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## Break in Bolivia

### Special to The Pilot

"Dios Nos Llama Hoy" was the theme for a week-long mission effort sponsored by the Baptist churches and the Baptist Youth Association in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, March 2-8. A team of students from GWC volunteered their Spring Break to engage in a partnership evangelism project there to tell the people of the city that "God Calls Us Today."

The team found a profound spiritual hunger and an openness to hear the Gospel. "It was a life-transforming trip!" reported Michael Beshears, a junior from Lenoir, NC. "Seeing missionaries working hand-in-hand with the people of Bolivia had a tremendous effect on my life."

The team led worship services in churches throughout the week, including a three-day crusade in First Baptist Church of Santa Cruz. Jason Carmack, a freshman from Hickory, NC, said, "The trip made me realize the Holy Spirit and God's love can break through any barrier—even the barrier of a different language. It was an inspiration to see two different nationalities worship the same God together."

In addition, the students went to many of the schools in the city where they found officials willing to let them present Christian music and testimonies. In most, an invitation to accept Christ resulted in many being saved.

Finally, the group presented clowning and puppets in the parks and plazas of Santa Cruz. Their message attracted large crowds including many who had never seen this medium before.

As a result of the week, over 350 people were saved, and several students made public a call to serve in foreign missions. "It was a humbling experience to see people who had so little materially who, when filled with the Holy Spirit, were content with what they had," said Lara Self, a junior from Burlington, NC. "Seeing people hunger for the Lord gave me a hunger to serve God. I know He can use me in so many ways."

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## Not Just a Class--It's an Adventure

### By Kathy Henson

*Staff Writer*

One of the most unique learning opportunities Gardner-Webb offers is a recreation class called Outdoor Living. It is not your average PE class, contends instructor Dr. Gary Chandler. While a large part of the class is experiential, there is a textbook and discussions where the class analyzes its adventures to determine what they did right and wrong. Chandler considers it as academic as his other classes and says, "Students come out of a class like this with a greater sense of self and what they can accomplish."

With 15 members, the class is almost full to the limit. Any larger number would make it difficult to ensure that each person is properly challenged. Large groups also make field trips difficult--and this class takes field trips.

In February, they set out for Linville Gorge, considered to be the most rugged wilderness area east of the Mississippi. Several people have died in the area, prompting Chandler to say the purpose of the course is to "present a safe manner in which these places can be explored." The adventurers set up a base camp a mile of two into the gorge and made day hikes from there. They did hike all the way into the gorge (where the sun only shines directly for a few hours a day), but it was tough. Surprisingly though, Chandler says that that



was the part the group enjoyed the most, proving that we all need and want challenges.

And more challenges are to come. Soon half the group will hike from Clingman's Dome, the second highest point east of the Mississippi, down to Bryson City, a hike of about 20 miles, with a 40-pound pack on each person's back. Carrying a pack will be a new experience because on the Linville trip no packs were carried on the day-hikes. A few weeks later, the other half of the class will go to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to do some similar hiking. There's lots to see in the Smokies, including wild boars and bears. On both trips, the student will be at altitudes of over 6,000 feet (the highest offered in the Appalachians) which is high enough for an unexpected snow storm.

Other trips the group plans to take include rappelling at Crowder's Mountain, which

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## OEC Heads South

### By Barry Martin

*Special to The Pilot*

The OEC (Outdoor Explorers Club) and the SCUBA diving certification class spent Spring Break in sunny Florida. The majority of the group left campus on March 1 and spent the weekend in Crystal River. (Due to weather difficulties, the class was not certified until Monday.) A second group left early Sunday morning to join them.

The entire group consisted of Dr. Tom Jones, Keith West, Rodney Hamrick, Joy Cole, Kim Zamrock, Erin Reverse, Chris Graves, Wade Gamm, Thomas Doby, Glenn Johnson, Tommy Nuzzi, and Barry Martin.

On Monday, our hearty band of travelers parted company, with the SCUBA crowd remaining in Crystal River for the certification process and the OEC heading for the Florida Keys. Midnight saw the group reunited once again.

Relaxation, snorkeling, and SCUBA diving filled the majority of Tuesday. The

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## Broyhill Invades Big Apple

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The Broyhill School of Gardner-Webb College had a very busy Spring Break taking group excursions to New York and London. Professors Wallace Carpenter, Keith Griggs, and Jim Hartman lead the New York trip, and Professor Don Kemerait lead the London trip.

The New York group, comprised of 31 students, faculty, and staff, departed from Charlotte International Airport at 8:55 a.m. Sunday, March 3, and arrived at New York's La Guardia International Airport at approximately 10:30 a.m. While in the Big Apple, the Gardner-Webb entourage toured several spots in upper and lower Manhattan, including visits to Trump Towers, Rockefeller Center, the World Trade Center, the United Nations, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Museum, and Central Park.

Although the trip did include stops at several tourist attractions, the group also

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