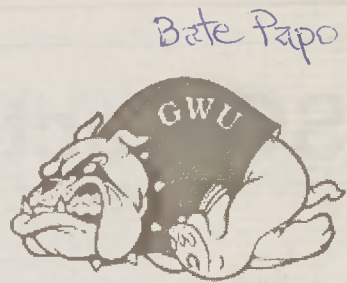




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Help within REACH

Students need only REACH out for more ways to get involved on campus and in the community, and to have a resume meaty with leadership experience.

REACH is a new organization on campus whose name stands for "Ready to Equip, Assist, Connect and to give Hope."

"It's a group of leaders that are trying to connect the community with the Gardner-Webb family," says advisor Sandy Hammett.

They're looking out to help those who are less fortunate, as well as to make it easier to let students know what volunteer opportunities are out in the community.

REACH hosts two events a year; each is designed to help a separate organization. This spring's main event is the Jimmy Wayne concert, which will support the Kidney Foundation.

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Opinion

SGA actions cloud election results

As a journalist interested in providing the student government every opportunity to be accountable and open with the students they represent, I asked SGA President Anya Huneycutt and Karissa Weir, director of student activities and leadership development, for their permission to observe the elections, from start to finish.

I inspected each ballot box to ensure that it was empty before the election, I interviewed candidates, and I observed SGA members as they waited with the student body for voting to begin.

I and other *Pilot* representatives observed voting and ballot counting procedures, and, as a journalist, I am satisfied that the elections on March 7, which resulted in a run-off between Christoph Brown and Brandon Beach, were fair.

At the end of the day, SGA members told the *Pilot* that a run-off election would take place March 21, so plans were made for *Pilot* representatives to cover it too.

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Weekend

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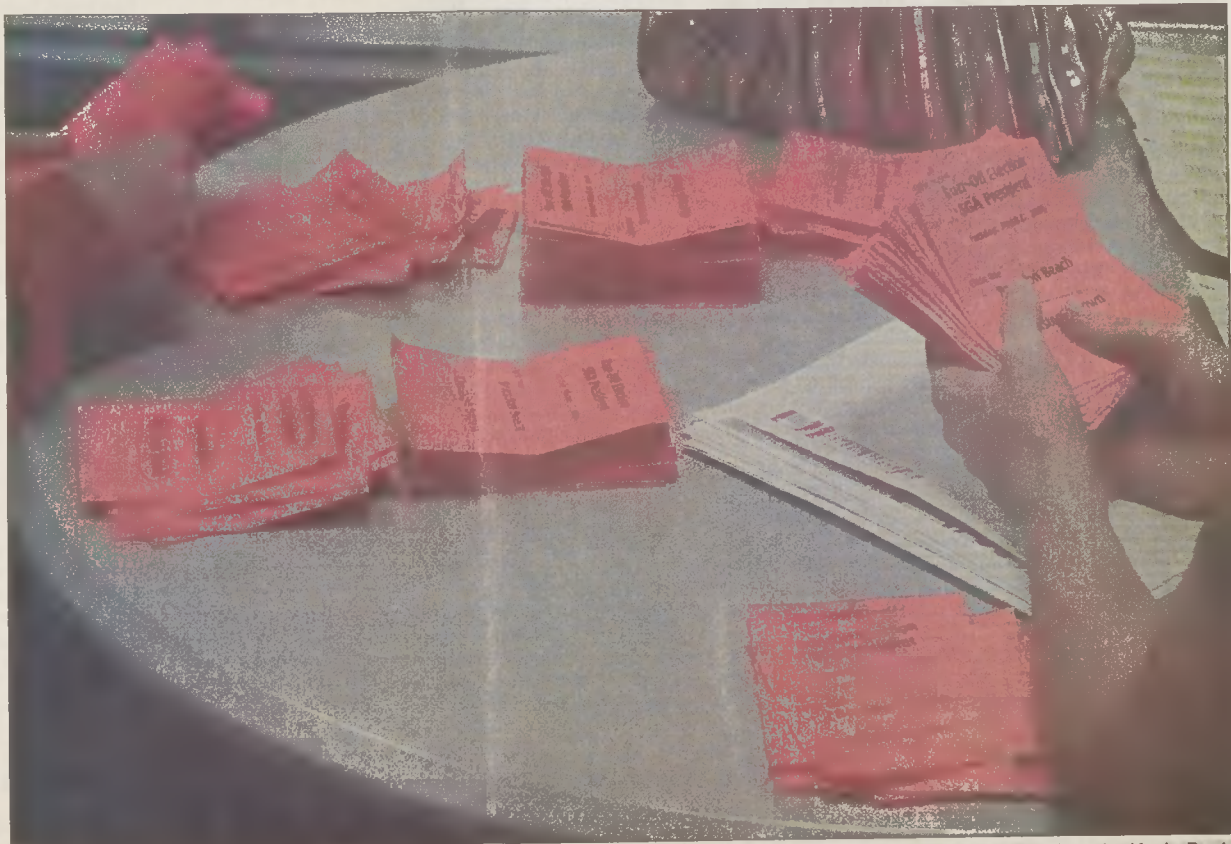


photo by Kevin Banks

SGA members count ballots during the runoff election between Brandon Beach and Christoph Brown.

