her master of public education degree with a concentration in nonprofit organizations from High Point University on May 8, 2004. She is employed by Davidson Community College as an admissions specialist. [Mandy.Dickerson@ptk.org](mailto:Mandy.Dickerson@ptk.org)

**JERMAINE DOWNING '00 B.S.** is a supervisor at the Orangeburg Detention Center in Orangeburg, S.C. He is also the offensive line coach for the Denmark-Olar Vikings, a team he has helped lead to the playoffs.

**JOHN DURIAM '00 B.A.** has been promoted to senior art director for HPC Publications. He was honored as the employee of the year for 2003.

**TONYA GEIGER '00 B.S.** and Steven announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Michelle, born January 22, 2004.

**KELLY DAWN HARTSOE '00 B.S.** and Jeffrey Lee Barnett were married on April 10, 2004. She is employed by Wachovia Retirement Services in Charlotte. He works for Prime Solutions Mortgage in Belmont. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**NICOLE LEE SMITH '00 B.S.** and Brian McCree Hefner were married on May 29, 2004. They are both teachers with the Catawba County school system. They live in Granite Falls, NC. [hefnersmith@aol.com](mailto:hefnersmith@aol.com)

**TERRY SULT '00 B.S.** is now serving as the police chief for the City of Gastonia. He has served for 34 years with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

**JAMIE BROOKE ANDERSON '01 B.S.** graduated from Western Carolina with a master of science in biology in August 2004. [Janderson23@hotmail.com](mailto:Janderson23@hotmail.com)

**AMANDA STEVENS BRANNOCK '01 B.S.** is living in Virginia with her husband, Matthew, and two-year old son, Caleb. Amanda is a social worker with Virginia Baptist Children's Home.

**MATHIEU LYNN CHAPMAN '01 B.S., '03 M.A.** see Sallie Elizabeth Smith '02 listing.

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**SHAWNALYN T.K. CONNER '01 B.S.** and Steve Conner announce the birth of their first child, Jensen Chandler Keakaokalani, born October 17, 2003.

**TERESA GOFORTH CRANFILL '01 B.S.** see Terry L. Cranfill '91 B.S. listing.

**SARAH LANE EDWARDS '01 A.D.N.** and William Craig Powers were married May 22, 2004. She is employed by Rowan Regional Medical Center as an operating room nurse. He is the quality control manager and yarding supervisor for Rinker Materials. The couple resides in Salisbury, N.C.

**JAMES BERTIE EPTING, JR. '01 B.S.** and Hannah Lynn Tucker were married on June 26, 2004. He is assistant director of the Visitors Center at the University of South Carolina. She is a math teacher at Northside Middle School. They live in Lexington, S.C.

**JENNIFER LEIGH FRASER '01 B.S.** and Brian Keith Campbell were married on June 5, 2004. She is a second grade teacher at Grover Elementary School. He is employed by Roger's Unloading Service. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

**AMY GRAYSON '01 B.A.** graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of arts in Christian education in May. She works as the preschool minister at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C.

**JULIA AMANDA GROSSMAN '01 B.S.** is serving as the head athletic trainer and teacher at Concord High School.

**SUMMER PERSHAY JEFFCOAT '01 B.A.** and Jerome Bethea were married on August 28, 2004. She is a marketing writer for Columbia International University. He is a personal trainer for Health Advantage Gym. The couple moved to Lawton, OK. the2betheas@yahoo.com

**HALEY TYCER JULIAN '01 B.A.** see James Russell Julian '98 B.S. listing

**SARAH ASHLEY LOMAN '01 B.S. AND SANDY COOPER ROSE '04 B.S.** were married on September 4, 2004. She is the VMI coordinator for Family Dollar Stores. He is a sports performance specialist for Carolina's Healthcare. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C. sarahloman@yahoo.com

**JEAN McMULLIN '01 B.S.** is now the branch manager of Central Community Bank in Morganton. She has over 25 years of banking experience.

**CATHERINE LOUISE MILLS '01 B.S.** is working as an accountant for Trammell Crow Company. ladypurr\_21@yahoo.com

**MAMIE LAWTON NEELY '01 B.A. AND DAN MICHAEL MCCLELLAN '02 B.A.** were married on October 2, 2004. She is the senior traffic coordinator for WJZY/WWWB. He is a broadcast instructor at Gaston College. They reside in Shelby, N.C. mamie\_neely@gardner-webb.edu

**SARAH RENAE PARTLOW '01 B.S.N.** and Charles Edmon Martin were married on April 18, 2004. She works as a registered nurse in Women and Children's Services at Presbyterian Hospital. He is a project manager for Land Design Surveying, Inc. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**MISTY DAWN SHELTON '01 A.D.N.** and Johnny David Bowers, Jr. were married on August 22, 2004. She is a registered nurse at Forsyth Medical Center. He is a machinist at Union Grove Saw & Knife Service, Inc. The couple resides in Harmony, N.C.

