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### Weather

<b>Today</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Apr. 2</b>	<b>Apr. 3</b>
61/49	50/48
30% chance of showers	Showers

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Photo by Chris Shaver

Contractors hired to pour some concrete accidentally ruptured a natural gas pipeline on Monday. The Boiling Springs Fire Department responded, and Decker Hall was evacuated.

## Oops! Backhoe breaks gas pipeline

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

Decker Hall residents were evacuated from their dorm and the fire department was called after contractors hit a natural gas pipeline located between Decker and the Dover Campus Center while digging Monday afternoon.

According to multiple sources, contractors from Boiling Springs Cement hit a natural gas pipeline at 12:30 p.m. while digging to pour a concrete footing for new parking spaces for caf employees.

University Police Chief Barry

Johnson said he found out about the incident within the first five minutes of the leak, evacuated the Decker residents and called the Boiling Springs City Fire Department.

"Anytime someone is digging, you have the potential for the backhoe and a gas line to hit," Johnson said. "It's been about five years since the last time we've had a leak."

David Wacaster, Gardner-Webb's director of occupational and environmental safety, said the university went through all the proper steps to find every gas line on campus before construction.

"We knew there was a 2-inch

gas line, but it was running in the opposite direction to where we were working. We hit a secondary line that we didn't know about," Wacaster said.

Residents were evacuated onto the quad from 12:35 until 12:47 to ensure their safety. Lacey Jaye Souther said there were about 30 other students standing with her. Souther had just gotten out of the shower when the fire alarm sounded.

She expressed frustration because she was also in the middle of finishing her New Testament homework.

"I didn't know anything that was going on. I just knew it smelled funny," Souther said. "There were rumors there was a gas leak. Then we saw the maintenance workers beside Decker, so we figured it out."

Wacaster said the contractors were also working on building a secondary container for the cafeteria's kitchen waste oil. He said he wanted to take to add additional parking spaces while they were working in the area.

"We're hoping to have it all finished by next week," he said. "Hopefully we won't run into any more delays."

## Will professors finally triumph?

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

Blindfolds, beeping balls and beeping bases will level the playing field Friday as 11 blind or visually impaired Gardner-Webb students and alumni take on a team of professors for the annual Beep Baseball game.

The professors will be blindfolded, leaving all players using their ears to hear the beeping ball and bases. At bat, players have two chances to hit the ball being pitched to them. If they miss both, they have another chance to hit it off a tee.

After the ball is hit, the players in the outfield will have to touch the ball before the other team has a chance to touch the beeping base. They will play five innings.

"We don't play the official game here," said Noel Program disability specialist Parrish Walsburger. "They have an official league, but

we want to put our own twist on it for us to make it a little more fun."

"We have spotters to prevent accidents. We have had a few people bump their heads in the past, but it's not been anything serious."

She said the students are on a 16-year winning streak against the professors and are doing everything they can to keep it that way.

Dr. Eddie Stepp thinks the students' winning streak will end this year. This will be the professor's second year playing.

"We lost last year by 1 run, I believe," he said. "I think this will be the year we beat them."

Walsburger said spectators are welcome at the game, which begins at 4 p.m. on the GWU softball field.

"I think students are aware of visually impaired students, but unaware about all the options they have. It's a fun way to raise awareness."

## Sisters Ministry sponsors 5K

By Amy Elliott  
Special to The Pilot

The Sisters Ministry is hosting a 5 kilometer walk/run Saturday at 9 a.m., and the members are very excited about the event.

"We wanted to do some kind of community service project and thought this would be the perfect thing to do," said Lauren Bilyeu, head of Sisters Ministry and organizer of the event. "We just want to have fun and promote living a healthy lifestyle. Hopefully there will be a good turnout and this will become an annual event."

All of the money raised will be split between the Shelby Food Bank and two groups going on summer mission trips.

"We have a group of 13 going to South Africa and a group of seven going to Thailand this summer" said Teresa Davis, administrative assistant for Campus Ministries,

who will lead the South Africa trip. "The money will be used for transportation and mission trip expenses."

The 5 km course will be routed throughout Boiling Springs. Participants are encouraged to go at their own pace, whether it's a leisurely stroll or a brisk jog.

Several local businesses have donated their services, and prizes for the top finishers, including the Italian Garden, BB&T, Broad River Coffee Company, and Georgio's.

The race is open to participants of all ages. Sign up in Davis' office located in Suttle Hall. There is a \$12 entrance fee, which includes the cost of the T-shirt on the day of the race. For those who don't sign up before Saturday, registration will be available at the race site.

The race will be held rain or shine, so grab a buddy and come out Saturday to support a worthy cause.

## Budding GWU scientists win awards at UNC competition

Three Gardner-Webb University science students took top prizes at the spring meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Sciences at UNC Greensboro last weekend.

Elizabeth Bacon won an award for research in zoology with her paper entitled "Analysis of mating call acoustics and their relationship to body biometrics in the grey tree frog, *Hyla versicolor*." Her research advisors were Drs. Don Olive and James English.

Jessica Williams and Trey Miller also won an award for their research with Susan Manahan and Drs. David Judge and Ben Brooks entitled "Analysis of lycopene in varieties of fresh tomatoes and tomato products using thin layer chromatogra-

phy (TLC) and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)."

In addition to these award-winning projects, other GWU science students presented research at the program. They were Lauren Heune, Desiree Faneite, Amber Bellamy and Aaron Allison. Student participants came from schools including Campbell, Davidson, ECU, Elon, Guilford College, Lenoir-Rhyne, Mount Olive, NC A&T, NC State, UNC-Greensboro, Pembroke, Wake Forest and Warren Wilson.

All of these projects were made possible by the Undergraduate Research Incentive Grant program with special thanks to Dr. June Hobbs.

Information provided by Dr. Don Olive and Dr. David Judge.



Back: Dr. Don Olive, Dr. James English, Aaron Allison, Allison Barksdale, Lauren Huene, Desiree Faneite, Trey Miller, Dr. Tom Jones. Front: Dr. Judy Hoff, Dr. Lisa Renee English, Amber Bellamy, Elizabeth Bacon.