Brown wins runoff election Could leave top post in December, depending on student teaching plans

Amanda Wood
Pilot Editor-in-chief

Christoph Brown, who was elected Gardner-Webb University's student body president Tuesday, may complete his studies in December, leaving SGA's top leadership position open for the spring semester of 2007.

"I still haven't made the decision to student teach in the spring," Brown said. "To be honest, it's not likely. Most likely I will be doing my student teaching in the fall, but that's not 100 percent yet. I felt confident enough about

my abilities to run the SGA without detracting from student teaching or vice versa."

According to Brown, the SGA constitution mandates that Vice President-elect Matt Walters would be named president if Brown decides to leave in December.

However, according to Karissa Weir, director of student activities and leadership development, the decision about who would take over as president is not set in stone.

"That would be something for the Student Government Association to figure out," said Weir. "I don't have a say in that. That needs to be brought before them so they can deal with

that among the students and elected officials." Brown is hopeful that he will be able to make a difference while he is in office, whether that time is one or two semesters.

"I just look forward to working next year," he said. "I think we can make a lot of positive changes. Students' lives are stressful enough between classes and extracurricular activities and jobs. You name it and students have to deal with it. What I see SGA's main job as being is to try to make their lives easier."

Brown plans to continue working on the one-card system, as well as addressing student complaints about the ginkgo trees on campus.

One-card system not set in stone, awaits approval

Christie Barlow
Pilot managing Editor

Gardner-Webb University doesn't share one mind about the proposed one-card system. Controversy has erupted on campus about the possible scope of the one-card system.

The new system would provide GWU students the ability to use their identification card for multiple purposes on campus and perhaps around Boiling Springs.

Optimally, students could use their ID as a credit card by adding money to the card for use in the campus store, to do laundry, in the library and at local businesses.

"We're at the point where we've made the proposal and we're waiting on the senior staff

for approval," said Christof Brown, SGA president-elect from Greenville, S.C. "Once they give us the go ahead we will work hand in hand with them to get the whole system put in at once, rather than piece by piece."

According to Brandon Beach, the one-card system has flaws in its design. Beach proposed the original idea for the one-card system, though on a much smaller scale.

"The original idea was just additions to meal plans using your ID card at Hardee's and Taco Bell," said Beach. "If it's \$4.75 to eat in the cafeteria for breakfast, then you should be able to use that amount at KFC or Subway."

Beach claims that the introduction of this system will cost rough-

ly half a million dollars to implement and that the system would not go into effect until around 2007 or 2008, if it's approved.

Brown has obtained estimates on how much the system would cost to implement and has stated that the system will indeed be "pretty pricey."

However, he believes that the system would, in the long run, pay for itself.

"It (the card) has the flex dollar account so students would be able to put money on it. So, all that extra money would most likely be spent on campus," said Brown. "Initially we will have to pay for the system but it will eventually give back the money put into it."

Beach has been in contact with managers of Hardee's and KFC

and claims that they haven't heard anything about the new system, and that they would not support it.

"It would cost the restaurants at least \$10,000 to put in the scanning system for the one card," said Beach. "It's going to cost a whole lot of money to implement this system, tuition would go up and we are going to lose money."

According to Brown, the hesitation to contact the local businesses comes at the request of the senior staff. When the plan is approved, the proposal to the area businesses will come from the company that GWU will be working with.

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SGA 101: Officers must always stay on active duty

Rebecca Clark
Pilot Staff

Although most students are aware of the Student Government Association, the specific duties of each officer might not be as well known.

The SGA has four executive officers, with each position carrying its own responsibilities. President Anya Huneycutt outlined what is expected of the executive officers and the dif-

ferent benefits that are associated with each position.

As president, Huneycutt said that she was responsible for being a liaison between the student body and the administration. The president is expected to attend various committee meetings and present that information to the Senate to discuss.

"The president explores new things that can be done," Huneycutt said.

According to Gardner-Webb University's SGA Constitution, the president is also expected to preside over meetings, report activities and decisions carried out by the executive council to the Student Senate, represent SGA at functions and appoint an elections committee, among other things.

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