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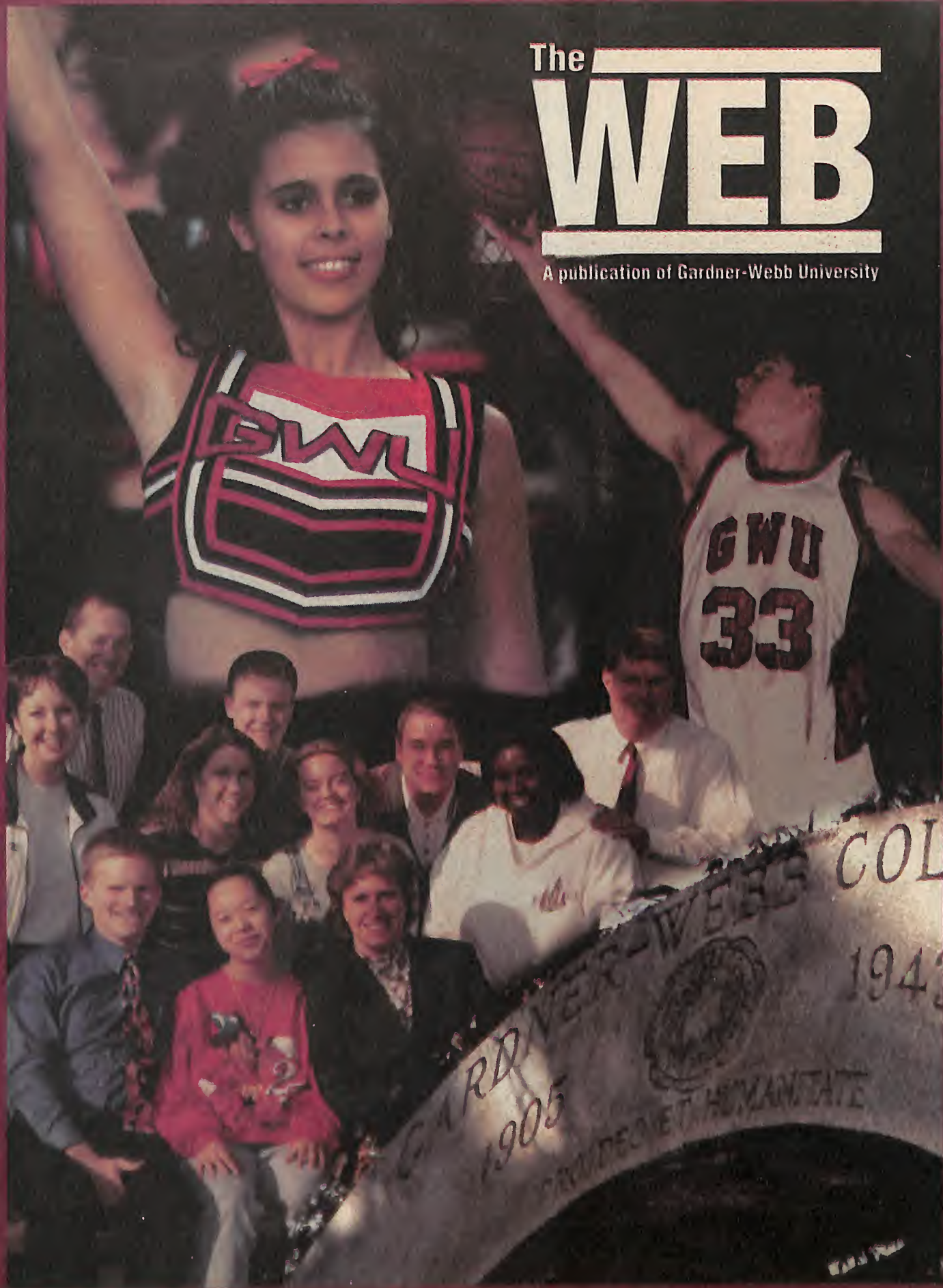
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# The **WEB**

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## Putting Its Money Where Its Mouth Is

### A Bold New Curriculum Gives Further Notice To Students And The Public That Gardner-Webb Is Dedicated To Developing The Whole Person

*"We have in America the largest public school system on earth, the most expensive college buildings, the most extensive curriculum, but nowhere else is education so blind to its objectives, so indifferent to any specific outcome as in America. One trouble has been its negative character. It has aimed at the repression of faults rather than the creation of values."*

Those haunting words from the late William P. Faunce likely rang all too true in Dr. Gil Blackburn's mind in October 1997. The GWU vice president and dean of academic affairs, having just learned in September of that year about Gardner-Webb's selection as one of only 134 colleges nationwide to the elite Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character-Building Institutions, had realized that GWU was at a cross-roads ... live up to this invaluable distinction or count it as a singular accomplishment and move on.

Blackburn says many hours laboring over what the prospects of GWU's legacy might be in decades to come left him with a clear course of action – grab the brass ring and devise a new General Studies core curriculum that would give teeth to the Templeton recognition.

A proposed course of action was pitched to the faculty as a whole for consideration – a three-fold venture into developing character in Gardner-Webb students that involved an elective, certificate program, and new core

curriculum elements entitled "Dimensions of Heritage" and "Dimensions of the Self." The Gardner-Webb core seeks to align the institution with the ideas embodied in Alan Wolfe's recent book on American opinion, *One Nation, After All*. Wolfe reports that, even though the opinions of the average American are often ridiculed

of the Self' will be a cluster of courses that focuses on "interiority" and self-understanding. "Self is that irreducible essence at the core of our being that may be surrendered but cannot be taken from us against our will," says Blackburn. "If character emerges from within, 'Dimensions of the Self' is indispensable to the student's



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by the elites that dominate institutional life, a clear majority doggedly cling to a core of deeply held values that give meaning to their lives. The curriculum goes into effect this fall.

According to the Winter 1998-99 National Association of Scholars (NAS) newsletter, the new core at GWU "addresses recent negative critiques of American higher education but avoids the pitfalls that have plagued curricular reform efforts at many institutions."

Whereas courses in the "Dimensions of Heritage" element of the new curriculum will weave strands of Western, non-Western and American culture into a coherent whole, "Dimensions

development."

Blackburn explained that, in addition to the current Freshman Experience requirement already in place (designed to assist with the transition from home to college through the formation of good study habits, responsibility, etc.), "Dimension of the Self" includes courses in personal Assessment and Adjustment, Dimensions of Personal Health, Leisure Pursuits, literature, and Art or Music Survey.

As a unique capstone to the new curriculum, an elective, certificate program rounds out the new core that encourages students to participate in activities that provide an experiential, depth dimension to their education.

The certificate programs include the following: Great Books, Leadership and Public Service, Community Service, Fitness Activities, International Study, and Integration of Faith and Learning. Each certificate program has a coordinator and an advisory board. Students' experiences will be reported on a Social transcript that will become an official part of the permanent record.

The University received a sizable grant from The Broyhill Family Foundation, Inc., of Lenoir, North Carolina, to implement the new curriculum, which will place GWU in the ranks of those bucking the trend toward the dissolution of liberal arts.

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The new curriculum is the latest in a long line of recent moves that have shown the country of GWU's dedication to character development. The Templeton award was presented in Fall 1997, the GWU School of Business was recognized on national television for its mission to instill morality and ethics in its students, the Broyhill Adventure Course was created on campus to teach team-building and leadership skills, and a new position was created to coordinate volunteer efforts among students.

#### Editor's Note:

*You have noticed by now that this issue of The Web is quite different from its traditional appearance. The standard magazine format will still be used for three of the four issues you receive throughout the year. However, since our summer editions of this publication tend to be thinner on campus news, we will begin using this tabloid format for our summer issues in order to share more alumni news with you (class notes, alumni features, homecoming info, etc.). We will return to our normal format for our Fall edition of The Web.*



## Helping Heal The Wounds

*GWU Professors Sought For Wisdom In The Face Of Disaster*

Professors Dr. Anne Henderson and Dr. Jackson Rainer have used their expert status to take the Gardner-Webb name to all corners of the country in recent months.

Henderson, associate professor of political science, has worked with the United Nations as a peacekeeper for several years in the Balkans and was very familiar with the brewing tensions in Yugoslavia when fighting broke out there this spring. She has seen firsthand the atrocities and suffering that the Balkan natives have endured and, when word was released that she was an authority on the political situation there, the phone began ringing with inquiries from media members across the United States.

