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## Adrenaline junkies converge on bridge to jump 876 feet

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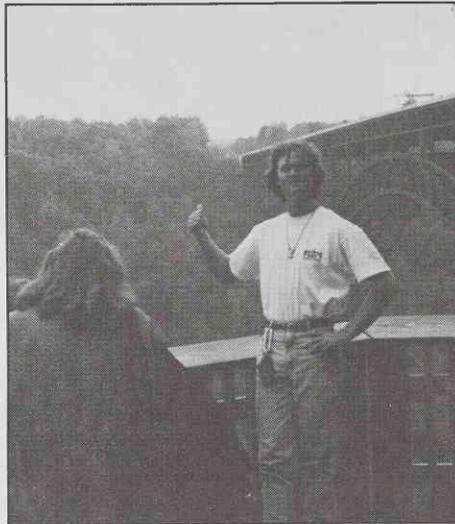
Have you ever heard the saying, "If everyone else jumped off a bridge, would you?" This year about 600 people did just that, jumping off the New River Gorge Bridge.

A lot of people went a lot of places over fall break. It would be a good guess to say most of them went home. That is not what Gardner-Webb's own Wade Gamm did.

There is a bridge in West Virginia called the New River Gorge Bridge near Fayetteville. Once a year two lanes of traffic over the bridge are closed off for a day, for an event called Bridge Day. On this day, the bridge practically turns into a fair site.

It is said that about 80,000 people come to see the day's events. What is the big deal? Well, on the bridge, a scene takes place which you do not often see.

People spent hundreds of dollars to jump off this one bridge in the mountains of West



Wade Gamm is poised to take the plunge at New River Gorge Bridge.

Virginia. Wade was one of these people. There were people from all over the country who came to do the same thing. There were people from California, and even some from

Canada.

This bridge stands an amazing 876 feet high. Most people wouldn't even want to look over the edge, while Wade came to parachute off it. This is technically called B.A.S.E. jumping.

People often get hurt on this day's activities for various reasons. There were some broken ankles and legs and a few other injuries. Luckily this year no one got killed. There is usually someone fatally injured.

After about a two hour wait in line Wade finally got his turn to jump. He went up the steps and on to the edge of the bridge. He then turned to the crowd with his arms up stretched and said, "Praise God!" He then turned and jumped.

The officials running Bridge Day were recommending to the parachutists that they throw out their chute after a three second count. Wade decided (on the way down) that it would be more fun to fall a little longer than

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## Petra comes to Gardner-Webb

by Jason Farr  
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If you want to see Petra, free of charge, as well as many other top Christian performers, tune in to Webb-Net channel 43 for the airing of the new Christian music video show.

This new show has evolved from several student requests for Gardner-Webb's own Christian music show and the creative minds of Greg Carpenter and Matt Costine.

"A lot of students were bringing us their own videos to play on Webb-Net" said Webb-Net director Wayne Johnson. "That was illegal for us to do, so we decided to make it legal."

After numerous phone calls to several manufacturers of Christian music videos, G-W finally received a licensing agreement to air the videos on Webb-Net. Costine and Carpenter are the program's producers and Steve Nanney serves as host.

"I like the show because it opens up a wide range of Christian music to the students here at Gardner-Webb," said Nanney.

There is virtually no cost involved in producing the show, just a lot of hard work. Currently, the show has a library of 30-40 videos at its disposal, and Johnson expects to

increase that number to several hundred by the end of the year.

"These are quality videos," said Carpenter. "Using music videos allows us to do an hour show without camping out at the studio."

Future plans are in the works to air two to three shows per week on Webb-Net and possibly branch out into Cleveland County and have the show aired on the cable networks.

The concept of the show originated from students Carpenter and Costine of the Communications Department.

"We started out the year wanting to produce a show," said Carpenter. "Members of the Communications Department are very interested in producing shows for Webb-Net."

"We hope the students get two things out of this show," said Matt Costine. "One is an enjoyable form of entertainment that is acceptable to the standards of the college, and two, we want to expose to students the different aspects of the Communications Department."

The producers hope to have enough student involvement to have guest hosts assist Steve Nanney. If you wish to help with the show, contact Greg Carpenter at 434-4690 or Steve Nanney at 434-4172.

## S.A.C. hosts strange dinners

by Greg Carpenter  
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On October 29, 12 strangers had dinner together and watched Barney.

The 12 "strangers" took part in an activity sponsored by the Student Alumni Council called "Dinner With 12 Strangers."

A group of students, led by Destinee Jones, S.A.C. ambassador, had dinner at the home of Chris and Janet Roberts, alumni of Gardner-Webb.

"We take 10 students and a faculty member to an alumnus' home," said Jones.

She goes on to say that S.A.C. sponsors the dinners so that Gardner-Webb students can see how graduates live after college, and the alumni get to hear all of the latest news about Gardner-Webb from students.

After dinner, the party chatted and played with the Roberts' two "cute" children, Nathan and Terra.

"We watched Barney with the little kids," said Destinee.

S.A.C. will be sponsoring one dinner in November and two in December. There will be sign-up sheets in the cafeteria if interested.

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