**MARK SHIVERS '01 B.A.** received his m.div. from Columbia Theological Seminary. At the commencement exercises on May 16, Mark also was awarded the Columbia Graduate Fellowship.

**DANIEL THOMAS '01 B.A.** see Sarah Donaldson Thomas '02 B.A. listing.

**TAMARA LEIGH WILLARD '01 B.S.** and James Burlen Payne were married on April 3, 2004. She works for Advantage Software. He is employed by NGK Ceramics. The couple resides in Mooresville, N.C.

**RUSSELL RYAN WILLIAMS '01 B.A.,** see Monica Leigh Houser '04 B.A. listing.

**JOSH BENEDICT '02 B.S.** married Amanda Marie on May 14, 2004, in Fort Collins, CO. Josh is working as a sales executive for Avaya Inc., and Amanda teaches anatomy, chemistry and health at Heritage Christian High School. The couple lives in Windsor, CO. jbenedict@avaya.com

**AMANDA LEE BENNETT '02 B.S.** and Kevin Wesley Draughn were married on June 5, 2004. She is working towards a master of science in agency and community counseling and is employed by Crossroads Behavioral Health Care. He is employed at Collins Chevrolet. They reside in Mount Airy, N.C.

**CELESTE LEANN BOLES '02 B.S.** and Nicky Dean Hawks were married on June 12, 2004. She is a counselor at Friends of Youth. He is employed by YVEDDI as Head Start assistant director. The couple lives in Ararat, N.C.

**TABATHA MARIE BOULDIN '02 B.S.** and Martin Allen Loflin were married on June 5, 2004. She is employed by Moore County Schools. He works

for Mountaire Farms. They reside in Bear Creek, N.C.

**TIM ELY '02 B.A.** is serving as a projects manager at SIM International, a worldwide missions organization. tim\_ely@hotmail.com

**DARRELL A. HENDERSON '02 B.S.** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

**JENNIFER NICOLE HUDSON '02 B.S.** and Patrick Louis Horneman were married on August 7, 2004. She works in the accounting department of Citizens South Bank. He is employed by Herz Rental Car. The couple resides in Gastonia, N.C.

**WESLEY K. HUDSON '02 B.S.** graduated from the United States Army Field Artillery Center in Fort Still, O.K. in January. He transferred to Fort Jackson, S.C. Bravo Company 369th Adjutant General Battalion and graduated February 20 with the title honor graduate.

**KELLEY KENNERLY '02 A.D.N.** is working at Gaston Memorial as a registered nurse. Kelley14@bellsouth.net

**CHRISTY LEFEVERS '02 B.S., '03 M.A.C.** and Bryan Land were married on May 15, 2004. She is an accounting instructor for Catawba Valley Community College. He is a city mail carrier with the United States Postal Service in Hickory. The couple lives in Taylorsville, N.C.

**KELLY ELIZABETH LONG '02 B.A.** and David Lewis Edwards were married on July 24, 2004. She is a teller at Rowan Bank China Grove branch. He is employed at the Music Center in Salisbury and is a full-time student at Lee University. The couple resides in Salisbury, N.C.

**DAN MICHAEL MCCLELLAN '02 B.A.,** see Mamie Lawton Neely '01 B.A. listing.

**JASON CARLTON PALFREY '02 B.A. AND ELIZABETH A. ROSS '03 B.S.** were married on June 12, 2004. He is a foreman with Sox Fence. She is a staff accountant with Trucast, Inc. The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.

**AMANDA PENNELL '02 B.S.** has opened her own retail store in Statesville, N.C., "Body Elements."

**MIKE PRITCHARD '02 B.S.** has been elected president of the National Association of Purchasing Management- Carolinas and Virginia region. The Institute for Supply Management has recognized him with lifetime certification as a certified purchasing manager and as an accredited purchasing practitioner.



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**SALLIE ELIZABETH SMITH '02 B.S.N. AND MATHIEU LYNN CHAPMAN '01 B.S., '03 M.A.** were married on June 12, 2004. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is employed by Gaston County Schools. The couple resides in Gastonia, N.C.

