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Exceeding Our Grasp

To be known as the preeminent Christian university—in the southeastern United States, if not in the entire nation.

For many people, to say that this is a “bold goal” would be an understatement. But there are few things about Gardner-Webb that I believe in more certainly and more passionately than I do its future. Ours is already a great University, and we are embarking on the road to even Higher Ground.

On that journey we will further strengthen an already strong Christian foundation, and we will honor and preserve our Baptist heritage. We will continuously advance our academic program to even greater levels of excellence consistent with the preeminent University. Student life will genuinely reflect a Student-Centered University. Integrity and the ideal of true student-athletes will be embodied in a competitive athletic program that other schools will seek to emulate. Finally, the life of the University—and the lives of our graduates—will validate the motto, “Pro Deo et Humanitate.” In innumerable ways, the world will be a better place because of the lives and influence of Gardner-Webb graduates. This is what our University is all about.

Achieving our bold goal will take bold action and confidence—and commitment. Continuing the status quo simply will not do—and let’s not even think about it! It is commonly observed that
whether you believe you can do something or believe you can't, you are right.

Making our vision a reality will require considerable resources. We need a new student center, science building, and fine arts center. Greater support is needed for faculty, staff, curricula, programs and facilities. There must be far greater scholarship support available to qualified and deserving students.

Planning is underway for an ambitious campaign aimed at garnering these resources. Success in the campaign will require the support of alumni and friends, and the entire University family—as well as friends we do not even know yet. The campaign will be as ambitious and bold as our goal. To some it will seem unrealistic and beyond our grasp. In an often-quoted line from one of his poems, Robert Browning suggested that one's reach should exceed one's grasp.

I believe that if we reach with boldness and confidence our goal will indeed be within our grasp!

God's Blessings to You,

A. Frank Bonner
President, Gardner-Webb University
GREAT FOUNDATION

SBC President Says GWU Offered Opportunities for Growth

"College is a pivotal time when relationships are formed that are more powerful than any other time in life. It is a time of developing a person's psyche, self-esteem and personhood. It was for me. Gardner-Webb provided a great opportunity of growth for me,"

Dr. Frank Page, President of the Southern Baptist Convention

Gardner-Webb has provided a solid foundation for countless leaders of the church, missions and other forms of ministry for over 100 years. That reputation is what piqued the interest of Dr. Frank Page ('73), president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), and eventually brought him to Boiling Springs. "Gardner-Webb was known throughout the state as a great place for ministerial preparation and as I discovered Gardner-Webb was a place of great diversity culturally and religiously. There was a spectrum," added Page, "from the conservative to the liberal. Experiencing and understanding that as a college student has helped me in my role with the Church and the Southern Baptist Convention."

In a major upset last summer, Page was elected president of the SBC with over 50 percent of the vote. He won the race over two candidates closely aligned to the SBC power structure. "It was a big surprise. You don't run against the power structure and win. It just doesn't happen. It was surreal. Everything was swirling around me. The media was everywhere expecting me to make presidential statements," remembers Page, "...The London Times, The New York Times –It was sweet and scary at the same time. It has changed my life in ways that I still don't understand."

The SBC is home to over 16 million members in more than 42,000 churches in the United States. They also sponsor nearly 5,000 home missionaries serving the United States, Canada, Guam and the Caribbean, as well as sponsoring more than 5,000 foreign missionaries in 153 nations. As the elected leader for this body, Page spends time with Government heads, representatives from Christian and other religious organizations and even local churches. Page feels that demands from current society offer a unique challenge for Baptists today. "Baptists are going to have to work hard in an increasing anti-Christian era and day. We are fighting an uphill battle in a society that says you must tolerate all beliefs and all religions," noted Page, "they say you cannot believe in an exclusive entity. The God of our culture today is tolerance and while being tolerant is not negative, we as Baptists say that we believe that Christ is the only way. We do respect everybody and their differences, but we still believe that Christ is the way. And that is becoming exceedingly unpopular. We will not give in to the popular culture's demands that we deny the central tenant of our faith. That is a key challenge for the Baptist Family at large," said Page.

Page earned his Bachelor of Science degree with honors in three years (Psychology major and minors in Sociology and Greek) from Gardner-Webb and pursued his Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. At the age of 28 he received his Ph.D from Southwestern Seminary in the field of Christian Ethics. "My Psychology studies at Gardner-Webb allowed me to get a handle on how to understand people better and that has helped me in ministry a great deal. My sociology background focusing on the study of group dynamics and group settings has also been beneficial. The study of Psychology, Sociology and Greek all gave me a great foundation. When I went to graduate school I was ahead of the game," noted Page.

Page is the author of several books and many articles. He has also served as a speaker and lecturer to many conferences, colleges and seminaries. His love for missions and evangelism has allowed him to lead evangelism training conferences and missions seminars across the nation and overseas in places like Germany, Norway, Israel, and Nigeria. As the pastor to the 4300+ member First Baptist Church of
Taylors (SC), Page has encouraged his congregation to increase its ministries and outreach in unique ways to the surrounding community and to embrace national and international missions. “Our Church has almost tripled in size since 2001, we average 2500 in worship services now. The church has also moved from an inward focus to a mission minded church,” added Page. “We do 10-15 mission trips per year and have also started multiple local mission works. We have a full free medical clinic with a pharmacy, x-ray capabilities, and a medical lab – the whole deal. It is designed to meet the needs of uninsured and underinsured. We also offer a single mom oil change mission.”

Through his leadership, Page also hopes to create a more open Southern Baptist Convention that will include leadership roles for men and women from churches of every size. He is also looking to create opportunities for leaders who have never served in key positions before. In the past, some have accused Southern Baptist leaders as being an elitist group offering opportunities to the same individuals and churches year after year. Page hopes to change that as he also searches for ways to unify the Baptist family. “I will be trying to unite varying groups in a common cause and I hope that common cause is missions and evangelism with integrity. I think that we (as Baptists) need to discuss our commonalities not our differences.”

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“We need to intensify the University’s efforts in development and, most important, secure the endowment and significant financial resources necessary to realize our vision of a great future for Gardner-Webb University.” In that respect, Dr. A. Frank Bonner named a new member to the Gardner-Webb senior staff. “I am announcing the appointment of Steve Varley as Vice President for Development. Steve has already proven himself to be a highly capable chief development officer, and it is an honor to name him to this position,” added Bonner.

Varley has served Gardner-Webb since 1998 in numerous capacities. Those positions included: Assistant Vice President for Alumni and Parent Relations, Director of Printing and Publications, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, University Webmaster and faculty member in the School of Business. Varley is responsible for every aspect of fund-raising for the University including: Major Gifts, Planned Giving, the Annual Fund, Bulldog Club, and capital campaigns.

Bonner also announced that long-time faculty and staff member, Dr. Gayle Price has accepted the appointment of Associate Provost for Schools. “Dr. Price has made extraordinary contributions to the academic quality of Gardner-Webb University through her teaching, scholarship, and her leadership in the Writing Across the Curriculum program, as well as in her service as Dean of the Graduate School,” said Bonner. “She is especially well qualified for the role of Associate Provost for Schools, and I look forward to her strong leadership of these fine academic schools.”

While at Gardner-Webb (since 1991), Price has served as professor and chair of the English Department, Graduate School dean and was the founder and director of the Learning Assistance Program and Writing Resource Center. Her new responsibilities will include the supervision and administration of six individual schools (Business, Divinity, Education, Graduate Studies, Nursing, and Psychology and Counseling) and their directors and chairs. She will also direct academic matters related to faculty workloads and teaching schedules within those schools. Other duties include faculty performance evaluations, interviewing prospective faculty and approving the schools’ academic budgets.

Dr. Jeff Tubbs was named to the role of Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness in a new senior staff position. Duties for this position will include numerous aspects of strategic planning for the University, supervising institutional research and administering evaluation and assessment procedures throughout the University programs and departments. “I want to increase the coordination of the various offices on campus in developing a plan for Gardner-Webb’s future,” noted Tubbs.

Tubbs has worked at Gardner-Webb University since 1982 in a number of capacities including professor and most recently associate vice president for records and enrollment. “I value the professional relationships I have established in my 25 years at the institution and hope to draw on these resources in my new assignment,” added Tubbs.
Gardner-Webb University President, Frank Bonner also announced two appointments to the Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity. Dr. Robert W. Canoy has been named as the new dean of the School and Dr. Gerald Keown has accepted the position of associate dean. Canoy has served as Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Theology for the School of Divinity since 2000. Canoy came to Gardner-Webb after serving as Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. A native of Greenville, MS, Canoy holds the bachelor’s degree from Mississippi College and the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Philosophy from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. An accomplished academician, he has served at both The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Canoy has also served as pastor for several Baptist churches in North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa and Maryland. Canoy has published numerous articles, including significant Biblical resources for teachers, students and scholars of New Testament studies.

The Divinity School’s new Associate Dean, Dr. Gerald L. Keown has served at Gardner-Webb’s Divinity School since 1996 as Professor of Old Testament Interpretation. He came to the School of Divinity from Louisville, KY, where he had been on the faculty of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was the Martha and Talmage Rogers Professor of Old Testament Interpretation. Keown has spent time teaching in the Moscow Seminary of Evangelical Christians and the Singapore Baptist Seminary. He earned the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama, the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and has done additional studies at Hebrew Union College, Goethe Institute and the University of Chicago. Keown co-authored a volume of Word Biblical Commentary on Jeremiah 26-52, and has been published in several books and journals.

Canoy becomes the fourth dean of the School of Divinity – following Dr. Robert Lamb, Dr. Wayne Stacy and Dr. Charles Bugg. Bugg announced last summer that he was stepping down as dean but would continue to teach. He also noted that he was planning to focus more of his time on family matters.

**THE SOCCER ‘DOGS REIGN AS CHAMPIONS**

The 2006 Gardner-Webb men’s soccer team proved to be one for the ages. After starting off the season 0-5-2, the Bulldogs season and hopes for a post season bid looked grim. Yet the ‘Dogs refused to die, and by the season’s end, they earned a spot in their first-ever Atlantic Sun Conference Championship tournament.

In the championship match, the ‘Dogs silenced Stetson’s home crowd, defeating the Number 1 seeded Hatters 2-1 in overtime, crowning the Bulldogs as the 2006 Atlantic Sun Champions and earning them an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer National Championship tournament.

In the school’s first ever NCAA Division I tournament appearance, the ‘Dogs did not disappoint as they upset the heavily favored University of Alabama Birmingham Blazers, 3-1. Gardner-Webb’s season would eventually come to an end, as the ‘Dogs fell to the nationally ranked Number 9 Clemson Tigers, 3-1 in the second round of the NCAA Division I tournament, wrapping up one of the best seasons in GWU men’s soccer history.

GWU Soccer coach, Tony Setzer was also named Atlantic Sun Coach of the Year.
Gardner-Webb Veterans Retire After 40 Years of Service

Gardner-Webb bid a retiring goodbye to two faculty members who left a legacy of tradition behind them. Dr. Les Brown and Dr. Shirley Toney retired from their positions as Gardner-Webb faculty after 40 years of devoted service to the University community.

Brown, a Professor of Biology in the Department of Natural Sciences, retired after a long-standing teaching career. He began teaching in 1963 after obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University and came to Gardner-Webb in 1966 upon completion of his Masters Degree in Biology, also from Appalachian State. During his tenure at Gardner-Webb, Brown earned his PhD in Vertebrate Zoology from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1972. Brown is married to Dr Joyce Compton Brown, a past professor of English at Gardner-Webb University. Brown continues to volunteer and serve on several boards, and organizations relating to biology and the environment.