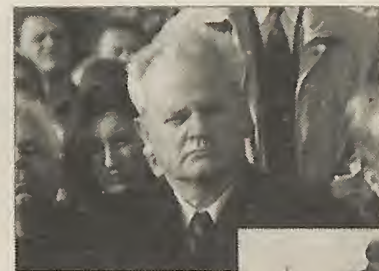
One journalist from Florida who was following the story told The Web that he had spoken with many people who had opinions about the crisis, but Dr. Henderson was the first he had encountered who has personal experience with it. "This is a real find," he said. "You just don't run across

someone like her who has been there, worked there, and has expert information on what this conflict is all about. Gardner-Webb should be extremely proud that it can boast of someone of her expertise."

Henderson's thoughts on Kosovo were so valuable that one daily newspaper began running a commentary from Henderson in conjunction with each day's news on the situation. Many times appearing on the front page, Henderson received overwhelming response to her candid and hard-hitting evaluations of NATO's involvement, Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, and America's role in the conflict.

To date she has been quoted by over 20 major American media outlets.

Dr. Rainer, associate professor of psychology and a licensed therapist, found himself in a similar situation this spring when the horrible shooting disaster in Littleton, Colorado, took place at Columbine High School outside of Denver. Having previously helped communities like Eugene, Oregon, deal with out-of-control high school students who go on killing rampages, Rainer was called time and again by news outlets across the country to field his expert opinion on one of the worst scenes in U.S. history.



*Scenes from Yugoslavia and Littleton, Colorado have shaped our way of life thus far in 1999.*



Rainer is a noted authority on adolescent psychology, death, grieving, and bereavement. Television stations put him on the air immediately after the tragedy occurred, papers from as far north as New Jersey and as far west as Oregon hung on his every word in news articles and editorials, and journalists from nationally syndicated news bureaus e-mailed Rainer constantly in order to explain to the world what had just happened.

And while Rainer is deeply saddened by an all-too-familiar scene, he is proud that GWU is being considered a resource for expert opinions. "No one benefits from a senseless tragedy like this, but if I, as a representative of this University, can help put this disaster into perspective for someone out there, I feel it's my duty as psychologist and educator to do so."



## CLASS NOTES

### The '30s

**Irene Roberts Blanton '39 A.A.** and her husband, Vetas, announce that their son, David, and his family are serving in Taiwan with the International Mission Board, and their daughter, Mary Ann Lineberger, and her family live in Shelby.

### The '40s

**Dorothy Bell Austell '41** received the North Carolina Council of Women's 1998 Business Woman of North Carolina award, which was presented by North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt. She is president and owner of the Dorothy Austell and Associates Agency, a branch of Jefferson Pilot Financial.

**Arthur Maxwell Ruppe '47 A.A.** and his wife, Ruth, still reside in

Fayetteville, NC, where he was an attorney at his private law practice from 1955 to 1998. He provided an update about their children: Carol R. Gibson - flight attendant, US Airways; Sharon R. Smith - assistant district attorney, 12th judicial district; Max Ruppe Jr. - real estate appraiser; and Susan R. Black - Certified Public Accountant.

### The '50s

**Carolyn Harrill Simmons '53 B.A.** retired in April from Southwestern Bell, after 39 years and six months of service. She and her husband, J.D., live in Aledo, TX. They have three children, Gaylia, Greg and Jenny, and three grandchildren.

**Dr. Billy Cline '56 A.A.** is the interim pastor at Pisgah Forest Baptist Church. Prior to this interim position, Dr. Cline served 30 years at Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church in Asheville and was named pastor emeritus upon his retirement in 1995.

**Grace Ollis Calhoun '58 A.A.** has been named superintendent of Avery County Schools. She has 32 years of experience in public education, serving in various capacities in

Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina.

### The '60s

**Cline Hamrick '61** and his wife, Kathryn, live in Boiling Springs. He is employed by Shelby City Schools as the director of grounds, and she is an agency manager with Met Life. Their e-mail address is [kathryn@connectu.net](mailto:kathryn@connectu.net).

**James Bland Conyers, Jr. '63** and his wife, Susan, reside in Altamonte Springs, FL. Their e-mail address is [secquilt@magicnet.net](mailto:secquilt@magicnet.net).

**Donnie Edward Kingsmore '65** and **Carol Vance Kingsmore '66** live in Denver, NC and have three sons and nine grandchildren. Donnie is the owner of MORE Pkg. Inc., while Carol owns CVK Pkg. Inc. Her e-mail address is [cvk111@aol.com](mailto:cvk111@aol.com).

**Pat S. Childress '65** has joined Centura as a financial services officer in the Forest City Main office.

**R. Wayne Troutman '66 A.A.** received an A.A. degree in motor-sports management technologies in May and was grand marshal for the

Transouth 400 race at Darlington Raceway. He and his wife, **Nancy Hargett Troutman '67**, live in Concord, NC and their e-mail address is [rtroutman@ctc.net](mailto:rtroutman@ctc.net).

**Timothy G. Cates '67 A.A.** of Graham, NC is the author of "Confessions of a Dandy" published by Pentland Press.

**Jeffrey Scott Padgett '67** recently retired from a 30-year career with Cabarrus County Schools, serving the last 15 years as principal of Beverly Hills Elementary. He presently serves on the Concord City Council and is the director of the Academic Learning Center.

**C. Lee Willis '67** is director of the United States Office of Personnel Management for New England. He provides leadership and direction in all areas of human resource management to federal agencies in the New England states.

### The '70s

**Dr. Robert W. Campbell '71 B.A.** is both a clinical researcher at Carolinas Medical Center and pastor of the International Baptist Church in Charlotte, which ministers across cultural differences.



## The Apple of Our Eye

by Mary Jones

"I believe the distinction between a 'good' and a 'great' teacher is clearly demonstrated by Carolyn Billings, for she is the epitome of a teacher," says Dr. Terry Fern, chair of the Fine Arts Department. Dr. Billings, a professor in the Fine Arts Department was honored at the annual Apples and Accolades lunch with this year's Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award, voted on by students and faculty.

Billings teaches courses in piano, theory, piano pedagogy, and music history. "She exudes enthusiasm, care and professionalism," says Fern.

What's her secret? "I don't think I have any secrets," Billings explains. "I know any time I enter a lesson or the classroom, I'm trying to think of ways to get students excited about what they're learning. I try to see

that they learn for themselves and apply what they learn to the music they're performing," says Billings.

GWU President Dr. Chris White described Billings by saying, "Certainly her most important asset is her genuine concern for students. In her life – both professional and personal – she lives out those qualities of character and morality that Gardner-Webb supports. Dr. Billings is a wonderful model for the ideal GWU professor."

Fern concludes, "Though diminutive in stature and step, her constant striving on the behalf of others has left an immense impression on all who fall in her shadow."

(Mary Jones is an intern this summer with the Office of Public Relations. She is an English major with a writing emphasis.)



Dr. Carolyn Billings, center, with Dr. White and his wife, Linda

## Business Professor Succumbs To Lengthy Illness

Longtime Gardner-Webb professor Dr. Keith Griggs passed away on April 27 after battling a rare blood disorder. He had been unable to teach this past academic year due to his illness. He was 62.

"He was a stalwart of the business school," said former business dean Jim Crawley. "He was a fine Christian man and a fine professor."

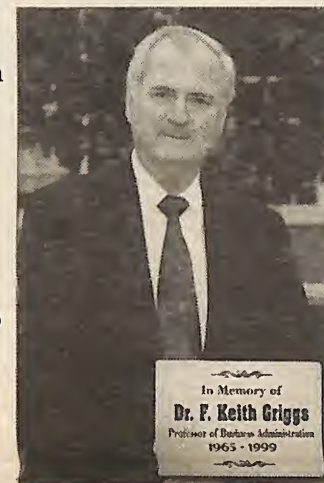
During his 34-year tenure as a business professor, Griggs also served as director of the MBA Program, chairman of the business department, and director of the GOAL Program.

Soon after his passing, a special ceremony was held in front of Hamrick Hall, home of the School of Business, to remember Dr. Griggs' legacy and to plant a tree in front of the building to honor his lifetime of dedication to the University. A plaque at the foot of

the tree explains the tree's significance.

His wife, Nell Griggs, also a GWU faculty member, spoke to the crowd at the Hamrick Hall ceremony, saying that the University was a cornerstone of her husband's life. "He loved the interaction with students. He loved working on new concepts ... he just loved Gardner-Webb. I'm proud of what he accomplished here."

School of Business faculty also voted unanimously to rename a business school award, presented at Academic Awards Day at the end of the school year, in his memory. The award will now bear Dr. Griggs' name and recognize a student who possesses exceptional leadership and business skills.



