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photo by Ashley Carter

Students rolled campus in traditional Gardner-Webb University fashion during homecoming weekend. They also used shaving cream, fish and water balloons to show their school spirit.

Homecoming a sight to behold

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Homecoming hit GWU last weekend, and it was a sight to see.

Students struck campus the night of Nov. 4, toilet papering the quad.

"That is my favorite part of homecoming," said Kristin Borque, senior athletic training major from Colombia, Md. "It's a chance to get out and have fun, and show some school spirit."

Borque's not the only one who showed school spirit with toilet paper.

"I had so much fun," said Tyler Evans, a junior from Hickory. "It feels like the one night on GWU where you can go out and feel like a real college student. You don't have to worry about all the rules the school has. You can cause

trouble without actually getting into any trouble."

Students toilet-papered campus, spray painted messages on the grass at the football field, and held shaving cream and food fights.

"I love to come back and see that stuff like this is still going on," said Emily McCarry, a 2003 GWU graduate. "It's nice to be here for the football game and see that people are still out making a mess on campus and continuing with things that we were once a part of."

Some students say the Homecoming festivities are a good way to feel like a part of the school's tradition.

"It's all in good fun," said Maggie Mason, a freshmen from Easley, S.C. "I love that Gardner-Webb does stuff like this. It really makes you feel like a part of the school when you can take part in

one of its traditions."

Though students consider toilet papering the quad good clean fun, there are some that think it's wasteful.

"I know it supposed to be a sign of school spirit, and it's a tradition and everything, but you would think, in light of all the hurricanes and people that need help, we wouldn't be wasting so much," said Courtney Puddister, a junior from Virginia Beach, Va.

Students started a program that calls for donations of toilet paper to the people who were devastated by Hurricane Katrina instead of using it on the quad.

"People have lost everything and we are up here wasting hundreds of rolls of toilet paper, and shaving cream and all sorts of stuff that the people in New Orleans re-

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Bulldogs take on national champions

Season opener against UNC not the only big game for the 'Dogs

Once again, Gardner-Webb University has made headlines on ESPN. Only this time the topic is not cupcakes but Carolina.

ESPN, the self-proclaimed worldwide leader in sports, recently posted a preview of the upcoming basketball season and the game versus North Carolina on their Web site.

"It's been nice all the attention we have been getting," said head coach Rick Scruggs. "But people around here seem to be forgetting that the season is more than just the Carolina game."

Scruggs's statement seems to be borne out by the rest of the schedule.

Not only do the Bulldogs face the defending national champions Nov. 19, they also will encounter a number of other top programs throughout the 2005-2006 season. These teams include Auburn University, Ohio State University, and the University of Minnesota.

"We had a really successful season last year," said Scruggs. "That's why we're getting out to the bigger schools schedules."

Even so, local sports fans seem

The Gardner-Webb University Bulldogs take on the Tarheels Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in Chapel Hill.

The season opener will mark Gardner-Webb's first trip to play in the Dean E. Smith Center and will also be the first time GWU has opened the season against a defending national champion in any sport at the Division I level.

to only be focusing on the game with the Tar Heels.

Scruggs and others admit that not all of the fans who bought tickets will be wearing Bulldog black and red.

"We have sold over 1000 tickets, and some of them were probably bought by Carolina fans," said GWU Athletic Director Chuck Burch. "But I've had many

Tar Heel fans tell us that they would route for Gardner-Webb in this game because it would mean so much to the university and to Cleveland County if we won."

As important as the game against Chapel Hill is, winning or losing that game will not make or break the entire season.

According to Scruggs, the games that really matter will be played inside of the Atlantic Sun conference. "Teams like Lipscomb University in our conference could be a dark horse, and the conference schedule is always tough," Scruggs said.

Scruggs believes that this season could closely mirror the 2004 campaign.

The Bulldogs have five returning starters and solid returning bench players, but GWU has also added some players to help fill in the gaps.