**HEATHER ELIZABETH STEWART '02 B.S.** is working for a non-profit organization helping persons living with HIV/AIDS access treatment for substance abuse issues. She also participates in educational and community outreach concerning other health issues. She is also pursuing a master of science degree in Public Health at UNC-Charlotte. [heathernc@hotmail.com](mailto:heathernc@hotmail.com)

**SARAH DONALDSON THOMAS '02 B.A. AND DANIEL THOMAS '01 B.A.** announce the birth of their first child, Samuel Adams, born January 1, 2004.

**MATTHEW DAVID AUSTIN '03 B.S.** and Natasha Monra Kinney were married on October 2, 2004. He is co-owner of Little Pigs Too. She is an investment planner with Wachovia Securities LLC. They reside in Statesville, N.C.

**AMY LEAH CALLAHAN '03 B.A.** is working as an admissions counselor for GWU. [acallahan@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:acallahan@gardner-webb.edu)

**LESLIE NICOLE HARRISON '03 B.S.** and Kevin Shane Blankenship were married on April 9, 2004. She is an administrative assistant for the Gilkey Lumber Company. He is employed by the Town of Rutherfordton in public works. The couple resides in Bostic, N.C.

**KACEY ELIZABETH HAWLEY '03 B.S.N.** is serving as a lieutenant with the nurse corps in the United States Air Force at Mountain Home Air Force Base in I.D. [mermaidke@hotmail.com](mailto:mermaidke@hotmail.com)

**ERICA ELIZABETH HEDRICK '03 B.S.** and Kevin Scott Lingerfelt were married on March 20, 2004. She is a pharmacy technician with Medical Center

## A CENTURY OF HER OWN

Ophelia "Cookie" Cooke Shepherd a native of Maiden, North Carolina shares a unique connection to Gardner-Webb University. She celebrates the "Big 100" along with her alma mater. Mrs. Shepherd was honored to be one of the first students to receive two degrees from this institution during those formative years, from Boiling Springs High School in 1928 and also from the Junior College in 1930.

Quizzing Mrs. Shepherd about her high school and junior college days, she often shook her head and replied, "That was a long time ago." Fortunately, her scrapbook revealed much affection towards her school days. Her scrapbook contained lesson plans, graduation pictures, and even a red BSC pennant. And buried a little deeper in her personal treasures were letters from her suitor. Also included in the mementos was a wooden ice cream spoon with an affectionate note that was passed "secretly underneath the radar of the watchful eyes of the dean of women," according to Ms. Shepherd. Warm memories filled the face of Ms. Shepherd as she was reintroduced to a graduation dress that was made by her mother. And then we came across a hand written, faded copy of the song that she shares with all Gardner-Webb alumni, the "Alma Mater." Mrs. Shepherd learned the song from its infancy in the year Boiling Springs High School became a junior college. Together we sang this poem that connected the decades between us... "Alma Mater, Alma Mater, We pledge our hearts in deep devotion, Our love, our faith, eternally."

Time spent with this aged alumna was sacred, and that experience taught a fresh alumni director much about the early days of Gardner-Webb.

*-Lou Ann Gilliam, Director of Alumni Relations*

**Happy Birthday Ophelia Cooke Shepherd ... Happy Birthday Gardner-Webb.**





Pharmacy. He is co-owner of Unifour Body Works. The couple resides in Conover, N.C.

**MATTHEW RAY LAUGHTER '03 B.A.** and Crystal Faith Robertson were married on June 12, 2004. He is employed by UPS and is pursuing a master's degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She works with Rex Hospital and is completing her nursing degree.

**TERRY MCCANN '03 B.S.** has been promoted to the position of probation/patrol officer I for Stokes County.

**BONNIE ALICE MILLER '03 B.S.** and Justin David Moore were married on September 25, 2004. She is the text book manager for the GWU campus shop. He is an information

technology coordinator at Employment Staffing, Inc. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

**MICHAEL WAYNE PERRY '03 B.S.** and Amber Lee Gordon were married on May 29, 2004. He is an accountant for Taylor Brothers Tobacco Manufacturers. She is a customer service representative for The Salem Collection. The couple resides in Kernersville, N.C.

**JESSICA LEA PHILBECK '03 A.A.** and Christopher Allen Collins were married on June 12, 2004. She is a registered nurse at Grace Hospital in Morganton and is working on her B.S.N. He is employed by Jimbuilt Machines, Inc. The couple resides in Hickory, N.C.

