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The students of Gardner-Webb are fortunate to have two strong candidates for president, two for treasurer, and three for SEA chair.

Looking back over each of the candidates resumes, each is impressive in their own right, and you can read those on the front of this paper. The new faces are the intriguing ones though.

John Miller, though his one weakness is that he has not served on SGA, he has served in the military, was involved in Desert Storm, and has some fresh ideas.

Heather Robertson's resume is impressive and well-rounded. Her experience as a senator should qualify her to go to the next level.

All of the SEA chairs are new candidates on the executive level. All have served on SEA on some level and each is qualified. This should be a tight race and the most fun to watch.

Kevin Bess and Penny McMillan will run unopposed and while the student body would rather have a choice, both seem to be well aware of what the student body expects of them.

Seeing new faces involved in student government is refreshing. The key to successful government is student involvement and that has been a prevalent theme in the campaign speeches this year.

The current SGA gave up on students this year when an officer said, "There is nothing we can do about student apathy except not fall victim to it."

It is time for that theory to die. We need new faces in student government who will actively solicit the thoughts of the student body.

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Campus Calendar

SGA Elections

• Voting: March 21-23

Voting will take place during lunch and dinner at the DCC Information Desk.

• Election Results: March 24

SEA

• Fun Flicks: March 23

Make your own music videos! 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

• Movie: March 25

Indecent Proposal will be shown at 9 p.m. in the DCC Commuter Lounge.

• SGA Blood Mobile: March 29

Come give blood and save a life. The Blood Mobile will be in the Bost Gym from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local Flex-Schedule Employment

Minimum of 12-18 hours a week.

No experience necessary.

Selected students receive a guarantee of \$9 per hour, plus bonuses & scholarships.

Information Session:

March 31, 3 p.m. in the DCC Board Room

Forum

More professional officers needed on University Police Force

A few weeks ago, I called University Police for car assistance because my car needed to be jumped off. After several attempts of trying, someone finally answered. When I stated my situation, the male could only tell me something was wrong with their car and somehow their jumper cables had been misplaced. How disappointing! We were informed that University Police were here for us - even if we needed motor assistance. University Police did not uphold their duty to serve the students - especially as we were informed they would.

I have never called for a GWU escort, but my roommate has previously. She stated that the student escorts were very slow, although the professional officers were prompt. Many feel uncomfortable with student escorts and would prefer if they were chosen more carefully. Since professional officers have been trained and are indeed professional, we would be more at ease. If I ever needed to call an escort, I would be more comfortable knowing they would be a professional.

Security is real, not fun and games. Thus, more professional officers should patrol. We have seen only student patrols. There is the possibility of "unmarked" officers, but they should be identified so we will feel more at ease on campus.

It is important that the officers make themselves known - by occasional appearances on campus, for example. How are we supposed to feel comfortable when we do not even know, and would not even recognize our security guards from any other John Doe off the street?

My solutions for University Police would include adding more professional officers. Are four officers actually sufficient? The addition of at least two more would improve security as well as visibility. Also, a more selective process should be involved when assigning student workers. Training should consist of more than just a few meetings and a test on policy procedures. Courtesy and manners should also be considered.

University Police should be more concerned with the well-being of students and become more readily available - more so than just riding around in a car all night.

Tamela Morrow
GWU student

Switching Decker and Royster a big mistake

As a student of GWU and a female resident living in the Decker residence hall, I feel obligated to voice my opinion concerning the most recent proposition to turn Decker into male living quarters next year. Converting Decker to from its current female status to one that would occupy men would be an extremely unwise decision.

Wayne Johnson, along with other employees in Residence Life, have proposed the above change between the two dorms. The reason for converting Decker into a male's residence hall is to accommodate the rising number of male students attending GWU.

Currently Decker can house the greatest number of students. The first and second floors are currently occupied, but the third floor remains empty. Not only is there space available on the third floor, but many females on the first and second floors have private rooms. Moving the females to Royster would not only accommodate the females, but would allow Decker to accommodate the growing male population.

This seems to be a simple solution for a big problem, right? Not really, when you consider some of the other possible angles to the situation. Transferring Decker into a male dorm would require a tremendous amount of funding. Decker is not equipped to accommodate men. The condition of Decker needs to be considered. It is a fact that males at GWU tend to be more destructive when it comes to residence halls. Given the frail condition that already exists in Decker, it doesn't appear wise to place a group of roughhousing men in the dorm. A tremendous amount of money would have to be spent replacing broken items. The suspended ceilings would also cause a problem for tall males, because the ceilings are still within the six foot range. . .

There is also a safety factor involved with converting the residence halls. Along with moving the males into Decker, the females would be moved into Royster. Royster would be a very bad choice for a female's dorm. Not only is it separated from the quad, but it lies across a busy street. Females walking back to Royster at night would be placed in greater danger having to walk all the way across campus and across the street. Royster is also more accessible to outsiders due to its location. The location of Royster also accounts for less patrol by GWU security. . .

Not only are females complaining about the possible change, but men are two. The men's living halls don't seem to be quite as nice as those provided for the females. Many men regard Royster as the nicest male dorm on campus. Taking this privilege from them seems unfair. . .

Decker does not seem to be a logical choice for a male's residence hall. Other proposals have been made. Some of them including making the wings of H.A.P.Y. into males halls and making Nanny a male dorm. The RHA has already met several times to discuss these possibilities and is planning on involving the students through a campus-wide survey. I sincerely hope that Wayne Johnson will take all of these reasons and the students' opinions into consideration.

Janet T. Marsh
GWU student

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S.G.A. and students is a prime concern for Price. He would like to see an opinion board posted in the DCC.

In fact, communication, or lack of, was the key focus of Price in his speech last Tuesday.

"I would like to see more publicity and communication between S.G.A. and students. S.G.A. can and does make a difference."