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Students join project to build wells in Africa

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Several Gardner-Webb University students are working to change the lives of people in Africa by raising \$3,000 to purchase a well for a community that does not have clean drinking water.

Aaron Wilkinson and Marlon Burnett have put their love of design together with their desire to change the world by creating a T-shirt called the "1,000 Well T-Shirt." All proceeds from the T-shirt sales will go towards a fund to buy a well in Africa.

Wilkinson said that the project is not just for the purchase of a well. Part of the funds will pay for someone to teach the people in the village where the well is built to maintain it and make re-

pairs. "In the '80s they built wells, but they fell into disrepair because of a lack of skilled people to maintain it," he said. "Now, they not only build, but teach."

The money goes to Jars of Clay, a Christian music group, which began the "1,000 Well" campaign, in an effort to provide clean water systems at 1,000 locations in Africa. Wilkinson said the idea began with Ryan Coryell, student coordinator for The Verge, a weekly worship service on campus. The ministry does collections for different charities and wanted to focus on one charity this year.

Coryell said he came up with the idea after talking to his roommate, who had been to Kenya. Together they decided

to raise money to build a well. That was when Wilkinson and Burnett offered to raise money and awareness through selling T-shirts.

Wilkinson said GWU's project has netted about \$250 at this point. After taking orders from students, mostly through The Verge, the two students print the shirts at a screen-printing business in Asheville.

The T-shirts come in blue, red, green and black, and are \$10 each.

The first shirts were distributed Nov. 27. Students can order a T-shirt by visiting www.myspace.com/melakimclothing.

Coryell said that they don't know where the well will be built, but that the ministry will eventually learn that and other details on the project.

Divinity school welcomes new deans

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The Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity will have a new dean in January, when Dr. Robert W. Canoy will replace Dr. Charles Bugg in the position.

In addition, Dr. Gerald McKeown will become the divinity school's new associate dean.

Bugg, who has served as dean since for a year and a half, plans on staying at GWU, but he is unsure of what he will be doing at this point. Bugg voices confidence in Canoy's abil-

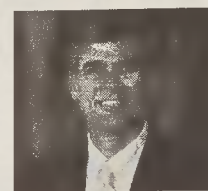
ity to take over the position.

"I am very pleased about Dr. Canoy," said Bugg. "He has been acting dean and associate dean. This is a very good step for the Divinity School."

Canoy has served as a professor of theology for the School of Divinity since 2000. He hopes to continue the success of the divinity school with a team effort.

Keown has served at Gardner-Webb's Divinity School since 1996 as a professor of Old Testament interpretation.

Bugg says he will spend more time with



Dr. Robert W. Canoy

family in his free time. He expresses his gratitude to the school and his opportunity to be in divinity school.

"Leadership over here will continue very well," said Bugg. "All of the faculty and students are great and it has been a pleasure working with them."

Cartee aids Salvation Army

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you all break out your ear plugs," Cartee warned as he began to sing "Christmas at Wal-Mart."

During the last portion of the show, GWU art professor Susan Carlisle Bell began painting nativity scenes on stage as Carl sang. The pieces she created were auctioned off after the concert and all proceeds, more than \$1,000, were donated to the Salvation Army.

Over the past nine years, the concerts have raised more than 11,000 pounds of food and almost 1,200 toys for families in need.

Manning and Capt. Leidy of the Cleveland County Salvation Army say that the Salvation Army is about sending the message of Christ and helping millions of people around the world. That's also what this concert is about, Manning said.



Photo by Kevin Banks

Carl Cartee performs at the Christmas concert from this file photo of GW

The 10th annual concert will take place on Dec. 8, 2007. GWU and the Salvation Army are hoping to get some area grocery stores involved next year and maybe get some department stores to partner for toys, Manning said.

"We're looking for a big event for the 10th annual concert," he said.

GWU basketball teams have hard luck on the hardwood

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Men's Basketball

Gardner-Webb University's struggles on the hardwood continued Tuesday night as they fell victim to the hot outside shooting and dominating inside game of the University of Georgia Bulldogs. With the loss, GWU falls to 1-6 on the season, a fact that Assistant Coach Tim Craft says is hard to ignore.

"It's difficult to keep the players' confidence up," said Craft. "We have to keep reminding the kids that we are trying to win the A-Sun, not the ACC."

The Bulldogs have played a very difficult

schedule this season, as evidenced by the fact that several publications ranked their schedule among the top 25 in the nation.

These publications were not needed as Georgia proved its mettle from the opening tip, connecting on two of their nine first half 3-point field goals within the opening minute. That gave UGA (6-1) a lead it would never relinquish. The lead ballooned to as many as 22 in the opening half, before GWU went on a 9-0 run, keyed by a pair of Ricky McPhee 3-pointers.

