

## Student Feature

# Dwayne Harris: Full-Time Worker, Full-Time Student

by Jeff Melton

If you will for a moment, try to imagine waking up every morning at 8 a.m., getting to class by 9, getting done with classes by 1 p.m., going home and catching your breath before going to work at 4 p.m. For the next eight hours, from 4 to midnight, you work yourself to death. Then you go home, go straight to bed, and you do the same thing all over again, day in and day out.

The average student would think this is too hectic a lifestyle to keep up for very long. Why, it's a miracle that some students can do anything but sleep or watch television. They don't need to be tied down to a full-time job when they have meetings to go to, or other extracurricular things to do. Who but who needs a 6-day, 48-hour a week job anyway?

It takes a special breed of person to be able to manage a lifestyle as fast-paced as the one just described. It requires the utmost determination and concentration on his or her part to juggle the ele-

ments that are needed to be a complete success.

Dwayne Harris of Cliffside is one such person. He is employed with Cone Mills Corporation in Cliffside as second shift supervisor in the card room. He is a business major here at Gardner-Webb. He is married to Audrey Camp Harris, a Gardner-Webb senior majoring in computer science.

Harris decided to re-enter Gardner-Webb this fall, after a year and a half absence. Harris got married, started to work at Cone, and worked his way to the top of the ladder.

Finally, his big break came in the early part of 1985, when he attained the position he presently holds. Harris, with the supervisor job firmly in his hands, decided that he wanted to finish a job he had started; getting a bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb College.

"I had been thinking about going back all summer, and finally here I am back this year," Harris stated. "I guess that supervisor's job made me just a

little determined."

Being a supervisor at Cone Mills is noit an easy job, however, according to Harris.

"Some people who work down here (at the plant) seem to think that being the boss is an easy job. I've heard that from many of my employees. They just don't realize what I have to do, all the little things I have to keep a watch on. Today, more than ever, the textile industry must be the best as far as quality goes. And that requires the best from every employee. It's a hard job all the way around."

Harris, on his two lives a day situation, points out that "it's no piece of cake." Certainly it is not, because there is hardly anytime to study during the week. There is little time to do anything other than sleeping, working, and going to school.

"This is really the first time I have ever worked full-time and gone to school full-time," Harris says. "It's kind of rough at first, but after getting used to it, things go a little

more smoothly."

Finding the time to study is the main problem for the working student. Sometimes, these students must sacrifice their leisure time on weekends and get caught up on their homework, while everyone else is at the ball game or doing other things.

In Harris' case, the study problem is familiar. He can occasionally be seen reading his management text during his breaks at work. "Sometimes, I'll go home after work and read over my

notes for about an hour," he said. But most of his studying is done on the weekend. "I manage to get it all done though, somehow."

"Perhaps, after reading about Dwayne's experience, and hearing other testimonials such as this, students will see that they really do have plenty of time to get their studying done. The whole point of this article is to make students aware that their academic situation could be a great deal more complicated.

## Faculty Feature

Dr. Jerry Slice

The first new Gardner-Webb faculty member to be spotlighted in *The Pilot* is Dr. Jerry Slice, who is Assistant Professor Of Economics.

Dr. Slice attended Clemson University and Mississippi State University for his education. His previous teaching experience came at MSU, where he served as a graduate teaching assistant in the Economics Department.

Slice's decision to teach at Gardner-Webb was influenced by the institution's emphasis on teaching, opposed to other colleges' stress on research. He especially appreciates the liberal arts environment on campus. Another reason for Slice choosing Gardner-Webb is that it is near his hometown of Newberry, S.C.

Dr. Slice feels that the college has a great teaching program, and unlike some colleges, Gardner-

Webb teachers "teach because they want to teach." When asked to give his opinion of fellow faculty members, Slice responded, "I hold them in high esteem. They have been very helpful in getting me situated. He stated that the

students are extremely friendly and eager to learn. Still another aspect of Gardner-Webb that impresses Dr. Slice is the campus' beauty. "It is beautiful, well-kept, and a nice place to work," commented the professor.

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