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What's coming up for Gardner-Webb University during Family Weekend? A senior pinning ceremony takes place this evening, followed by a full day of activities tomorrow. See the page 1 story.

Dr. Goodman, a professor of divinity, is the new endowed chair in the School of Divinity. See the story on page 2.

A new multimedia store opened this May in Boiling Springs. Its main goal is to be available to GWU students by providing a variety of computer and electronic services. See the story on page 2.

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As former University of Southern California football player, Reggie Bush, is under investigation by the NCAA for receiving special privileges, should a Clemson University football player receive gifts to help him raise his younger brother? Jacob Conley and Jack Naish debate an ongoing NCAA story.

Sherry Ingram, assistant director of residence life, provides an editorial response to previous Pilot coverage of the updated alcohol policy.

Sports Editor Jacob Conley provides insight to his game-day routine.

In sports:

GWU takes on defending 1-AA National Champion Appalachian State this weekend in Spangler Stadium. Sports Editor Jacob Conley breaks down the matchup and the stories behind the game.

Weekend Weather

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'Miscommunication' entangles The Pilot in political campaign Dalton campaign manager resigns in fall out

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It took Pete DeLea eight days to find out who he was really talking to. That knowledge eventually lead to the resignation of McKenzie Thompson, who had been serving as campaign manager for State Sen. Walter Dalton.

DeLea, a reporter for the Shelby Star, attended a press conference on Aug. 23 held by Westmoreland, a Republican candidate for the District 46 seat in the North Carolina Senate, at the North Lake Country Club.

At the press conference, DeLea spoke with Thompson, whom he said identified herself that day as a member of Gardner-Webb University's student publication, The Pilot, not as Dalton's campaign manager.

"I spoke with a young lady that was there," said DeLea. "She identified herself as Lindsay Willis with the Gardner-Webb Pilot, and I made small talk with her. I asked her if she knew Kaylin Bowers and Amanda Wood, former students associated with The Pilot and she said, 'No, I'm new here.'"

The young woman then asked him what his political affiliation was, which DeLea said he thought was odd.

On Aug. 31, there was a public hearing of the N.C. Utilities Commission at Shelby City Hall.

DeLea said he saw the woman who had identified herself as Lindsay Willis eight days before talking to Duke Energy Public Affairs members.

"At that time, she walked up

to me and told me her name was McKenzie Thompson, the campaign manager for Dalton," said DeLea, adding that she gave him a business card and said that she is enrolled in one class at GWU.

DeLea notified Bob Carey, chair of the GWU Department of Communications Studies, and advisor for the Pilot, and Westmoreland, of the issue.

According to the story, which appeared in The Star on Sept. 7, Carey said Thompson's actions were unethical.

In a phone interview with The Pilot, Westmoreland said the press conference was open to the public, but he said Thompson should have fully identified herself to the group, as a member of his opposition.

Dalton said he would never do anything to harm GWU's reputation, or undermine his opposition. He said Thompson told him she gave her correct name and was a student from Gardner-Webb.

"My campaign worker, McKenzie Thompson, indicates that she never represented herself as anything but McKenzie Thompson," said Dalton. "I certainly regret whatever miscommunication occurred and certainly do not condone any kind of misrepresentation."

Thompson told The Star Sept. 6 that she did tell DeLea she was a student at GWU, but that she didn't know the student newspaper was called The Pilot. She called the issue a miscommunication.

Thompson resigned as Dalton's campaign manager on Sept. 8, citing in a letter to Dalton's office that the news media had used

the situation to create controversy, and that her resignation would be best for her and the campaign.

Thompson also said in the letter that "I did not in any way misrepresent myself, lie about my identity, or in any way state that I was a reporter."

"I'm now out of the district," said Thompson, over the phone on Sept. 12. "I have resigned. If you have any questions about it, I think the best thing to do is use my letter of resignation as my comment."

Dalton and Westmoreland said the "miscommunication" is not something their offices will dwell on.

"I'm not going to make a big deal out of it," said Westmoreland. "My campaign is about jobs, not about campaign managers. I'm concerned about correcting the priorities in North Carolina."

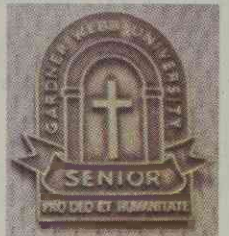
Westmoreland also said he respects (DeLea) for how he handled the situation.

"The most important thing is the campaign and focusing on jobs and healthcare," said Dalton.

DeLea said he confirmed that Thompson is enrolled at GWU, and that a student named Lindsay Willis applied to the university, but is not currently enrolled. There is no information concerning the connection of the two names at this point, he said.

"I didn't want to rush the story," said DeLea, of how he handled the situation.

"I wanted to make sure everything was factual and I wanted to make sure someone else was writing it, since I was an important part involved in the story."



Senior tradition opens annual family weekend

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From freshman to graduate level, students look forward to Family Weekend at Gardner-Webb University.

Students have the opportunity to spend time with their families, without having to travel back home, and get to participate in activities that cater to students family.

The All-Star Family Weekend begins today at 5 p.m. with the senior reception. Following this is Senior Pinning banquet and ceremony at 5:45 p.m. The location for both events is the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

Senior Pinning is a tradition here at GWU. Graduating seniors receive a pin with the university name and a cross, which is then affixed to their clothing by one of their guests.

Later that evening, GWU will host the annual Staff/Faculty Variety Show at 8 p.m. in the Dover Theater. Using an "American Idol" format, faculty and staff participants will perform live. There will be a mix of pop, rock and folk music, along with comedy and drama.

Saturday's formal events begin at 4 p.m. with a picnic at Lake Hollifield (or the cafeteria, if it rains). There will be music along with Carolina barbecue.

At 6 p.m., GWU's Runtin' Bulldogs football team takes on Appalachian State University, the 2005 NCAA Division 1-AA national champions. A sell-out crowd is expected.

Sunday begins with a student-led worship service starting at 10 a.m. in the Dover Chapel, will be the first program. Tracy Jessup, minister to the university, will deliver the message.

The service will be followed by a lunch buffet in Dover Campus Center at 11:30 a.m.

Going to the game?

University Police Chief Barry Johnson provides these tips and facts for students and community members going to the GWU vs. ASU game on Saturday.

- * Walk to the stadium
- * Stadium Drive will be closed six hours before the game
- * There will be an increased police presence for safety
- * Do not under any circumstances rush the field or attempt to tear down the goal posts
- * Enjoy the game and be safe

Running to victory



Pilot photo by Joseph Fluty

Kasey Gladhill challenges a High Point University player during the game on Sept. 15. Gardner-Webb won with a 5-1 score.