Dr. Keith Griggs held many positions during his tenure at GWU, including director of the MBA Program

Most recently, he has been conducting research in the hospital emergency department, studying the causes and extent of injuries in motor vehicle accidents and working with the families and patients involved in medical traumas. His e-mail address is rcampbell@iname.com.

**James Ronald "Ron" Wright '71 B.A.** recently began his 26th year at Cleveland Community College. He has served as vice president of academic programs since 1995, and his previous roles at CCC include English instructor, department head of liberal arts, and dean of arts, sciences and public services. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Shelby. His e-mail address is Wright@Cleveland.CC.NC.US.

**Darryl Corley '72 B.S.**, a real estate agent and certified real estate training instructor, recently was recognized for his outstanding sales achievements in 1998. He has been an employee with Doug Wright Realty Co. in Burke County since 1984.

**Michael W. Branscome '73 B.A.** has been called as pastor by First Church, Aberdeen. He goes to First Church from Hilliard Memorial Church in High Point.

**Bonnie Ferguson Winburn '73 B.S.** recently performed in "Plaza Suite," a play presented by The Marlboro Players at the Marlboro Civic Center. In her third stage appearance with the Players, she starred opposite her husband, Mike. She is a guidance counselor with the Chesterfield County school district and is active in the community as the president of The Friends of the Civic Center and a board member for The Marlboro Players. Bonnie and Mike live in Bennettsville, SC and have two sons, Andy, a trauma unit nurse, and Scot, a junior at Clemson.

**Joy Harpe Burton '74 B.S.** is a biology and health teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She was voted the Middle School Teacher of the Year by PacificCare Health Care, was named the Sutter Middle School Teacher of the Year, and was an Educator of the Year nominee for the California League of Middle School Teachers. She and her husband, Richard, live in Calabasas, CA.

**Phil Cooke '76 B.S., '86 M.A.** has been named Principal of the Year for Region 8 of the NC Middle School Association, a region which includes 17 western North

Carolina counties. He is the principal of East Middle School in Rutherford County.

**Andy Ingram '76 B.A.** is in his sixth year serving as the mayor of Cheraw, SC. He also owns a business in Cheraw - Ingram Insurance and Real Estate.

**Joel Grayson Crook '77 B.S.** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in the Orthodox Church in America, on March 27, 1999. Joel is a registered nurse at the Camp Lejeune naval hospital, and his wife, Rebecca, is employed as a teacher with Onslow County Schools.

**Paula Gullede Williams '77 B.S.** recently received National Board Certification in the area of Early Childhood Generalist. She currently teaches second grade at Pilot Elementary School in Greensboro, NC. In addition, Paula is organist at Conrad Memorial Baptist Church in High Point and writes a biweekly column called "Lessons Learned" for the High Point Enterprise. She and her husband, Gralyn, have two children, Gray and Beth. Paula's e-mail address is pwilliam@guilford.k12.nc.us.

**Marti Christensen '79 B.S., '90**

**M.A.** has earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A teacher for 19 years, Marti currently teaches first grade at the Fallston Elementary School of Global Studies in Cleveland County.

**David Cooley '79 B.S.** is a State Farm Insurance agent in Fort Lauderdale, FL. His e-mail address is dlco5557@aol.com.

## The '80s

**Bettina Toney Flack '80 A.D.N., '98 B.S.N.** has been promoted to assistant nurse manager of the Emergency Department at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. Her e-mail address is tinaflack@ctc.net.

**Diane Martin Johnson '80 B.S.**, her husband, Terry, and their children, Greg, Alicia and Geoffrey Martin, born August 15, 1997, reside in Hickory. Diane is the vice president of finance and co-owner of Blue Ridge Biologicals, Inc.

**Gary K. Latimer '81 B.S.** recently accepted the position of outside sales representative for OEC Fluid Handling, servicing the territory from Charlotte to Wilmington, NC. His e-mail address is gkla-



# Using The NFL as a Training Ground

by Mary Jones

He had been an athletic trainer at Gardner-Webb since his freshman year, treating injuries, rehabilitating athletes and helping with practices, but this summer Nick Mouyeous is doing something a little different. Mouyeous, from Westminster, SC, has an internship with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks, which began the end of June. "It's hard to get an internship; I tried last year and couldn't. I'm fortunate and something might come out of it," said Mouyeous.



Mouyeous graduated this year from the sports studies program, part of only the second class of students to graduate with a major in the program. This summer he'll be helping with the Seahawks' pre-season camp, assisting with practices, coverage, rehabilitation, treatments, organization, paperwork and general tasks. The camp is at Eastern Washington

University and will last through the end of August. "I'll be working a lot of hours," said Mouyeous. "From about six in the morning 'til around 11:30 at night."

Mouyeous is one of only six interns to be accepted into the program. All his expenses are paid, including plane tickets, room and board and any uniforms he might need. In addition, he receives a salary that includes overtime.

When he came to Gardner-Webb, Mouyeous said he didn't know what athletic training was, but he soon was introduced to it by Kevin Jones, head athletic trainer in the department. "He explained what it involved and was very straightforward about everything. You have to love it. It involves a lot of time and effort, but it's really rewarding," said Mouyeous.

Upon graduation this year, Mouyeous had over 3,200 hours of hands-on experience, part of the

requirements of the program. "Our program is unique. As soon as you're admitted, you start with your education. When I was a freshman, it was learning on the run. The more I learned, the more I could do. People (in the program) will bend over backwards to show you how to do something new, or, if they don't know, they'll send you to someone who does. Gardner-Webb is really lucky to have such a qualified staff. We're a big family because of all the time we spent with each other."

A masters degree is Mouyeous' next goal. He's looking into different schools and sending out applications and resumes. He's also awaiting test scores from the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification Examination, which he took in mid-June. The first-time passing rate is 34 to 40 percent, but two recent graduates have already passed on their first try.

"I think I'm very prepared," said Mouyeous. "I'm really looking forward to the experience and the doors it will open up. It will be good to make contacts. I think people are very prepared who come out of the program (at Gardner-Webb). Everybody has a good chance of being very successful."

"I definitely want to do athletic training on a professional level," he continued. "It would be a really cool job to have. I hope this will help me get a better taste for what to expect. I think I'm going to have a blast."

*(Mary Jones is an intern with the GWU Office of Public Relations.)*

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**Joseph E. Kelly '82 B.S.** has been promoted to the rank of E-8 (Senior Chief Petty Officer) and is currently stationed at Navy Manpower Analysis Center in Millington, TN. His e-mail address is joseph.kelly@navmac.navy.mil.

**Abbigail Stephens Kalaf '83 B.S.**, her husband, Bill, and their son, Matthew, now live in Lees Summit, MO.

**Diane Beane '84 B.S., '89 M.A.** has been named Teacher of the Year by Westfield Elementary School. In education for 15 years, Diane currently teaches fourth grade.

**Roy Deal '85 B.S.** was married to Jill Eva Simonson on June 11, 1997. They live in Connelly Springs, and he is a clerk with USPS.

**Kevin Morgan '85 B.A., '97 M.Div.** is the new associate pastor and minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau, MO. He leaves Lake Toxaway Baptist Church where he served as pastor for five years.

**Leah Ruth Poovey '85 B.A., '95**

**M.B.A.** married Michael Edward Laidley on November 28, 1998, at the First Baptist Church chapel in Morganton, NC. She is employed at Grace Healthcare Systems, and the groom is employed at Whippoorwill Farms, Inc. They reside in Nebo.

**Phyllis Wilson Von Ebers '85 B.A.** is the Chancel Choir director at Millwood Community Presbyterian Church in Spokane, WA, and is manager of the Records Department at Inland Medical Evaluations. She and her husband, Steve, have a daughter, Lydia, who is four. Their e-mail address is splvon@aol.com.

**C. Renee Watson '85** is pursuing her master's degree in library and information science at UNC-Greensboro and is a library reference assistant at Jackson Library. Her e-mail address is crwatso2@uncg.edu.

**Cindy Robinson Stelzig '86 B.A.**, her husband, Doug, and their son, Kurt, are missionaries with Mission to the World of the Presbyterian Church in America. They are stationed at the Bible Institute Eastern Cape in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, where Doug teaches New Testament

classes and Cindy is involved in a variety of ministries.

**Kevin Parsons '87 B.S.** currently lives in Ellerbe, NC. His e-mail address is kevinp@richmond.cc.nc.us.

**Roberta Borden Wilson '87** and her husband, Thomas Johnston "T.J.", announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Hannah Borden Wilson, born on March 8, 1999. Mary Hannah has a sister, Allison, 13, and a brother, Thomas, 11. The Wilsons live in Lincolnton, NC.

