



## Meet the candidate

### Committee hasn't announced their recommendation

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The presidential search committee announced Thursday that three separate meetings will be held Monday to meet their recommendation for the next president of Gardner-Webb University.

The name of their one candidate was not released.

Students, faculty and staff and broad of trustee members will know whom the candidate is when they walk into their separate meetings.

Students will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Fire Side Lounge. Faculty and staff will meet from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Monday in Ritch Banquet Hall. Both those sessions are open to the public.

Students and faculty and staff

are encouraged to ask any questions they may have of the candidate, said Frank Campbell.

An executive session of the board of trustees will start at 2:30 p.m. This will be a closed meeting to meet the candidate, find out what occurred at the earlier sessions and ask questions.

"I know the search committee has done a thorough job," said Frank Campbell, university president and ex-facto member of the committee. "They did not arrive at this conclusion easily."

According to Campbell, the committee and himself have known whom the candidate is for about a week now. The decision was unanimous.

The committee made a promise that an announcement of the See MEETINGS page 2

## GWU reacts to latest news

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Gardner-Webb University faculty and students reacted Thursday to an announcement from the presidential search committee about their recommendation for the office of president.

Religious Studies Professor Kent Blevins said he's glad the committee is introducing the candidate.

"I'm glad that we'll have some information before the end of the semester," Blevins said.

Susan Manahan, a biology instructor, said she's looking forward to meeting the candidate.

"I'm looking forward to seeing who the next president is going to be, and I'm sorry to see Dr. Camp-

bell leave," Manahan said.

Matthew Dimick, a sophomore religious studies major from Chesapeake, Va., says he confident the search committee's candidate is well-equipped for the job.

"It's kind of sad to see Dr. Campbell go, but I'm sure they've picked a well-fitted president for our campus because they've put a lot of time and effort into choosing the candidate, and it's an important position to fill," Dimick said. "And hopefully he'll be as personable as Dr. Campbell was with students."

Student Government Association President-elect Anya Huneycutt agrees with Dimick.

"I think the biggest concern I have is that I want this president to be very involved with the students like Dr. Campbell has been,"

Huneycutt said. "I hope that me personally, as a student representative, I will be able to use him to get things accomplished."

Huneycutt said GWU President Frank Campbell, SGA President Kelly Robinson and the presidential search committee took into account student and faculty opinion while making their recommendation decision.

According to Huneycutt, faculty and students are united in what they want for a president. Their main concern is that the president be student-oriented, Huneycutt said.

Danielle Christmas, a freshman elementary education major from Ocala, Fla., wants to know why the candidate wants to be president, she said. Christmas also

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## Students bid farewell to Campbell

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Gardner-Webb University's Student Government Association gave GWU President Frank Campbell a luau Thursday.

"We just want to show him our appreciation for what he's meant to the students and the university," said Kellie Robinson, SGA president.

At the luau, Robinson presented Campbell with a student-autographed photograph. "He is truly a students' president," Robinson said.

Student Activities Coordinator Karissa Weir said the luau took months to plan.

"The SGA wanted to throw him a going-away party," said Karissa Weir, student activities coordinator. "This is an opportunity for students to show their appreciation."

Whitney Clement, a sophomore business and Spanish double major from Gastonia, said she came to the luau to express her appreciation for Campbell.

"He's a man of tremendous integrity that helped turn the school around during a rough patch, and I was impressed by him the first time I heard him before I was even at Gardner-Webb," Clement said.



GWU President Frank Campbell stands with Kelly Robinson, SGA president, as he is presented with a going-away present. The gift is a photograph signed by students.

photo by Kaylin Bowers

Victoria Whisnant, a sophomore history major from Morganton, said Campbell will always be special to her.

"He was the first president that I came in under," Whisnant said. "That will always be special."

Campbell also holds a special place in the hearts of administrators and staff members.

"I can't say enough of how much he's done for the University," said Frank Bonner, GWU provost. "I hate to see him go. I really liked and admired him."

Bonner said him and Campbell became close co-workers and friends in his three short years as president.

Suzanne Glasscock worked

with Weir to help plan for the luncheon for Campbell. Going along with the Hawaiian theme, Glasscock got to fix some of Campbell's favorite foods—bananas fosters and sea bass.

"I wish him the best of luck," Glasscock said. "I am sorry to see him go, and I have really enjoyed working with him."

## Clearing up rumors

Jennifer Menster  
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In possibly one of his last missions to the media, the soon-to-be retired president of Gardner-Webb University sat down with The Pilot to clear up a few unanswered questions.

### Baptist Affiliation

According to Frank Campbell, GWU is not moving away from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. "The convention does not own the school," Campbell said.

The convention affiliates with and partially funds the university. Campbell said the university plans to stick with its heritage unless the convention attempts to dictate school policy.

### Spirituality of the campus

Campbell said that Christian commitment will always be important at GWU. It is a requirement that the incoming president be a Christian. Campbell said the committee prefers a Baptist so he or she will better understand how the university interacts with the convention.

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### Alumni Series: Part 3 of 3

## Former sportsmen take next step on the field

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a salute to alumni  
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Many athletes make big contributions to their high schools and universities, but very few are lucky enough to advance to the professional level.

Gardner-Webb University athletes are no different. Only a select group of student athletes have had the opportunity to play a professional sport. But those who have



had the luxury have not forgotten what got them there.

Mark Rabb, sports information director, said most GWU's student athletes are very generous to their

university when they arrive at the professional level.

"When guys have positive experiences here, they have more of a willingness to give back to all aspects of the university, not just athletically," said Rabb. "That's a credit to the faculty, to the cafeteria staff, to the coaches and everyone involved."

Jim Maxwell, a 2004 GWU graduate, signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's New York Gi-

ants last season. When he learned that he would be playing for the Giants, students, faculty and staff showed great support in his ventures.

"Especially when I first came back, everyone, people I didn't even know, came up and told me how proud they were of me," said Maxwell.

Seeing action in 14 games, Maxwell racked up eight tackles, including four solo stops. He also

was fortunate enough to pick up his first NFL sack against Baltimore quarterback Kyle Boller.

"When I was at school here, I always thought that players at I-A schools like Clemson were better," said Maxwell. "But I learned in my time with the Giants that that isn't the case."

Despite his success on the football field, Maxwell knows how important it is to finish an

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