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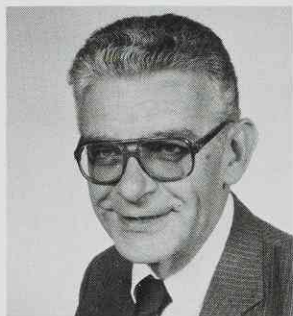


Gardner-Webb College

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BOILING SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

Drayer Returns To Teaching



by Roberta Borden and Alabama prior to coming to G.W. Dr. John Drayer, vice president for academic affairs, recently announced he would be returning to full-time teaching in G.W.'s religion department, effective this May. Drayer has served as academic dean since 1982 and joined the faculty in 1973. A Georgia native, Drayer pastored churches in Tennessee, Florida, and Alabama prior to coming to G.W. Of his resignation Drayer says, "There can be no greater calling than to share in the growth of wisdom and knowledge, whether it be in the Dean's office or in the classroom." A search for a new vice president was begun in January and no candidates have yet been announced.

Medford Recovers

by Roberta Borden Junior Chris Medford is recovering in a rehabilitation center following back surgery due to injuries which were aggravated by a fall January 22 on the G-W campus. A native of Newport, Tenn., Medford, a football player, had a history of back trouble due to pinched nerves. Following the large Jan. snowfall, he was running outside Myers dormitory when he slipped on an icy sidewalk, bruising his spine. Soon after his fall, Medford began experiencing numbness in his legs and was transported to Crawley Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs, where he remained for four days after which he was taken to Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The surgery at Charlotte Mem. was intended to relieve pressure on the nerves caused by a bone.

According to Jeff Frady, Medford's roommate, he is presently paralyzed and will be involved in therapy for an extended period of time. Of Medford's fall, Frady says "It was just a freak accident." According to Miss Brown that the REFLECTIONS staff was "signed, sealed, and delivered," that no new staff members would be admitted and that there was nothing that he was able to do concerning Miss Thomas' situation. The REFLECTIONS staff met for their

Mayor Speaks For Black History

by Danny Reece
"Discrimination has not disappeared. Problems still exist. The conservative attitude, the survival of the fittest mentality, and the 'me too' ethic of today works against those who wish to help others." This is the sentiment of Charlotte's Mayor Harvey Gantt, who addressed Gardner-Webb students during convocation on Feb. 3 with a message geared for the celebration of black history month. Gantt chose to emphasize the tremendous impact of black culture upon contemporary behavior and attitudes. He stressed that "the way we walk and talk...the music we listen to...the games we play...have all been influenced by black culture." Gantt reminded the students that blacks are the only group of Americans that were brought to this country against their will. "They were the only group pressed into slavery...the only group to survive massive cruelty and the stripping of values. They survived despite history. They not only survived, they prospered."

Gantt rejected the idea that blacks have made no progress in America. "Our forefathers built schools and churches. They protected their families. They overcame, and they did well. The civil rights movement illustrated this--it shows the courage of ordinary people."

Perhaps Gantt deserves his own small chapter in the history of black Americans. As the first black to enter Clemson University, he made himself a target for racists. As a graduate of M.I.T. and as a successful architect, he has made himself a role model for all students. As the mayor of a large Southern city, he exemplifies the spirit of cooperation and brotherhood

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Janitor Tried And Convicted

by David Hall
At approximately 2:00 AM on the night of January 10, 1987, a burglar was caught in the act in the Campus Shop bookstore. Campus Safety Officer Larry Thomas was making his nightly rounds when he noticed a shattered window in the rear of the Campus Shop. He immediately called Boiling Springs Town Police for backup. Together they entered the store and found the burglar crouched behind a counter with an unmentioned amount of cash nearby. The cash had been taken from the cash register before Thomas arrived on the scene. Arrested and charged in the incident was Devry B. Jamison. He was taken to the Shelby jail where he was placed under \$10,000 bond. After his court trial, Jamison was found guilty of breaking-and-entering and attempted grand larceny. His sentence included

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Reflections, Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Concerning The new staff publications policy of REFLECTIONS, which G.W., the consti had maintained an tution states, "The open membership for staff of each 11 years prior to publication is a 1984, was discovered selected group of when newly declared young men and women English major Amanda with a faculty ad-Thomas, a former visor." This sti- staff member of REFLECTIONS, wished loosely applied, to reassume her that is, it was staff res- until three years ponsibilities after having been absent one semester from G- of 1984 saw English W, as she was professor Thirlen attending New Osborne assume the College, Sarasota, responsibility of Fla. Miss Thomas ap- of the college lit- proached Malissa erary magazine, Brown, a REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS. At this staff member, early time, the staff of in the Fall of 1986 REFLECTIONS, which and inquired as to how and when she REFLECTIONS staff could resume her was "signed, sealed, and delivered," that no new staff members would be admitted and that there was nothing that he was able to do concerning Miss Thomas' situation. The REFLECTIONS staff met for their

David VanHoy, declined in number from nine members in 1983-84 to three members in the 1984-85 season. The reason for the drop in staff members was unknown at the time and was only discovered during the Fall semester of 1986. VanHoy stated, ac-

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