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SGA searches for solution to parking woes

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The Student Government Association has formed a parking committee to focus on the problem of parking on campus and to seek a plausible solution.

The problem of parking is not one of accommodation but one of convenience. "If you consider the campus as a whole," says Chief Charles Cochran, "there are plenty of spaces to accommodate the students."

Parking becomes a convenience problem when residential students drive to different areas on campus and can't park where they would like to. Faculty members as well as commuter students are then often forced to

search for parking, especially around the DCC.

Removing freshmen parking privileges was mentioned as a solution to the problem at a recent SGA meeting; however, according to parking committee chairman Todd Wimberly, this suggestion was not considered effective.

"We discussed it and decided it wasn't a good suggestion," said Wimberly. "We remember what it was like to be a freshman and we know there's not a lot to do in Boiling Springs."

"There are a lot of students without cars," points out Cochran. "The issue is that students with cars should leave them at their residence halls. There are not enough spaces for students to park at other facilities such as the cafeteria or their classes."

The parking committee has conferred with Chief Cochran and Dean Scott about possible solutions. The Director of Engineers of the North Carolina Department of Transportation visited the campus and performed a survey revealing places where additional parking could be added.

The suggestions made were to add more parking around the curb at the Dover Chapel and to remove the bars in the fire lane at Stroup and add additional parking there.

The parking committee has made other suggestions that could possibly be solutions to this problem.

Both students and administration continue to seek a solution to the parking problem.

Professor retires after 27 years of service

by Michael Owens
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Dr. Vann Murrell, professor of religion, is undoubtedly one of the most interesting individuals on the GWU campus. This December, after more than 27 years as a professor, Dr. Murrell will be retiring.

When asked why he came to Gardner-Webb, Dr. Murrell cited many reasons. While teaching at what was then Campbell College, he was invited by former President Poston to assist Gardner-Webb by serving as a professor of religion and to work on the transformation of G-W from a junior college to a four-year school. Viewing this as a challenge and feeling that Boiling Springs was an ideal place to raise a family, Dr. Murrell came to Gardner-Webb.

Dr. Murrell's single greatest memory

of Gardner-Webb is being selected Teacher of the Year by the Ministerial Alliance. Although he considers the award meaningful, he feels that even greater has been the opportunity to instruct more than 9,000 students.

Dr. Murrell also reminisced about his educational experience. After high school, he went to Wake Forest College. At first, he majored in business, but by the age of 20, felt God calling him into the ministry. Because of this, he majored in religion and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. From Wake Forest Dr. Murrell went to Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, until he transferred to Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. There he finished second in his graduating class. After serving for a time in the pastorate, Dr. Murrell was given the privilege and opportunity to study at the University of Edinburgh. please see Murrell page 3

A TRIBUTE TO MS. STREET

Walking in the halls, and asking myself why. Why did you leave us and never say good-bye. It all makes sense in a way. Because you knew you were leaving that day. You picked out a pretty suit to go on your trip. But you never told us about this long adventurous trip. You were so excited all last week. You couldn't wait to see the old lady you had to meet. You packed all your fine shoes and skirts. Some you paid more than \$50 a skirt. You have been going on these long trips for years. But we didn't know that it would bring us tears. Tears for laughter, tears because we're sad. Sad you're gone, but no we're not mad. We will indeed miss you for lots of things. Being our mom for so many years and calling our names. You knew every one of us who lived with you. And you always cared what we do. You were there every year between 8 and 4. For us to check in our rooms and open our doors. You ate lunch with us students and talked the whole time. Sometimes you took us and didn't charge us a dime. You took care of us when we were cold. You asked each of us "Are you cold." You worked every day for 8 and 10 hours. We never knew that you were tired. No, tired, not until now. Now you have gone on home anyhow. We will miss your laugh and smile. And all the times you went that extra mile. God had planned this long before. Before we knew he had opened the door. So we say have a nice time, and not good-bye. Because Ms. Street is in a safer place and there is no question "why"
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