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WGWG – looking to expand in near future

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WGWG, the radio station owned and operated by Gardner-Webb, is in for big changes in the next few years.

One of those changes will be an increase in power to 50,000 watts, extending its coverage area to places well outside its current area.

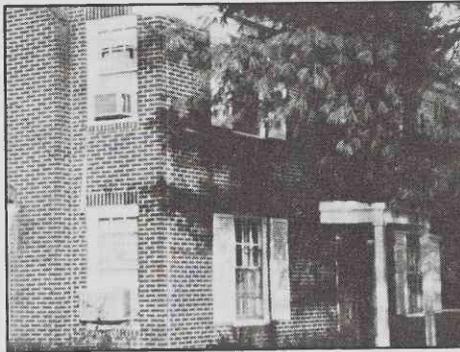
This means that WGWG will be able to reach listeners in Spartanburg, Rutherfordton, and York Counties, as well as its primary coverage area of Boiling Springs, Shelby, Gaffney, and Chesnee

According to station manager Alan Setzer, the station's format, for the most part, will not change.

"There is room for improvement," he said. "This station is evolving. The important thing is to maintain continuity."

The station currently airs programs that Setzer sees as reflecting the goals and directions of the university and the community.

WGWG's music program is what Setzer



describes as eclectic.

"We play big band, rhythm and blues, jazz classical, adult contemporary, and rock and roll," he said. "I know rock and roll is very popular among the students, and we try to play many of the different facets of this type of music."

A student, Tommy Cagle, currently spins records (or CD's) on the rock show.

"The radio station is pretty cool," said Cagle. "The rock show is 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and if people would listen, we would play what they wanted."

WGWG currently broadcasts a program on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. that deals with certain issues, like politics, NAFTA, A.I.D.S. and research surrounding it, race relations, and several other topics.

WGWG's on-air operators are students and former students who live in the area.

Setzer, who has been with the station since 1976, said, "WGWG, in itself and as a part of the community, helps to magnify the concept that college is a place to deal with ideas. The new tower and the increased wattage will be an asset to entertaining and informing a larger amount of people."

A new transmission tower will be built three miles southwest of the station on property owned by Gardner-Webb University.

The studios and transmitters, for the time being, will remain at the station located just behind Royster residence hall. Once the transmission facility is built, microwaves will be used to carry the signal from the station to the listening areas.

"We hope students on campus will listen from time to time to find out what we're about."

Regional astronomers meet at Gardner-Webb

by Kevin Walter
staff writer

There has been a lot going on astronomically world wide – and Gardner-Webb wide. Professor Tom English and our astronomy program has seen a lot of action recently.

The first week of this semester English spent in Arlington, Virginia. There, he attended the Winter American Astronomy Society lectures. The lectures spanned over four days and included 1000 presentations.

"It is the meeting of professional scholars" said English.

English said he was there for three reasons. The first was to learn more about microleasing in our galaxy. This is the ability to see dark matter (parts of the galaxy that are unable to detect visually).

A second reason was to learn more of the Shoemaker Ledy 9, a comet that will collide with Jupiter in July. English will be discussing



Working on replacing the mount in the observatory.

this at the next regional meeting of Amateur Astronomers meeting.

The third reason was to get more ideas for research and discussion at their meetings.

At the most recent amateur astronomers meeting, English and Todd Estes discussed the new research on discovering the dark matter.

Some additions to our school include a new, more mobile mount for our telescope. This will give the telescope more moveability and will turn to the correct latitude, something the old mount prohibited. This will increase the usefulness of the telescope dramatically.

At some point in the future we should also be connected to an _____ System,

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Contemporary model church on campus

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How would you like to wake up on Sunday morning, step out of your residence hall, and walk to a spirit-filled church enthused about worshipping the Lord?

Gardner-Webb University and Christ Covenant Church are excited about giving YOU this historic opportunity.

Christ Covenant Church officially launched as a "real" church on January 30 after months of prayerful preparation. The congregation is presently meeting in Noel 300 (the large meeting room) at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

The pastor is Mr. Jim Toole, a church planter who actually planted Christ Covenant Church. Usually, Jim plants a church in a certain area and then moves on to another area. However, he felt led of the Lord to take "root" here in Boiling Springs and become the church's full-time pastor. He, along with the entire congregation, is optimistic about following the Lord's leading in positioning themselves as a contemporary model church.

The focus of Christ Covenant Church, being a contemporary model church, is to incorporate a diverse worship experience that allows the Holy Spirit to work freely and

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