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## SBI Investigates Miscarriage

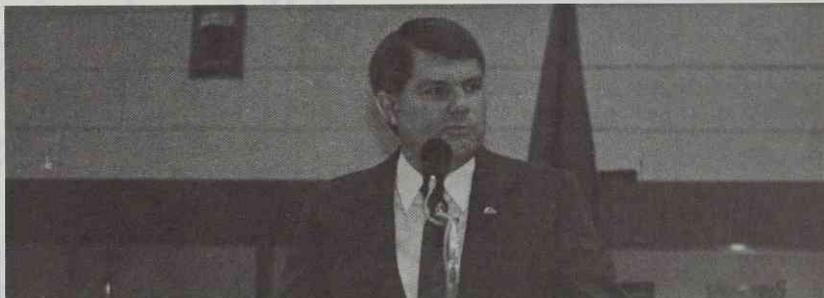
By R. Shawn Lewis  
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The human fetus discovered Monday, April 2nd at the Boiling Springs sewage treatment plant was the result of a miscarriage by a Gardner-Webb College student in a residence hall, according to investigators with the State Bureau of Investigators. The fetus was apparently flushed through the sewage system and was discovered in the filtration system at the plant.

SBI, investigating the possibility of an illegal abortion, found its way to Gardner-Webb College. Upon questioning the student and examining the autopsy report on the fetus, SBI concluded that a miscarriage, and not an abortion, resulted in the death of the fetus. That autopsy, performed at Gaston Memorial Hospital, revealed that the fetus "was not a viable fetus. It was in the early stages and would not have been living at the time of the miscarriage."

Under North Carolina law, if the autopsy had shown that the fetus was born alive, then a violation of criminal laws would have been a possibility. However, if the autopsy shows the fetus was "dead or inclusive," there is no violation.

While allegations of abortion still circulate, SBI has said it will not file charges in connection with the case.



New Head Basketball Coach Jim Johnson

## GWC Gets New Basketball Coach

By Brian Nicholson  
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There has been another "hunt" besides the one for Red October: Gardner-Webb's hunt for a new head basketball coach. Wednesday, April 4th, that hunt came to an end.

Gardner-Webb College announced that Jim Johnson, former head coach of Spartanburg Methodist Junior College, has been named to replace Jim Wiles who resigned earlier in the semester. While at Spartanburg Methodist, Johnson compiled a 190-132 record that included five championships. Jim Johnson was awarded "Coach of the Year" honors four times at SMJC.

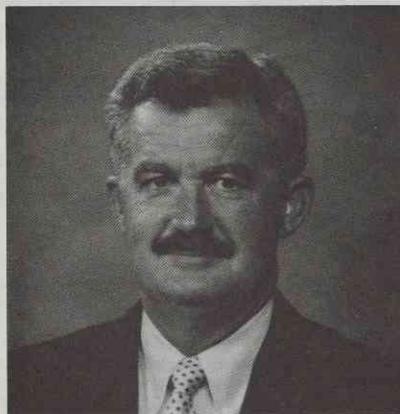
Although Johnson has had success on the basketball court, he and his players have also excelled off the court.

"The Gardner-Webb College program

has a rich tradition and we would like to carry it on, but as much off the court and in the community as on the court," Johnson remarked.

Coach Johnson has a remarkable 83% success rate in graduating players. Johnson stresses academics along with athletics. He served on the Academic Affairs and Curriculum committee at Spartanburg Methodist as well as the Academic Advisement, Testing, and Placement committee.

Coming along with Johnson to Gardner-Webb are wife Linda Kay, and three children, Carrie, 7; Craig, 4; and infant Anna. While not coaching basketball, the Johnson family is very active in the church and community. Mr. Johnson is currently a deacon at First Baptist Church in Spartanburg and is a past president of the Spartanburg Sertoma Club.



Dean Richard Franklin

## Franklin To Resign

By R. Shawn Lewis and Dawn E. Camp  
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Vice-President and Dean for Student Development Dr. Richard Franklin announced Thursday that he was resigning his position to take another job. Dean Franklin will become the Vice-President and Dean for Student Development at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Franklin, who came to Gardner-Webb in 1988, was unable to be reached for comments before press time. However, *The Pilot* was able to contact Mr. Tracy Jessup, Assistant to the President and former student body president, for his thoughts on Franklin's resignation.

"I'm happy and excited about the new opportunity which has been given to Dean Franklin; however, I am saddened that Gardner-Webb is losing a Vice-President and Dean for Student Development of such high calibre."

"When I was president of the Student Government Association, I always knew he was interested in my views and opinions, and, more importantly, in those of the student body. When I became Assistant to the President, he welcomed me as a colleague and friend."

Look for more on Dean Franklin's resignation in next week's issue of *The Pilot*.

## GWC Student Arrested For Drugs

By R. Shawn Lewis  
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Tuesday, March 27th, Gardner-Webb College student Rodney Scott Spangler was arrested by undercover police for possession with intent to sell and distribute marijuana. The arrest is a part of an ongoing crackdown on drugs by Gardner-Webb Safety and Security and the Boiling Springs Police Department.

Spangler, a 20-year-old freshman residential student, was approached Tuesday night by an undercover officer who asked him [Spangler] to sell him some marijuana. Spangler then left the campus and went to an unknown source. When he returned, he had in his possession 7 grams of marijuana (street value = \$50-\$60). He was then arrested for the above-mentioned felonious offense.

Upon arrest, the Boiling Springs P.D. did a record check to see if Spangler had any previous convictions. It was found that in 1987, Spangler was convicted of breaking and entering as well as larceny. He received two years probation for those offenses.

A court date has been set in the case for Wednesday, April 11th.

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