**Denny Scott Booth '89 B.S.** married Emily Nicole White on April 17, 1999, at Mount Olive United Methodist Church in Yadkinville, NC. He is the plant manager for Shallowford Farms Popcorn, and the bride is a certified medical assistant at Winston-Internal Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC. They live in Yadkinville.

**Todd Capps '89 B.A.** and his wife, Kimberly, announce the birth of their first child, Paige Marie, born February 25, 1999. Todd is the preschool and children's minister at Council Road Baptist Church, and his e-mail address is capps@council-road.org.

## The '90s

**Todd Hill '90 B.S.** has been named director of business services at Rutherford Hospital. He returns there after serving as director of business services at the McDowell Hospital in Marion for six years. He previously worked in the Data Processing and Business Services Departments at Rutherford Hospital. Todd lives in Forest City with his wife, Rhonda, and his son, Jadon.

**Robert Lawing '90 B.A.** and **Karen Massie Lawing '88 B.S.** announce the birth of their son, Noah Hunter, born March 1, 1999. Robert is the minister of youth and education at First Baptist Church of Rutherfordton and Karen is a social worker at the Rutherford County Department of Social Services. Their e-mail address is butler@blueridge.net.

**Janet Lynn Lindsay '90 B.A.** married Jon Patrick Grant on April 10, 1999. She is currently a staffing supervisor with Staffmark in Charlotte, and the groom is the oracle procurement manager with SeaLand Service of Charlotte. The couple resides in Charlotte.



## GWU Students Selected to Speak at Mid-Atlantic Conference

Three Gardner-Webb University student athletic trainers were selected to make a presentation at the 1999 Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Meeting in Williamsburg, VA, on May 21-23. Other universities that made presentations were the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Virginia, Old Dominion University, West Virginia University, and James Madison.

Students Ewell Vernon, Mary Kirkman and Mike Overholt spoke on the topic of "Ulnar Nerve Transposition," a surgical procedure during which a nerve in the elbow is moved to a new location. Presentations are part of the Student Program during the convention.

The Mid-Atlantic district consists of Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Membership includes approximately 2,500 certified and student athletic trainers.

"This is quite an honor for our students, athletic training program, and University," said Larry Brey, GWU program director for athletic training. "In addition, this will

be the fourth consecutive year in which our students have been selected to present at the district meeting."

## Former Baseball Coach Now A Hall of Famer

Legendary former Gardner-Webb head baseball coach Jerry Bryson was presented with a GWU Athletics Hall of Fame ring in a special ceremony this spring at Varsity Field in Boiling Springs.

Bryson earned legendary status as a head coach at then Gardner-Webb College from 1966 to 1980. He compiled a sparkling 305-87 won-loss record during that tenure for an amazing 77.8 winning percentage. Bryson guided the Bulldogs to three conference titles during his 14-year span as Gardner-Webb skipper and was named Conference "Coach of the Year" three consecutive seasons.

Bryson was the first Gardner-Webb baseball coach to guide the Bulldogs to an appearance in the national tournament, taking his squads to the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament twice. Those teams finished fifth in the nation on both occasions. Seven players achieved All-America status under Bryson, including Gardner-Webb Hall of Famers Gary Robinson and Roger McSwain.

Several Gardner-Webb players used the knowledge and skill developed under Bryson to cultivate professional baseball careers. Six players off the 1972 team were either signed to professional contracts or drafted into pro baseball.

Bryson directed his clubs to an impressive 33-11 overall record and an amazing 48-2 conference mark (96 percent).

Known as an outstanding role model and wonderful representative of Gardner-Webb University, Bryson was inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame on September 26, 1992. A special Hall of Fame ring was presented to Bryson by longtime friend and current Gardner-Webb head baseball coach Clyde Miller. The Bulldogs posted a 35-20 record in 1999 under Miller, who won his 700th career game as a head coach earlier in the season.



*Bryson, at left, with GWU Coach Clyde Miller*

**Michael Anthony Bumgarner '91 B.S.** was married to Renee Amos Beck on October 10, 1998. He is the owner of Carolina Card Connection, and the bride is employed by Hoechst Trespaphan of America. The couple resides in Clemmons.

**Warren Todd Smith '91 B.A.** and his wife, Tamara, announce the birth of their son, Wilson Thomas, born November 15, 1998. They also have a son, Warren Todd, who is two years old. The Smiths live in Winnsboro, SC where Todd is the pastor of First Baptist Church.

**Jane Richards Szabaga '91 B.A.** is now a word processing specialist for Cravath, Swaine & Moore, a law firm in New York City. Her e-mail address is Jane\_Szabaga@hotmail.com.

**Tracy Skidmore Doub '92 B.S.** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter, Carson Ann, born February 17, 1999.

**James Michael Fain '92 B.S.** has been named the High Point Police Department 1998 Officer of the Year. He joined the High Point Police Department in 1983 and currently is assigned as a detective in

the Investigations Bureau.

**John William McDaniel '92 B.S.** was married to Anita Breazeale on February 6, 1999. He is employed at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church, and the bride works at the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center. The couple resides in Boiling Springs.

**Paul Packard '92 A.D.N.** is employed by Hermann Hospital as a registered nurse. He resides in Seabrook, TX and his e-mail address is pap@netr.net.

**David Workman '92 B.A.** and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, born March 30, 1999. Their e-mail address is lisa.workman2@gte.net.

**Hoyt Bynum '93 B.S.** is the newly appointed executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Pines. Within this program, children can receive after-school homework assistance, attend arts and crafts classes and participate in various recreational activities.

**Terry Hairston II '93 B.S.** has been named Officer of the Year by the Guilford County sheriff's department. In law enforcement for

five years, Terry works as a detention officer at the county jail in High Point.

**Donald R. Helton, Jr. '93 B.A., '97 M.A.** is the minister of music and education at Cedar Falls Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC.

**Phillip E. Mabry '93 B.S. GOAL** passed the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant exam in November 1998. He is an accountant at Cynthia H. Beane, CPA of Albemarle, NC.

**Julius Victor Martin '93 B.S.** has been promoted to social worker with the Rutherford County Department of Social Services. He is responsible for monitoring rest homes and family care homes within the county.

**Dayna Lynn Tomlin Morgan '93 B.S. GOAL** and her husband, James, announce the birth of their son, Peter James, born May 9, 1999.

**Jonathan Turner '93 B.A. and Laura Sharpe Turner '93 B.A.** have moved from Georgia to Concord, NC. Jonathan is the minister of music at Pitts Baptist Church in Harrisburg, NC, and Laura teaches pre-school classes at Bright Horizons Children's Center

as well as piano lessons.

**John Benjamin Brackett '94 B.S.** was married to Linda Keenan York on January 23, 1999. They both are employed by the Department of Health and Human Services; he works in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as a vocational/rehabilitation counselor, while the bride is a child health nursing consultant in the Division of Women's and Children's Health. The couple resides Valdese.

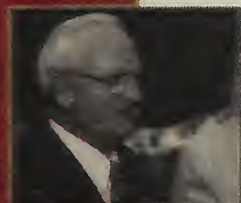
**Steven Duncan '95 B.A.** is the new head football coach and athletic director at Claredon Hall High School. Steve and his wife, Kristina, and his son, Steven Robert, live in Summerville, SC. His e-mail address is RLDuncan@Gateway.net.

**Melissa Shelton White '95 B.S.** is the corporate director of operations for Surry Temporary Services. In this position, she is responsible for working with all three Surry Temporary Services offices, in Elkin, King and the corporate office in Mount Airy. She and her husband, Jason, have a daughter, Madison, and reside in Dobson.

**Heather Lynne Boles '96 B.S. GOAL** was appointed January 1, 1999 as the criminal magistrate of



# SWEETS FOR THE SWEET



Faye Fincannon and Paul Comer on April 26, 1998, renewed their friendship during their 50th class reunion on the GWU campus. As time and circumstances changed their lives they found that both their spouses had passed away. After the reunion letters began to fly and the phone lines were busy. A new interest and a new love began to grow. Memories of gazing into one another's eyes on moonlit nights around campus led these two back together again and on March 20 of this year, five decades later, they took each other as man and wife.

With this in mind just prior to Valentine's Day, the Alumni Office asked alumni couples who met at Gardner-Webb to consider making a gift to the University in honor of the number of years the couples had been married. Many responded with their gifts and their stories.

**Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Norris – Gastonia, NC** Have been married for 43 years. Mr. Norris was a war veteran and then came to GWU and was co-captain of the basketball team. He was also fortunate enough to have a car at that time and took some friends to visit the GWU booth set up at the county fair. One of these friends was a student named Betty Barker, who was also a student at GWU. As the night progressed the two *paired off and enjoyed the rides and activities of the fair together.*

From then on the relationship grew and after graduating from GWU, they both continued their

education at Appalachian State and were married the weekend following their graduation.