Dr. Toney retired as Dean of the School of Nursing after her dedicated service both in and out of the classroom. From 1965-1990, Toney served as a Nursing Instructor and Educator at Gardner-Webb, and in 1992, she was named Dean. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wake Forest University with a major in Nursing and later completed post-graduate work in Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing at UNC Charlotte. Toney earned her Master of Education from North Carolina State University and her PhD of Nursing from The University of Texas at Austin. She is also licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in North Carolina. Toney is married to Max Lee Toney and enjoys music, reading, homemaking, and traveling since her retirement.

The Gardner-Webb family thanks both Dr. Brown and Dr. Toney for their service and devotion to promoting excellence in education over the past 40 years.

GARDNER-WEBB STUDENTS REACH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

An emerging group of student leaders are proving that they have great things in mind for both the university and the surrounding community. Through campus involvement, participation in the community, and raising awareness, REACH Leaders are determined to make a positive difference.

The REACH Leaders program was launched in the fall of 2005. Sandy Hammett, assistant director of student activities (Community Engagement and Wellness Programming), coordinates the program. She realized the importance of establishing a program available for students who have a passion to serve, but she knew she could not do it alone. “I knew it was crucial to get students involved,” Hammett noted. “Students are more receptive to new ideas if the ideas are presented by their peers and student leaders.”

Gardner-Webb student Alycia Fulton served as the first REACH Chairperson during the 2005-2006 academic year. “We are a new organization of leaders who are anxious to assist students in their quest for volunteerism,” Fulton stated. “It’s an innovative team of peers who want students to experience the joys, benefits, and pure fun of volunteering in the community.” The REACH database has been compiled of area organizations seeking volunteers for various projects and needs-based efforts. Fulton’s passion, coupled with that of her peers, has become contagious around Gardner-Webb’s campus. Individual students, university classes, clubs and organizations, and faculty and staff have used the REACH database to become more involved in the surrounding community. The REACH program has offered volunteer support to agencies and organizations such as the United Way, the Salvation Army and local food and homeless shelters.

Gardner-Webb has certainly reaped the benefits of having an active student volunteerism group on campus. Not only has this group been a testament to the committed students at Gardner-Webb, but there has also been an awareness raised of the importance and need to “reach” out to our surrounding communities.

-Allison Blackwell
The Establishment

New Degree Program Designed to Prepare Next Generation of Biblical Scholars

"The Master of Arts (MA) in Religion is designed for students who wish to pursue the academic study of religion and to prepare for life and work within the academic community," explained Dr. Doug Bryan, chair of the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy. During the fall semester, Gardner-Webb University and the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy welcomed its first students into the School's newest graduate program.

"The MA in Religion has three specific types of students in mind," said Dr. Eddie Stepp, coordinator of the MA in Religion. "First, the MA in Religion is for women and men who anticipate doing doctoral studies in the future, with full-time university teaching as a goal. Second, this degree is for students who are interested in teaching Religion at the community college level, perhaps as an aspect of a bi-vocational ministry. Third, the MA in Religion is for students who are interested in teaching Religion or Bible courses in private secondary schools."

For the initiators of this degree, one of the issues that Gardner-Webb is trying to address is the future of higher education in Baptist-affiliated universities. A particular concern is the question of who is going to educate the next generation of university professors at Baptist institutions. "Our desire is to help prepare the next generation of professors in our Baptist related schools," noted Bryan. As a result, the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy structured the MA in Religion in such a way that students will be well prepared for further graduate studies. "With our strong focus on language proficiency in Greek and Hebrew as a basic requirement for entry into the program," said Bryan, "we are especially appealing to students who wish to do further graduate studies in biblical languages and biblical studies."

"One of the benefits of the program," added Stepp, "is that we are working closely with Gardner-Webb's M. Christopher White School of Divinity. The MA in Religion is not designed to be in competition with the Master of Divinity degree and it is not a shortcut degree for those seeking a shorter educational experience. The Master of Arts is for those who feel called to teach and desire a more academic study of Religion to prepare them for that task. For students interested in both the MDiv and the MA in Religion, a dual degree is also offered through the Divinity School.

Current Gardner-Webb faculty and visiting biblical scholars will serve as professors for this degree program. During the fall, Dr. Edgar McKnight, research professor and William R. Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus of Religion at Furman University, taught a New Testament Seminar in the inaugural semester of the program. "McKnight is one of the giants of Baptist New Testament professors. Professor McKnight is internationally recognized as one of the leading New Testament scholars in North America. We at Gardner-Webb are grateful for his willingness to join our faculty as Guest Professor of New Testament in the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy," said, Dr. Lorin Cranford, professor of Religion at Gardner-Webb.

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Endowed Gift to Allow World-Travel and Cultural Immersion Experience

“I am proud to share that Ms. Joyce Earnhardt has left a legacy appropriate to her interest in Baptist education with the establishment of the William Arthur and Cora Honeycutt /Joyce Ann Earnhardt Endowed Scholarship fund to benefit students at Gardner-Webb. Specifically, this generous gift of well over a million dollars will form an endowment used to support mission study abroad for students of the School of Divinity,” said Gardner-Webb President, Dr. A. Frank Bonner.

Earnhardt had a passion for education. She was also a dedicated member of First Baptist Church in Mooresville, NC for the majority of her life, and lived in Mooresville for over 70 years. Her career began at the First National Bank of Mooresville and she retired from that same organization, by then the Bank of America, as a loan officer. Earnhardt especially loved to travel and visited many parts of the world. Her love of world travel, education and Christianity led to this estate gift to Gardner-Webb. “This gift is a fitting tribute to Ms. Earnhardt and her Christian commitment,” added Bonner.

This endowed scholarship will offer two distinct programs for divinity school students. The first of these will be a “Mission Immersion Experience” in which a student will travel abroad to live and study with a host family and be immersed in a local culture so that they may be better informed and prepared to share the Christian message within that culture. These experiences will take place in many different locations around the world, in some ways echoing Ms. Earnhardt’s own very diverse interests.

The second of these programs will be a “Bible Travel and Experience” that will financially assist students to travel to Biblical locations as they study the Old and New Testament. These destinations may be Greece, Israel, or Turkey and will be included as part of an academic course in the program.

“Earnhardt excelled in the business world at a time when there were not many women working in that particular workforce.” Ms. Earnhardt was a woman who knew the meaning of hard work and responsibility and she lived her life sharing that wisdom with others. Since she was a leader of women, it is fitting that this gift will benefit a university with a commitment to preparing men, as well as women for God’s call,” said Tony Houston, longtime friend of the Earnhardt family.

Because of this gift, students will reap the benefits of exploring new cultures and lands of the Bible first-hand for many years to come. “We are glad to have had the chance to know Ms. Earnhardt and very grateful for her deep commitment to enriching the ministry of our students,” noted Bonner.

-Deborah Gaddis contributed to this article
Reaching Beyond the Stained Glass

Student serves the needs of orphans in Malawi, Africa

Some are called to be teachers. Some feel led to become doctors, business executives or television producers. Putting that call and educational experience into action is what Gardner-Webb President, Dr. Frank Bonner encourages in students. A true educational experience is enhanced through hands-on learning. Such an approach to learning also serves the needs of the local community and of the world. Bryan Evans, a student at The School of Divinity, recently offered his services to the people of Malawi, Africa, where he served the physical and spiritual needs of over 300 individuals a day.

Evans has traveled to Malawi four times since he joined the Hands on Missions team in 2003. Hands on Missions is an organization committed to short-term missions with long-term commitments. Founded in 1997 by a local pastor, Glenn Walker of Cleveland County Hands on Missions hosts revivals and Bible School programs, has an active ministry to children all over the world, and provides medical assistance to impoverished people. Hands on Missions provides Evans with an opportunity to apply his divinity school education, which is concentrated in Christian education and missiology, to active Christian service and ministry through cultural immersion.

Because Evans was the first African-American missionary to Malawi, the Yao people immediately were drawn to him. They quickly immersed Evans in their culture, teaching him the native traditions. Evans said all of the Yao people are affected by two ailments, a great famine and the rampant spread of AIDS. Many adults have died as a result of the AIDS epidemic, leaving numbers of children orphaned and impoverished.

“Grace Farm,” which receives most of its financial support from anonymous donors in Cleveland County, provides economic opportunities for the Yao and produces food for the orphanage. Evans’ ministry took place on “Grace Farm” and in neighboring villages, as he and the Hands on Missions team hosted field day activities and Bible studies for the Yao children. “This was the first time that many of the village children heard the gospel of Jesus Christ,” said Evans. It was an all-encompassing mission of Christian service to the Yao people. “In God, we accomplished everything we set out to do and more,” Evans said.

Divinity School administrators and faculty recognize the importance of mission education and cultural immersion when training ministers. In fact, The School of Divinity received a monetary gift that will help fund a mission immersion experience for divinity school students. (See page 10 story) Like Evans, other students will now have the opportunity to serve the needs of our world, while learning to exist and minister within the traditions of another culture. “I like doing ministry in the church, but I feel my calling reaches beyond the stained-glass windows of the church, to hands-on ministry in the community.”

- Deborah Gaddis contributed to this article
Hurricane Katrina Survivor Discovers Great Peace at Gardner-Webb

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina rocked the world. Gulf Coast homes were devastated; familiarity ceased to exist, dreams were shattered, and plans for higher learning were lost in a downward spiral. Now, a Gardner-Webb University student is a living testament of devotion and determination as he comes from a flooded past into a new community of caring.

Thousands of students along the Gulf Coast were forced to reevaluate their plans for higher education, but the Administration at Gardner-Webb University did not want them to abandon plans of hope and aspiration. The University waived fees not only for students would pay their allotted tuition to the Gulf Coast institution in which they were enrolled and participate in a sort of semester-exchange program with Gardner-Webb.

“We wanted to give the students their deserved opportunity,” said Bonner. “We worked hard to make it possible for these students to attend Gardner-Webb and hoped to provide them with some sense of stability,” he added.

A former student at University of New Orleans (UNO), GWU junior Nathan Aymond is about 700 miles away from home in an area drastically different from the one he calls home in Harvey, LA.

One year later, Aymond decided that one semester at Gardner-Webb was not enough. At the end of the spring semester in 2006, Aymond knew he would be returning to Gardner-Webb in the fall. “There are mountains, trees, open air, and the most kind and friendly people you could ever meet here,” Aymond said of Gardner-Webb. “Everyone has been so welcoming. I’ve made a lot of new friends, and the professors are great, especially in the small classroom atmosphere.”

So what has Aymond learned from his experience? With a smile, he sat back and took a deep breath. “I’ve learned to always expect the unexpected,” he began. “I’ve expected a lot of things in life, but I never expected to wind up at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. But I’m here, and I love it. That’s why I’m back.”

-Allison Blackwell
Gardner-Webb Student
Students Work Behind the Camera to Capture History

History in the making is how many referred to the three-day Greater Gaston Celebration (NC). This crusade for Christ, featuring the Reverend Will Graham, reached 12,650 people during this inaugural U.S. campaign. Will Graham, the grandson of world’s most recognized evangelist, Billy Graham, has led more than 400 crusades worldwide and has preached in over 33 states and numerous countries, but this was his first event of this type in the states.

It was an opportunity for many to witness history and for a select few Gardner-Webb students to capture the events through the lens of a camera. Dr. Bob Carey, chairman of the Department of Communication Studies at Gardner-Webb, had heard about plans for the crusade months before, and realized this would be a great project for his photography students. He decided to contact the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, “I called and talked with their media relations department about the idea of letting us take pictures at the event and how they could choose photos from our collection for their own use of promotion and advertising. They were thrilled about the idea,” said Carey.

Carey was excited that his students were able to gain this experience, have fun in the process, and be a part of a unique and historic event. Through research, Carey found out that Billy Graham held his very first city-wide crusade almost 60-years ago in Charlotte (NC) and now less than 30-miles away at Gastonia’s Sims Legion Park, Will Graham conducted his first crusade. The three-day event included a message from Graham each evening and Christian musicians like Nicole C. Mullen and George Huff of American Idol fame.