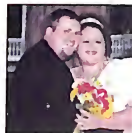
**JEFF PORTER '03 B.A.** and Amber Heller were married on June 12, 2004. He is the alumni communications coordinator at GWU and a student in the School of Divinity. She is a public health educator at the Cleveland County Health Department. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

**KATRINA DAWN ROTEN '03 B.S.** and Timothy James Armentrout were married this past summer. She is a case manager with New River Behavioral Healthcare. He is an electrician with Leviton. The couple resides in Lansing, N.C.

**ERICA ANITA SALES '03 B.S.** and Travis M. Walker were married April 24, 2004. She is an adjunct professor at Wilkes Community College and an employee at Adam's Seafood. He is employed with the Interflex Group. The couple resides in Roaring River, N.C.

**SHANNON MARIE SHEPPARD '03 B.S.** and Brandon Reagan Paris were married on August 28, 2004. She is a real estate accountant with Coldwell Banker Kasey and Associates. He is a machinist with Smith Aerospace. The couple resides in Asheville, N.C. shanshep@hotmail.com

**LAURA BETH SMITH '03 B.A.** and Jon Christopher Mode were married on October 8, 2004. She is employed by GWU in University Publications. He is employed by Wal-Mart. The couple resides in Mooresboro, N.C.



**ANNA LORRAINE SUTTON '03 B.S.N.** and Russell Ashley Hamrick were married on July 10, 2004. She is a registered nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center and a nurse recruiter for GW. She is pursuing her master of science in nursing. He is a physical education teacher and coach at Crest Middle School. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

**CHIP WATTS '03 B.S.** and Holly Boyles were married on June 19, 2004. He is a physical education teacher and football and baseball coach for Fred T. Foard High School. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree in birth-kindergarten education. The couple resides in Hickory, N.C.

**MELISSA ROSE DUGGINS YOW '03 B.A.** is an eighth grade language arts teacher for Randolph County Schools.

**SARA ALFORD '04 B.A.** has been hired as the tournament assistant for the Greater Hickory Classis at Rock Barn. The annual event is a PGA TOUR's Champions Tour event. She is responsible for managing all volunteer and pro-am initiatives and office administration.

**BRIAN NICHOLAS ARNOLD '04 B.A.** see Tracy Diane Robinson '04 B.S.N. listing.

**SUNNY MARTHA BRANCH '04 B.S.** and Phillip Wayne Chrismon were married on September 18, 2004. She works in the accounting department of Surry Telephone Membership Corporation. He is a diesel mechanic for Salem Leasing Corporation. They reside in Dobson, N.C.

**DANIEL NELSON BROUGHTON '04 B.S.** and Christy Lynn Sawyers were married on September 4, 2004. He is a teacher at Central Middle School. She is employed by Aon Consulting. The couple resides in Mt. Airy, N.C.

**LAURA ANN CAMPBELL '04 B.S. AND TYLER PAUL ROACH '04 B.A.** were married on June 26, 2004. They are living in Clinton, N.C., attending Campbell University Divinity School and serve at Grove Park Baptist Church. ladybug\_24@bellsouth.net

**BENJAMIN HARRIS COLLINS '04 B.S.** and Mary Katherine Barnette were married on June 26, 2004. He works for Collins Metal Company. She is pursuing a master's degree in education and works at Spindale Elementary. The couple resides in Bostic, N.C.

**JOSHUA STEPHEN DAGENHART '04 B.S.** and Jessica Nicole Hardeman were married on March 13, 2004. He is an x-ray engineer with Fischer Imaging. She works at People's Drug Store. The couple resides in Taylorsville, N.C.

**EMILY LEE DAVIS '04 B.S.** and Justin Porter McCollum were married on July 25, 2004. She is a case manager for Miriam's Kitchen in Washington, D.C. He is a museum educator at Discovery Creek Children's Museum. The couple resides in Arlington, V.A.

**AMANDA CHERYL HAMLETT '04 B.S.** and Samuel Jeffery Rule were married on September 18, 2004. She is a property accountant for Community Management Corporation. He is employed by Hurst Garage and is a volunteer fireman. The couple resides in Pilot Mountain, N.C.

**DONNA FAYE TRAVIS-HOPKINS '04 B.S.** is working for CenterPoint Human Services. donnablackonyx@aol.com

**MONICA LEIGH HOUSER '04 B.A. AND RUSSELL RYAN WILLIAMS '01 B.A.** were married on June 6, 2004. She teaches English at Kings Mountain High School. He is a history teacher at Jefferson Classical Academy. They live in Shelby, N.C.

