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Tuition rise minimal

In an effort to increase enrollment, the Gardner-Webb administration in conjunction with the Board of Trustees would like to announce the lowest tuition increase in the history of the school. According to an article printed in *The Charlotte Observer*, many private colleges and universities around the Carolinas are keeping tuition hikes at a minimal because they (colleges) are, "mindful that today's prospective college students want a bargain."

According to *The Observer*, the increase of 4% at Gardner-Webb is the second lowest of all the private Carolinas colleges. Only Lenoir-Rhyne has a lower increase (2.4%).

Below is a itemized cost comparison of the tuition increase from this year to next year.

Cost Comparison		
	1994-95	1995-96
TUITION	\$3,180	\$8,590
ROOM	2,040	2,040
BOARD	2,230	2,320
TOTAL INCREASE - 4%		

Also according to *The Observer*, G-W has the 2nd lowest tuition as well. Only Wingate College is lower at \$12,400. If you think that Gardner-Webb is expensive, try going to another private institution!

Jason Farr, editor

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**More than what you bargained for
Bookstore is not 'Let's Make a Deal'**by Michael Owens
editor

This year, during both fall and spring semesters, students and faculty alike have been forced to endure problems and countless inconveniences at the campus bookstore. At the beginning of each semester, professors such as Dr. Joyce Brown of the English Department, have had difficulties with book orders. Dr. Brown submitted the correct order for her Southern Literature course which included the request that all copies of *The Hamlet* be of the same edition. This written request was also followed by several verbal reminders. Yet when students came to class with their books, half had one edition while the rest of the class had another.

Unfortunately problems affect not only faculty, but students as well. According to University policy, the bookstore provides textbooks as a convenience to students. The price of novels and other textbooks is not to be greater than the list price. However, the percentage of profit on other items is greater. However, this policy has also been a problem with this. One of the books that I purchased for the spring semester was a used edition of

Huckleberry Finn. The retail price stamped on the back of the book by the publisher was \$1.95. The sticker placed by the bookstore on the book indicated that the book was used and the price was \$2.50. What logic is there behind charging students more than retail for a book - especially for a used book?

I though perhaps this was an accident. It could have been that the book was mistakenly overpriced. However, it appears that this was not the case. Another used book that I purchased at the same time, *Why am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?*, had its original retail price of \$2.25 stamped on the back by the publisher. On the front of the book was GWU's used book price tag — \$3.55!

During a conversation with Mike Hardin, Assistant to the VP for Business/Finance, he reiterated the University's policy and offered to talk with students who have been overcharged. He said that when such problems arose, they have been taken care of. Hardin also offered to talk with those who feel that they have been unnecessarily overcharged to discuss returning the excess amount. So, if you have experienced such problems, take advantage of this opportunity and get some of your money back!

FORUM**WHY DOESN'T G-W
OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY?**

There has been recent controversy over the nonobservance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and about not getting Good Friday off. This is the reason for this editorial.

Some students and professors have been quite upset that the university does not observe Good Friday since it is a religious holiday and this is a Baptist institution. A university administrator was confronted about not observing King's birthday, and the student was told that we only observe religious holi-

days and get days off for them. If this is the case, then why do we not observe Good Friday? This day is one of the most important in the life of Christians and for the world. We take off Easter Monday, the day after Christ rose from the dead, but we do not observe the day on which Christ died on the cross for our sins.

It is obvious that Good Friday is an important day historically and religiously. The policy for dismissing classes on religious holidays is highly inconsistent. I feel we need to take national and religious holidays off with all other Americans.

Jay Pass