GWU student, Rachael Lloyd acknowledged the historical significance of photographing this event, “This experience (Will Graham Crusade) was an incredible privilege to be a part of and Dr. Carey’s connections provides us with so many opportunities.”

Over the last few years, Gardner-Webb photojournalism students have had amazing opportunities. There was an invitation by Lowe’s Motor Speedway, Charlotte to document “Race Week: The NASCAR fan through the eyes of a photographer,” and on campus visits and workshops from Joe McNally and Dave Black. McNally was described by American Photo Magazine as one of the 100 Most Important People in Photography and known for his exhibit, “Faces of Ground Zero, The Heroes and Survivors of 9/11.” Dave Black is the official photographer for the United States Olympic Committee.

- Paul Foster contributed to this article

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Gardner-Webb Athletics Hall of Fame Names Four Honorees

The Gardner-Webb University Athletics Hall of Fame is designed to honor leaders, athletes, coaches and builders of the Gardner-Webb athletic program on an annual basis. It is also intended to preserve the historical and outstanding contributions made to the university’s athletic program by participants. Gardner-Webb has been honoring Hall of Fame Inductees since 1991.

In this year’s annual Hall of Fame ceremony, Gardner-Webb University inducted four members into its Athletics Hall of Fame. Each Hall of Fame member was presented with a commemorative plaque outlining his or her collegiate accomplishments. A Hall of Fame ring was also presented to the inductees by Gardner-Webb president Dr. A. Frank Bonner. The class of 2006 was also recognized during halftime at Gardner-Webb’s homecoming football game.

The following inductees earned their way into this year’s hall:

Women’s soccer standout Kristen (Lott) Setzer (1992-1995), baseball standout Terry Wright (1991-1994) and basketball standout Ben Davis (1982-86) were inducted into the Hall. Longtime Gardner-Webb University employee Ozzie McFarland, who has held a variety of important roles in athletics during his career, was given the Meritorious Service Award by the Hall of Fame.

Kristen (Lott) Setzer (Fairfax, VA) finished her playing career as one of the most decorated soccer players in Gardner-Webb University history, laying the groundwork for a program in its early stages of development. Setzer made her impact quickly, scoring an impressive 19 goals as a freshman in 1992, a single-season record that still remains for the freshman class. One of the most prolific goal scorers to ever play in Boiling Springs, Setzer finished her career as the Bulldogs’ career leader in total points (113) and goals scored (49), and remained tied for the career lead in goals scored 11 years later. Setzer’s post season honors during her playing career rival those of any student-athlete, as she earned All-South Atlantic Conference (SAC) honors four times and was a two-time NAIA All-District 26 selection. She was the first female student-athlete in Gardner-Webb University history to earn All-SAC honors four years consecutively in the same sport. At the time of her Hall of Fame induction, Setzer remained among the South Atlantic Conference’s career leaders in goals, ranking 10th in league history, and ranked 12th in career points scored.

Terry Wright’s (Forest City, NC) playing career at Gardner-Webb is legendary, as the speedy outfielder manned the leadoff spot in the Diamond Dogs’ batting order and produced at a Hall of Fame level for four seasons (1991-1994). Wright was a named All-SAC in each of his four seasons, becoming the first student-athlete in Gardner-Webb history to do so in the same sport. He earned NCAA Division II third-team All-America honors in his final
campaign, blistering the division’s pitchers in the process. Wright led the nation and set a new GWU record with 12 triples in 1994, batting .408 with 11 doubles, 21 steals, 49 runs and 44 RBI in the process – arguably the best all-around season in the school’s senior college history (1.114 OPS). Even more impressively, Wright struck out just four times in 1994. Wright finished his career with a strong .367 batting average, 254 hits, 155 runs scored, 65 stolen bases and a school-record 30 triples. Wright signed with the Butte (MT) Copper Kings in 1994 and batted .336 in his first professional season. He then signed with the Cincinnati Reds in 1995. Wright played for the Reds’ Class A affiliate in Charleston, WV, batting .288 to earn a spot in the South Atlantic League All-Star Game alongside current Major League All-Stars Vladimir Guerrero (Angels) and Andruw Jones (Braves).

BEN DAVIS (CLIO, SC) enjoyed a tremendous career on the basketball court at Gardner-Webb, developing into one of the program’s most explosive scorers on the perimeter. In a day without the benefit of a three-point line, Davis was a dead-eye shooter from outside. The Clio, SC, native finished his career with 2,039 points, which makes Davis the fourth-leading scorer in Gardner-Webb history. The 6-foot-4 Davis’ career shooting percentage of 54.7 percent (908-of-1661) is one of the highest in school history for a perimeter player and his 552 career rebounds put Davis on an elite list of men to score over 2,000 points and grab 500 rebounds at Gardner-Webb. Davis earned NAIA All-America honors in 1984-85, averaging 19.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game for a team that finished with an 18-10 record. Davis helped the Bulldogs to a 25-7 record as a freshman in 1982-83, averaging 14 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. Davis’ best scoring year came as a senior, when he averaged 21.6 points, 4.7 points and 3.3 assists per game, and shooting a sizzling 56.6 percent from the floor (301-of-532). Also a strong free throw shooter, Davis hit 79.8 percent from the charity stripe for his career (221-of-277). A testament to his consistent shooting touch from the floor, Davis never hit less than 52 percent of his field goals in a single season. Following his career at Gardner-Webb, Davis was drafted in the fifth round by the NBA’s Cleveland Cavaliers.

OZZIE MCFARLAND (SHELBY, NC) is the recipient of the Gardner-Webb athletics Hall of Fame Meritorious Service Award. McFarland has served the University in nearly every capacity imaginable – from starring on the baseball diamond during his undergraduate career to serving as the Director of Athletics for several years. Now a professor in the school’s Sports Management program, McFarland has worlds of experience to relay to his students. While serving as a graduate assistant in the Physical Education Department, McFarland was the Bulldogs’ head baseball coach from 1983-1987 – and also coached volleyball and cross country during the mid-1980s. In 1987, McFarland left coaching to become the school’s first full-time Sports Information Director, a role he excelled in as well. Adding duties as Director of the Bulldog Club in 1988, McFarland held a dual role until October 15, 1990, when he was named Director of Athletics (A.D.) – a post he held until 1997, when he moved into full-time teaching. During his time as A.D., Gardner-Webb won South Atlantic Conference titles in football (1992) and men’s basketball (1991-1992). A dual graduate of Gardner-Webb (1982 and 1984), McFarland exemplifies the terms dedication and loyalty, and continues to serve Gardner-Webb today.

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2007 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.

RON BEANE, '57
Beane attended Gardner-Webb from 1956 to 1957. He earned his Bachelor's Degree, Master of Arts and his Educational Specialist Degree from Appalachian State University. During his career, Beane served as a teacher, coach, and assistant principal and principal for Caldwell County (NC) and was associate superintendent for personnel from 1982 to 1994. Beane has been induc'ted to the Caldwell County Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2005 was named the Baton Ruritan Club Citizen of the Year and was presented the Caldwell County L.A. Dysart Award for Service and Citizenship. He is presently an Appalachian State University Rich College of Education Advancement Board Member, former president of the Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow) of Caldwell County and Governor-appointed Trustee to the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

BARBARA R. BLACKBURN, PH.D., '82 B.S., '87 M.A.
Dr. Barbara R. Blackburn graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1982 with her Bachelor's degree and in 1987 with her Master of Arts. In 2000 she earned a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Teaching from UNC Greensboro. Blackburn has served as a Regional Marketing Manager at Jostens Learning Corporation, a Marketing Representative Specialist for Scholastic and has also taught at UNC-G. Dr. Blackburn is also the author of the Classroom Motivation from A to Z and Classroom Instruction from A to Z. Blackburn has collected a number of awards over the years for excellence in teaching. Currently, Blackburn is President of Blackburn Consulting Group and serves on the faculty at Winthrop University.

EUGENE C. BUMGARDNER, B.S. '76
Bumgardner graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and has had additional studies at Winthrop University. He worked at Holbrook Junior High and Mt. Holly Junior High in Gaston Counties (NC), and then King's Mountain High for nearly thirty years. He has served as the Minister of Music at Lilly Baptist Church in Shelby, NC and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He is currently the Minister of Music at Hope Baptist Church in Gastonia, NC. Mr. Bumgardner served as the Chair of Music Education of North Carolina Choral Section, and was awarded teacher of the year honors three times.

JOY MCKIBBEN BURROW, '97 B.S.
Burrow graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1997 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She earned a Master's in Business Administration with a double major in Finance and Management from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. She currently holds the title of Corporate and Investment Banking Vice President in Market Risk Management at Wachovia where she has served since May of 1997. Mrs. Burrow has been involved in numerous community service projects including Race for the Cure, the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Reading First, and Carolina Youth Commission. Her time at GW afforded me opportunities and experiences that transcended the educational realm. What I learned about life – relationships, challenges, purpose and faith – will forever impact who I am and who I become.

MELINDA B. CAMPBELL, '81 B.S.
Dr. Campbell graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. Campbell earned a Master of Physical Education from Indiana University and her Ph.D. in Physical Education and Teacher Education from University of North Carolina Greensboro. Dr. Campbell has worked a number of years as a Health and P.E. teacher as well as head coach for several's basketball, volleyball, and track teams. She currently serves as Professor and Department Chair of Exercise and Sports Science at Meredith College. Campbell volunteers her time and resources to Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the Raleigh Rescue Mission and the Women's State Prison by developing physical activity to enhance the inmate's quality of life.

ROBERT DECKER, JR., '75 B.S.
Decker graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He went on to study at Winthrop University where he earned his Masters in Business Administration in 1979. During his career, Decker has worked as an instructor of mathematics and business at Cleveland Community College (NC), financial analyst supervisor (Investor Relations) for Duke Power, and Vice President of Investor Relations at Southern Bancorp. He has also worked independently as a business consultant, adjunct college instructor, business owner, and stay-at-home dad. Decker began North Washington Street Properties – a redevelopment company concentrating in revitalizing historic buildings in downtown Burlington, NC. He currently owns and operates The Firehouse Inn – Bed and Breakfast.

KENNETH L. FRIDAY B.S. '96
A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Friday graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Presently, he is the Owner and Executive Director of Friday’s Place Inc. and A Plus Home Care and is currently working on his MBA. Friday is the Youth and Associate Minister at Friendship Baptist Church in Gastonia, NC. Friday has been actively involved in several organizations including the Christian Youth Coalition, FBC Child Development Center (Board Member), and Friendship Ministries. Friday received a Mentor Appreciation Award, and was also a Scholarship supporter for the Army of Christ Ministry.

EDWARD “MAC” HILL, 1953-1955
Mac Hill attended Gardner-Webb from 1954 to 1955. He continued his education at the University of South Carolina, and graduated in 1958 with his A.B. degree. After completing his degree and serving in the U.S. Army he was named Sports Editor of Columbia Record, and was one of three South Carolina (SC) Sportswriters Assistant editors who founded the SC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1959. During his career, he has worked for several notable newspapers in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. After forty-five years in the newspaper business, Hill retired from the Augusta, GA Chronicle in 2002.

RAYMOND C. JOHNS, JR., B. A. '83
Rev. Johns received his Bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb in 1983 and his Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986. He began his vocational church work at West Maple Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, IN. Later he served as the pastor of Immanuel Baptist in Durham, NC. Since 1996, he has been serving as pastor at Catawba Heights Baptist Church, in Belmont, NC. Along with being a pastor, Rev. Johns has been a volunteer missionary to Western Ukraine where he has assisted in the development of numerous churches. John has been actively involved with Habitat for Humanity, the Dallas Prison Ministry and veteran's affairs programs.