**Tracy and Teresa Jessup – Shelby, NC** Met the first day of Orientation in 1985. Teresa was walking with a friend to the Bost Gym to see a movie when they heard music coming from another building. When they went to investigate, they found other students singing and playing music. One of these students was Tracy Jessup.



Teresa and Tracy began dating and the relationship grew from there. They will be married 10 years this coming June and have one child.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Brown, Jr. – Granite Falls, NC** Bob and Janice (Jan) Barkley Brown met as students at GWU and were married July 24, 1976. Bob graduated in 1975 and Jan in 1977. Bob is an Assistant Principal at West Caldwell High School and Jan is a Physical Education teacher and *Volleyball coach at South Caldwell High School.* They have been married for 22 years and have three children – Erin 16, Jake 12 and Zack 10.

**Rev. and Mrs. Thomas F. Zeigler – Lilesville, NC** Thomas and Sherri Murray met during their Freshman year and were just acquaintances. Thomas sang in a quartet in a talent show in the spring of 1979. The two of them talked after the show and became friends. They began dating as soon as the new semester started in the fall of 1979. Their first date was studying together at the library. Needless to say, they had a good time studying that night and continued to date for two years.

On February 14, 1981, Thomas popped the question and Sherri said "YES!" Following graduation in May, they saved their money for three weeks and were married on June 6, 1981. They know that God has put them together and their love has grown stronger as the years have gone by. They have been married for 18 years.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Poston – Boiling Springs, NC** Thomas and Mildred Bridges met while students at Gardner-Webb. It was a casual meeting that grew into much more as they began dating. This year they are celebrating 42 years of marriage. Mrs. Poston returned to GWU as an administrative assistant to the Provost and retired after 34 years of service.

**Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Melton – Forest City, NC** Chester Melton and Glenda Bradley met before they were students at Gardner-Webb; however,

Davidson County. She lives in Lexington, NC and her e-mail address is [heatherb@netunlimited.net](mailto:heatherb@netunlimited.net).

**David Shane Gunter '96 B.S.** has been selected for membership in the Woolsack Honor Society at the Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University. The Society was founded in 1920 for the purpose of recognizing academic excellence. Membership is limited to seniors who rank in the top 15 percent of their class.

**Damon "Sam" Robins '96 B.S.** and his wife, Lori, announce the birth of their daughter, Elayna Michelle, born on February 20, 1999 at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX. Sam recently graduated from the U.S. Army officer candidate school and is an air defense artillery officer, while Lori recently received a degree in sociology from Fayetteville State University. Their e-mail address is [lorinsam01@aol.com](mailto:lorinsam01@aol.com).

**Alexander Thomas '96 B.S.** has been promoted to senior accountant with Butler & Stowe, CPAs. He has been with the firm since August 1996 and earned his Certified Public Accountant's cer-

tificate in October 1998. Alexander and his wife, Ellen, live in Gastonia.

**Christopher VanDarren Davis '97 B.S. and Misty Nicole Reavis '98 B.S.** were married April 17, 1999. He is employed with ITS in Statesville, and the bride is employed with Hydro Analytical Laboratories in Clemmons. They reside in Statesville.

**James C. Duckworth III '97 B.S. GOAL** and his wife, Betty, recently returned from a tour of Paris and London which was coordinated by Dr. Bob Morgan. James' e-mail address is [duckworthj@cadmus.com](mailto:duckworthj@cadmus.com).

**Brian Christopher Finleyson '97 B.S.** was married to Sherri Renea Greene on March 20, 1999. He is the athletic director for Easley Parks and Recreation. The couple resides in Easley, SC.

**Kendra Kirby Haneline '97 B.S.** has accepted a position with Fidelity Bank in Shelby as a financial sales representative. She was formerly employed by Gardner-Webb.

**Rev. Jimmy Morton '97 B.A.** is the associate pastor of Flint Hill Baptist Church. In December 1998

he presented a message to 2,000 homeless people at the civic center in Charleston, WV. He also ministered to many of the listeners who responded to the invitation portion of the service.

**Jennifer Murray '97 B.S.** is currently living in Tallahassee, FL and attending law school. Her e-mail address is [jami1176@aol.com](mailto:jami1176@aol.com).

**Melissa Lee Quattlebaum '97 B.A.** was married to David Leland Norris, IV on March 27, 1999, at Sans Souci Baptist Church in Greenville, SC. She is the minister of children and youth at Sans Souci Baptist Church, and the groom is an educator with Heritage Community Services in Greer, SC. The couple lives in Greenville, SC.

**Amanda "Mandy" Smith '97 B.S. GOAL** married Stephen Hice on December 19, 1998, at the Little Log Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg, TN. Mandy is employed by the North Carolina School for the Deaf and the groom is employed by Caldwell Freight Lines, Inc. Her e-mail address is [smithmandy@hotmail.com](mailto:smithmandy@hotmail.com).

**Dillon D. Vaden '97 B.S.** recently reported for duty at the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center

in Pensacola, FL.

**Jason Ryan Whitehead '97 B.A.** was married to Danielle Lynn Cannon on April 10, 1999, at First United Methodist Church in Easley, SC. He is the operations manager for Conway Southern Express and the bride is an account executive for The WillowBrook Co. They reside in Inman, SC.

**Timothy Cain Beard '98 B.A.** married Carol Nichole Summey on January 2, 1999. He is employed by Gaston County Schools. The couple lives in Dallas, NC.

**Karen Theresa Brower '98 B.A.** was married to Zachary Jason Rhodes on April 3, 1999. She works for the Kitchen Collection and he is employed by the United Parcel Service. The couple resides in Spartanburg, SC.

**April Adair Cobb '98 B.A.** was married to Robert Howard Warren on February 6, 1999, at First Baptist Church of Suffolk, VA. She is employed by Virginia Beach Public Schools as an educational interpreter for the deaf, and the groom is employed by Renfrow Bonding Agency.

**Sheila Ann Easter '98 B.S.** mar-



their romance grew as they attended classes together on campus. They decided to marry 28 years ago and continued their educations to graduation in 1972.

**Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin R. Monteith – Gastonia, NC**  
Kelvin Monteith and Mary Kathryn Robinson met in their junior years at GWU. They were introduced by a mutual friend and became very good friends almost immediately. Mary Kathryn says that she thinks they both knew they would be married some day even before the relationship became more serious. They have been married now for 5 years.

**Mr. and Mrs. Haley Dedmon – Lawndale, NC**  
Haley and Lib had the opportunity to meet each other at their typing class at GWU. They became better acquainted by going to the GWU baseball games in the Spring of 1948. Haley and Lib are both from the Class of '49 and they have been married for 50 years.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartman – Class of 1986 Forest City, NC**  
Thom and Mary met during their second semester of their junior year in Dr. Parrish's chemistry class and through Junior Class meetings. Thomas first asked Mary out after winning movie tickets from the "Fifties Day" dress up contest. As Junior Class President, Mary was involved in activities that prevent-



ed her from going to the movies. Fortunately, Thom and Mary continued to get to know each other by sharing chemistry notes, studying together at the library and eating together at the cafeteria. According to Mary, "That was the start of our 13 year romance! Thank you, GWU!"

**Bruce and Martha Corregan – Cary, NC**  
Bruce and Martha met September '88. Martha was a work study student in the Music Department and Bruce was a music major. They were in the same building a lot. The first time they met, Bruce was playing the



Spanish song "Ojo" and his music

caught her attention. She approached him and the rest is history.

They began dating in October and dated throughout college. After graduation in '90, Bruce went to the University of South Carolina to work on his masters degree. Martha graduated from GWU in '91 and followed Bruce to USC. After she began working on her masters at USC they became engaged.

They were married in 1992 and celebrated an anniversary this May.

**Carroll Raines – Surgoinsville, TN**  
Carroll attended Gardner-Webb in '46 and '47 after serving in the Navy in World War II. He was involved in baseball, football and was the "star" French student.

Thelma Amis was in her first year teaching Physical Education at Gardner-Webb in '46. She graduated from the University of Tennessee.

Carroll met Thelma through Wayne Bradburn, who was the football coach, and other faculty members in the Physical Education Department.

They dated for two years and were married on July 8, 1947. They were married 51 years and had three children together. Thelma died in October 1998. Carroll describes her as a "classy lady" and said she was a devout Christian in part due to her years at Gardner-Webb.

