

# Gardner-Webb is now a university

From its origin as a high school, a new day and identity has dawned at Boiling Springs where Gardner-Webb now wears the distinctive designation as a university.

A surge of activity that includes new programs has bolstered enrollment to a record high of 2,400, a 14 percent gain over the previous year. And now, the university is poised for a run into the Twenty First Century.

Its elevation to university status became the catalyst for an era of outstanding growth and curriculum development.

The addition of a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 1993 drew 75 students into the program. In the current semester, that number doubled to 150.

University officials say along with the MBA program, electives are offered in International Finance and International Marketing, Entrepreneurial Management, Management Information Systems, Managerial Communication, Human Resource Management and Investment/Portfolio Management.

Also added was a School of Divinity that offers a Master of Arts in Christian Education and the Master of Divinity degree. Approximately 50 are currently enrolled.

New to the campus is Lake Hollifield, a six-acre body of water that will be dedicated April 21. It is part of a recreation complex developed from a contribution from Hughy and Gwendolyn Hollifield of Winston-Salem. Future plans call for a bell tower, walking trails and picnic areas.

Part of Gardner-Webb's growth can be attributed to its program, Greater Opportunities in Adult Learning (GOAL). This is an evening program for adults who have at least two years of college and want to complete their four-year degree. It is offered at 12 satellite campuses at Valdese, Newton, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Dallas, Statesville, Marion, Troy, Hamlet, Dobson, Wilkesboro and at Gardner-Webb's main campus.

While making strides with local programs, Gardner-Webb is reaching to a national and international audience. It has added Dr. Alexandre Strokanov, a Russian, to the faculty, serves as North Carolinas only resource base for MexNET, a computer that links business with trade leads in Mexico and has sponsored a North American Free Trade Agreement conference.

Its broadened base includes a

contract with the Phil Young English School for university dorms, class and office space. Young brings students from

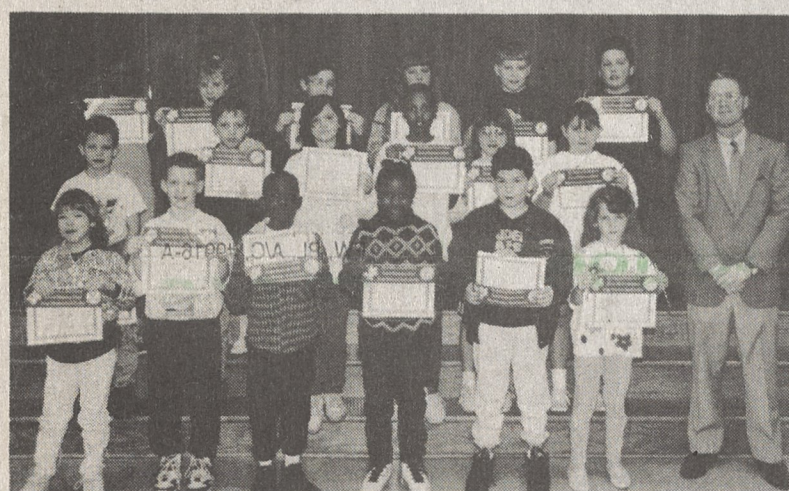
Brazil to his schools for intense English training.

Gardner-Webb University is a Baptist-related, independent institution that offers degrees in

liberal arts and professional studies. The university has moved from a high school status to a junior college, a college and now a university.



**LUNCH FOR TEACHERS** - Anita Phifer and Jada Hardin (top photo) prepare tables for a Grover PTO luncheon honoring teachers and staff. In lower photo, left to right, are teachers and assistants Pat Roberts, Lana Sills, Sandy Shaffer, Judy White, Teresa Williams and Kathy Feemster.



**TERRIFIC KIDS** - These students were recently named Terrific Kids at Grover School. Top photo, front row, left to right, Michael Allen, Stevie Simmons, Lindsay Taylor, Brad Allen, Monika Bennett, Mark Ryan Mentock. Second row, John Coyle, Jessica Calhoun, Alex Simmons, Heather Walker, Josh Murray. Third row, Amanda Willis, Danny Knox, Ashley Childers, Buddy Cozart, Thomas Bridges, Emily Borders. Bottom photo, front row, Abby Kates, Chris Jolly, Carey Gaines, L'Tisha Bell, John Haynes, Alyssa King. Second row, Matt Crumpton, John McGinnis, Ashley Wilson, Joseph Lewis, Emily Owens, Amanda Berry. Back row, Abena Boakye, Nikki Smith, Brandon Bowen, Tamela Wright, Justin Sheppard, Ryan Kincaid. Not pictured, Brittany Allen.

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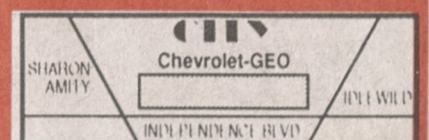
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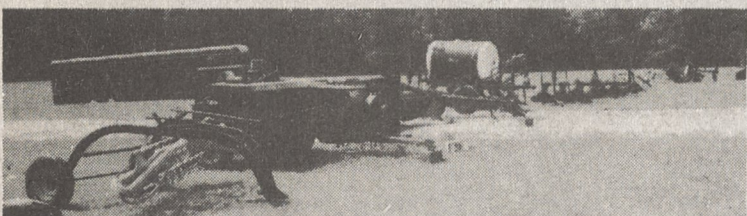


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