ELIZABETH "LIB" SMATHERS JOHNSON, A.A. '81
Johnson graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1959 with an Associates degree in liberal arts and a minor in piano and music theory. She continued her education at Appalachian State where she majored in Social Studies, and earned her Master's degree in English. For over thirty-two years she taught English and Social Studies at schools in Tennessee and North Carolina. Mrs. Johnson was raised in the Mills Home, today known as the NC Baptist Children's Home. Having spent her childhood there has led her to great involvement with Children's home over the years. She has served the Home in various capacities, for nearly four decades including the role of President.

JEFF MCNEILL, '74 B.A.
McNeill is a graduate of Gardner Webb’s Political Science program earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1974. After leaving Gardner-Webb, McNeill attended Clemson University where he completed his Masters Degree in Resource Management. Upon graduation, McNeill began a career in higher education. He held numerous positions at Clemson University including Executive Director of the Alumni Relations Department, Assistant Vice President for Development and Chief Development Officer. In 1992, he moved to North Carolina State University where he served as Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and in 2000 took on a similar role at the University of Alabama. He currently serves as President of The McNeill Group – a fundraising and higher education management consulting firm based in Clinton, SC. Home of Presbyterian College where McNeill had served as Executive Vice President for two years.

We have great things in mind.
I KEN NAPIER B.S. ’74

Napier graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He has worked as a teacher and coach in Kings Mountain, Gaston County and Shelby City School Districts. He was also an Athletic Director in both Gaston and Cleveland County Schools. During his career, Napier received Teacher of the Year honors and was a four-time Conference Coach of the Year for Shelby High School. He was named the Assistant Coach for the East/West All-Star Basketball Game in 2002 and Assistant Coach for the North Carolina/South Carolina All Star Game in 2004. His career basketball coaching record was 443 and 122 in 53 seasons.

EDWIN "ED" PEELER, A.A. ’57

Peeler graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1957 with an Associates of Arts degree. He continued his education at Appalachian State University where he received both his Bachelors and Masters Degree in Education. After finishing his graduate studies, Peeler began coaching in the Cleveland County (NC) school system where he served until his retirement in 1999. Peeler has been inducted into the Cleveland County Sports Hall of Fame, NC Athletic Directors Hall of Fame and the NC High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by Cleveland County FCA, Coach of the Year honors eleven times and Athletic Director of the Year. Peele has also been honored for his achievements by having the Crest High School (NC) gymnasium named after him.

CINDY PUTNAM-EVANS B.S. ’78

Dr. Putnam-Evans graduated from Gardner-Webb with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1978. She then went on to complete her Masters in Biochemistry from Clemson University, her Doctorate in Biochemistry from the University of Georgia, and post-Doctoral Training from Louisiana State University. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Biology Department at East Carolina University. In recent years she has been awarded four grants from the National Science Foundation totaling over one million dollars for various research development and equipment. In 1995, she was awarded the College Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences from East Carolina University. Putnam-Evans served as president (2003,2004) for the National Research Society Sigma Xi.

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R. DAVID WHITE, B.S. ’88

Rev. David White graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1988 with a Bachelors degree in Biology. He served the Cape Short Company with titles of Vice President for Operations and National Sales Director. He was also owner and President of R.D. White Consulting Group and Vice President of the Recognition Division at Jostens Inc. White made a career transition in 2005, when he became the Associate Pastor and Minister of Pastoral Care at Johns Creek Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA. He is currently attending the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University where he is working on his Master of Divinity degree. White dedicates much of his time to speaking at retreats and meetings for youth, adults, and senior adults.

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VICTORIA PLASTER WHITELOCK, A.A. ’55

Dr. Whitleock graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology. She worked for the University of Health and Human Services in Norfolk, VA and the US Department of Defense at the Seabees Point Branch Medical Clinic. There she directed the department of Occupational Medicine and managed their programs for both active duty navy and civilian service personnel until her retirement. Whitleock has received numerous awards for superior performance from the US Navy. She has also earned the Physicians Recognition Awards given by the American Medical Association (AMA).

GRETA SETZER HARPER B.S. ’80

Dr. Harper graduated from Gardner-Webb with a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry in 1980. She continued her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned her Medical Doctorate in 1984. She completed her pediatric residency at Palmetto Health Richland, and her critical care fellowship at the University of Florida in Jacksonville. Currently, she is the Co-Director of Pediatric Critical Care Services, and a Pediatric Intensivist at Palmetto Health Richland (SC). Here she has served as the Chief of the Children's Hospital in 2003 and 2004; and in 2005 she was the Chief of Staff for Palmetto Health Richland.

Harper is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the South Carolina Medical Association, and the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Harper has twice received the Pediatric House Staff Teaching Award, and has the distinct honor of being inducted into the Pediatric Hall of Fame in 2003.

If you would like to nominate a Gardner-Webb alumnus for the 2007-08 Gallery of Distinguished Graduates, please email your nomination to the Alumni Office, alumni@gardner-webb.edu or contact the office by phone, 704-406-3862.

Spring 2007
In 1977, Captain Merrill Stubing, Dr. Adam Bricker and a purser named Gopher offered passengers of the Love Boat an opportunity to explore wide-open waters and search for love in the process. This hit ABC television show lasted for nine seasons, and although it has secured a place in TV history, the love boat in this story offers more than Nielsen ratings and a cast of interesting characters. Our story deals with the Mercy Ships organization and Gardner-Webb nursing program alum, Nicole Austin ’05, who is sharing her talent and faith on the high seas with those who are in serious need.

Since 1978, Mercy Ships, whose international operation center is located in the United States at Garden Valley, TX, has operated hospital ships in developing nations. The mission of Mercy Ships is to be Christ-like and bring hope and healing to the poor without regard for race, gender, or religion. According to the organization, over the past 28 years, Mercy Ships has performed over 1.5 million services valued at more than 6 million dollars and impacted the lives of nearly 1.8 million people. Mercy Ships doctors and nurses have performed such surgeries as orthopedic and facial reconstruction, straightening of crossed eyes, cataract removal, cleft lip and palate, and dental treatments.

Mercy Ships, known primarily for its medical work, is also involved in community development projects, such as construction, drilling wells, and teaching sustainable skills.

Nicole Austin first heard about Mercy Ships while still in high school in Camden, SC and was intrigued by the idea of a floating hospital that sailed
from country to country while providing medical care. She also felt the Lord calling her into missions. Working with Mercy Ships would be a perfect fit, but college had to come first. Austin says her time in Boiling Springs at Gardner-Webb shaped her vision in many ways. "I feel like the nursing program gave me foundation for caring that I wouldn’t have gotten in another program. Nursing is so much about outcomes, your goal is to help someone get better."

Not long after graduating from Gardner-Webb, Nicole committed to volunteering with Mercy Ships. All Mercy Ship crewmembers are volunteers and everyone raises their own funds in order to be on the mission field. Individuals can choose to volunteer short or long term. Nicole has committed through 2008, which means journeys to Ghana, Monrovia, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Austin says that unique opportunities present themselves daily while serving on the Mercy Ships. Her duties began as a ward nurse and she now serves on the HIV/AIDS education team. Austin and other team members prepare materials, make phone calls, and go into the communities to teach about HIV/AIDS in the churches. "Using a biblical perspective, our focus is teaching and training members of the local church, because the church has the ability to bring about lasting change in their communities," said Austin.

The people and places on her journey have tremendously impacted Austin so far. "The needs of Africa are immense and complex. The Ghanian people are beautiful and resilient, but poverty is widespread and strips individuals and nations of their ability to dream."

One of those individuals was Chris Sayon, a 22-year-old woman from war-torn Liberia. At the age of 14, while on the run from murder-minded rebel soldiers, Sayon gave birth to a stillborn baby and as a result developed a fistula (a hole in her bladder). She lived with the condition for six years until she received surgery on a Mercy Ship. Because of the procedure and people like Austin using their medical talents, Sayon is now healed.

Austin’s story is one of true service. She has left family and friends and a well paying job behind to follow a call to offer hope to the hopeless. Austin says that her story is also about the Lord teaching her to trust in the strength he promises to supply. "In some ways serving with Mercy Ships is a sacrifice, but I wish people could understand what a privilege it is to be a part of God’s heart for the nations."

Austin’s favorite scripture serves as a daily inspiration while she works with a world where hopelessness and fear reign. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

- 1 Peter 1:3
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DENNIS ROBERTS '71 has been serving as the administrative director for education and daycare at Triad Baptist Church since 2003.

GEORGE GARY SIMPKINS '71 B.A. retired from the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation on February 15, 2006. He worked for the Department for more than 35 years and was a Senior Counselor before his retirement. In that position, he helped disabled citizens enter or return to competitive employment. He has also completed a M.Ed. in counseling at Winthrop University. Gary and his wife, Tessa, have two sons. One is presently on disability after a motorcycle accident in 2004. Their other son is a lawyer in Charlotte, NC. tessa69@rhtc.net

RAY BEDFORD '72 B.S. began serving as the director of the Cherokee Technology Center on July 1, 2006.

COLLETTE DEVINEY '72 B.S., '82 M.A. is serving as principal of Burns High School.

MARCIA DUNCAN '73 retired in May 2006 from her position of assistant superintendent for instruction for Union County Schools. She has held the position since 2002.

LELAND KERR '73 became director of mission for the Wilmington Baptist Association in June 2006, after serving as pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby for over four years. Prior to that, he served as the director of missions for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association in Shelby for 10 years. He is a trustee at GWU and is second vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of NC. lakerr@ec.rr.com

FRANK PAGE '73 was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the denomination's annual convention in June.

DONNA TURNER WILLIAMS '73 has been named broker in charge of Weichert, Realtors Peggy Wilson and Associates.

TERESA MATKINS BENTON '74 B.S. retired May 2004 after teaching first-grade for 30 years at Oak Hill Elementary School in Morganton.

MICHAEL SISK '74 was named the 2006 Excellence in Teaching recipient by Cleveland Community College.

DALE KING '75 was recently nominated by a former student for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Dale teaches second grade at Hendrix Elementary School in Spartanburg District Number Two. daleandeline@aol.com

HALBERT BUTNER BRIMBERY, JR. '76 B.S. was ordained as pastor of The Shepherd's Church on May 28, 2006. He is working on his master's of divinity through CIU in Columbia. bert@theshepherdscchurch.org

DEBRA BARTLETT '76 A.D.N. has been serving as the director of nurses for two years at Black Mountain Center, a facility specializing in the care of residents with Developmental Disabilities and Alzheimer's Disease. bartdb@aol.com

KATHY SOUTHERN '76 B.S. retired from the city of Winston-Salem in December 2005 after 38 years of service. She was lab supervisor at Mansion Meads Waste-Water Treatment Plant.

SHANNON WILES '76 B.S. was named the EMS manager for Caldwell County.

ELLEN PAGE MORPHIS CITARELLA '77 B.S. is now a stay-at-home mom after working for 25 years at Unisys Corporation. She has five year old son, Joe.

DENISE R. SMITH '77 is currently teaching accounting, business and healthcare management courses in the school of business at GWU. She has worked throughout the southeast as a hospital CFO. She and her husband George, live in Shelby, NC.
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WILL FIELDS ’61 A.A.
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has been serving as the administrative director for education and daycare at Triad Baptist Church since 2003.

GEORGE GARY SIMPKINS ’71 B.A.
retired from the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation on February 15, 2006. He worked for the Department for more than 35 years and was a Senior Counselor before his retirement. In that position, he helped disabled citizens enter or return to competitive employment. He has also completed a M.Ed. in counseling at Winthrop University. Gary and his wife, Tessa, have two sons. One is presently on disability after a motorcycle accident in 2004. Their other son is a lawyer in Charlotte, NC. garyms@rr.com

RAY BFEDFORD ’72 B.S.
began serving as the director of the Cherokee Technology Center on July 1, 2006.

COLLETTE DEVINEY ’72 B.S., ’82 M.A.
is serving as principal of Burns High School.

