

News

Fourstar Multimedia shop brings 5-star service to Boiling Springs

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Whether you're looking for a new laptop, a video or a place to repair your computer, Fourstar Computers and Multimedia, located on North Main Street next to Dirt Dawg Laundry, can probably meet your needs.

The store opened up at the end of May and provides a needed business for Boiling Springs. The computer store is convenient for students and residents alike as they no longer have to make the drive into Shelby, or other surrounding areas, to buy technology or have repairs made.

Two rooms offer retail items, which include computers, laptops, accessories, upgrades, games and videos. There is also a room designed for repairs and services.

Other things Fourstar offers are Web site design,

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CD and DVD duplication, recording studios and professional audio and video production.

Allen Wesson, owner of Fourstar Computers and Multimedia, said that business has been good since the shop opened in May.

"Repairs are the biggest demand right now," Wesson said. He has taken several GWU student laptops damaged by storms, and has had good business from university students since school started back this fall.

"Keeping people's computers running is the biggest thing," Wesson said of the business.

Wesson, who had been doing touring sound and video production in Gastonia and Spartanburg, said he wanted to open a retail business after seeing the need and opportunity in this area.

Fourstar Multimedia has two full-time and four part-time employees.

Some of the challenges Wesson has faced while beginning the enterprise have been the red tape of starting a business and determining what sells, what to stock and what to keep in stock.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Small survey shows freshmen happy here

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With all the colleges out there, it is easy to make the wrong choice, but it seems that GWU freshmen feel like they have made the right decision.

Several freshmen were asked, "We've been here about a month now. Are you still glad you chose GWU?" and "Are you comfortable here now or are you still homesick?" The majority said that they are glad that they're here, and are comfortable on campus.

Matt Webb, from Charlotte, said "I love it here ... and I'm more than comfortable with the GWU life."

Webb said he came to GWU because it is a small school and close to home.

Similarly, Becca Fitzherbert is comfortable, although she is not at all close to her home in New Hampshire.

"Yes, I'm very glad I came here," she said. "I'm making out pretty well and adjusting fine to the new environment and to college life other than the fact of early classes."

Fitzherbert chose GWU, she said, "Because I loved the friendly atmosphere I felt here and I wanted to go somewhere that would strengthen my faith, and have less opportunities to get involved with things and people that would get me into trouble."

On the other hand, not all freshmen are as comfortable as Webb and Fitzherbert.

Several students, who did not want their names used, said that Boiling Springs is boring and there's nothing to do within a reasonable distance. Those students plan to make their stay in town a short one, they said.

As freshmen continue to voice their opinions on the matter, read other responses online at facebook.com under the Class of 2010 group.

Goodman can 'do more as teacher' with divinity school Shepherd funds

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In late August, the Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity awarded Dr. Daniel E. Goodman the Bob D. Shepherd Chair in New Testament Interpretation.

"I am deeply grateful, and I thank Dr. Bonner and Dr. Bugg for the honor," said Goodman, an associate professor of New Testament Studies. "I appreciate the fact that they trust me with this honor."

The Shepherd Chair, es-

established April 27, 1998, is the oldest endowed chair at GWU, according to a press release from the School of Divinity.

"The chair comes with extra money for research and travel," said Goodman. "It will give me the opportunity to do more as a teacher."

"I'm just really grateful to my colleagues and faculty. Everyone's been very supportive," he said. "I've been here for three years, and everyone in the divinity school was very welcoming."

In 2004, Goodman was one of 10 theological school professors nationwide to be awarded the Theological Scholars Grant by the Association of Theological Schools and the Lilly Foundation for his project on the history of Baptist-Jewish relations.

In 2006, Goodman was issue editor for Review & Expositor's issue on Jewish-Christian dialogue. He has also contributed to book reviews and journals, including the Biblical Quarterly and Review of Biblical Literature.

Tip: Get locked out when RAs are there

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Ever locked your room door, stepped out and – as soon as you pull the door shut – you realize that the key is still inside?

If this has been you once or twice – or like me, too many times to count – then you are not alone. Gardner-Webb has a protocol for those of us who can't seem to remember our keys or are locked out accidentally.

According to the university's Student's Handbook, there are four easy steps to getting back into your room:

- Attempt to track down your roommate.
- Contact a resident advisor in your building/area
- Contact your graduate resident director
- Contact University Po-

lice at 4444
Simple enough, right?
Wrong.