**JOYCE ELAIN HUTCHENS '04 B.S.** and Brian Nathaniel Helton were married in June 12, 2004. He is stationed at Fort Campbell, K.Y. with the United States Army. The couple resides in Clarksville, T.N.

**ERIN ELAINE KING '04 B.S.N.** and Larry Thomas McCraw were married on June 5, 2004. She serves as a registered nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is a state trooper with the North Carolina Highway Patrol. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

**RACHEL MARIE MASSEY '04 B.S.** and Micheal Somers Pardue were married on June 26, 2004. She is a kindergarten teacher with Cleveland County Schools. He is a student at Gardner-Webb. The couple resides in Grover, S.C.

**TYLER PAUL ROACH '04 B.A.** see Laura Ann Campbell '04 B.S. listing.

**TRACY DIANE ROBINSON '04 B.S.N.** and Brian Nicholas Arnold '04 B.A. were married on June 26, 2004. She is a registered nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is graduate resident director and intramural director at GWU and graduate student in divinity school.

**SANDY COOPER ROSE '04 B.S.** see Sarah Ashley Loman '01 B.S. listing.

**TERRY SAWYER '04 B.S.** received the volunteer of the year award from Surry County Stop Child Abuse Now program. Terry volunteered as a parent aid for the organization.



EMILY INGRAM SHEETS '04 B.S. and Brian Howard Johnson were married on May 29, 2004. She is employed as a legal assistant with Allman, Spry, Leggett and Crumpler. He is vice president of Johnson Granite, Inc.

CASEY RENEE WALL '04 B.A. and Nathan Alan Vess were married on June 5, 2004. She is employed with Cleveland County Schools and Landmark Baptist Church. He is employed by Calvary Baptist Church. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

CARLA WEAVER '04 A.D.N. is now serving as a registered nurse in the emergency room at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

BONNIE WIGGINS '04 B.S. is serving as an accountant for Clayton Marcus, Inc.

## Graduate Alumni

### The '80s

RONALD K. HARGRAVE '85 M.A. is an assistant principal for Alexander County Schools.

DEBBIE E. COLLINS '89 M.A. is celebrating her retirement after 30 years in the field of education. She spent 27 years as a teacher with the Mount Airy School System. She previously taught at Millennium Charter School.

### The '90s

MARILYN SUSAN DILLINGHAM '90 M.A. received national board certification for early/middle childhood physical education in November 2003. She is teaching elementary physical education for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. She began her 21st year of teaching this fall.  
sdillingham@wsfcs.k12.nc.us

LORI LAMBERT '94 M.A. see Lori Lambert '92 B.S. listing.

GARY McDONALD '95 M.A. is now the assistant superintendent for Yadkin County Schools. He previously served as the assistant principal of Forbush High School.

LISA ANDERSON '96 M.A. has been hired as the new principal of Rosman Middle School. She was principal of North Henderson High School.

JULIE TAYLOR '96 M.A. was named Flat Rock Elementary School's teacher of the year. She is a first grade teacher at the school.

DEBBIE MARSH '97 M.A. has been named the administrator of the year for

the Mooresville Graded School District. She is the assistant principal at South Elementary School.

CHRIS SLOAN '97 M.B.A. see Chris Sloan '95 B.S. listing.

JIM TOUCHBERRY '97 M.A. was named principal of Blacksburg High School by the Cherokee County School District. He has served over 30 years in the educational field as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal.

WENDI CRAVEN BARBER '98 M.A. has been named principal of the year for Burke County. She is the principal at North Liberty School.

CHARLES DORRIN GOODWIN '98 M.B.A. and Annette Teresa Smith were married on October 23, 2004. He is a financial controller with BMW. She is a nurse unit manager with Brookview Health Care. The couple resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

MARK COLLINS '99 M.Div. see Lisa Heafner Collins '87 B.A. listing.

### The '00s

DEVIN BAIN '00 M.B.A. see Devin Bain '98 B.S. listing.

DEANNA FINGER '00 M.A. has accepted a position as principal at Blackburn Elementary School. She previously served as principal at Claremont Elementary School.

SHANE KIRBY '00 M.Div., see Shane Kirby '97 B.A. listing.

GREG OTTAWAY '00 M.A. has been appointed principal of Lawsonville Elementary School. He was a former

assistant principal with the Alamance-Burlington School System.

DONNA HENNIES STAFFORD '00 M.A. has been appointed principal at Friedberg Elementary School. She had served as assistant principal at Wallburg Elementary School.

JULIE STRIBLING '00 M.A. has been named counselor of the year for the state of South Carolina. She is the school counselor at New Prospect Elementary in Spartanburg, S.C.

