



The results are in

Survey reveals students' feelings on food, alcohol and music downloads

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Gardner-Webb University's Department of Residence Life just received the results of a quality of life survey performed last fall.

The survey was given to students in December and was intended to provide Residence Life with the university's demographics, as well as students' opinions on many aspects of campus living, such as dining services, residence hall staff and services, safety, security and students' alcohol consumption.

According to Rob Foreman, director of residence life, the survey gives a

snapshot of the school. "It is basically a satisfaction survey," Foreman said.

The survey, which also is performed at a number of other institutions in the U.S., was designed by Educational Benchmarking Inc. Eighty-one of the 90 questions are general, while the others are specific to GWU.

The quality of life survey was distributed to 1,000 students and 660 were returned.

Sixty-five percent of those who took the survey said they were female, while 35 percent said they were male. Of those polled, 36 percent were freshmen, 21 percent were sophomores, 21 percent were juniors, 21 per-

cent were seniors and one percent were graduate students.

Foreman said that this was a pretty good representation of the school population.

According to the results, 70 percent of those surveyed checked that they do not consume alcohol. Eight percent checked that they consume eight or more drinks per event involving with alcohol.

"To the best of my knowledge, it seems to be an accurate figure," said Austin Campbell, a sophomore religious studies major from Anderson, S.C.

"I think that more than 30 percent of the people here at Gardner-Webb drink," said

Stacy Linduska, a sophomore communications major from Woodbury, Minn.

The results also indicated that 59 percent of those surveyed would be willing to pay a small monthly fee for a 100 percent legal, all-you-can-download media service, including movies and music.

"I would pay it if it is not too high," said Mario Adams, a freshman from Covington, Ga.

Others said they would not pay the fee.

"I would not be willing to pay it, because I don't download music," said Shawn Pendergrass, senior communications and Spanish major from Morganton.

According to Foreman,

the RA's satisfaction scores were high. "I'm pleased with the satisfaction of the RA staff," said Foreman.

"For as much responsibilities as they have, they are doing a good job," said Brian Lewis, a junior from Raleigh.

Dining Services received the lowest score of all categories.

When asked how satisfied they were with the quality of the food in the dining hall, 10 percent of those surveyed checked that they were very satisfied, 12 percent were moderately satisfied, 20 percent slightly satisfied. Fifteen percent were slightly dissatisfied, 10 percent moderately

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By the numbers

- 70 percent said they do not consume alcohol
- 8 percent said that they consume eight or more drinks per event
- 59 percent of students would be willing to pay a fee for legal music downloads.
- 10 percent said they are very satisfied with Caf food
- 18 percent of students are very dissatisfied with Caf food