MARIA DUNCAN ’73
retired in May 2006 from her position of assistant superintendent for instruction for Union County Schools. She has held the position since 2002.

LELAND KERR ’73
became director of mission for the Wilmington Baptist Association in June 2006, after serving as pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby for over four years. Prior to that, he served as the director of missions for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association in Shelby for 10 years. He is a trustee at GWU and is second vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of NC. lker@ec.rr.com

FRANK PAGE ’73
was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the denomination’s annual convention in June.

DONNA TURNER WILLIAMS ’73
has been named broker in charge of Weichert, Realtors Peggy Wilson and Associates.

TERESA MATKINS BENTON ’74 B.S.
retired May 2004 after teaching first-grade for 30 years at Oak Hill Elementary School in Morganton.

MICHAEL SISK ’74
was named the 2006 Excellence in Teaching recipient by Cleveland Community College.

DALL KIRK ’75
B.S. was recently nominated by a former student for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. Dale teaches second grade at Hendrix Elementary School in Spartanburg District Number Two. daleand@decline@aol.com

HALBERT BUTNER BRIMBERY, JR. ’76 B.S.
was ordained as pastor of The Shepherd’s Church on May 23, 2006. He is working on his master’s of divinity through CIU in Columbia. bert@theshepherdscurch.org

DEBRA BARTLETT ’76 A.D.N.
has been serving as the director of nurses for two years at Black Mountain Center, a facility specializing in the care of residents with Developmental Disabilities and Alzheimer’s Disease. bart@bولدsd.net

KATHY SOUTHERN ’76 B.S.
retired from the city of Winston-Salem in December 2005 after 30 years of service. She was lab supervisor at Mansion Meads Waste-Water Treatment Plant.

SHANNON WILES ’76
was named the EMS manager for Caldwell County.

ELLEN PAGE MORPHIS CITARELLA ’77 B.S.
is now a stay-at-home mom after working for 25 years at Unisys Corporation. She has a five year old son, Joe.

DENISE R. SMITH ’77
is currently teaching accounting, business and healthcare management courses in the school of business at GWU. She has worked throughout the southeast as a hospital CFO. She and her husband George live in Shelby, NC.
STEPHEN WADE Gamm '92 B.S. and Marianne Caitlyn Carascald were married on February 25, 2006. He is a lieutenant in the Army. She is pursuing a nursing degree at Gardner-Webb and is a senior assistant gymnastics instructor at Shelby City Park. The couple resides in Shelby, NC.

LARA RENE GOPP '96 B.A. and her husband Dan Gopp welcomed their first child Abigail Christine on June 26, 2006.

JERRY WEDINCAMP ‘93 B.A. recently received his master's degree in nursing with a concentration in anesthesia from UNC-Charlotte. He is practicing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

MICHAEL CALLAHAN ‘94 B.S. has been named superintendent of Rutherford Correctional Center.

GREGORY THOMAS CARPENTER ‘94 B.A. and his wife, Melissa Dawn Carpenter, would like to announce the adoption of their new baby boy, Noah, from Guatemala in June, 2006. Gregory also started a new job in the fall as a teacher and church coordinator for Gari Christian Academy in Charlotte, NC.

TODD FELKEL ’94 B.A. recently started a new church, Church at the Streams, in Sedalia, N.C.

SHERRI LYNNETTE FORD ‘94 B.S. AND DAVID FORD ‘94 B.A. celebrated their 11-year wedding anniversary in January 2007. Their son, David Emmanuel, was born May 2001. In September 2005, they began serving as pastors at Family Restoration Outreach Ministries in Kings Mountain, NC. sherriford@hotmail.com

PENNY PEACE ‘94 B.S.N was selected by the Great 100 Inc. which selects 100 nurses that are nominated for excellence in nursing in the past year.

AMY WHITAKER SWINK ‘94 B.S. received her master's degree in creative arts and learning in education in 2006 from Lesley University.

CRYSTAL DAWN GILREETH ‘95 B.A. recently began working for the University of Tennessee, Memphis, where she is the employee relations specialist for the Office of Equity and Diversity. bigginleigh83@yahoo.com

DANA M. HAMRICK ’95 B.S. and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Nicole, born January 14, 2006. She joins older sister, Caroline.

DANIELE MCDONALD KWASNIEK ’95 B.S. AND ANDRE KWASNIEK ’94 B.S. Daniella recently completed a doctoral degree in organizational leadership with a specialization in technological literacy. She and Andre relocated in 2005 to Shelby, NC, with their two children, Alexis and Dylan. kwasnik@wau.edu

MARKELL LYNCH ’95 B.S. has relocated to Raleigh, NC after 10 years in Michigan. He is working as a creative director/print buyer for GetItQuick.com. markellynch@hotmail.com

DEANNA WISE MCPHERSON ’95 B.S. joined FP Motorsports in Hickory, NC, home of NASCAR's # 32 Tide Chevrolet, on April 11, 2006, as the accounts payable and payroll administrator.
KELVIN MONTEITH '95 B.S. AND MARY KATHRYN ROBINSON MONTEITH '95 B.S. announce the birth of their third child, Mary Macarthy, born March 16, 2006. Macarthy joins older brothers Canann and Landon. kmonteith@earthlink.net

VICKIE PRUETT SHULL '95 B.S. is now working as a mortgage loan officer with BB&T.

JENNIFER ELLEN HAMBY SORROW '95 B.S. and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of their second child, Jacob, born January 3, 2006. He joins older sister, Samantha Belle, and older brother, Jacob Daniel. bevdklee@bellsouth.net

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TONYA LUANN REBECCA COCHRAN '98 B.A., '03 M.DIV. and Shane Ashley Stewart were married on April 22, 2006. She is the minister of youth at First Baptist Statesville. He is employed by the County of Rowan as a Planner II. The couple resides in Statesville, NC.

DANYELLE WORKMAN EARL ’98 A.D.N. and her husband, Irwin, announce the birth of their second child, Muggie Christine, born June 7, 2006. She joins older sister, Macey Marylith.

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CRIStAL WATERS GILTZ '98 B.S. and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Mae, born February 21, 2006.

cglytz@bellsouth.net

CHRISTINA WHITE POWELL '98 B.S. and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their second daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, born April 29, 2006. She joins older sister, Ella Bella.

ELIZABETH COATES EMERY '99 B.S. and her husband, Christopher Emery '98 B.S., announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Anne, born May 4, 2006. She joins older brother, Ryan, ecemery@clevelandcountyschools.org

DEBORAH WILCOX GREENLEE '99 B.S. obtained her master of early childhood education degree from the University of Concordia in May 2006.

MATTHEW HAMRICK '99 B.A., '05 M.DIV. AND JENNIFER HYATT HAMRICK '00 B.S. Matthew graduated from Chaplain Officer Basic Course on April 7, 2006. He is now the Battalion Chaplain for the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry at Fort Jackson, SC. He counsels basic trainees, preaches at chapel and leads worship at a new, contemporary church on the base. The Hamricks have three sons, Hayden, Carson and Bailey. jennifer.hamrick26@us.army.mil; matthew.n.hamrick@us.army.mil

ABBey ELIZABETH MEDCALF '99 B.A. and Michael Adam Cooler were married on March 25, 2006. She is the director of preschool and children's ministry at Noonday Baptist Church in Marietta, GA. He is a sales representative with JW Cooler Co. The couple lives in Canton, GA.

SHAWN MONTGOMERY '99 B.A. and his wife, Chenoa, announce the birth of their second child, Alexus Brianna, born April 22, 2006.

JENNIFER PHILLIPS '99 B.S. has passed the Professional in Human Resources Exam. She is a human resource team manager for Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region.

Daniel Benjamin Smith '99 B.S. and Rebecca Danielle Colley were married on June 25, 2005. He is a business computer teacher at McDowell High School. daniel_smith@imac.com

NATALIE CROSBY SMITH '99 B.S. is working for Ultra Diamonds in Gaffney, SC. gwu_girl99@hotmail.com

PATRICIA RENEW WARREN '99 B.S. and Ken On Tran were married on May 27, 2006. She works in administration for Bank of America.

SOLOMON WILLIS B.A. '99 has taken a position at Cleveland Community College in Shelby, NC as a full time Mathematics instructor.

AMANDA KAY BRADY '00 B.S. and Barron Eli Sumney were married on August 5, 2006. She is a kindergarten teacher and is pursuing a master's degree in reading education at UNC-Charlotte. He is a firefighter with the city of Gastonia. The couple resides in Alexis, NC.

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MELISSA BLACK '01 B.S.N. has been recognized as Greenville Technical College's 2006 Outstanding Alumna of the Year.

MISTY SHELTON BOWERS '01 A.D.N. has worked as a registered nurse in labor and delivery for 4 years. She recently starting working as a charge nurse and circulating nurse in the OR at Forsyth Medical Center. She married, Johnny, on August 22, 2004.

SCOTT VERNON CHENEVEY '01 B.S. AND LINDSEY WYATT CHENEVEY '02 B.S.N. would like to announce the birth of their son Corban Scott Chenevey on May 11, 2006. He joins his older sister Josie Ann.

STEPHANIE LAUREN BURGESS DOWNEY '92 A.D.N., '01 B.S.N. and her husband, Charles, announce the birth of a son, Carson Burgess, born May 7, 2006.

JOY DENISE EDWARDS '01 B.S. and David Dubovich were married on August 21, 2004. She is a physician assistant student. He is a police officer. The couple resides in Ellicott City, MD.

dubovich27@yahoo.com

HEATHER HAUSER '01 B.S. took an IT project manager position at Florida's largest system integration company, CompServ, based in Clearwater, FL.

heuser_247@excite.com

MATTHEW HUDLER '01 B.A. AND AMBER LEE HUDLER '02 B.S. proudly announce the birth of Caden Brack, born August 4, 2006.

AMBER LEE HUDLER '02 B.S., SEE MATT HUDLER '01 B.A. LISTING.

KAREM JORDAN '01 B.S. is employed as a manager trainee at 84 Lumber in San Diego, CA.

katietomblin_rn@yahoo.com

A.D.N., '01 B.S.N. and Daniel Caro were married on May 21, 2006. She is a physician assistant student. He is a police officer. The couple resides in Ellicott City, MD.

LINDSEY WYATT CHENEVEY '02 B.S.N. LISTING.

CHRISTY CECILE CORRELL '02 B.A. and Larry Robert Hughes were married on May 21, 2006. She expects to receive her Master of Divinity from Baylor University in 2007. He is a residence hall director at Baylor and is also working on his master's degree in student services. The couple resides in Waco, TX.

BETTY PHILLIPS COULTER '02 B.S. was recognized as a 2006 Community Leadership Honoree by the Western North Carolina Chapter Bennett College National Alumnae Association. She works as the risk manager for Catawba County.

CHRISTINA MARIE HALLIS '02 B.A. and Daniel Caro were married on May 21, 2006. She is a technical writer for a Department of Defense contractor. He is a mortgage planner for Citadel Home Mortgage. The couple resides in Baltimore, MD.

cmhallis@hotmail.com

JAMES ADAM HOLYFIELD '02 B.S. and LeTasha Dawn Wilson were married on March 4, 2006. He is a manager over university stores at Wake Forest University.

She is a merchandiser at Details Marketing.

AMBER LEE HUDLER '02 B.S., SEE MATT HUDLER '01 B.A. LISTING.

BETH KNOX JARAMILLO '02 B.S.N. and her husband, Zeke, announce the birth of their first child, Gabriella Leigh, born January 20, 2005.

bthjaramilloycox.net

TROY MCCURRY '02 B.S. graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master's degree in nursing on December 12, 2005. He is serving as an acute care nurse practitioner with Spartanburg Nephrology Associates.

tdtl1017@charter.net

REIMUND SERAFICA '02 B.S., '06 M.S.N. is pursuing doctoral studies at UNC-Greensboro.