SHERRY JOAN THOMPSON '00 M.B.A. see Sherry Joan Thompson '93 B.S. listing.

JEREMY KARL AMICK '01 M.Div. see Angela Michelle Amick '98 B.S.N. listing.

RICHARD DALE ELLIS '01 M.B.A. has been appointed director of human resources for Iredell-Statesville Schools. He has served as an adjunct instructor for the GWU GOAL program since 2001.  
daleellis1@yahoo.com

REBECCA ANN FRIEND '01 M.A. is the new principal at North Henderson High School. She had been serving as assistant principal at Crest High School. She was also an adjunct professor at Cleveland Community College.

REBECCA MASTIN '01 M.A. has been appointed assistant principal at Millers Creek Elementary School. She most recently taught at Moravian Falls Elementary School.

GABE CLEVINGER '02 M.Div., see Gabe Clevenger '98 B.A. listing.



**LEAH CLEVINGER '02 M.Div.**, see Gabe Clevenger '98 B.A. listing.

**MARY ANN CAMPBELL DAVIS '02 M.A.** is serving as an adjunct professor of English at Salem College.

**SHANNON SALE HAMPTON '02 M.B.A.** see Shannon Sale Hampton '92 B.S. listing.

**JASON HARGETT '02 M.B.A.**, see Jason Hargett '99 B.S. listing.

**YAZMIN IDEE'NA HARVEY '02 M.B.A.** and Idrissa Senghor Price were married on April 3, 2004. She is an account executive for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He is a manager for Advanced Auto Parts in Belmont. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**BECKY ROACH '02 M.A.** is the new principal at Rutherford College Elementary School. She has worked in education for 17 years as a teacher and facilitator.

**AARON DURANT ALLEN '03 M.A.** and Tammie Fae Welch were married June 26, 2004. He is an assistant principal at North Lincoln High School. She is an exceptional children's teacher at Kings Mountain High School.

**CHERYL BAITY '03 M.A.** is now serving as assistant principal at Fair Grove Elementary School. She was serving as a teacher at Pilot Elementary School.

**ERIKA S. BEBOW '03 M.B.A.** has joined E.J. Victor, Inc. as director of marketing services. She is responsible for all marketing related activities.

**LISA MANN BROOKS '03 M.B.A.** has been accepted into the doctorate program at UNC-Charlotte. She will pursue a doctorate in public health policy.

**MATHIEU LYNN CHAPMAN '03 M.A.** see Sallie Elizabeth Smith '02 B.S.N. listing.

**ROBIN A. E. DUPLESSIS '03 M.A.** has begun working as a clinician for Counseling Services, Inc. and has applied for licensure, LCPC in Maine. She and her husband, Forest, recently celebrated their 17th wedding

anniversary. He is a co-manager for Wal-Mart.  
PSYCOROBIN@yahoo.com

**KEITH EZELL '03 M.A.** is serving as assistant principal for Spindale Elementary School. He has been an elementary school teacher since 1995.

**CHANDA FLYNN '03 M.S.N.** has been promoted to chief nursing officer at Mary Black Memorial Hospital.

**RUSTY HALL '03 M.A.** has been appointed principal of West Stokes High School. He was serving as a math and science teacher in Davidson County.

**LOLITA R. HARGRAVE '03 M.A.** has been appointed principal of Moravian Falls Elementary School. She has worked as an assistant principal, special populations coordinator, an after school detention supervisor and a business education teacher.

**DEBORAH HILL '03 M.A.** has been named assistant principal for Ledford Middle School.

**CHRISTY LEFEVERS '03 M.A.C.**, see Christy Lefevers '02 B.S. listing.

**JAMIE MAIELLA '03 M.B.A.** and Regan announce the birth of their first child, Dessie Grace, born January 25, 2004. Jamie has been promoted to the position of practice administrator for Hickory Cardiology.

**KERRI MURDOCK '03 M.A.** and Kevin Layne were married on July 26, 2003. She is a first grade teacher at Mt. Mourne Elementary School. He is president of D.G. Services, Inc. They reside in Mooresville, N.C.  
kaklayne@netzero.net

**DANA LYNN RINEHART '03 M.A.** began working as a clinical services director at One Day At A Time in October 2004. ruatigger2@yahoo.com

**JERI MELISSA RIKARD '03 M.A.** and David Allen Ploeger were married in July 17, 2004. She is a school counselor at North Elementary School. He is assistant manager of guest services at Gaston Memorial Hospital. They reside in Kings Mountain, N.C.

