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## Federal law hits close to home

by Matt Elliott  
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On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law, and the effects are still being felt by GWU. The act was designed to end discrimination against people with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, and telecommunications.

Sharon Jennings, director of the Noel program for the disabled, says, "What makes this law different from other laws like it is that it makes both public and private agencies and schools comply with making accessibility easier for the disabled."

Gardner-Webb has an ADA committee which Jennings chairs, and consists of several GWU faculty members, as well as several disabled students.

"We went to every building on campus and surveyed them to see what changes needed to be made to make them more accessible to the disabled.

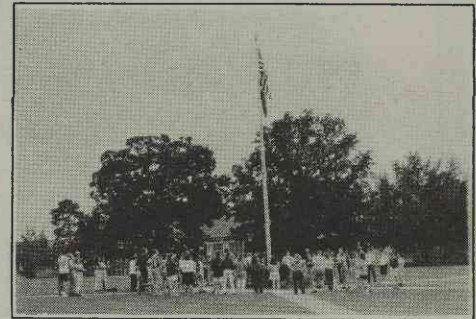
But our campus is fortunate because we already have wheelchair ramps and other technology in place to accommodate the disabled," says Jennings.

"One of the best things about this law is that more faculty members are getting involved in accommodating the disabled," commented Jennings at a recent faculty training session dealing with the ADA.

Jennings also says, "I think most of the faculty here at Gardner-Webb already tried to accommodate disabled students to the best of their ability before this law was made."

In the past, the Noel program as well as the faculty made sure disabled students were accommodated, but now students must take the initiative to negotiate with their professors to see their needs are met.

"Now, hopefully by having disabled students communicate more with their professors, old stereotypes will be broken down and students will be better accommodated," says Jennings.



Students gather on the quad for "See You at the Pole"

## Students meet for "See You at the Pole"

by Julianne Kuykendall  
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"I'll see you at the pole." "Where?" "At the flag pole to pray."

What is "See You at the Pole?" It is an annual commitment of students nationwide to unify themselves at their school flagpole to pray.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, students gathered around the flag pole to pray for God's wisdom and leadership to be instilled in the leaders of America and Gardner-Webb University.

Freshman Kelly Greene says about the event, "I've done 'See You at the Pole' in junior high and high school and Gardner-Webb's version was unique to those experiences. It was more unified, mature and from the heart. It was exciting to see students ready to unify the body."

## GWU raises alcohol awareness

by Sunny Benton  
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Gardner-Webb will hold its annual Alcohol Awareness Week October 23-27 to raise the students' awareness of the effects of alcohol through a series of speakers, forums, and games. Highlighting the week of activities is speaker Doug Bennett, father of former Gardner-Webb student Patty Bennett, who was killed last September near campus in an alcohol-related automobile accident.

Bennett, who is a minister and educator in West Chester, Pennsylvania, is scheduled to address the Gardner-Webb student body in the weekly DIMENSIONS program to take place Tuesday, October 24. His speech will be entitled "Beyond Belief."

University counselor Abigail Kalaf, who is coordinating the week's events, explained that alcohol and drug abuse is widespread and even a counselor often has difficulty detecting when a student needs help. "As a counselor, I know how denial can keep people from seeing the truth about their own problems or someone else's," she said.

Other happenings planned for the week include a recovering alcoholic scheduled to speak on Thursday, as well as a faculty forum intended to give the students the opportunity to have frank discussions with faculty members on the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Movies, games, contests, and a fair are among the other events on the week's agenda. All students are encouraged to attend and will be rewarded with various prizes to be given away in a drawing at the end of the week. For specific dates and times of events please see the schedule in this issue of the PILOT.

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about the week's events

Make sure you note the  
events occurring during this  
year's "Bulldog Bonanza"

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