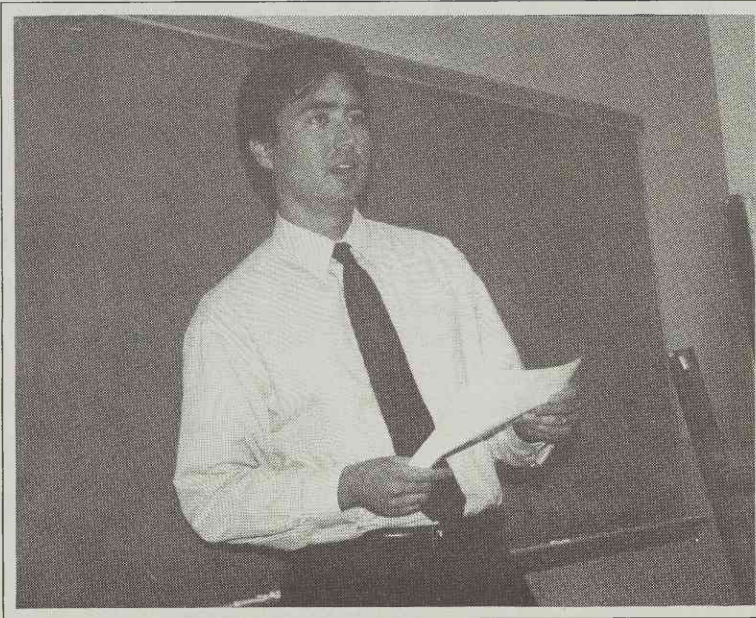


Fulbright, Rainer, Templeman join university faculty



AMANDA WILLIAMS/staff

Associate Professor Dr. Mark Templeman is a new addition to the Social Sciences department. He is one of many new faculty to join the university this year.

by Mary Gettys
staff writer

Joining the Gardner-Webb faculty are three new professors of undergraduate and graduate studies.

Dr. Robert Fulbright, Professor of Christian Education in the School of Divinity, is a former Minister of Christian Education at Kirkwood Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Fulbright commented about Gardner-Webb, "I have been very influenced with the friendliness and the strong Christian influence on campus. I am excited that the University has gotten into theological education."

Fulbright likes working in the garden, reading, and travelling internationally. He has a wife and four children.

Fulbright said that he would like to encourage Gardner-Webb "by promoting community on campus and contributing in any other way that I can."

Dr. Jackson Rainer, Associate Professor of Psychology, has worked as a psychologist in private practice for twelve years and at Georgia State University administering assistance to doctoral students in counseling and psychotherapy.

Rainer has been married nineteen years and enjoys music and reading mysteries and fiction.

"I like teaching other people about concepts, [and] ideas, and I really like encouraging the professional identity of graduate students," said Rainer.

As a part of Gardner-Webb, Rainer "would like to give the best of my professional self, and that's in teaching, writing, and in contributing to the community."

Dr. Mark Templeman, Associate Professor of Sociology, mentioned of Gardner-Webb, "What makes this place unique is faith and emphasis on unique personality. We focus on individuals and treat them as individuals. We don't focus on numbers."

This semester Templeman is teaching Minority Groups, Social Change, Demography, and a special topics class.

He wants to strive to achieve the highest in his teaching skills.

Templeman is most interested in reading.

"I am just generally interested in learning new things and passing them on to the students," he said.

Templeman has a wife and two-year-old daughter.

Families enjoy weekend event

by Nic Floyd/Mary Gettys
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An estimated 12,000 parents and prospective students invaded the campus on Saturday, Sept. 27.

This year's Family Weekend and VIP day was designed to reunite parents with current students, and to encourage prospective students to attend the university.

From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., prospective students made their presence known by checking in at the LYCC Concourse

At 3:30 p.m., President Chris White formally welcomed parents and students in a brief speech.

After he completed his speech, White invited the groups to tour the campus.

Once the tours were over, parents attended a financial planning workshop,

while prospective students had the opportunity to question a panel of students questions about life at GWU.

Questions ranged from the visitation policy to the cafeteria food.

After the question platform was over, Amanda Wilson from Fayetteville, N.C., said, "I am more convinced that Gardner-Webb is the school for me. It's small and the people are all friendly."

Students and parents enjoyed the time together at a picnic next to the Observatory at 5 p.m.

Many parents discussed good experiences at GWU. "It's a loving Christian family and a good education -- a small campus where you are not lost," said Cathy Dand, mother of Mirelle.

"It's a nice, clean college. I think it would be a good place for my son to come," said Jimmy Hefner, Sr., father of a prospective student.

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Broadhurst found this job offer to be a blessing. She had planned to work in college administration, and she jumped at the opportunity to return to an already-familiar university.

"I have come to realize how important it is to put money back into this institution. A lot of independently-supplied funds go to programs that benefit students, more than most realize," she said.

Admissions Counselor for Church Vocations Kerry Traynum graduated in May with a B.A. in Religious Studies, and is attending the Divinity School.

Kerry says that being on staff gives one a different perspective than being a student: "It's a lot easier to be cynical as a student, whereas working here I have more of a desire to make a positive difference for the school."

Seventy-three years and fair is still going strong

by Nic Floyd
staff writer

Buildings have burned down, sawdust paths of yesterday have been replaced with paved paths and in 73 years the Cleveland County Fair has become the largest county fair in the Carolinas.

In 1923 the Shelby Kiwanis club came up with the idea of merging the Boiling Springs Community Fair Association with the Union Community fair, to form one large annual event, according to the "History of the Cleveland County Fair" by LaRue Poston.

Under the guidance of Dr. J.S. Dorton and the President of the Shelby Kiwanis club, Governor O. Max Gardner, gates to the first Cleveland County Fair opened on Oct. 14, 1924, according to Poston.

The first fair featured "Girlie shows for adults only, the Fat Lady, death-defying riders inside the Motordome, wrestlers, chair swings, horse racing and the Rockette dancers from New York City," according to Poston.

With more than 70,000 patrons attending the four-day fair, it was acclaimed as a success. The first fair ended with a bang, as fireworks lit up the sky at 10 p.m.

Tragedy struck the fair when the Fat Lady, Betty Singleton Holdridge, 44, died, according to Poston.

In 1954, the fair found itself struggling

to compete with television.

In an attempt to compete with television, the fair began featuring demolition derbies, stock car races, Indianapolis Speedway racing, harness racing and rodeos, said Poston.

Over the years, the fair has changed considerably. It has become more family-oriented.

From 1979 to the present, Joe Goforth, current manager of the fair, has pushed the fair to support more educational, industrial and historical exhibits, according to Poston.

Showing that it supports education, in 1996, "the directors of the Cleveland County Fair and Reithoffer Shows joined to make an annual gift to the Cleveland Community Collage Scholarship Fund," Poston said.

This specified that a one-year scholarship be made available to a student from each county high school: Burns, Crest, Shelby and Kings Mountain.

With the addition of rides and exhibits and by extending the amount of time that the fair is in town, the fair has grown in popularity.

In 1990 the fair reached a record high of 173,485 people in attendance, according to Poston.

In its 73 years, the fair has become one of the largest attractions in the Carolinas.

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