"Fans are really going to enjoy watching Ricky McPhee for four years," said Scruggs.

"And we also have Takio Siddle out of Hargrave Military Academy so it should be a really exciting season."

Fall Forum focuses on abortion debate

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Fall Forum Events

Gardner-Webb University plans to kick off its annual Fall Forum Nov. 15. The Forum will address the history of the abortion debate in the United States.

Constitutional law professor Michael J. Gerhardt will kick off the campus-wide discussion of the issue with a keynote address at 7 p.m. in Dover Theatre Nov. 15. Following his address, Gerhardt will meet with students and faculty for a reception in the Fireside Lounge in the Dover Campus Center. He will answer questions at this time.

"I was looking for someone to come who could talk to us about Constitutional law," said Scot Lahaie, who is heading up the preparations for the forum. "I was looking for someone to give us this story from a lawyer's point of view. There's no one in the nation more qualified than this guy is."

Gerhardt, a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill, is pleased that GWU is addressing an important national issue, Lahaie said.

In addition to the keynote address, the week's activities include the opening of Lahaie's newest play, "Purging Mary." The play, which opens in the Millennium Playhouse Nov. 16, centers around the abortion debate and runs until Nov. 20. Lahaie and the cast plan to meet with students Nov. 16 after the show in the T.V. studio in the Communications Studies Hall.

"You can't separate the play from the forum," Lahaie said. "We have this heady thing. We have this heart thing. And, thus, we have a lot of good learning going on."

Lahaie said he wrote the play after realizing that a shift of power on the U.S. Supreme Court could affect the abortion issue.

"I said to myself, 'Wouldn't it be cool to be a part of that conversation as it unfolds?'" Lahaie said.

Chelsea Quartot, 19, a theater major from Raleigh, said the play accomplishes its goal of addressing the abortion debate.

"It's an amazing play, and it makes you think a lot," she said. "I was at a loss for words when I saw it."

During the forum, professors plan to hold discussion groups to further explore the issue. The world languages and cultures group will meet at the Broad River Coffee Company Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. to present the abortion issue from the perspective of people from countries outside the United States. Other groups include a communications group, an English group, a science group, a nursing group and a psychology group.

Lahaie said he believes the discussion groups, new to the forum this year, will help students retain the knowledge they glean from the Gerhardt's address and the play.

For more information about the Fall Forum, visit www.forum.gardner-webb.edu.

Keynote address:
Michael J. Gerhardt
Dover Theater
Nov. 15
7 p.m.

"Purging Mary"
Millennium Playhouse
Nov. 16 to 19
7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20
2:30 p.m.

Visit forum.gardner-webb.edu for more information about discussion group times.

New justice may replace swing vote with conservative view

From staff reports

President George Bush nominated Samuel Anthony Alito, Jr. to be the next justice of the Supreme Court Oct. 31.

Alito will replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who announced her retirement in July.

Bush believes that Alito, who tends to be conservative on judicial matters, has more experience than any other nominee in the last 70 years.

"As a Justice Department official, federal prosecutor and judge on the United States Court of Appeals, Sam Alito has shown a mastery of the law, a deep commitment of justice, and he is a man of enormous character," Bush said when he announced Alito's nomination. "He's scholarly, fair-minded and principled, and these qualities will serve our nation well on the highest court of the land."

But according to GWU po-

litical science assistant professor Chad Raymond, experience is not a prerequisite to serving on the Supreme Court.

"He served 15 years on the federal bench as an appellate judge, so he has plenty of experience," Raymond said. "But many of the best Supreme Court justices had no prior experience as a federal judge."

Barry Hambright, professor of history and political science at GWU, believes that Alito will be confirmed by Republicans in the Senate.

Chris Meekins, a senior from Maryland majoring in political science, said Alito's confirmation will be of national importance because he may shift the balance of power on the bench to the conservative side.

"Judge Alito will be replacing Sandra Day O'Connor who was a crucial swing vote on many issues," Meekins said.

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