**LEE SYRIA '03 M.B.A.** has been designated a senior professional in human resources by the Human Resources Certificate Institute. She is the vice-president of human resources for United Church Homes and Services.

**DENISE WILLIS '03 M.A.** has accepted the principal position at Flat Rock Elementary. She has served as assistant principal of the school and as a middle school teacher.

**BRAD ARROWOOD '04 M.A.** and Christy McCormick were married on June 26, 2004. Brad is serving as the assistant principal at Table Rock Middle School with the Burke County School System. Christy is a science teacher at Freedom High School. They reside in Morganton, N.C.

**DANIEL EDDIE BURLESON '04 M.B.A.** see Bridget Dione Campbell '98 B.S. listing.

**STEPHANIE ELAINE CAROUTHERS '04 M.B.A.** and Charles Elliott Kelly were married on September 18, 2004. She is a city of clerk for Shelby, N.C. He is employed by Kelly's Lawn Service. The couple resides in Waxhaw, N.C.

**ANDREA RAY JESSUP '04 I.M.B.** and Joshua Ty Simpson were married on October 8, 2004. She is a purchasing analyst for Krispy Kreme Donut Corp. He is a customer service representative with R.J. Reynolds. The couple resides in Pilot Mountain, N.C.

**NEAL PAYNE '04 M.Div.** see Neal Payne '97 B.A. listing.

**ALLISON LEA PORTER '04 M.A.** and Jeffrey Neal Duckworth were married on June 12, 2004. She is assistant athletic trainer at GWU. He is employed by United Beverages of Hickory. The couple resides in Morganton.

**BRAD WALL '04 M.A.C.** is now serving as vice-president of beverage operations for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. He has worked for the company since 1995 in a variety of positions including vice-president of sales planning.



# DEATHS

**SARAH NORMAN '35 A.A.** died June 12, 2004. She was a secretary at Dover Mills for 49 years and a member of First Baptist Church, Shelby. She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, three sisters, a brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two sisters.

**DAVID LEE WILSON, JR. '40 A.A.** died May 20, 2004. He retired after 40 years of service with national security at Fort Meade, MD. He earned two bronze stars for service in World War II. He was a member of College Park Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, a stepson, seven grandchildren, two brothers and a number of nieces and nephews.

**TANDY R. BULL '46 A.A.** died February 28, 2004. He was a retired machinist from Greenville Machinery, a member of Washington Baptist Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge # 345. He is survived by a stepdaughter, three stepsons, six step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**REV. HARVEY LEONARD WHITE '46 A.A.** died September 1, 2004. As a retired minister, he served as a pastor for churches throughout Alexander, Iredell, and Wilkes counties for fifty years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**ALVIN ELLIOTT BRITT '48 A.A.** died June 19, 2004. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was associated with Britt Construction until 1960. He worked at Armco Construction for 10 years before forming Utility Construction. He worked as an inspector for the City of Houston from 1980-1990. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

**BILL UPCHURCH '49 A.A.** died May 29, 2004. He was the longest serving mayor of Cherryville, N.C. During his 12 year tenure as mayor, he was instrumental in economic development for the city. He and his son owned and operated Upchurch Garden Center. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and seven grandchildren.

**JOHN LEE COFFEE, JR. '54 A.A.** died August 8, 2004. He was a retired supervisor in the shipping department of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He was a member of Old Town Baptist Church and a past board member of the Autism Society of N.C. He is survived by his wife, a son, a sister, a brother, two nieces and two nephews.

**DR. EDDIE CRAPPS '54 A.A.** died July 29, 2004. He was a retired minister having served churches in Laurens and Camden, S.C. He was also a chaplain with the South Carolina Department of Correction. He is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren, a brother and sister.

**IRVIN THOMAS JOHNSON '56 A.A.** died August 15, 2004. As a retired minister he served several churches in N.C. and was the associate missionary for the Elkin Baptist Association. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, two brothers, one sister and an uncle.

**YATES PEARSON '62 A.A.** died April 18, 2004. He was a retired produce manager for Winn-Dixie. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, daughter, brother and one grand-daughter.

**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL '71 B.A.** died on October 6, 2004. He was serving as pastor of Midwood Baptist Church in Charlotte. He held graduate degrees from Southeastern Seminary, Luther Rice Seminary and Covington Theological Seminary. He served as pastor for several churches throughout N.C. and was president of Mid Atlantic Bible College for five years. He also served as a counselor in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System and as a research analyst at Carolinas Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, a sister, brother-in-law and mother-in-law.

