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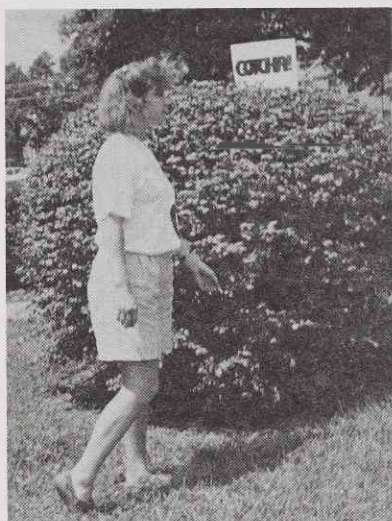
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Don't Get "Got"! Be Safety Smart!



By Dawn E. Camp
Editor

Students, faculty and staff who have left their rooms, cars, or offices unlocked and unattended during the past few weeks have returned to get a big surprise.

While they were gone, someone came by and slapped a glaring, red "Gotcha" sticker on the door.

This isn't some sort of prank. It's a new security awareness plan, according to Chris Wilmer, GWC's Crime Prevention Officer.

"We are doing this," she said, "to let people know that, if we were burglars instead of security, then their stuff would be gone."

"After we put the sticker on, we close and lock the door."



Left: Sherry Washburn walks by totally unaware of the person behind the bush, who is holding the "Gotcha" sign. Right: Bulldog Watch Committee members: (clockwise from bottom left) Dr. Robert Munoz, Kelly Cobble, Chris Wilmer, and Sherry Washburn.

The "Gotcha" campaign is only one of the efforts of the newly formed Bulldog Watch Committee, comprised of Wilmer, Dr. Robert Munoz, Sherry Washburn, and Kelly Cobble.

Operation Engrave is currently underway. Wilmer is going to each residence hall to engrave valuable items so that they may be easily identified in the event of a robbery.

Signs are posted announcing the date and times of these in-dorm engraving sessions. But, Wilmer adds, if you miss the sessions, give her a call and she can grab her bag of engraving supplies and be anywhere on campus.

Wilmer is also concerned about keeping the Gardner-Webb community apprised of what crimes are going on in the GWC/Boil-

ing Springs area.

She plans on doing that through a radio program, on WGWG (88.3 FM) on Mondays at 7 p.m., and the Bulldog Watch Bulletin, posted on the Crime Prevention Bulletin Board in the DCC.

"We will announce the crimes that have taken place during the past week," she said. "People who are caught will not be listed. We are here to help people, not to hurt."

"Our belief is that the more people that know about a crime, the more likely we are to solve it."

Wilmer added that the Crime Prevention Council is especially interested in cutting down on the rumors that circulate about crime on campus.

The Safety and Security Office is a service agency, Wilmer said.

"We want to help, but we can't make you call us. And, we can't do anything for you if you don't report a crime."

As part of the education emphasis of the program, on September 23 at 8 p.m. in Dover Theatre, the Bulldog Watch Committee will host "Prison, Drugs, and You." The program, part of the "Think Smart" Program of the Attorney General of North Carolina, will bring two inmates to campus to talk about how they became involved in crime.

Wilmer hopes that students will take part in this and other on-campus crime prevention and awareness programs.

Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the "Watchdog" Escort Service. Wilmer said that the service is available 24 hours a day.

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Enrollment Good

By Dawn E. Camp
Editor

Last spring, in the midst of a recession, Gardner-Webb made cut-backs and preparations to conserve resources to carry the school through what was predicted, according to national demographic studies, to be the lean years ahead.

Tuition went up to counter the expected decrease in enrollment. Faculty and staff numbers were reduced. Plans were made to close the least-used parts of residence halls. Restrictions were imposed on people wishing to live off-campus. And, Residence Life accepted a number of applications for people wishing to have private rooms.

By the time all students returned to campus, most of the private rooms had been cancelled—especially in the male residence halls.

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Changes Around Campus

By Dawn E. Camp
Editor

Every fall, when students return to Gardner-Webb with suitcase (and everything else) in hand, they begin to notice that some things have changed.

This summer, work began on the most long-awaited renovation project on campus, E.B. Hamrick Hall.

Current renovations on Hamrick, according to a release from the College President's Office, include a new roof, windows, doors, boxing, gutters, repainting and sealing of the brick.

President Chris White said, "With the completion of the project, the exterior of the building will be beautiful and secure for the enjoyment of generations to come. And, the deterioration of the building interior will be halted until we have the resources in hand to renovate inside as well."

White described the total renovation of the building as a priority of the college.

Academic related improvements include the addition of a computer lab, the Learning Assistance Program, and the psychology lab.

Vice President of Academic and Student Development Frank Bonner is pleased with the addition of these facilities.

"The computer lab," he said, "is a state-of-the-art computer facility that will support student work in education, math, computer science and English."

The Learning Assistance Program, which includes the former Developmental Program, is directed by Dr. Gale Price.

Speaking of the program, Bonner said, "This is the beginning of a new concept in support systems for students in their

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