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G-W students receive over \$9 million in aid

by Telesa Wilson
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"We probably award over \$9 million dollars in total aid to the students," says Rex Rhyne, Director of Financial Planning.

The Financial Planning Department has been experiencing increased success this semester according to both new and returning students.

Since the majority of the students at Gardner-Webb receive financial aid in some form, the benefits of a capable and productive financial aid department span the campus.

One junior said, "I wouldn't have been able to come back this semester if it hadn't been for them finding enough money for me to cover the cost of tuition."

The money distributed to students comes from several different sources: federal and state governments, grants, work-study, loans, foundations, scholarships and organizations associated with a particular field of interest.

According to Rhyne, the rise in the effi-

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ciency of the department stems from the desire to help students meet the growing costs of education, despite budget constraints.

"We are trying to rebuild a team here," said Rhyne. "Our goal is to serve students better."

Not all students are completely satisfied with their particular financial aid package, but many agree that the financial aid office, although in need of some improvement, is diligent in its desire to help students.

"I don't feel that I received enough financial aid, but the financial aid staff was very nice to me," said one sophomore.

Although the job gets hectic at times, Rhyne sees the positive aspects of his position.

"I love my job," said Rhyne, "primarily

because it is very fulfilling to play a part in making it possible for students to receive a higher education. I want to educate folks in the availability of funds they may not be aware of."

Many freshmen and new transfer students agree that the Financial Aid Department was especially useful in making it possible for them to attend Gardner-Webb.

"I transferred here from another school and received more financial aid from this school than the other one. I really appreciated that," one student said.

According to Rhyne, a special position has been designated to assist new students better in receiving the proper financial aid.

Rhyne feels that many students who pay for their education through loans and work study take more pride in their education and are a little more serious about their academics.

"Students are making an investment, rather than borrowing money," said Rhyne. "The investment is for their future, for their lifetime. In the end, they have something that can never be taken away."

New Chief strives for honesty and fairness

by Reggie Hunt
staff writer

Many of us have heard all the hype about the new Chief of Security, Mr. Chuck Cochran. Some students may have met him in more unfortunate circumstances.

Chief Cochran recently retired as Chief of the Shelby Police Department. There, he was an active member on the force for twenty years.

"I realized I was too young to sit back and say that I'm retired," said Chief Cochran. "I saw Gardner-Webb as a great place to stay active."

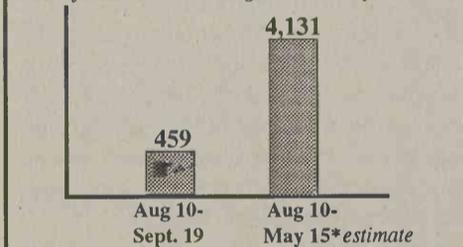
Chief Cochran is a graduate of Gardner-Webb and has a lot of respect for the university.

"The school has really grown and a lot has changed," he said.

Since assuming his job here, Chief Cochran has not seen a day of relaxation yet. He explained that his days have been filled with a number of things such as writing parking tickets, selling decals and unlocking and jump starting cars. He has also been planning the security for the many different school functions.

Chief Cochran is married to a school teacher at Burns Senior High School. He has a

This chart illustrates the number of tickets distributed from Aug. 10 to Sept. 19, and the estimated number of tickets that will be given out this year.



son, who recently graduated from North Carolina State University, and a Labrador named Bert.

Cochran enjoys doing a lot of fitness activities and reading as well. "There is life outside of my job here at Gardner-Webb," said Cochran.

Chief Cochran describes himself as a man who plays by the book.

"I try to be fair and honest. If I let one person off the hook, I will have to let everyone else off," he said.

Chief Cochran, along with the security office, is looking forward to a good year. The Chief encourages students to be safe by locking their doors and using the security escort service.

"I want to be a friendly, outgoing resource to all the students here," Cochran added.

Students could win chance to be boss

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How many of you have dreamed of running a department of the school? The Baptist Student Union is sponsoring a Faculty Swap Day. This is a chance for your daydreams to come true.

A raffle will take place Oct. 3-5. You may purchase a chance to swap places with a faculty member for only \$1. Students can purchase as many chances as possible. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, names will be drawn to determine the lucky participants.

The swap will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 9 am. The staff member will go to class in place of the student and eat in the cafeteria with the other students. Faculty members will also report to any work study jobs, sports practices and any other activities that occur before 3 pm.

In turn, faculty members will leave a detailed list of things that the student is to accomplish during the day under the guidance of an administrative assistant.

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