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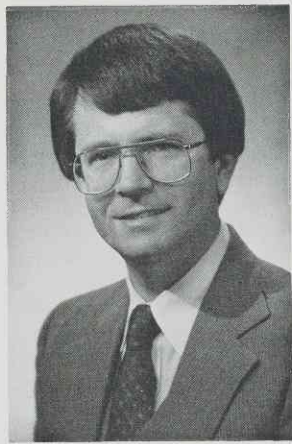


Gardner-Webb College

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BOILING SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

Gardner-Webb Gets New President



by Donald Ball

Dr. M. Christopher White, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Elon College, was officially announced President of Gardner-Webb College by Hobart C. Smith, Chairman of the presidential search committee, at a reception attended by the trustees and members of the college faculty and administrative staff.

Dr. White was chosen to become the tenth president of Gardner-Webb college by a seven member search committee, who sought for months for a person with the right qualifications for the position.

Dr. White will become President on July 1 of this year.

Dr. White was born in Hartwell, Georgia. He has a wife, Linda, and two sons, Martin, fourteen years old, and Andy, twelve. Dr. White received his A.B. degree from Mercer University. He received his M.Div. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He received his Ph.D. from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1972, he joined the Elon college faculty as a religion professor. He became chairman of the religion program and later Dean of Academic Affairs.

He was elected Vice-President of Elon college in 1983.

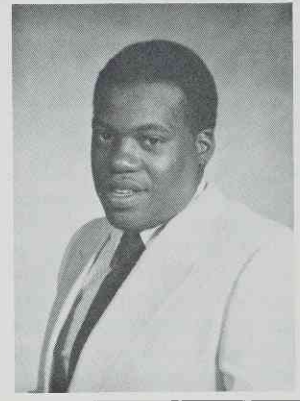
The new President will be visiting the campus several times before he fulfills his duty as President. These visits will give us the opportunity to welcome him to his new home.



HOMEcomings ROLLERS HANDIWORK

Student Dies, Cause Unknown

Jacques Pierre Boone, a junior from Piscataway, New Jersey, was declared dead on arrival at Crawley Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs on February 6, 1986 at approximately 8:00 a.m. Boone's roommate, Richard Carbaugh, notified Boiling Springs Rescue when he became alarmed because Boone was having difficulty breathing. The cause of death is as yet unknown, pending an autopsy.



Conflicts and Resolution

Investigation Continues

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and Gardner-Webb College Safety are currently conducting an investigation of an alleged rape on the Gardner-Webb Campus according to Detective Raymond Hamrick of the Sheriff's Department. He has verified these investigations. The alleged crime; which occurred during the early morning hours of January 20, 1986; involves two Gardner-Webb freshmen.

Det. Hamrick stated, "At this time specific details can not be released about this incident as they may prove to be damaging to the investigation being conducted."

When questioned by the PILOT as to whether or not specific details would be released in the near future the suspect replied, "Not if I can help it."

No charges have been filed against the suspect at this time and Det. Hamrick stresses that, "It is entirely up to the girl."

The suspect was removed from class on January 22nd by Police and College Safety Guards for questioning. College officials and Security had no comment.

On January 15, 1986

Homecoming Rollers Go to Court

Pete Edwards, Patty Redman, Shelley Thornton, and Charles Vaughn were granted Prayer for Judgment Continued by Judge John M. Gardner in Cleveland County District Court. Prior to granting Prayer for Judgment Continued, Judge Gardner called the trial of the Gardner-Webb students a mistrial due to statements made by Boiling Springs Police Officer Bob Steen.

The following day, by request of the student's lawyer, Charles McCartney, Judge Gardner granted prayer for judgment continued as well as a total remission of all court costs.

Prayer for judgment continued is not a verdict of guilty or innocent. Rather it is a postponement of judgment until the future, if and when a person is again criminally charged. If the person is charged again the previous charges are again brought up and tried to establish a verdict of guilty or innocent.

The four students were charged with littering on November 9, 1985 when they were found, Steen stated, "Near Main Street in Boiling Springs with toilet tissue in their possession." Officer Steen testified that, "I saw the

students rolling the powerlines on Main Street as well as the trees in front of the Snack Shop, the drug store, and the college bookstore." The students admit to rolling the campus but say they had nothing to do with the rolling of Main Street in Boiling Springs.

Officer Steen was reprimanded by the Boiling Springs Town Council due to his actions on the night of the arrests. This reprimand will remain on his employment record.

Prison Sentence

Michael Stronge, a Gardner-Webb freshman from New Jersey, has been sentenced to three years in prison for Breaking and Entering and Larceny charges. Stronge was arrested on December 3, 1985, along with Kenneth W. Stafford of Shelby, for breaking into the Holly Oaks Community Center and stealing components of a sound system. Stronge appeared before the Superior Court in Shelby and was sentenced to three years in Salisbury State Prison. Stronge is subject to parole if he is able to return the stolen goods within 30 days of his court appearance.