Alumni who commemorated the number of years they have been married with a gift to GWU:

M/M Noble L. Ball  
M/M Douglas Matthew Ballard  
M/M Jerry Wayne Bass  
M/M Shannon Stewart Borneman  
M/M Rodney Allen Bradford  
M/M Robert McDowell Brown Jr.  
M/M Donald Canes  
M/M Chris Gregory Cox  
M/M Bruce Hunter Corregan Jr.  
M/M Terry Lawrence Cranfill  
M/M Haley C. Dedmond  
M/M Fred Taylor Farris Jr.  
M/M Todd Dennis Felkel  
M/M Kenneth Douglas Harris  
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M/M Joseph Thomas Hough  
R/M Tracy Craig Jessup  
R/M Donald G. Ledbetter  
R/M R. Blair Little  
M/M Philip McGaha  
M/M Chester Lamar Melton  
M/M Don T. Miller  
M/M Kelvin Randal Monteith  
M/M Haynsworth Lawton Neely  
M/M Billy W. Norris  
M/M Thomas Clinton Poston  
M/M James K. Powers  
Mr. Carroll Raines  
M/M Thomas Scott Richards  
M/M Steven Glenn Riddle  
M/M Rodney Lewis Robinson  
R/M Thomas A. Sheppard  
M/M Frank Lonnie Taylor Jr.  
M/M Thomas Franklin Zeigler

ried Keith Duane Williams on December 12, 1998, at Rocky Ford United Christ Church in Cana, VA. They now reside in Hendersonville, TN.

**Micheal C. Franklin '98 B.S.**  
completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, and was promoted Private First Class.

**Christopher Lee Ingram '98 B.S. GOAL** was married to Kristina Michelle Nelson on April 24, 1999, at Crestwood Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC. He is the manager of Don's Barbecue in Winston-Salem, and the bride is a legal assistant/receptionist for Bailey & Thomas P.A. in Winston-Salem. They live in King, NC.

**Aubrey Moore '98 B.S.** is now employed with the Cleveland County Department of Social Services as a social worker focusing on foster care. Her e-mail address is ur2short4m@hotmail.com.

**William Moss '98 B.S.** has moved from Rockingham to work as an account representative with the Hickory Crawdads.

**Jennifer Leigh O'Neill '98 M.B.A.** was married to Donald

Eugene Beard, Jr. on April 10, 1999, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC. She is employed as an assistant product manager for Alba Waldensian, Inc. and the groom is the co-owner of CoreLogix. They live in Hickory.

**Jeremy John Perry '98 and Wendy Deaton Perry '98**  
announce the birth of their son, Greyson John, born February 23, 1999.

**James David Plyler '98 B.S. GOAL** has been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant after 21 years with the North Carolina Highway Patrol. He will be assigned to the Research and Planning Section in Raleigh. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Benjamin and Erin. His e-mail address is jplyler562@aol.com.

**Leah Gurley Robinson '98 B.A.** was married to **Gabriel Peter Clevenger '99 B.A.** on March 27, 1999, at First Baptist Church of Gastonia. They both are students in the GWU School of Divinity and reside in Spartanburg, SC.

## Deaths

**Deck Andrews** passed away

January 13, 1999, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Mr. Andrews taught business administration courses at Gardner-Webb for 15 years and, upon his retirement in 1977, was elected professor emeritus of business.

**George Ted Armstrong '66 A.A.** died December 29, 1998.

**Dr. F. Keith Griggs** died April 27, 1999, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. He taught in the Gardner-Webb Broyhill School of Management for 34 years.

**Rev. J.I. McMahan '47** died January 31, 1999, at his home.

**Dr. Uriah A. McManus, Jr.** died February 5, 1999. He previously was employed by Gardner-Webb as the director of development.

**Eunice Oglesby** died February 19, 1999, at the age of 102.

**Ann Epley Sawyer '55** passed away May 9, 1999.

**LeRoy Sellers**, a former Gardner-Webb instructor, died January 23, 1999, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

**Stephen Baker Wilkinson**

passed away January 28, 1999, at his home.

## 30s Spotlight

*A 'Road Scholar' Looks Back*

"We came along during The Depression and have strong ties to the school. Gardner-Webb was a lifesaver for all of us. It's where we got our start," recalled **Beatrix Blanton Ramey '33** of Lattimore.

Looking back at her time at the former Boiling Springs



Junior College, Mrs. Ramey remembers how the school prepared her for life and a lifetime of learning.

"We got a lot of social training as well as educational training. In fact, every Wednesday night our teacher read Emily Post etiquette lessons to us.



## University Breaks Ground on New Wellness Center

What was once a dream has become reality for the Gardner-Webb University campus as two recent gifts will make possible the addition of a Fitness Center onto the Bost Gym Complex on campus.

By the end of 1999 calendar year, the J.L. Suttle Jr. Family Wing should be in operation for students, faculty and staff to take advantage of recreational and wellness activities.



The wing is named after the primary donor, Dr. J.L. Suttle, Jr., a long-time Shelby businessman

and former GWU trustee, in gratitude for his lifetime of service and support to Gardner-Webb. Included in the new addition will be a fitness area, game room, office suite and student gathering area.

A \$75,000 gift by the O. Max Gardner Foundation was used to purchase the fitness equipment.

The University broke ground on the new wing on March 29, Dr.

Suttle's birthday, and administrators say the building should make positive impacts on both student recruitment and retention. Members of the Suttle family and the Gardner Foundation took part in the ceremony to launch the project.

The new wellness wing is part of an ongoing series of upgrades to the Bost Gym Complex. Among the projects underway for this facility are renovations to the swimming pool, remodeled bathrooms and also the conversion of several areas to classrooms.

Construction is also underway on campus to build three new apartment-style living areas for students in the University Commons complex near Lake Hollifield.

## New Gardner-Webb Position Links Ministers with Churches

Gardner-Webb University has filled what's being called "an urgent need" by creating the position of Ministerial Referral Services Director, which will link churches seeking ministers to Gardner-Webb divinity students pursuing careers in the ministry. The Rev. Cline Borders, former director of missions with the Kings Mountain Baptist Association for 18 years, was named to the position in April.



Since joining the M. Christopher White School of Divinity staff, the Rev. Borders has created a new website designed to maintain a database of churches seeking ministers and ministers seeking churches. The web site's address is <http://www.gardner-webb.edu/GWU/ministerial/main.html>. This service is being hailed as long-overdue, according to both Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean of the School of Divinity, and Dr. Wayne Wike, executive director of the Council on Christian Higher Education.

"Churches have been desperate to find a resource where they can turn for help in identifying candidates for ministerial vacancies at their churches," said Dr. Stacy.

Wike added, "The placement service of the Divinity School is a positive example of the University's desire to serve churches and ministers. The Kingdom will be served as a result."

Borders described this trend-setting effort as having two ele-

That made us well-rounded students."

Receiving also a foundation for teaching, Mrs. Ramey taught elementary and junior high school before obtaining her bachelor's degree in education from Appalachian State University. She was then asked to remain at the university as a professor and supervisor of student teachers.

"I was the only woman at that time who supervised teachers. And I was traveling so often to schools in Rutherford, Cleveland, Catawba and Gaston counties that I was named a 'Road Scholar,'" she laughed.

Although Mrs. Ramey retired from teaching at ASU in 1979, she has not stopped learning. She volunteers weekly at the library for the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County in Forest City and enjoys researching her family's history.

She said, "I like to know about our ancestors and what we have inherited from them. History is important. It's a good way to learn who you are."

Mrs. Ramey credits her ability to organize the Society's his-

tory books to her library science class at Boiling Springs Junior College, where she learned how to catalog reference materials.

"It's like I used to tell my students: Do as many things as you enjoy doing because you will need it in the future. Everything you do, you are learning."

## 40s spotlight

*A Lifetime of Rewards*

**Clyde Rhyne '47** of Sanford, NC, is retired but he is still receiving rewards from a notable career. Recently, Rhyne was awarded the honorary Doctor of Law degree from Campbell University, in recognition of his success as a businessman and humanitarian.

Clyde Rhyne



The former president and chief executive officer of Federal Spinning Corporation, Rhyne is known for his expertise in the textile industry as well as contributions to his community. He has served as the president of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturing Association, the Lee County United Fund and the Lee County Cancer Society. In addition, Rhyne was selected for the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and was the chairman of the campaign which raised funds for the construction of the Lee County Senior High School football stadium.

A highlight during Rhyne's experience at Gardner-Webb was playing on the Bulldogs football team as well as meeting the late Eunice Borders Rhyne, to whom he was married for 37 years before she died of cancer in 1985.