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JASON MICHAEL SHRADER '02 B.A. and Chelsey Elizabeth Osborne were married on July 15, 2006. He is employed by the NC Department of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Bureau. She is employed by Genesis Healthcare. The couple resides in Salisbury, NC.

SABRINA OLIVIA SIEGRIST '02 B.S. and Brett Edward Coley were married on May 27, 2006. The couple resides in Raleigh, NC.

sabrinalcoy@hotmail.com

AMANDA JEAN STARNES '02 B.A. and Bryan Wayne Housand were married on February 4, 2006. He is employed by the Pittsburgh Pirates. The couple resides in Lynchburg, VA.

JONATHAN GRAVES '00 B.A. and his wife, Ginger, announce the birth of their son, Jesse Cline Wolfgang, born April 2, 2006.

JULIE CHRISTINE HENSLEY '00 B.A. and Bradlee R. Ball were married on June 3, 2006. She is a multiple listing services coordinator with Beverly-Hanks and Associates. He is employed by Baxter North Cove. The couple resides in Black Mountain, NC.

JENNIFER JOLLY HUSKEY B.S.N '00 and Jeremy Scott Huskey welcomed their second child, Karsyn Suzannah Huskey, born August 21, 2006.

STEVEN LAMBERT '00 B.S. accepted a position with WellStar Health Systems in Atlanta as an emergency room psychologist. He is also the associate pastor at Welcome All Baptist Church in Smyrna, GA.

ASHLIE MICHELLE PENCE '00 B.A. and David Michael DeCaron were married on March 18, 2006. She is a graphics director for Mecklenburg Newspaper Group. He is a design consultant with Piedmont Design Associates. The couple resides in Mooresville, NC.

decaron@yahoo.com

KATIE PATRICK TOMBLIN '00 A.D.N. and Justin Haskins were married on April 22, 2006. She is a registered nurse at Rudy Children's Hospital. He is a sergeant with the US Marine Corps. The couple resides in San Diego, CA.

katietomblin_rn@yahoo.com

GREG WEISNER '00 B.S. was hired as chief of public safety for Coastal Carolina University.

RICHARD LEE WOOD '00 B.A. and Amber Elizabeth Cockman were married on June 24, 2006. He is an associate pastor of youth and education at Judson Baptist Church. She is an instructor of religion at Wayne Community College. The couple resides in Fayetteville, NC.

BRANDON ZOCH '00 B.S. AND GRETCHEN ZOCH '98 M.A. are the proud parents of Reagan Mallory Zoch, born August 19, 2006.

KRISTEN LEE ABERNETHY '01 B.S. and Brian Lawson Morgan were married on May 14, 2006. She is employed in the financial services department at Mitchell Community College. He is a sales representative for Metal Express. The couple resides in Sherrills Ford, NC.

CHRISTINA S. SMITH B.S.N. '01., MSN '04 SEE CHRISTINA SMITH M.S.N. '04 LISTING.

ANDREW CALDWELL '02 B.S. and his wife, Reisha, announce the birth of their son, Owen James, born December 22, 2005.

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LINDSEY WYATT CHENEVEY '02 B.S.N., SEE SCOTT VERNON CHENEVEY '01 B.S. LISTING.
TAMMY DENISE EDWARDS '03 B.S. and Jack E. Knight Jr. were married on June 18, 2006. She is a property manager at Surrey Manor Apartments and an area manager at Kings Grant I and II. He is employed as a Lontani technician with Kentucky Derby Hosery. The couple resides in Mount Airy, NC.

TAKESHA HAMMOND '03 B.S. is working as a program supervisor for the N.C. Department of Corrections.

MELISSA MARIE HOUGHTON '03 B.S. is currently attending the University of Phoenix in Arizona while pursuing her Masters in Elementary Education and working as a teacher at Imagine Elementary School.

SARA HUGHES '03 B.S. has joined Sharrard, Mcgee & Co. PA as a staff accountant.

KRISTEN RAE LANEY '03 B.S. and Michael Sheridan Bernard were married on July 30, 2005. She is third-grade teacher with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and is pursuing a master's degree in education from Pfeiffer University. He is employed by the Appraisal Group. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC.

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ZINDY DIAZ WILFONG '04 B.S. and her husband, Von, announce the birth of their first child, a baby girl, born April 2006.

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DONNA DEE LINGLE '02 B.S. and Thomas Dale Braswell were married on February 23, 2006. She is employed by Professional Care Management and attends Capella University. He is employed as a Petal Shoppe and is self-employed by the Vintage Tassel. The couple resides in Monroe, NC.

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KATRINA ROTEN ARMENTROUT '03 B.S. AND TIM ARMENTROUT '99 B.S. announce the birth of their son, Mason Alexander, born March 29, 2006. armentrk@newriver.org

KRISTY LYNETTE HENDREN '03 B.S. and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of their first child, Austin Patrick, born April 28, 2006.

KRISTEN RAE LANEY '03 B.S. and Michael Sheridan Bernard were married on July 30, 2005. She is third-grade teacher with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and is pursuing a master's degree in education from Pfeiffer University. He is employed by the Appraisal Group. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC.

SARAH R. MARTIN '01 A.D.N. '03 B.S.N and her husband Chad Martin welcomed their son Brody Jack Martin on November 25, 2006.

CHRISTAL HARTNESS PATTERSON'03 B.S.N has been promoted to the nurse manager of the office of Drs. Pam Sholar and Michael Serwint in August of 2006.

MELISSA ANN SMITH '03 B.S. AND ANDREW CARROLL HARMON '03 B.S. were married in June 2006. She is a first-grade teacher. Andrew graduated from law school in May 2006.

JODI LYNN TILLEY '03 B.S. AND KENNETH DAVID PROVENCE '04 B.S. were married on April 7, 2006. She is a psycho-social rehabilitation manager with Carolina Residential Services. She recently received certification as a National Certified Counselor through the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. He is a family preservation specialist for the Rainbow Center, Children and Family Services. He is also pursuing a master’s degree in community counseling. The couple resides in Wilkesboro, NC.

AMY LEAH WALKER '03 B.A., SEE BYRON JUSTIN ('BJ') WALKER '06 B.S. LISTING.

SARA DEANN ALFORD '04 B.A. and Greg Allen Waugh were married on April 22, 2006. She is a tournament assistant with the Greater Hickory Classic. He is a route salesman for Rental Uniform. The couple resides in Statesville, NC.

THOMAS ANDERSON JR. '04 B.S. has been promoted to assistant chief of police in Statesville, NC. He has worked for the department since 1992.
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NICOLE AUSTIN '03 A.D.N., '05 B.S.N. is serving with Mercy Ships as a registered nurse. She will be stationed for 10 months in Ghana before traveling to another country. Mercy Ships is a global charity organization offering free surgeries to the poor in developing countries.

BRENNAN BAILEY '05 B.S. recently obtained a position with Wachovia's investment arm, Evergreen Investments, as a business analyst. He is also pursuing an M.B.A. at GWU.

BRITTANY JOYCE "JOY" BARFIELD '05 B.S. and AARON THOMAS KEPHART '05 B.A. were married on September 17, 2005. They are both employed by 21st Mortgage Co. and live in Knoxville, TN.

JASON SCOTT BRUNER '05 B.A. and Keeley Braxton Causby were married on July 8, 2006. He is pursuing his master's degree at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Boston.

EMILY DIMICK '05 B.M. has completed her first year as a music teacher for Hickory City Public Schools at Southwest Elementary and Longview Elementary. She spent the summer working at Triple R Ranch as a head girl's counselor.

PHILLIP DAVID DONNAN, JR. '05 B.S. AND LINDSEY DAEL DONNAN '04 B.A. have relocated to Michigan for David to study law at Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. Lindsey is pursuing her Masters Degree in Elementary Education and working in property management.

KRISTY DAY DOSS '05 B.A. and Bryan Frederick Goux were married on May 6, 2006. She is employed by Wachovia. He is employed at Mighty Auto. The couple lives in Clover, SC.

COLETTE DUPREE '05 B.S. and David Podgorski announce the birth of Ezekiel Isaac, born June 23, 2006. cndl029@gardner-webb.edu

REBECCA ERIN FLETCHER '05 B.S. and Michael Andrew Keller were married on August 12, 2006. She is a third grade teacher at Millbrook Elementary. He is a sales representative for TTI, Inc. The couple resides in Raleigh, NC.

KELLY LYNN HARMON '05 B.S. was named the 2006 Outstanding First Year Teacher of the Year by Burke County Public School System. She is a fourth grade teacher at Rutherford College Elementary School.

SABRINA ANN HULETT '05 B.S. and Anthony Nicholas Batycki were married on December 17, 2005. She is employed by First Guaranty Bank and Trust. He is a firefighter with the city of Palatka. The couple resides in Jacksonville, FL.

JENNIFER KAY VENTURA '05 B.A. and ALEX VENTURA '05 B.S. Jennifer is serving as a yearbook sales coordinator with Lifetouch Publishing. Alex is a financial analyst with TIAA-CREF. jenniferventura06@yahoo.com

ELIZABETH IRENE ZYCH '05 B.A. and William Brody Bush were married on May 27, 2006. She is a graduate student at Gallaudet University. He is a software engineer with Radio Data Group.

MARIA SUSAN BLUMENSTEIN '06 and Aaron Jameson Hayes were married July 1, 2006. She is a Registered Nurse and he is a current student at the University of South Carolina. They reside in Columbia, SC.

ERIN NICOLE COFFEY B.S. '06 and Jared Austin McConnell were married May 6, 2006. She is employed with Resource On Call and he is employed with Charter Communications as a broadband technician. The couple resides in Hickory, NC.

SHAWN PENDERGRASS '05 B.A. began working with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica in September.

NICOLE LETITIA SAUNDERS '05 B.A. AND NICHOLAS LLOYD KULICK '05 B.S. were married on June 17, 2006. She is a sign language interpreter with Piedmont Center for Mental Health Services. He is a certified athletic trainer with Clemson University and attends Clemson's graduate school.

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STEPHANIE NICOLE CORNWELL '06 and Robert Randolph Hughes were married July 22, 2006. The bride and the groom are employed with Fatz Café, and reside in Lincolnton, NC.
MELEAH LAUREN GREENE '06 B.S.
and Jonathan Shane Hilton were married on June 10, 2006. He is employed by Menards Home Improvement Store. The couple resides in Middletown, Indiana.

KELLY MARIE HAHN, '06 BS
and Brett Rainhaile were married on June 24, 2006. She is a math teacher at Caron High School in Rowan County, and he is a systems engineer at Bank of America in Charlotte. They reside in Concord, NC.

KIMBREAL YOLANDA HEATH B.S. '06
and Joshua Dewayne Caldwell were married August 26, 2006. She is a business license inspector for the City of Winston-Salem and he is a current student at Forsyth Technical Community College and is a self-employed plumber. The couple reside in Winston-Salem, NC.

MIKE HEGE '06 B.S.
and his wife, Shannon, welcomed Kaydin Leigh into the world in June 2006. She joined older brother, Skyler, mhuge@dickensmitchener.com

MELISSA SHEREE JARVIS '06 B.S.
and Justin Stamey Cox were married on June 3, 2006. He is employed by Snyder Packaging.

MONICA LANG '06 B.A.
and Daniel Wayne Morrison were married on June 10, 2006. She is a teacher at Statesville Christian School. He is a service technician at Ben Mynatt Nissan.

JUSTIN LANSLEY '06 B.S.
has been named men's soccer coach at Crest High School.

KATHERINE LEIGH NANCE '06
and Adam Nicholas Brown were married on May 20, 2006. He is a paramedic for Davidson County Emergency Services. The couple reside in High Point, NC.

ALLISON LEE RINEHART '06 B.A.
and Joshua David Mauldin She is employed with StageWorth's in Charlotte, and he is a new media designer with Carbonhouse, Inc. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC.

