

GWU alumnus to carry Olympic torch

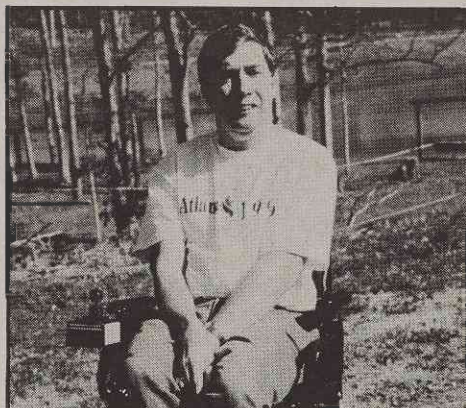
by Julie Gibson
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"It was an honor being chosen. I never expected anything like this to happen," said Sidney Wilkey, a 32 year old alumnus of Gardner-Webb who has been selected to carry the Olympic torch this summer.

Wilkey was nominated because of his volunteer work within the community. He offers his services to the Red Cross, Shanghi Fire Department, and the Cleveland County Fire Fighters Association. The individual who nominated Wilkey has requested to remain anonymous.

Wilkey received notification of his nomination on February 1. He will carry the torch on June 26.

The route will be a one-half mile stretch at some location between Asheville and Shelby. He will be notified of the exact location of his route on April 1.



Pictured is GWU alumnus Sidney Wilkey who will carry the Olympic torch this summer.

Wilkey attended Gardner-Webb from 1981 to 1985, when he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business management. He is currently a 911 telecommunicator for Cleveland County. Wilkey is originally from Robbinsville, North Carolina, but has lived in this area since he graduated from Gardner-Webb.

Congratulations to Sidney Wilkey. Gardner-Webb is proud to have him as one of many distinguished alumni.

Students in the spotlight

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Gardner-Webb seniors Crys Baker and Clint Calhoun presented summer research papers at the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC, March 23.

Baker's paper, entitled "The Courtship Behavior of the Arctiid Moth" is a result of her summer research conducted this past summer at Wake Forest University.

Baker, a biology major from Angier, NC, who plans to enter medical school at East Carolina in the fall, studied the courtship patterns of the arctiid moth.

"I got into this as kind of a fluke," Baker said. "It was interesting research. It was exciting, frustrating and exhilarating all at one time. That kind of research had never been done before, so that was exciting."

Calhoun, a native of Rutherfordton who finished undergraduate work in December, conducted his research at Chimney Rock Park. His paper deals with lichens as indicators for air pollutants.

Election '96 - What the candidates are saying

by Matt Elliot
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The following quotes were taken from speeches made by candidates for Student Government offices. These are direct quotes, and no changes have been made to favor any candidate.

SEA CHAIR:

Kim McVeigh

"My main goal is to bring diversity to the entertainment on campus. There hasn't been much diversity in the past. We want to start bringing the entertainment you want to see to this campus, but we can't do that if you don't voice your opinions. Without your support and constant involvement, we cannot bring what you would like to see to Gardner-Webb."

SGA TREASURER:

Kelly Greene

"My goal as treasurer will be to have you guys informed. Everyone says they want your suggestions and they can't work if you don't give them suggestions. Well, the only way that you can give suggestions is if you know what is going on ahead of time. I want you all to know where your money is going. Also, remember the treasurer is on the executive council and gets a vote in the Senate. Remember when you're voting to vote for someone you want representing you.

Corie Lewis

"I decided to run for treasurer not because it is going to look good on my records and not because it will put me in a high position. I want to do it because

I want to make Gardner-Webb better. We pay money to go here. If you're not happy, what's the point in paying money to go here? I want you guys to be able to talk to me and I'm going to do my best to fix the things you want me to fix. Vote for the candidate who you think is the best for you."

SECRETARY:

Brandy Faught

"We're supposed to be here to tell you why we're a good candidate for the job. I'm a good candidate because I'm the only candidate. But I want you to know a little about me so you won't think that because I'm the only candidate, I'm not a good choice. I've been in SGA for the past two years. I've served as treasurer for the last year. One of the goals I have next year is to make SGA more visible and make what we do more visible to you."

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Amanda Williams

"I want to encourage you all to get involved next year. I know every student has an interest in at least some part of this campus. I want to encourage each of you to take one thing that is important to you at GWU and get involved to make it better. It only takes one person with one idea to make a difference. I served as SGA secretary this year. I have two years of experience on Senate. I look forward to next year and encourage you all to get involved.

PRESIDENT:

Jason Farr

"As SGA president I want to do what it is that you want to do. There are three issues I want to key

in on. The first is the cafeteria food. I feel as a student at GWU, you should have a choice to choose how big of a cafeteria meal plan you want. Whether it is 21 meals a week, 14 meals a week, or 10 meals a week, you should have that choice. Secondly, parking on this campus is a serious problem. There are 799 marked, paved parking spaces on this campus, but there are 960 registered vehicles on this campus. We need more parking. Finally, I feel you should be able to choose whether or not you live on campus even if you aren't 21 years old or a senior."

Michael Mustian

"There are a lot of things that can be changed if we only work for it. I'm not a politician. I'm just me. I'm not going to put on an act to get your vote. There are a lot of things here at Gardner-Webb that we can change. We can be better students and a better university. But we've got to work together. Vote for Mike for SGA President."

Josh Wall

"I know there is a lot of division on our campus. People want to point fingers and be divided. What we need to do is come together and be unified, because unity is the key. One problem on this campus is health care. Every time someone gets hurt, they have to run up to the hospital. There ought to be an infirmary on this campus. Another problem is housing. We ought to be able to go to our rooms and not have paint chipping off the walls and things leaking down. Students should be involved. Students make a difference. Unity is the key."

Make sure YOU vote!