



# SECOND FRONT



## Habitat for Humanities

By Don Durham

*Special to The Pilot*

As the crisis in the Middle East consumes our thoughts and news media, many are left with the impression that nothing else of any magnitude is happening in our world. Don't believe it! There actually is another war. This war is even closer to our human interest than gas or oil, or at least, it should be.

"No More Shacks" is the battle cry; poverty and indecent living conditions are the enemies. Habitat for Humanity has waged war against the inability experienced by some to afford decent housing. These circumstances have existed long enough, and thousands of volunteers are taking action to put a stop to it.

Many of Gardner-Webb's own are involved in this fight against poverty. After having two speakers in Dimensions (Rev. David McDaniels, director of Campus Chapters of Habitat for Humanity, and Dr. Buddy Corbin, local pastor), over fifty students and faculty signed up expressing an interest in working with Habitat for Humanity. Out of these volunteers, the following ten have already participated in building a house on the Nov. 3 workday: Chad Harvey, Kalli Kalogiros, Burdette Robinson, Don Durham, Kristy Young, Gaye Klutz, Wade Gamm, Amy Sharpe, Becky Sue Rodgers, and Jennifer Ollis. Other Gardner-Webb family members present were: Dr. Jeff Tubbs and Mr. Jerry Parnell.

The Webb is trying to generate enough interest to charter its own campus chapter, which would come under the umbrella of the new Student Volunteer Corp (SVC). The SVC has already placed over 30 students in full- and part-time positions since its birth over the summer. This will simply be another way to volunteer as a part of the SVC. Rodgers described it as follows, "We should be actively serving our Lord, and this was just one way I could do it."

Gamm simply states, "I love a good chance to help others."

Sharpe commented, "One of my main goals is to help people less fortunate than myself." No matter what your personal motivation for wanting to participate, both SVC and Habitat welcome your participation.

No particular skills are needed to work on a house with Habitat. Very few of the students who participated in the work day had ever done anything like that before. "I didn't know anything about building houses, and I still don't. It was neat to be involved and do what I could," Rodgers added. This just goes to show that all you have to be is willing.

The battle is fierce, and the fight will be long, but students at Gardner-Webb believe they can help win the war. Sharpe summed up the Habitat for Humanity experience by saying, "There is peace in knowing that I helped someone to live more comfortably."

## Football Team "Assist" Youth

By Dawn E. Camp

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During the Runnin' Bulldogs' November 10, 16-3 victory over Mars Hill, some very special guests joined the GWC football players. These guests were underprivileged youth that the players have taken as pen pals. The youth are a part of the Youth Assistance Program of Cleveland County: A Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program. According to Melanie McDaniel, executive director of the program and Gardner-Webb grad, "The program matches children referred by the courts with adult volunteers who work [with them] one-on-one for an average of four hours a week for a year."

The 16 GWC football players, who volunteered to participate in the Bulldog Buddy program, were matched with boys and girls ages 8 to 15 years old. The football game marked the first chance the youth had to meet their Bulldog Buddies.

The football team is not the only group on campus working with the Shelby-based program. On Sunday, October 28, HAPY residence hall hosted a Halloween party for a group of 20 youth from the program. The youth went door-to-door in the residence hall trick-or-treating. Many HAPY residents participated in making the party very successful.

HAPY hopes to host another activity for the children sometime in the future, and plans are already underway for the youth to attend a basketball game with their Bulldog Buddies.



## Sider Speaks on Campus

By Ernest Brown

*Staff Writer*

Dr. Ron Sider, executive director of Just Life Education Fund and also director of Evangelicals for Social Action, spoke during Dimensions on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Dr. Sider also led some other conferences during the day that dealt with Christians in today's society.

Sider encouraged Christians to be different and to make a difference in the world, to be a beacon for the dark world. Sider was enthusiastic and dealt meaningfully with the issues. He challenged each of us to fight against the social problems in our society. He also addressed the topic of racism and how it still affects a main part of our society.

Among his other accomplishments are: writing several books including Completely Pro-Life and Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger.

## Hamrick to Poland

By Brian Nicholson

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Cline Hamrick, GWC director of grounds, recently went to Poland as part of a mission trip in conjunction with the Baptist men of North Carolina and the Polish Baptist Union. While he was there, he and six other people from area churches and 10 others from NC churches helped to build a residence hall at a Polish seminary.

The project started in April of 1990. Each group went for a stay of three weeks. There were also 12 Russian Baptist workers who were building a classroom and administration building.

While there, Hamrick lived in a 19th century farm house along with all the other workers. The Russian ladies prepared the meals. A normal workday ran from breakfast at 6:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The work continued Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, they would go on tours of the land.

Two tours that Hamrick noted in particular were the ones to Cadenza (where the Solidarity movement started) and to the German concentration camp Auschwitz. Hamrick said the camp was still intact, even the places where the Jews were killed by gunfire and the ovens used for cremation. The camp now stands as a reminder of the horror the Jews overcame.

On Sunday, the group would go to church, which lasted about two hours. Hamrick said the people in Poland were very religious. They would start the service by having the pastor pray. Then, the congregation would pray one at a time. One Sunday, the prayers lasted for an hour.

Hamrick said, "I can't express how good they [the people in Poland] made us feel being around them. They are just fun-loving, wholesome people."

Hamrick has a one-hour video of the trip if any classes or anyone would like to see it. He also said that the group plans to take two college students with them next year. The project will be continuing for the next two years.

## Sale Resigns

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Dr. Larry L. Sale, GWC vice president for development, has resigned in order to take a position as vice president for development at



Charleston Southern University. Sale's new duties, which he assumed on Nov. 1, include planning and implementing the university's fund-raising programs.

Sale began his career as an educator as a sixth-grade teacher in public schools in Winston-Salem. He has also served as professor, department chair, dean, and vice president at Indiana University, University of Virginia, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and, finally, here at GWC.