



SPORTS

Bobby Lutz named men's basketball coach

Special to *The Pilot*

Gardner-Webb University named Bobby Lutz as its new men's basketball coach during a press conference on the Gardner-Webb campus.

Lutz, who led Pfeiffer College to the NAIA National Championship game in March, had compiled a 181-91 record at Pfeiffer during his nine-year tenure at the school. Over the last five years, he amassed a 131-29 record (81.9 winning percentage) while earning three Carolinas' Conference "Coach of the Year" awards. Additionally, he led Pfeiffer to six consecutive NAIA Tournament appearances.

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Chris White hailed Lutz for building a national power at Pfeiffer while maintaining his focus on academics. Lutz recruited thirty-seven student-athletes while at Pfeiffer, thirty of which have graduated or are scheduled to graduate.

"Bobby exemplifies what every school is looking for in a head coach," White said. "Through talking with him, I learned that he is a very intelligent man who values intelligence in his players. His association with Gardner-Webb will be a great asset to us."



Coach Lutz speaks at a press conference in the LYCC. Many special guests Paul Porter, of which the Paul Porter Arena is named, and Eddie Holbrook were there to hear the announcement.

Gardner-Webb officials echoed White's comments by noting that Lutz met all the criteria the school had set for its next basketball coach.

"From the beginning of our search, we were looking for someone who had attained consistent success at a comparable level," said GWU Athletic Director Ozzie McFarland. "We were very impressed with his philosophies on and off the court in regard to athletics, academics, community and church involvement."

Former Gardner-Webb Head Men's Basket-

ball Coach Eddie Holbrook, now a member of the University Relations staff at GWU, described Lutz as the ideal candidate for the Bulldogs coaching position.

"There is so much that impresses me about Bobby," Holbrook explained. "Basketball aside, one look at his resume shows you that you're not dealing with just an average person here. Everything he has encountered in life, he has succeeded."

Lutz holds a bachelor's degree from UNC-Charlotte and achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average while obtaining two master's degrees from Winthrop College and Clemson University. He and his wife, Janet, have two daughters, Natalie and Christine.

Other professional highlights for Lutz include serving as an assistant coach to Cliff Ellis at Clemson University from 1984-1986, and coaching Antonio Harvey, who has been a member of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers since 1993 and who participated in the NBA Slam Dunk Contest during this year's All-Star weekend festivities.

Bobby Lutz becomes the fourth men's basketball head coach at Gardner-Webb in the last 25 years of competition as a four-year institution. He replaces Jim Johnson, who resigned earlier this year to concentrate on full-time faculty duties as a mathematics instructor.

From your president-elect

Hey, this is Tina Duncan, your SGA president-elect. Thanks for your support, encouragement, and willingness to be accountable. I want to remind you what the new executive officers plan to do...serve you!

Next year will be so much better if YOU are involved by sharing your needs and wants, and helping us push for the issues that we can do something about.

As a member of the student body, you may see some shortcomings or needs in our University that others

have not seen. What are you going to do with this information, sit there and complain or act?

Get involved. Many students at this fine institution have a desire to strive for excellence, and we have what we need to achieve it: we have you!

Let's work together and achieve great things next year.

*Abiding in His Love,
Tina Duncan*



CONGRATULATIONS

*Stuart Greene
Student Publications
Logo Contest Winner!*

