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A Grade at Any Cost?

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Final examinations always produce stress, but we seem to get through them somehow. But, at the end of last semester, reports of several incidents such as the following, point to an increasing problem on this campus.

Item: At least two faculty offices were broken into and final exam copies were stolen before the exam date.

Item: In at least four unrelated courses, term papers were found to be plagiarized, fabricated, or otherwise dishonestly produced.

Item: Two students charged each other with cheating in a math examination; eventually, the whole situation emerged as less than respectable.

Item: In many classrooms, teachers or custodians found discarded, elaborate cheat-sheets after a final exam was held.

So some cheating exists, and the punishment for it does not always seem to be consistent with the action. It is difficult to discover and prosecute student dishonesty. However, the question is if this is a widespread problem or not? According to some of the faculty members, this not the case.

According to Dr. Benjamin F. Davis of the Psychology Department there is "some, not necessarily a lot." His main concern as far as academic dishonesty goes is the use of plagiarized papers. When confronted with their plagiarism, students will often tell him that they didn't know they were not allowed to do that. However, Dr. Davis does not see a lot

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of cheating.

Dr. Larry Gregg of the School of Divinity seems to be of the same opinion. He has had problems with students plagiarizing papers, but he would not say that it is widespread. He does not want to tarnish the names of the many students who do not cheat for the few who do.

According to him "people should remember who they are." By this he meant that they are Christians and should act it. He feels that cheating is ultimately self destructive and will catch up with them. He too has not seen much cheating in the class context during tests and finals.

Another professor who has had cases of cheating is Dr. Gayle Price of the Learning Assistance Center. Dr. Price teaches English Composition and Reading. She has encountered some rather remarkable forms of plagiarism, which she considers "the most blatant and reprehensible" form of cheating. There have been several instances where she knew that cheating had taken place (in the form of

"Recycled Papers" as she calls them) and she has suspected twice as many.

She points out that faculty members are not as stupid as students think they are and can usually tell when a paper is not the same person's work. She cites an incidence where she found a disk in the LAC computer lab that had the same paper with three different cover sheets with the names of three separate students and professors. She has also cited an instance in which two people turned in the same paper in the same class.

The fact that so many cases of plagiarized papers were being brought up prompted *The Pilot* to ask the people who would know about this the most, i.e. the students.

A senior at Gardner-Webb, Laura Bailey, put the amount of cheating here at 7 on a scale of 10. She said that she has seen the cheating get progressively worse since her arrival here and it has been by far the worst last semester. In one of her social science courses she saw at least half the class cheat. In another class one of her psychology classes she saw at least three people cheat in the class.

Bailey, who had a course load of only four classes last semester, saw some cheating in all her classes.

To get a freshman's perspective on it *The Pilot* asked Shannon Reese what she thought. She put cheating on a scale of 5 out of 10 on campus. She saw cheating in 12 out of her 16 hours last semester. She feels that people who

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Interns Make An Impact

by Amy Sharpe
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One of the most valuable aspects of a college education is experience. The classroom can only teach you how to perform your job in a classroom setting, which does not quite compare to the "real world."

Those who graduate from college and have never had the opportunity to perform in a true professional atmosphere, may find it hard to make the transition from college to their career. For this reason, many majors require a student to complete at least one internship.

Those who graduate with a degree in communications are required to complete two internships with a total of four hundred hours. This many seem like a lot of time, but it is necessary in order to compete after graduation.

Communications majors at Gardner-Webb are very fortunate to have a local television station that is willing to take interns and show them the ropes.

Shelby Headline News has taken several



interns from Gardner-Webb and helped them apply their classroom knowledge to the many different facets of the news world. Noel Manning, Katrina Hall, Jason Owensby, and myself have had the opportunity to intern at SHN.

Noel Manning began as an intern at SHN when it first aired in November of '91. Noel was such a success that they decided to hire him. He now has his own "Movie Minute" and edits the news part-time.

Katrina Hall began interning at SHN last semester writing news stories and interviewing children for the weekly edition of "Kids Talk."

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GW Gets New Computer Lab

by E.J. Dolce
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The Broyhill School of Management at Gardner-Webb University has a lot to be proud of this year. During the fall semester, complete renovation was completed on the Lindsay Hall which houses the Broyhill School of Management.

One of the highlights of the renovation is a new state-of-the-art computer lab.

The lab is located in room 308. With the consent of the university president, Dr. Chris White and the Board of Trustees it was named the Wallace Carpenter Computer Lab in honor of long-time Gardner-Webb professor Wallace Carpenter.

Professor Carpenter started the first data processing department of the institution and taught the first computer class and has served GWU for 30 years in the field of business and computers.

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