BRANDON JEFFERSON RUSSELL
and AMY ELIZABETH STAR '06 B.A.
were married August 5, 2006. He is currently attending McMeek School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA. The couple resides in Atlanta, GA.

MITCHELL EVERETTE SMITH '06 B.S.
and Caitlin Kelly Vlastakis were married September 16, 2006. He is employed with First United Methodist Church, and she is Ameri-Corp serving at Classroom Central in Charlotte. The couple will reside in Belmont, North Carolina.

MIKE CERINO '96 M.A.
has returned to Limestone College as men's lacrosse coach.

ANDREW COOK M.B.A '96
is a new biology professor at Limestone College.

ARTHUR DUCKWORTH '97 M.B.A., SEE
ARTHUR DUCKWORTH '89 B.S.B.M. LISTING.

DEVRY GIBBS M.A. '97
has been the assistant principal at Mooresville Middle since 1997, and is now the Principal at N.F. Woods Advanced Technology and Arts Center.

DEBORAH MARSH '97 M.A.
was named the 2006-07 Administrator of the year for the Mooresville Graded School District. She is principal at South Elementary School.

SYLVESTER TOWNSEND '97 M.A.
is serving as principal of Dillard Middle School in Wayne County.

SHARI WILKINS '97 M.A.
is an English teacher at Bladen Community College in Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

ROBIN HAMILTON '98 M.A., SEE ROBIN HAMILTON '90 B.S. LISTING.
GRETCHEL FRITZ ZOCH '98 M.A. SEE
BRANDON ZOCH '00 B.S.

AUTUMN NELSON KANISTRAS '99 M.A.
and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their first child, Talum George, born September 7, 2005. arnh16@bellsouth.net

JEFFREY PEAL '99 M.A.
 began serving as associate superintendent of Alexander County School on July 1.

JONATHAN AND TARA PRATT '99 M.DIV.
are proud to announce the birth of Lenore Meredith born April 14, 2006.

RONNY FUNDERBURKE '00 M.A.
 began serving as the director of personnel for Rutherford County Schools on July 3, 2006.

AARON R. HUGHES M.B.A. '00
is the manager of the Mountain View office of the Bank of Granite in Hickory, NC. Prior to joining Bank of Granite he had eight years of experience in banking.

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KEITH MCKINNEY '00 M.DIV., SEE KEITH MCKINNEY '96 B.A. LISTING.

WILLIAM H. STACY '00 M.B.A.
has joined Wachovia's local advisory board of directors. William is the CEO of Tideland Electric Membership Corporation.

JEREMY AMICK '01 M.DIV., SEE ANGELA MICHELLE AMICK '98 B.S.N. LISTING.

DALE ELLIS '01 M.B.A.
was appointed assistant superintendent for human resources with Iredell-Statesville Schools on July 1, 2006. Previously, he served in the capacity of executive director of human resources for two years.

TRACY L. MILLER '01 M.B.A.
has relocated to the Raleigh/Durham area and has taken a job as supervisor-peer review administrator at the American Institute of Certified Public Accounting. She held multiple positions in the automobile insurance industry for 12 years before taking her current position.

JEFF BENFIELD '02 M.A., SEE JEFF BENFIELD '84 LISTING.

JESSICA M. JOHNSON '02 M.B.A.
and her husband, Derrick, announce the birth of their second child, Elena Maria, born May 21, 2006.

TRAVIS REEVES '02 M.A.
is serving as principal of East Montgomery High School.

TONYA LUANN REBECCA COCHRAN '03 M.DIV., SEE TONYA COCHRAN '98 B.A. LISTING.

ELIZABETH ANNE CROOK '03 M.A.
is serving as assistant principal at East Davidson High School.

CHANDA FLYNN '03 M.S.N.
received board certification in nursing administration, advanced in June 2006. In April, she was honored with a Palmetto Gold Award as one of the top 100 nurses in SC.

DAVID GLADSON '03 M.DIV.
was recently endorsed as a chaplain by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is a chaplain resident at AnMed Health in Anderson, SC.

JODY HAMBY '03 M.AC.
was recently named a partner at the certified public accounting firm of Benson, Blevins and Associates.

GREG HATHAWAY '03 M.DIV.
and his wife, Cheryl, announce the birth of their second son, Nathan Isaiah, born October 25, 2005. He joins older brother, Caleb.

CATHY HULL '03 M.A.
has been named assistant principal at Cedar Ridge Elementary School.

APRYL WESSON MCCRAW '03 M.AC., SEE APRYL WESSON MCCRAW '01 B.S. LISTING.

CAROLYN MEANS '03 M.A.
is now serving as principal of West Rowan High School.

MICHAEL SMITH '03 M.B.A., SEE MICHAEL SMITH '97 B.S. LISTING.

AUDREY WAGNER '03 M.A.
is now serving as assistant principal at Midway Elementary School.

CYNTHIA ALTENUELLER '04 M.A.
is serving as principal of West Wilkes Middle School.

CHARLES "CHUCK" BRAWLEY '04 D.MIN.
is serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in Bessemer City, NC.

IRIS DICKERSON '04 M.DIV., M.B.A.
is the highest ranking woman in the Army National Guard 178th Combat Engineer Battalion and is only one of two black chaplains in South Carolina’s National Guard. She is also an associate pastor at Chester Baptist Church and works full-time at an insurance company in Pineville, NC.

DONNA FOSTER M.B.A. '04
was promoted by Aon Consulting Firm where she has nine years of experience in employee benefits plans.

JAMIE LYNN HILL '04 M.A.
earned national board certification in November 2005. She is a seventh grade English/language arts teacher for Rutherford County Schools.

ANNETTE KRUSE '04 M.A.
has been named assistant principal of Tyro Middle School.

MIKE LAWSON '04 M.A.
began serving as assistant principal of Davidson High School in August 2005.

SEAN MILLER '04 M.DIV.
is currently in the ordination candidacy process of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He and Rev. Marie Perez, who is a chaplain of Lutheran Hospice of Upstate South Carolina, were married on October 15, 2005. Their first child, Ethan Gregory, was born August 2006.

CHRISTINA S. SMITH B.S.N '01., M.S.N. '04
joined Piedmont Home Care as Executive Director. She is nationally certified by the American Nurse Credentialing Center in Nursing Administration Advanced.

LYNETTE HALL WILLIAMSON '04 I.M.B., SEE LYNETTE HALL WILLIAMSON '02 B.S. LISTING.

LORRAINE WOODS '04 M.A.C.
has joined Hurricane Brand Holdings as comptroller.

TRAVIS ATKINS '05 M.A.
is coaching girls’ basketball and softball at North Forsyth High School.

JILL AWUNI '05 M.DIV.
was ordained on July 30, 2006 by the Great Commission Baptist Church in Lancaster, SC.

MATTHEW HAMRICK '05 M.DIV., SEE MATTHEW HAMRICK '99 B.A. LISTING.

MEGAN ALLENE HINKLE M.A. /EDS '06
and Malcolm Campbell Johnson Jr. were married May 20, 2006. He is the clinical director of a group home company in Concord, NC. The couple resides in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

AUDREY REBEKAH KING '05 M.DIV., SEE AUDREY REBEKAH KING '01 B.A. LISTING.

ELIZABETH FLORES MARQUEZ '05 I.M.B.
was recently named Hispanic development officer for First National Bank in Shelby.

DANETTE PRICE '05 M.B.A.
is serving as the manager of Cookie Patch in Pilot Mountain, NC.

BRANDON TURNER '05 M.DIV.
and TIRZAH TURNER '05 M.DIV.
have been commissioned to serve as missionaries by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. They are serving as advocates of the invisibly poor in the Mid-Atlantic region.

DEBOY BEAMON M.A. '06
was promoted to Assistant Principal for Thomasville High School. He has taught at Thomasville Middle School for the past three years.

REIMUND SERAFAICA '06 M.S.N., SEE REIMUND SERAFAICA '02 B.S. LISTING.
DEATHS

WILLIAM STOWE HARRILLE SR. '35 A.A.
died June 2, 2006. He owned and operated Harrill's Inc.
from 1945 until his retirement in 1982. He was a
timeless member of the Greer Lions Club and served on
the Greer Housing Authority Board for 30 years. He was a
member of Memorial United Methodist Church for
over 60 years and was a veteran of World War II.

REV. PAUL HAYNESWORTH BULLINGTON
'36 A.A. died July 9, 2006. As a pastor, he served
several churches in Texas and South Carolina. He was a
general board member for one year of the SC Baptist
Convention. He was named pastor emeritus of Holland
Avenue Baptist and Springvale Baptist.

T.W. ''CASEY'' MARTIN '37 A.A.
died March 3, 2006. He was a retired educator having
taught at Green Creek, Waco, Lattimore and
Mooreboro. He was a principal at Lattimore,
Mooreboro and Belling Springs. He was named
Cleveland County Principal of the Year and District II
Principal of the Year. He was a member of several
community organizations. He was a member of
Lattimore Baptist Church where he was a deacon and
taught the men's Sunday school class for 65 years.

DOROTHY WASHBURN HAMRICK
EDWARDS '37 A.A. died August 10, 2006. A former
teacher, Edwards began working at Gardner-Webb in
1946 as secretary to the president. She was promoted
to Registrar in 1948 and remained in the position until
her retirement in 1981. For several years during this
time, she also held the position of assistant to the Dean
of Admissions and Enrollment. Edwards was named
Registrar Emeritus for Gardner-Webb in 1986. During
her time at Gardner-Webb she served as a mentor to
many of the students. She was named Gardner-Webb
Alumnae of the Year in 1962 and was recipient of the
Gardner-Webb College Service to the College Alumni
Award for 1985.

MARGARET LOUISE DELLINGER '47 A.A.
died June 5, 2006. She served the Lineberger family of
Beloit as executive secretary for 50 years and was a
long-time member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church.
She is survived by two nieces, two nephews and several
great nieces and nephews.

REV. THOMAS A. ''BUDDY'' SHEPPARD '47
A.A. died May 3, 2006. He was a long-time Baptist
minister having served in churches in North and
South Carolina. He was also actively involved with the
South Carolina Baptist Convention. He was also active in
community organizations and was a member of First
Baptist Church Forest City since his retirement in
1984.

JEWELL ANGELA BRACKETT ENGLISH '50
A.A. died May 12, 2006. She taught for three years at
Novilina, NC, and 37 years at Glen Lea. She was a
former member of Sweet Adelines and James River
Woodcarver Association. She was a member of Shady
Grove United Methodist Church, Alpha Delta Kappa,
National League of American Pen Women, Red Hat
Society Chapter "Hannah's Best Tomatoes" and a
charter member of Hanover AARP, where she was elected Post Laureate.

ALEX BROMIR '52 A.A.
died May 11, 2006. He was a teacher and administrator
in Miami-Dade County Schools for over 40 years. From
1968-1981, he served as principal of Miami Springs
Senior High School. From 1992-2002, he was South
Area Superintendent. He received numerous awards
and honors including: Florida High School Activities
Association Hall of Fame; member of the National
Committee of Education in Washington, DC; working
with Arnold Schwarzenegger to develop Inner City
Games of South Florida; Hialeah-Miami Springs
Rotarian of the Year; Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year
and GWU Gallery of Distinguished Graduates.

REV. HAROLD L. RUMFELT '54 A.A.
died March 5, 2006. He was a Baptist minister for 34
years, serving as pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church
from 1989-1998. He remained a member of the church
and of the Roaring Lions Sunday School class. He was
also employed with Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home.
He is survived by his wife, son, three grandchildren and
a sister.

JAMES 'Jim' WIRT HARDIN '58 A.A.
died July 22, 2006. He spent his career working for
various newspapers and retired as systems manager of
the newsroom for the Charlotte Observer after 31 years
of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is
survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren
and two sisters.