Georgia then regained momentum, leading by 20 at the break, 48-28.

The two teams traded baskets for much of the second half, with GWU never seriously threatening the

home team's lead. McPhee and Gash led GWU in scoring with 12 points apiece. Takais Brown and Levi Stukes led Georgia with 21 and 20 points respectively.

GWU returns to the court Saturday against the Catamounts of Western Carolina University. Tip is set for 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs led for most of the Dec. 2 game against Campbell University. In fact, they led for all but about 34 seconds of the first conference game of the year. However, GWU caught some tough breaks down the stretch, falling to the Camels, 57-54, in Buies Creek.

"It was right in our grasp," said GWU Head Coach Rick Reeves, refer-

ring to the team's chance to win. "It was a tough loss."

Gardner-Webb led by 8 at halftime, but came out with an unnecessary sense of urgency to start the second frame. GWU made a lot of mistakes, and saw its lead reduced to one point with 13:21 left to play. GWU took a 54-52 lead with 3:05 left to play, but gave up a 3-point play to Taylor Oliver with 34 seconds remaining. That would prove to be the difference.

Junior Candyse Kelly led GWU (2-5) with 17 points, while freshman Meranda Burnett scored 14. Oliver led Campbell with 19 points. Marlena Murphy added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Lady 'Dogs return to action Sunday as they take on High Point at 2 p.m.

Wrestlers find success at Davidson Open

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The Gardner-Webb University wrestling team had a strong showing Dec. 2 as three Bulldog grapplers took home first-place finishes at the Davidson Open.

Charles Franz, Dustin Porter and Brandon Beach finished the afternoon with perfect marks. Rob Tate lost in the finals of his weight class, while Chad Davis and Mathias Piasecki also posted strong performances for GWU.

GWU Head Coach Richard Wince saw a big improvement from his team's first performance in an open tournament this season at the East Stroudsburg Open Nov. 17.

In East Stroudsburg, Pa., Wince saw 11 of his wrestlers lose in the first round in each of their respective weight classes, leaving only four GWU wrestlers to advance to the second round. However, only one of those four would advance past the second frame.

"I was somewhat disappointed in our performance at East Stroudsburg," said Wince. "We were a little intimidated, and way too passive. Wrestling is combat, not gymnastics, and as a team, we need to recognize that."

While most of the Bulldogs had a short day at East Stroudsburg, red shirt freshman Dustin Porter wrestled well into the tournament. Porter, who is from Burton, Ohio, took a fifth-place finish in the 197-pound class. He came out with an impressive 13-2

decision over Stas Zilinskis in the first round, followed that with a 6-3 win over Pat Gilmore, but lost 7-5 to Jason Reilly in the quarterfinals of his class. That loss put Porter in the consolation bracket. Porter took two more wins before losing to Pat Flynn, 6-4.

But Porter would catch a break when Reilly, who he had defeated, forfeited his match, landing Porter a fifth-place finish.

"I focused on one match at a time," said Porter. "I didn't look at who I was wrestling or what school they were from. I just looked at my bout number and when it came time to shake his hand, I did my best."

Porter, who now has a 13-3 record on the season, said the open competitions and early morning matches should help his team prepare for the rest of the schedule.

"I think this was a very important tool because now I know what I have to do when we have a tournament with an early start time," he said, "and how to prepare myself for a lot of matches in one day."

GWU returns to action tonight as its host VMI in a dual meet. Matches start at 7 p.m. Additionally, the Bulldogs will compete in three different events during the break between semesters. The team will travel to Greensboro Dec. 29-30 to wrestle in the Southern Scuffle. They will compete in the Wolfpack Duals in Raleigh on Jan. 6, and will compete against Appalachian State and Buffalo in a dual meet on Jan. 9.

Campus shop holds book buyback and sale

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Selling back textbooks at the end of the semester is an easy way for Gardner-Webb University students to get some cash during Christmas shopping season.

The GWU Campus Shop will host the Fall Book Buyback Monday through Thursday outside the Campus Shop. Students will receive cash for selling back their usable books. The money can also be applied to the purchase of books for the spring semester, according to

Wayne Merritt in the Campus Shop.

Several variables factor into the amount of money a student receives for a textbook. They include: the condition of the book, the market value and the demand for the book. It's unlikely that a student will receive the amount originally spent on the book, however.

The buyback is an alternative to selling the books to students on your own.

In addition to the Fall Book Buyback, the Campus Shop will hold a Christmas sale for stu-

dents and faculty from Monday through Thursday. The sale will allow students to purchase what they need for the spring semester at a discount price.

"On behalf of the Campus Shop, I would like to thank the students for their support and their interest," says Wayne Merritt, manager of the campus shop.

The sale includes the following specials:

- All GWU merchandise is 30% off
- All book bags are 30% off
- Diploma frames are 30% off for seniors

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