When put to the test, getting back into your room could take hours. I was locked out last weekend, when my roommate was at work and unable to come back and let me in. All three RAs and the GRD were gone. So as a last resort, I called University Police.

I could not get immediate help because the officer on duty didn't have a vehicle. I was told that it would be a while before I can be let into my room.

What do you do when you follow protocol but don't have swift success? If you ever come across the same problems I did, the only thing you can do is wait.

Ally Willis, a junior who is an RA for H.A.P.Y,

doesn't have a problem with girls locking themselves out.

"There's a certain amount of times you can lock yourself out before you get charged," Ally said. "Me, personally, I just go let them in."

The first two times a student is locked out during the academic year there will be no charge.

The Student Handbook specifies what happens if you continue to lock yourself out: Anytime a staff member (RA, GRD, Residence Life Professional Staff, University Police) unlocks a room, the student is subject to a charge. On the third and each lockout after that, a student will be charged \$10.00. The fee must be paid within 30 days of the lockout to the Residence Life Office.

News from Dover Library

Who's new in the library? Boyd Harris is the new circulation manager in the library, and you're likely to see him when you check books out, return them or borrow something from Reserves. He started here in August, and looks forward to getting to know everyone. Boyd is a Cleveland County native, an alumnus of UNC Chapel Hill, and a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church. His previous library work experience was in the UNC-CH history department library and the Gaston Public Library.

What's new in the library? This summer we had sit-down-height workstation furniture installed near Reference to match the existing public access computers. We replaced the three old computers with five new ones. These are currently linked to our existing printer and print controller, and will soon have a printer and print controller of their own. The new computers are full-function, with access to the Internet and the Microsoft Word suite. The purchase of the furniture and computer equipment was made possible by a grant from the Dover Foundation.

Look for information later this semester about a new microform reader/printer and wireless laptops that you will be able to use in the library.

Did you know we have this? The library has a small collection of silent films, including some of the best of the best. They paint an interesting picture of both the history and culture of the time, and the history of the early film industry. Here is a sampling:

"Biograph Shorts" presents 23 complete short D.W. Griffith films produced between 1909-1913. "Cinema Europe" is a video study of the early film in Europe. "Edison: The Invention of the Movies" contains all 140 complete films produced by the Edison Co. between 1889-1918. "The Movies Begin" includes works by George Melies, "The Great Train Robbery" and other foundational titles from the 1894-1914 period.

Other highlights: D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" (1915), based on local author Thomas Dixon's book "The Clansman"; Lillian Gish in "Broken Blossoms" (1919); Charlie Chaplin in "City Lights"

(1931); King Vidor's "The Crowd" (1928); Erich von Stroheim's "Greed" (1925); "Nosferatu" (1922; the first film version of Bram Stoker's book "Dracula"); and "Richard III" (1912; the earliest surviving American feature film).

Rounding out the collection are Fritz Lang's epic "Die Nibelungen" (1924); John Barrymore starring in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1920); "Faust" (1926) based on Goethe's work; a Buster Keaton trio, "The General/The Playhouse/Cops" (1921-1926); D.W. Griffith's "Intolerance" (1916); the René Clair comedy "An Italian Straw Hat" (1927); sacred silent classics "The life and passion of Jesus Christ" and "From the Manger to the Cross" (1905/1912); "Mary Pickford Collection of Early Silent Short Subjects" (1909-1918); and Rudolph Valentino starring in "The Sheik" (1921).

Each of these is in VHS or DVD format, and circulates for the same length of time as a book. Come check one out, get a few friends together, and see what life and fantasy were like before "Star Wars" and "Titanic."

Microsoft strikes back with the Zune

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Sometime this year, Microsoft will release the Zune, its own version of the iPod.

In many ways, the Zune will be comparable to an iPod, with a few new bells and whistles.

According to engadget.com, the Zune will have WiFi capabilities, and may include Xbox Live Any-

where Integration, blurring the lines of Game Boy and an MP3 player.

In an interesting approach to converting current iPod patrons, Microsoft plans to purchase any music previously purchased on iTunes in a Zune-compatible format.

This means that all the Gloria Estefan and Naughty by Nature you bought for your iPod can easily find a new home inside a Zune.

So, what will it take for you to ditch your iPod?

"Nothing short of a child sacrifice," said sophomore Lauren Taylor. "I love my iPod."

Sophomore Tim Lanning said, "I'm definitely interested. I don't know if I will give up my iPod, but who knows?"

The Zune is set for a November release. It will be available in a variety of colors.

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