Mix up in the system

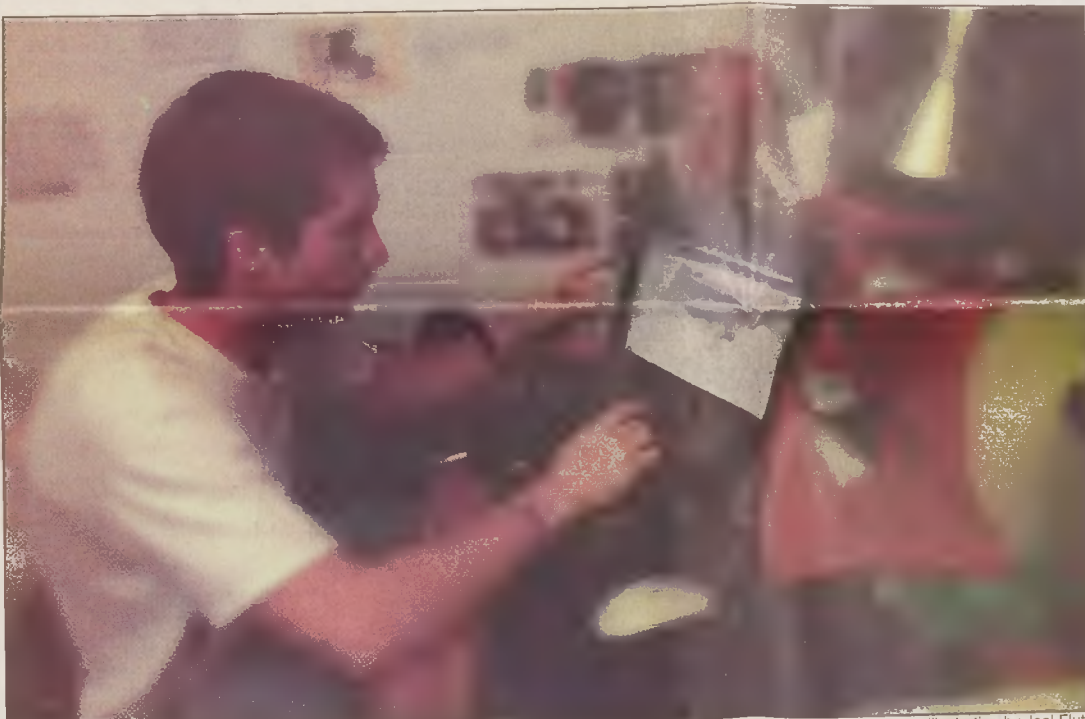


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Many GWU students, faculty and staff experienced problems logging into the new computer system. According to Danny Davis almost all the kinks of the network are fixed.

Students, faculty learning new computer system

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Recently Gardner-Webb University has been experiencing some technical problems due to a worm virus, said Danny Davis, Gardner-Webb University's assistant vice president of business and director of Information Services.

About two weeks ago, GWU's e-mail server was not working for students and faculty. According to Annette Spurling, a secretary in the social science and communication studies departments, the e-mail was down about every other day. Spurling, who communicates with departments across GWU, said that for about a week the

university's e-mail was unreliable and complicated.

"You're prone to miss people when you call them; e-mail is so much simpler," Spurling said. "It's hard to get along without it."

Janet Land, associate professor of English, who also experienced problems with the system, said that the e-mail problems weren't that big of a deal; it simply seemed like a big issue because GWU faculty has become so accustomed to depending on e-mail.

However, problems with the server affected the Campus Shop.

Senior Ashley Dye, communications major from Gastonia, works in the store. Dye said that in late January the campus bookstore was

closed for an entire day because of Internet and network problems. The bookstore also has experienced difficulty running credit cards because of Internet connectivity problems.

Wayne Merritt, manager of the Campus Shop, said that the registers depend on the campus network and were temporarily out when the network server was being repaired.

According to Davis, the problems stemmed from a worm virus flooding traffic over the network. Davis' team worked with the university's Microsoft provider to fix the virus problem in a matter of days.

Andrew Wright, senior English major from

Greensboro, said that he initially had problems with My Webb CT—GWU's online course-offering software. Wright said that for a while he wasn't able to get assignments posted over MY Webb CT for his professional writing class.

Land, who teaches the class, said that students originally had problems accessing information over MY Webb CT because they were unfamiliar with the layout of the new software. She said the kinks are now ironed out and she's still using My Webb CT to post assignments.

Many students said they do not use GWU e-mail often because they have a hard time getting to it. According to

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Business school ranks sixth

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The Charlotte Business Journal's "Book of Lists" recently ranked Gardner-Webb University School of Business sixth on a list of 25 MBA programs in North and South Carolina.

This year saw GWU jump from the ninth spot to the sixth spot.

The jump places GWU ahead of well-known programs like Campbell, NC State, Clemson and the Citadel. The rankings are based on the enrollment in the graduate program, as well as the quality of the degree received.

According to Anthony Negbendor, dean of the business school, the ranking has already drawn positive attention to the GWU graduate program.

"We've gotten calls," Negbendor said. "It's giving us publicity."

Many business students are proud to attend a university with a high ranking.

"Part of the reason I came to Gardner-Webb is because I was impressed with the strength of the business department," said Kelly Linsley, a freshmen from Easley, S.C. "It's important to have a degree from a well-respected program, especially when I'm going to have to find a job."

Negbendor also is very proud of this achievement and credits his students and faculty for the ranking.

"Some of our [graduate] students come from schools such as Penn State or Duke," Negbendor said. "We have some of the best students you can find. We in this school need to believe we are better and just as good as others and this (the ranking) is the evidence."

"Our goal is to be the best, both in quality and graduates," Negbendor said. "We want to be the best small business school in the region. We feel that we have the people to do it."

According to Negbendor, GWU is one of the few schools that emphasize business ethics.

Many graduates are achieving success with their degrees. "Some of our grads are in BMW as managers," said Negbendor. "Some in the banks as executives, and we have several CEO's."

Current graduate students agree that the ranking is important.

"Employers are usually concerned with credibility and a high ranking," said Rachael Riopel, a graduate student in the business program from Rhinelander, Wis. "It establishes a good ranking, which is reflective of my accomplishments."

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