

# G-W Held Fall Convocation Last Thursday

**Boiling Springs, N.C.**-Gardner-Webb College officially opened the 1980 academic semester with a formal Fall Convocation program in Bost Gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

During the program, president Craven E. Williams presented academic scholarships to eight Presidential Scholars and recognized the recipients of the coveted Spangler Leadership Award. Academic Cabinet member Dr. George Cribb announced the freshman, sophomore and junior scholastic achievement award winners; and Dr. John Bevan academic vice-president at the College of Charleston addressed the student body on the issue of what it means to be a liberal arts college in a day of increasing vocational interests and specializations.

He also spoke about human values. "It is the opinion of many social scientists today that in the short decades ahead there must be a huge re-evaluation of the goals and values of our society and that it will be in our universities where such a re-evaluation will take place. I agree with their conclusion about the need for a complete re-evaluation of goals and values of our society; but I find little support for the hypothesis that it will be accomplished in our universities. There is little evidence that our major univer-

sities have turned to look in a new direction let alone contemplate a new awareness. Their traditions and structures destine them to tunnel vision at a time when broad vision is needed. There are certain institutions whose traditions make them particularly sensitive and increasingly responsive to this challenge. These institutions are the church-related colleges," Bevans stated.

Dr. Bevan has held positions at the University of Florida, Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd College), Heidelberg College, Duke University and Davidson College.

He was a Cullum Scholar and

received the North Carolina Governor's Award for Contributions to Higher Education.

Several students received academic honor awards during the Fall Convocation program.

Jamie Lynne McNeely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. McNeely of Greenville, S.C., received the Spangler Leadership Award established in 1979 by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spangler of Shelby. It is given to an entering freshman with the most predictable potential and demonstrated practical leadership ability as shown by participation in school, community and church activities. Miss McNeely, a graduate of Berea High School in Greenville has received the

American Legion Good Citizenship Award, the DAR History Essay Award, the Outstanding English Award and the Outstanding Home Economics Student Award.

Dr. Craven E. Williams, recognized eight students to receive the Presidential Scholar Awards, named in honor of former presidents of the college. This year's scholars averaged 1154 on their Scholastic Aptitude Test and ranked in the top three percent of their respective classes. From 100 well-qualified applicants, 33 finalists were interviewed, and eight students selected to receive the awards.

The 1980 recipients are Kirby Todd Phillips, son of Mr. and

Mrs. John Phillips of Charlotte; Angela Darlene Gasperson, daughter of Mrs. Norma Gasperson of Hendersonville; Rosaline Tracey Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Tucker of Charlotte; Linda Carol Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greene of Mount Holly; Karen R. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Lexington; Carolyn Elaine McCarter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady McCarter of Canton; Kimberly Diane Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howard of Oakboro; and Jonathan Edward Barry Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Barry Scott of Miami, Florida.

Scholastic award students from each Gardner-Webb class were also named. They are sophomore, Cindy Dee Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Patterson of Taylorsville, with a freshman grade point average of 3.91; Julia Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Johnson of Morganton, a sophomore with a grade average of 3.87; Mary Louise Abrams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Abrams of Boiling Springs, and Rachel Elisabeth Schlafer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F.G. Schlafer of Knoxville, Tenn., junior class members with a perfect quality point ratio of 4.0.

**Dewberry**

**Gets Abbey**

**Cage Grant**

The Southwestern Conference Player of the Year in women's basketball has received a grant-in-aid to attend Belmont Abbey College.

Traci Dewberry, a 1980 graduate of Chase High School of Forest City, will be a member of the first intercollegiate women's basketball team at the College. The team, which will be in developmental stages during the 1980-81 basketball season, is under the direction of Coach Tony Baldwin, former assistant women's basketball coach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

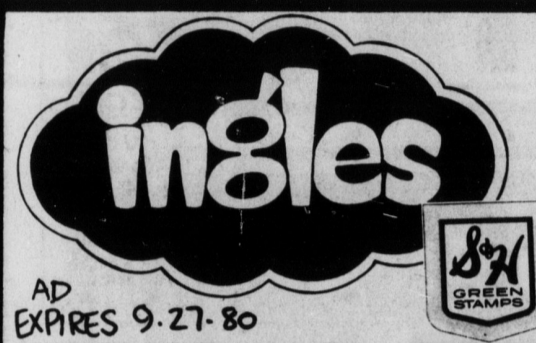
Baldwin comments, "Traci is an exceptionally talented athlete who I feel will make a tremendous contribution to both our women's athletic program and the College's campus life as well.

"Traci will fit in very well with our team concept and can provide us strong support at the guard position," he continued. "Our program is indeed fortunate to have gained this young lady's decision."

In her senior year at Chase, Traci averaged 21 points per game, 5 assists and 6 steals. She received the Most Valuable Player award, and was named to the All Southwestern Conference Team and First Team All Area.

In addition, she was named the Southwestern Conference Athlete of the Year in women's track, and was named the Most Valuable Player on her track team for three consecutive years. She was a member of the all conference track team during her sophomore, junior and senior years at Chase as well.

Baldwin's young squad is scheduled to kick off its 19-game season on November 19 with a home opener against the junior varsity squad from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



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