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ARCH

TO: MATT WEBBER

RE: HUGGINS MEMORIAL ARCH

DATE: MAY 7, 1999

FROM: COTHENIA J. JOLLEY, ARCHIVIST C.J.

The J. D. Huggins Memorial Arch has remained as a symbol for many graduates who have marched through it in graduation processions. It also stands as a memorial to J. D. Huggins, Sr., who served as the first principal of Boiling Springs High School and first dean of Gardner-Webb College. The inscription on the back of the arch was written by Reverend J. L. Jenkins, pastor of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, according to Mr. Huggins' daughter Rachel Huggins Hedrick of Boiling Springs. The inscription reads as follows:

ERECTED BY ALUMNI

IN MEMORY OF

PROF. J. D. HUGGINS

HE WAS THE FIRST PRINCIPAL OF THIS INSTITUTION AS A HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST DEAN OF THE COLLEGE. HIS RADIANT CHARACTER AND HIS SACRIFICIAL LIFE OF SERVICE FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WERE AN INSPIRATION TO THOUSANDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS. HE WAS THE EMBODIMENT OF GREATNESS WITHOUT PRETENSE.

The front inscription is as follows:

GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE

1905-1943

PRO DEO ET HUMANITATE

(for God and Humanity)

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