

GC Graduation Scheduled

Gaston College will hold its twenty-ninth graduate on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Myers Center Auditorium when 128 graduates will receive degrees and diplomas.

The commencement speaker is Ann Heafner Gaither, Executive Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer of J.H. Heafner Company, Incorporated and President of Heafner Data Service. She is a native of Lincoln County and now resides in Newton, North Carolina.

Gaither is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro where she received her Bachelor of Music. She served as Music Coordinator for the city schools in Enterprise, Alabama and then in David-

son, North Carolina. In 1973 she became a sales consultant for Ridgeview Hosiery Mills. She began her work with J.H. Heafner Company, Incorporated in Advertising. In 1977 she became Vice-President and was appointed Senior Vice-President in 1978. In 1979 she became Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President.

J.H. Heafner company employs approximately 350 people and has locations in nine southeastern states.

Gaither has served as Director of the Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Visitors at Davidson College, Board of Directors at Gardner-Webb College, and Director of Broyhill Academy. She was the first woman director to serve on the Board of Directors for

North Carolina National Bank.

Gaither is married to Albert Gaither, President of Ridgeview Mills, Inc., and is the mother of four children.

The participating minister is Clarence E. Sifford, Pastor of Bethpage Lutheran Church in Lincolnton, North Carolina.



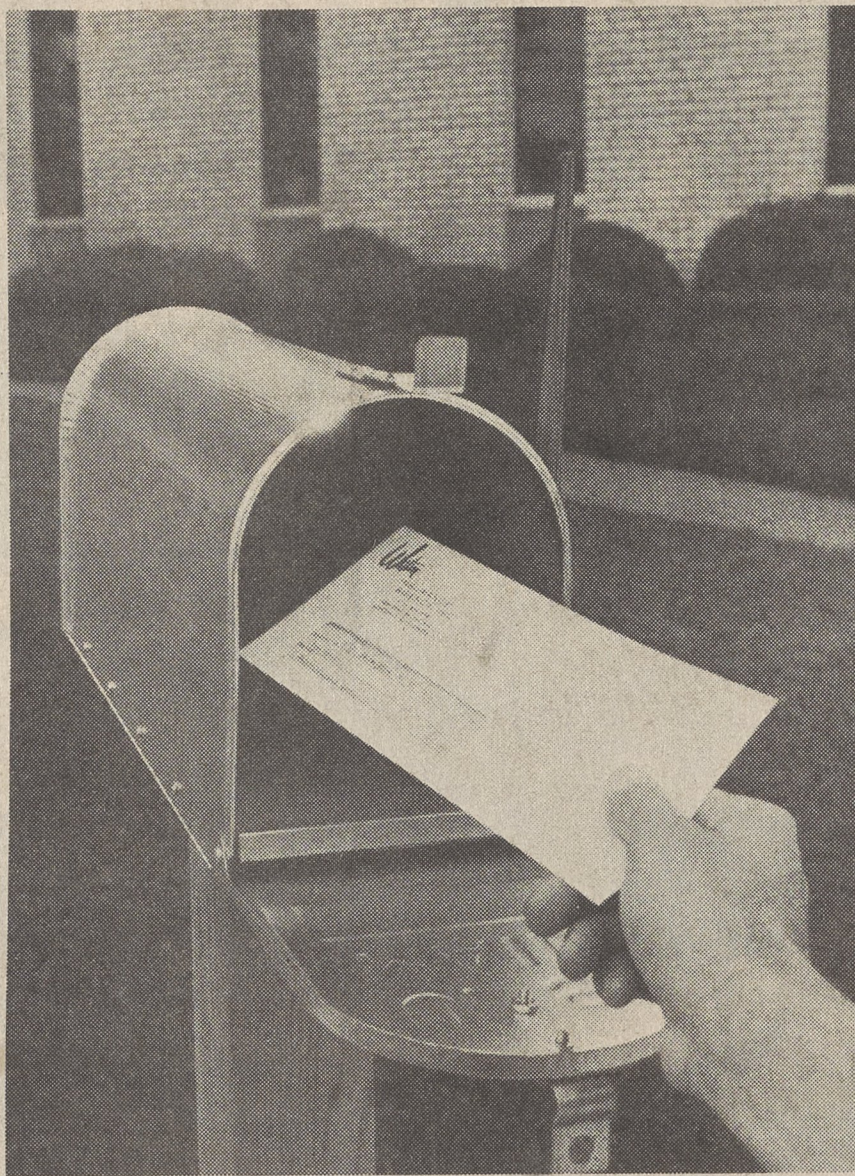
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