LARRY GIBSON '60 A.A. died January 20, 2006.

THOMAS W. MCGEE JR. '60 A.A.
died March 31, 2006. He is survived by his wife, a
daughter and two granddaughters.

JOSEPH JACKSON BEAM '61 A.A.
died April 23, 2006. He was a native of Cleveland
County, NC and a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church
where he was a former Sunday School teacher and
deacon. He is survived by his wife, a son, two
daughters, four grandchildren, two brothers and two
sisters.

BILLY CHARLES HOFFMAN '61 A.A.
died April 25, 2006. He served as a Baptist minister for
over 40 years and pastored churches in North and
South Carolina. He was a member of Sandy Plains
Baptist Church. He was also retired from the NC
Department of Corrections. He is survived by his wife,
two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, four
grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

BRUCE RABON '64 A.A. died June 20, 2006. Rabon was born
in Kershaw County, S.C. and has worked at Gardner-Webb since 1983
He was a member of First Baptist
Church of Shelby and director of Christian Service Organization
of Gardner-Webb University. Rabon
was a graduate of Gardner-Webb, Carson-Newman and
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as
former trustee of Meredith University and Gardner-
Webb University and served on the Nominations
Committee for the North Carolina Baptist Convention
and various committees for the Greater Cleveland
County Baptist Association. Rabon's pastorates include:
New Liberty Baptist Church of East Enterprise, Ind.,
Long Shoals Baptist of Arden, NC, Fallston Baptist of
Fallston, NC and Commonwealth Baptist of Charlotte,
NC and Double Springs Baptist of Shelby, NC. Rabon
had also served as chaplain of Fallston (NC) Volunteer
Fire Department and was a former member of Upper
Cleveland Rescue and Fallston Lions Club. He was also
a former member and chairman of the Board of
Directors for the Life Enrichment Center of Shelby.
Rabon served Gardner-Webb for several years as the
Assistant Vice President for Development in Religious
Studies.

CATHERINE ARNDT '66 A.A.
died July 11, 2006. She was a homemaker and former
librarian at Concordia Lutheran Day School. She was a
member of First United Methodist Church Conover.
She is survived by her parents, husband, two sons, a
daughter, a granddaughter, brother and two sisters.

CATHY MCHENRY BIRD '71
died March 27, 2006. She was the principal of New
Prospect Elementary School. During her time as
principal, the school won numerous awards including
the 2005-2006 Palmettos Finest Award given by the
Carolina First and South Carolina Association of
School Administrators. She was a member of First
Baptist Church North Spartanburg, SC.

ROBERT MADARIS '71
died August 2, 2006. He worked for a professional
cleaning company and was a singer and songwriter. He
is survived by his mother, two sisters, two nieces and a
nephew.

DAVID BOAN '77 B.A.
died June 24, 2006. A native of
Dillon, South Carolina, Boan
graduated from Gardner-Webb with a
Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion.
He earned a Master of Divinity from
Southeastern Baptist Theological
Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry
from Drew University. Boan had
worked in Gardner-Webb fundraising since 2002 and
was promoted to the senior staff as Vice President for
Development in March of this year. Boan also served as
pastor for several churches in North and South
Carolina. Boan's involvement in community and civic
activities included Hospire, Boiling Springs Rotary
Club, Habitat for Humanity and the United Way.

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ISABELLE “SPARKLE” WILMER ’80

died April 4, 2006. For 20 years she worked as a water treatment chemist for the City of Gastonia, NC. She was an active participant in the political process and was a subscribing life member of the Cleveland County chapter of the NAACP. She was president of the WMC at Palmer Grove Baptist Church and a former choir member and Sunday School teacher. She was also active in numerous community organizations.

GREGORY DALE FETTY ’84

died March 15, 2006. During his career he served as vice president of Family Sweets Candy Company and worked for Rhodes Furniture and Nissan. He was a member of First Assembly of God in Winston-Salem, NC. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son, two sisters, one brother, two cousins and several nieces, nephews, and step siblings.

ROBERT COUNCIL DUDLEY ’88

died July 13, 2006. He was a registered nurse and worked in the intensive care unit at Davis Hospital. He also owned a home-health agency. He is survived by his daughter, mother, sister, brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

MICHAEL PICKETT ’92 B.S.

died April 22, 2006. He was an employee of Clark/Hurst and Dana Corporation for nearly 25 years and was currently employed at Ingersoll-Rand. He was a member of Western Avenue Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, a step-son, his mother and step-father, two brothers, a sister, five nephews and four nieces.

ARLENE SUSAN MALL HURD ’97 B.S.

died July 14, 2006. She was an employee of H&R Block for over 15 years. She is survived by her daughter, life partner, granddaughter, mother two brothers and two sisters.

ROBIN GARVEY MURRAY ’06 B.S.N.

died August 3, 2006. She was a nurse at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, SC. She served on several committees including the Orthopedic Action Committee, Pharmacy and Nursing Committee and the Patient Satisfaction Committee. She was a member of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation and St. Paul Apostolic Church. She is survived by her son, two daughters, a sister, a brother, a grandmother and two nieces.

W. WYAN WASHBURN, M.D., FORMER GARDNER-WEBB ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, died October 23, 2006. He grew up helping his parents, Joe and Tillie Washburn, with the family dairy and farm near Lattimore, NC. An Eagle Scout, he graduated from Wake Forest College and worked as a reporter and news editor for The Shelby Star in the 1930s before earning his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in 1943. He saw active duty in Europe as a chief medical officer in the Army Medical Corps from 1943 to 1945. He met and married Emily Davis, a nurse, in 1944. They moved to Boiling Springs for about 35 years, he energetically served his many patients throughout the county, delivering more than 3,000 babies. Washburn was a former Gardner-Webb trustee and also held the title of Trustee Emeritus.

ERLINE WELBORN HENDRIX, FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, died March 10, 2006. She was a homemaker and charter member of Trinity Baptist Church. She is survived by her son, a daughter-in-law, a brother, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

CARLOS YOUNG – FORMER MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, died November 24, 2006. He was inducted into the Army in 1941, served as a major in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He returned to Shelby, NC after the war where he co-founded Young Brothers Furniture Store and Young Rentals while being very active in local, state and national politics. His strong belief for missions led him to serve as a trustee of Gardner-Webb University, a charter member and president of Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors, a trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a member of the General Board of the N.C. Baptist State Convention, a trustee of NC Baptist Hospital and moderator of Kings Mountain Baptist Association. Before his health limited his mobility, he regularly participated in prison ministry. He was also instrumental in the beginnings of public kindergartens and special education in North Carolina.

JUANITA BENTON LEFLER, FORMER EMPLOYEE, died May 29, 2006. She worked at GWU for 21 years and retired in 1976. She was a member of Tabor Presbyterian Church and was a native of Shelby, NC. She is survived by her son, a daughter, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, numerous cousins and nephews and one niece.

JOSEPH DANIEL LONG, FORMER EMPLOYEE, died March 8, 2006. He was a retired industrial engraver with Consolidated Engravers in Charlotte. He attended New Hope Baptist Church. He is survived by one son, daughter and sister-in-law.
Football Schedule 2007

September 1 - at Ohio University
September 8 - Jacksonville
September 15 - at Appalachian State
September 29 - Austin Peay
October 13 - at Wofford
October 20 - at Virginia Military Institute (VMI)
October 27 - Charleston Southern (Homecoming)
November 3 - Savannah State
November 10 - at Coastal Carolina
November 17 - Liberty

(Games in red are at GWU)

*Schedule subject to change.

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Make a contribution to Gardner-Webb through your IRA.

Many changes have taken place over the University's century of educational excellence, but at least one thing remains constant: Gardner-Webb's commitment to providing the best possible educational opportunities for our students. As we do so, we want to provide for you a few unique and special ways to support your Alma Mater.

As such, there has been a recent change in federal legislation that provides for you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to impact the University. Last September, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Through 2007 (and discontinuing thereafter), individuals who are at least 70 1/2 years old may make charitable contributions directly from their IRAs and Roth IRAs. This legislation is unique as it allows the individual to make a contribution without having to first make a withdrawal, pay the capital gains taxes associated with a liquidated investment, and then give the gift to charity; the contribution can simply be a transfer directly from the IRA. Further, these contributions from your IRA may be counted toward your annual withdrawal as is required in the IRA. There are some other provisions for individuals that are at least 59 1/2 years of age.

Your IRA contribution can be applied to your favorite program, scholarship, or project at Gardner-Webb, just like a cash gift. You can make a contribution toward one of the following projects:

- The annual Phon-a-Thon drive, makes contact with all Gardner-Webb alumni in an attempt to provide scholarship support to the most academically worthy and financially needy of Gardner-Webb's students through a scholarship called "Gardner-Webb Grant."

- The University is in the midst of a campaign to raise $50,000 for the Broyhill School of Management and the Graduate School of Business to establish a technology fund. The purpose of the fund is to keep our students on the leading edge of technology and to help make the business education relevant so that Gardner-Webb's business students are ready to enter the workforce.

- The Bulldog Club helps support our Runnin' Bulldogs athletic program. Your contribution will help us provide much-needed scholarship and program support to 20 NCAA Division I sports - helping our student-athletes remain competitive in the classroom and on the sporting fields and courts.

Any members of the Gardner-Webb Development staff would be happy to help you find the best way for you to support your Alma Mater. If you have questions, ideas, feedback, or concerns please call me at (704) 406-4250. I look forward to discussing with you how you can have a unique impact on the University.

Go Bulldogs!

Steve Varley
Vice President for Development

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It is the time of the year when the fall’s freshmen class will begin seeking scholarship support. By giving to the Gardner-Webb Fund, your money goes directly to the scholarships that will help these and current students. Your gifts help our alumni giving rate, thus improving our chances of raising money from foundations and other groups. So even a small gift makes a big difference!

If you have not received a phone call from Phone-a-thon, or would like to donate immediately, just cut off the form below and mail it in.

Thank you for giving students the chance to think great!

I WANT TO HELP deserving students continue their education in a caring, Christian atmosphere by giving to the Gardner-Webb Fund!

AMOUNT OF YOUR GIFT:
☐ $1000.00 (University Club)
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The Final Word

“Spread the Word”

Have you shared a good word
about Gardner-Webb University lately?

If not, please do so. The result can be significant.

Every January, some of the brightest and the best high school seniors from all over the country visit our campus to compete for our University Fellows Scholarships. Parents, other family members and/or friends join these students for a special day of interviews, campus tours, workshops, class visits and conversation. It is always the conversations I enjoy most.

For years, I have made an effort to meet every high school senior visiting Gardner-Webb for this competition. It is truly a blessing. These young people are special. They have their dreams and they have begun their quest to meet those dreams.

What does all of this have to do with sharing a good word about Gardner-Webb University? Let me explain. One of the questions I ask each student is “how did you become familiar with our University.” I hear the usual things such as the internet, mailings, ads in magazines, etc. More and more I hear that the student learned about us from someone within the Gardner-Webb University family.

Let me share an example. During the recent University Fellows competition, I met a student who had traveled a significant distance to compete for the scholarships. I discovered that it was her third trip to our campus.

She proudly stated that Gardner-Webb was the place for her. Listening further, it became clear that she was introduced to GWU by an alumnus. That alumnus was a friend of a friend of her father. As you can see, this special young lady and Gardner-Webb will benefit from the sharing of a good word.

There are so many opportunities to share a good word about Gardner-Webb. Take the time, make the effort. Share the feelings you have about this special place. You will never know how many students you influence to just take a look at what we can offer. You will never know how many new friends you will introduce to our University. In fact, you might just influence the next major gift that comes to Gardner-Webb University. You might, just might do all this by sharing a good word. So I encourage you to share that good word again and again and again.

Remember, at Gardner-Webb University, we have great things in mind, for our students and the world.

Best Regards,

Ralph “Scoot” Dixon
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