**AUGUSTA GONGETTER NORRIS '74 B.S.N.** died May 16, 2004. She was a retired nurse having served as the head nurse at Upstate Carolina Medical Center, nursing supervisor at Brookview Health Care Center and a volunteer nurse at Bethel Senior Day Care Center. She was a member of Limestone Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Whitaker Chapter No. 27. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**SHERRY G. MCABEE '75 A.D.N.** died July 28, 2004. She was a retired nurse from Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Roger; her mother Margaret Gordon; one daughter, three sisters and one niece.

**KATHY MCMAHAN '75 B.S.** died August 2004. She was an educator having served Myers Park Traditional, Charlotte Lutheran and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. She was a supporter of disadvantaged children and was involved in many charitable organizations. She is survived by her husband and two children.

**JOSEPH HENRY SAYLOR '83 B.A.** died April 1, 2004. He was a compliance officer with the N.C. Department of Labor and was active in the Buncombe County Democratic Party. He was a 33rd Mason and a member of Elkin Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his brothers. Survivors include his mother and uncle.

**NANCY MERRILL WILLIS '89 M.A.** died May 11, 2004. She was a retired speech therapist for Gaston County Schools. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, several aunts, a nephew and several close companions. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister.

**DONALD RAY PEELER '91 B.A.** died June 23, 2004. He was the former pastor of Smith Grove Baptist Church in Forest City, N.C. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, his father and stepmother, one brother, one sister, grandmother, three stepbrothers, four stepsisters and several nieces and nephews.

**GENEVA R. USSERY '94 B.S.** died April 24, 2004. She was employed by Wachovia Bank in corporate operation. She is survived by two daughters, her father and mother, a sister, a brother, three nephews, three nieces and a number of other relatives.

**BILLIE JEAN BARKLEY-CONSTANTINIDIS '00 B.A.** died October 20, 2004. She was a substance abuse counselor with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Center for Chemical Dependency. She is survived by her husband, mother and grandmother.

**NORMA H. MCCLENEY**, former professor, died April 2, 2004. She had a 41-year career in education having taught in several high schools and colleges. She spent eight years teaching U.S. Armed Forces in Germany. She was a member of First Baptist Church Myrtle Beach. She is survived by two daughters, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

**MARY PETTIGREW LEE REGISTER**, former professor, died June 27, 2004. She spent her career in music serving as a piano teacher, professor and public school music teacher. She is survived by two sisters and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

**HENRY WEATHERS, SR.**, former member of Advisory Board, died August 11, 2004. He was a former publisher of the Shelby Daily Star and a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church. He founded the Weathers Charitable Foundation. He served on the boards of several businesses and community organizations. He is survived by a son, one sister, three grandchildren and several other family members.



# GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING!

*Dr. Alice Cullinan Honored with Endowed Scholarship*



Meet Dr. Alice Cullinan ... "Dr. C" as she is affectionately known by her students, retired this past fall after 30 years of service to Gardner-Webb University. The mounds of notebooks, the walls of reading materials, and scores of ministers serving in churches throughout the region all testify to the faithful and effective teaching of this religious educator.

At her retirement banquet, it was announced that a scholarship had been established in her honor. Family and friends responded quickly and have endowed the Dr. Alice Rae Cullinan

Christian Service Organization Scholarship. Additional funds continue to arrive as former students and friends learn of this tribute. The corpus of this endowed scholarship will be held in perpetuity, and countless students will receive scholarship assistance in the years to come.

Perhaps there is someone you would like to honor by establishing a scholarship. The Gardner-Webb development staff will be happy to work with you to help ensure that scholarship funds are available for students who desire an education at Gardner-Webb University. As the cost of a college education continues to rise, the need for scholarships becomes more critical. We would welcome the opportunity to show you how you can help a student and honor a friend. Your endowment gifts will help ensure that Gardner-Webb University will continue its tradition of excellence well into our next 100 years. If you have questions regarding planned and/or major gifts, please call Dr. David Boan, assistant vice president for development - major gifts at (704) 406-3251 or via email [dboan@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:dboan@gardner-webb.edu). We will be happy to schedule an appointment with you.

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In honor of our 100th year, GWU is asking all alumni to consider a gift of \$100 to the Gardner-Webb Fund. The Gardner-Webb Fund is the name for GWU's annual campaign for support. Every dollar given to the Gardner-Webb Fund goes to support student scholarships.

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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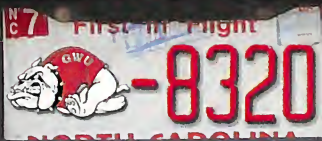
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