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## Here we go again

Well folks, buckle up because it's election time again. That's right, it's that time of year again where we get to choose our student government officers – if we're lucky.

For those of you who are new to Gardner-Webb this year, or slept through last year, we only had one choice for each student government office to vote on except for one office – the Student Entertainment Association chair.

Last year, we found out that any student can petition for a nomination, but only after a wild goose chase that finally ended up at the 1975 constitution which had not been printed since the early 1980's in the student handbook.

This year, the executive officers, elected unopposed last year, have introduced a new constitution which has been passed and is currently the constitution which the Student Senate is operating under.

The problem with that, especially concerning elections, is that after the constitution was passed by senate, a committee was formed to revise and clarify the document.

So, as it stands now, the Student Senate is operating under an incomplete constitution which has yet to be passed by the G-W Board of Trustees.

Under this incomplete document, no process for nominations is outlined. Until a revised version of the constitution was introduced to the senate this semester, not even a specific month was designated for elections to take place.

Currently, the president of SGA, the chair of Student Entertainment Association, and the chair of the elections committee are working on a nominations process. Hopefully, whatever they decide on will end up in the constitution because we all know where precedence gets us – too much power in too few hands.

Greg Carpenter

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## Forum

## Get rid of non-Gardner-Webb sports articles

I am tired of hearing about the UNC Tarheels and Dean Smith in *The Pilot*, a Gardner-Webb newspaper. *The Pilot* should have G-W related sports news and opinions, and not articles about a writer's favorite team.

I, personally, am an ABC fan (Anybody But Carolina.) Most UNC students and Tarheel fans I have known are arrogant snobs with their noses in the air, and when they lose, they are cry-babies that make excuses about why they lost.

The "Smith System" is controlling and limiting. Dean Smith has ruined basketball. Basketball used to be a fast-paced, high-scoring game full of energy and excitement. Now it is a slow-paced game of keep away.

Their would be no need for the 30 or 45-second shot clock if it had not been for Dean Smith and his "Four Corners." Yes he wins games, but only by holding the ball when he gets a few points ahead and forcing the other team to foul in order to change ball possession. Chances are, he will make enough foul shots to run up the score and win the game.

I say dump the "Smith System" and play basketball the way it was intended to be played.

Bruce B. Wilson

*ed. note- The Pilot has printed two articles about the North Carolina Tarheels in 12 issues this year.*

## G-W athletes &amp; students need to recognize policies

There was an incident that happened a couple of weeks ago that opened a lot of peoples eyes on the campus of Gardner-Webb.

It seems that some of the student-athletes from the men's basketball team were at a party one night, and let's just say that they were doing some things that they should not have

been doing.

News from this quickly reached Coach Johnson's office, and he decided to take disciplinary actions against those who were involved. Johnson decided that some extra physical activity (running) would probably take care of the situation.

The only problem is that the guys from the team never allowed Coach Johnson to implement this punishment. Rumor has it, they walked off the court in denial.

Needless to say, this incident spawned a mandatory meeting of all student-athletes that played for Gardner-Webb. At this meeting, the student-athletes were reminded in a ten minute speech by Athletic Director Ozzie McFarland that Gardner-Webb is a Baptist institution and that the students should not participate in a certain type of behavior that is detrimental to the university.

Many of you are asking "What's your point?" Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying the student-athletes should not have been punished; they should have, but that is between the team and their coach.

What I am saying is that not only should the student-athletes be reminded of university policy, but every student who attends Gardner-Webb should constantly be reminded of university policies, including alcohol and drugs.

Sure, one can argue that the student-athletes get scholarships to come here, but so do other students. Perhaps there are Presidential scholars who do not adhere to university policy.

Gardner-Webb is a great place to be. Let's try to keep it that way. People, if you want to drink and party all the time, go to the schools that allow that sort of thing, but don't try and ruin the tradition of this institution.

Ozzie was right. This is a Baptist university built on sound principles and quality religious morals. And it's our job, as the student body, to adhere to those principles and maintain those morals.

Jason Farr

## Campus Calendar

## Gardner-Webb Theatre

• **Hello Dolly!: February 24 – March 1**  
Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night with a matinee performance at 2:30 on Sunday. G-W students admitted free with valid student ID.

## Career Placement and Planning

• **Nursing Job Fair: March 1**  
2 p.m. in the DCC Banquet Hall.  
• **Business & Liberal Arts Job Fair: March 16**  
2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.  
• **Career Day: March 29**  
2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.  
Hope Toney says that she needs 200 people to sign up for the Business/Liberal Arts Job Fair and Career Day in order to have these two programs. Contact Hope in the Career Placement Office for more information.

## Department of Fine Arts

• **Junior Recital: March 3**

Jason Higgins, percussionist, will be performing in the Dover Theatre at 8 p.m.

• **Faculty Recital: March 15**  
Carolyn Billings, pianist, will be performing in the Dover Theatre at 8 p.m.

• **Distinguished Artist Series: March 17**  
The Alto Trio with Rita Noel, Julia Adams, and Michael Zenge will be performing in the Dover Theatre at 8 p.m.

## VOTE

Your duty as a voting member of the student body is to ensure you have a choice. Ask a Student Government member how you may run for office, or, if you just want to do your duty as a student, ask how your vote counts. In any case, become informed and get involved. Those in office should be elected, not given their position by default.

A message from the editorial staff of The Pilot.