"I have great memories of Gardner-Webb and the relationships I made there. Also, since Gardner-Webb is a church-related school it helped with my Christian maturity. I

appreciated the positive environment and especially remember teachers like Dr. Morrisett, who taught Bible classes, and the impact he had on me."

Rhyne is now married to the former Betty Allen Cole and they are both members of the First Baptist Church of Sanford, where Rhyne has served as deacon, Sunday school teacher for the deaf and chairman of the finance committee.

"Even though I am retired, I still work all the time. And although I don't get paid, I find there are definite rewards in helping others."

## 50s spotlight

*He's Got The Write Stuff*

Few people remember when the Gardner-Webb newspaper office was housed in Decker residence hall. What once was a one dorm room operation led by student newspaper editor **Bill Kincaid '57** of Hudson, NC, inspired a lifetime career of journalism.

"I knew from the time I could write that I wanted to be



ments. First, Borders' office accepts resumes from ministers seeking churches and short profiles are created, highlighting the prospective ministers' best qualities. Borders e-mails these profiles to every Director of Missions east of the Mississippi River and gives updates weekly about which positions have been filled.

Second, Borders uses the newly created web site to post applicants' names and to list churches seeking to fill ministerial positions. Both full-time and part-time available positions are listed for such capacities as pastor, associate pastor, youth minister, education minister and music leaders.

Borders said GWU School of Divinity students, as well as undergraduate religion majors, receive updates weekly on available positions.

## GWU Unveils Distance Learning in GOAL

Course material that before could only be offered to day students at Gardner-Webb University's main Boiling Springs campus is now being presented via distance learning to night school students at several GWU satellite campuses in North Carolina.

Gardner-Webb's GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) Program is now offering its Accounting 470 class – the CPA Review – via computer to students at its Burke, Forsyth and Richmond campuses, where the accounting major is offered. GOAL students taking classes at night on the

Boiling Springs campus will also benefit from this class. Small classes, distant geographical locations and a limited number of instructors have made offering this kind of class difficult in previous years.

Participating students will have the appropriate software loaded onto their computers providing them with a review of over 2,600 questions from prior CPA exams. The software is instructive by nature and an internet site provides access to on-line bulletin boards, an on-line syllabus, and chat rooms so that students get the "feel" of a class.

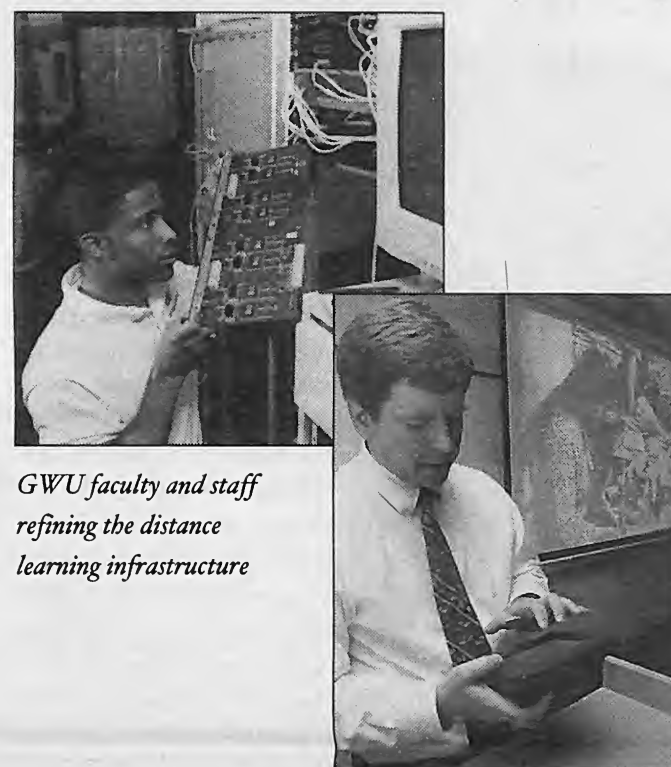
Earl Godfrey, assistant professor of accounting and director of GOAL programs for the GWU Broyhill School of Management, explained, "The strength of the class is that it allows a mastery of the material at the students' own pace as a time which works well for the student, and in an easy-to-understand format."

Godfrey adds, however, that personal interaction will not be replaced by the distance learning options, saying that in his classes he meets with students several times per semester to monitor their progress.

"Mostly we're capitalizing on the opportunity to offer course material simultaneously at numerous sites," Godfrey said. "It means we can offer more educational advantages to more students at once."



Earl Godfrey



GWU faculty and staff refining the distance learning infrastructure

a journalist, and I really got my first job at Gardner-Webb. We would all pile together in my room, write stories and then I would arrange the copy to send to the printer." Kincaid recalled that one of the big headlines



Bill Kincaid

during that time was an article he wrote about female residents who violated the cleanliness rule and were given demerits because a soda bottle was found in the hallway of H.A.P.Y. dorm.

He has remained a journalist since his days at Gardner-Webb and recently has contracted with Caldwell County to develop and implement a public information program. Kincaid provides information to the community by organizing a county speakers bureau, prepar-

ing and distributing county news releases to local media and serving as a liaison between the public and county government.

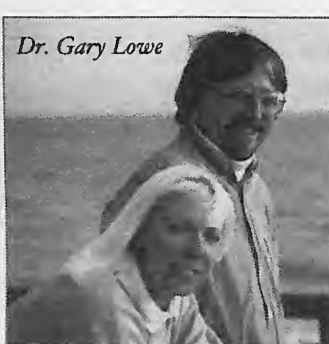
"It makes me feel good to help people with their problems. We just had a seminar for senior citizens to ease their fears about Y2K. There was a need for help and I was glad to provide useful information."

He added, "I believe journalism has been a great job because I love working with people and helping them learn. Being at Gardner-Webb was the best two years of my life and I fondly recall my start there with the school newspaper. It led to a wonderful career."

## Spotlight 60s

*The World Is His Oyster*

Dr. Gary Lowe '63 has come a long way in his professional career – literally. Though he is



Dr. Gary Lowe

currently dean and professor of the School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies at East Carolina University, his journey since departing from Gardner-Webb has taken him to places far and wide.

A stint in the Peace Corps ("I raised chickens in India for two years," he says with a laugh) at a time when social justice and civil rights were hot issues, brought Gary to the realization that his gifts and his future may rest in social work. A subsequent position that allowed him to work with youth-serving organizations as a health and welfare community planner brought him a step closer to this goal, but, Gary says, "I still needed more challenges. I thought maybe I could be most useful as a social work educator."

Moving on first to the University of Pittsburgh and later to the University of Iowa, Gary worked on his Ph.D. while delving into projects that aided international students and

coordinated study abroad opportunities. His various positions with these institutions gave him the chance to travel to both northern and southern Africa, as well as the Mediterranean. He continued his involvement with international programs at the University of Indiana, where his vast experiences led to positions as assistant and associate dean. But, of course, the journey didn't stop there. He landed his position as dean at ECU seven years ago, just another stop on what Gary says has been a seemingly endless string of opportunities.

He says Gardner-Webb provided the foundation he needed to find confidence in his abilities. "Professors like Francis Dedmon and Dr. Mosely molded me and made tremendous impacts on me. They prepared me well and the older I get, the fonder I look back on my days at Gardner-Webb."

## 70s Spotlight

*Raising Funds and Awareness*

Jeff McNeill '74 seems to have good grasp on what it takes to make a university suc-



## 50-Year Alumni Still Going Strong

On April 16 many members of the Class of 1949 returned to the Gardner-Webb campus to celebrate their 50-year reunion. This magical day included lunch, campus tours and a reception with GWU administration outside the Dover Campus Center. The highlight of the day was the Class of '49 banquet, held in the O. Max Gardner Memorial Hall. Classmates enjoyed catching up with one another and many friendships were renewed. Several members of the Class of '49 took the opportunity to share remembrances of their years at Gardner-Webb during the program. The Class of '49 reunion planning committee was chaired by Dr. John Roberts. The committee began planning for their reunion in October 1998.

On Saturday, April 17, classmates who had graduated 50 or more years ago were invited to campus for the Half-Century Club luncheon and induction ceremony. Special guests included former faculty and staff members and, as a memorable treat for all in attendance, the keynote address was given by beloved former faculty member Dr. Robert A. Dyer. Later, GWU President Dr. Chris White formally inducted members into the Half-Century Club with the

presentation of membership certificates.

## A Dedicated Society

On April 28, 1999, more than 40 people were in attendance for the charter reception and luncheon of the Gardner-Webb University Legacy Society.

The concept of the Legacy Society arose from the University's desire to recognize and express thanks to those who have included Gardner-Webb in their estate plans. Each spring new Legacy Society members will be inducted since the previous meeting. Presently, 68 individuals and couples have qualified for charter membership in the Legacy Society.

Individuals may qualify for membership in one of three ways:

1. By making a new will, or revising an existing will, directing that a percentage, a fixed amount, or a contingency bequest be received by Gardner-Webb.
2. By creating a Charitable Remainder Unitrust or Annuity Trust, a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Deferred Charitable Annuity, a Life Estate, Lead Trust or any other charitable trust for the benefit of the University.
3. By establishing a

universal life or whole life insurance policy with Gardner-Webb as owner and beneficiary with contributions made by the donor.

If you have qualified for membership and have not informed the University, or if you wish to learn how you can become a member of the Legacy Society, call David Webb at 704-434-3975. (Any dollar amounts or percentages will be held in strict confidence.)



GWU President Dr. Chris White with Legacy Society members.

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cessful. As vice chancellor for university advancement at North Carolina State University, his duties include not only raising funds for the institution but shaping its image as well. His position has allowed him to take notice of what it takes to create and maintain a world-class university.

"I've watched Gardner-Webb mature in quality by leaps and bounds since the time I was there and I must say I've never been more proud of my alma mater.

Perhaps what has made the most significant impact in Jeff's perception of GWU is the recognition the institution has received for its character-building status.



Jeff McNeill

"Gaining a good education is one thing, a very important thing. But I can't tell you how much I respect Gardner-Webb for saying it will instill in you those important values that will make you a better person. Not many schools can say that these days, and everyone who has attended Gardner-Webb should be very proud that their alma mater is carving out a wonderful niche for itself."

Creating a niche is something Jeff can attest to personally. A political science graduate at GWU, Jeff sought his master's degree at Clemson, where the staff took notice of his special abilities right away. He was drafted into alumni and fundraising work and his career began to take off. After becoming the head of all development operations at Clemson, he was approached by NC State to bring his talents to the Capital City. Instantly, Jeff's work ethic paid dividends for the largest university in North Carolina. Gifts to the institution have increased nearly four-fold in his seven years there, and the nation is beginning to realize

that NCSU is a top-tier school dedicated to solving many of the problems facing the state, region and the world. "The public," he says, "is beginning to learn that we are the university of choice for science, engineering and technology. It's a message I'm proud to be in charge of spreading."

His success as a professional, he says, is due in large part to the atmosphere he experienced at Gardner-Webb. Jeff thanks GWU for molding him into a scholar and preparing him for the challenges of life.

"Gardner-Webb is going to give you a place to mature, both socially and academically. The faculty is patient and nurturing, and the goal is to make you a better student. I'm living proof of that."

## 80s Spotlight

*Caught In The Net(scape)*

"I was undecided on a major when I came to Gardner-Webb, but I thought I would take some basic computer courses to see if I would like them. Then

as I gained more exposure to computers, I felt that this is what I wanted to do. That was what needed to be my major."

And from that initial encounter with computers, **Kevin Caudill '85 B.S.** of San Francisco, CA, began the foundation for his current job at Netscape Communications.

Caudill is employed by Netscape in the human resources division. His role involves the design, development and support of human resource applications used by Netscape managers and employees. This system allows employees to do anything from



Kevin Caudill



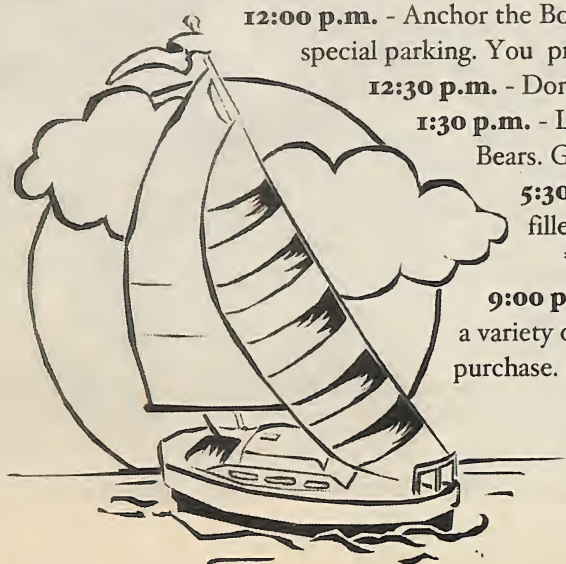
# COME SAIL AWAY ... TO HOMECOMING '99

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

- 11:30 a.m.** - Race for the Treasure - Join us for the annual Homecoming Golf Tournament. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and will be provided by Chic-Fil-A and Coca-Cola. The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. with 4-person teams and a Captain's Choice format.
- 6:00 p.m.** - GWU Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. Inductees include Arnold Isaacs, Darrell Middleton and Darrell Perry.
- 6:00 p.m.** - Aloha To The Big Fish - This special banquet is to honor the Gardner-Webb Alumnus of the Year, Young Alumnus of the Year, Alumnus of the Future, and Alumni nominated for the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates (representatives from the classes of '43-'98), and to induct new Alumni Board Members. (Ritch Banquet Hall)
- 7:00 p.m.** - Ladies Walk the Plank - Don't miss the annual powder-puff football game.
- 9:00 p.m.** - Bonfire - Show your Bulldog spirit by attending the GWU bonfire and pep rally. (Parking lot of Spangler Dormitory)
- 10:00 p.m.** - Christian Concert - End the evening with a Christian concert held on the quad in the center of campus.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

- 10:00 a.m.** - Island Cruise - See all of the newly renovated facilities and revisit old memories as you embark on campus tours.
- 11:00 a.m.** - Shipmates Reunion - The classes of 1994 and 1989 will celebrate their five and 10-year reunions with a special cookout.
- 12:00 p.m.** - Anchor the Boat - Show your school spirit and tailgate with fellow alumni. Register in advance to receive special parking. You provide the food and school spirit; we'll provide the prizes\*!
- 12:30 p.m.** - Don't miss the Annual Homecoming Parade!
- 1:30 p.m.** - Let's Reel in the Big One - Come and watch the Runnin' Bulldogs take on the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears. GO DAWGS!
- 5:30 p.m.** - Hawaiian Luau - Wear your best island garb and join us at Lake Hollifield for a fun-filled Luau!
- \*Be sure to bring your favorite beach blanket!\*
- 9:00 p.m.** - Shindig on Board - This will be an informal time to mix and mingle. A DJ will provide a variety of music from the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s. Soft drinks and light snacks will be available for purchase.



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updating their 401K contributions to changing their home addresses, with ease of pressing a few computer keys.

When he's not working at Netscape, Kevin enjoys traveling. "I pledged when I moved here that I would not take the beauty of California for granted, and I have enjoyed driving up and down the coast, still playing the part of a tourist."

One of the challenging aspects of Caudill's job is keeping up with the speed of technology. He is in a line of work where the newest software is in demand and oftentimes products are only considered "new" for a year.

"It is a fast-paced career, but it's also a lot of fun. I am glad that I got a good start at Gardner-Webb. There, I had my first opportunity to chart my own course and the results have put me in a very exciting field."

## 90s Spotlight

*GOAL Grad Lives A Dream*

What led you to the selection of your career? Every reader could provide a unique answer,



Marsha Rowe

but it probably would not have to do with footwear.

Yet **Marsha Newman Rowe '90 B.S.N.** of Mocksville, NC laughingly recalled, "When I was a child I loved to wear white shoes, and I thought if I was a nurse I could wear them all the time. I just knew that's what I would be."

A nurse since 1972, Rowe now is the director of nursing at Presbyterian Orthopaedic Hospital in Charlotte. "My main job is to help nurses be nurses. I try to assist them in any way I can, from equipment to morale issues. I really have a wonderful job because our staff is so patient-care focused."

It is this desire to help others that sustained Rowe's ambition to be a nurse.

"Nursing care is always changing. Every patient is a person to get to know and he or she has a family to get to know,

too. I just remember that I am working for the Lord and do my best to help them."

Rowe was employed at Davis Hospital in Statesville when she entered the B.S.N. program through Gardner-Webb's GOAL program there. "As I saw my son get on the bus to go to kindergarten, I decided to 'get on the bus' to go back to school. I consider myself the best cheerleader for Gardner-

Webb's nursing program. Every instructor was on my side and let me know that I could do it."

While working at Presbyterian Orthopaedic Hospital, Rowe completed her M.B.A. in health services management through a long distance learning program with the University of Dallas. In addition, she was recently elected to the North Carolina Board of Nursing for a three-year term.

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