

## Biology students play in the mud

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Maybe it was just an excuse for a mudfight. Or maybe they actually learned something useful, like how to put a crab to sleep.

Two vans full of biology students and faculty went to Fort Caswell a few weeks ago to learn a little about the beach and salt marsh environments in North Carolina. Every year, Dr. Tom Jones, Dr. Barbara Burkette and other teachers from the Science Department lead a "learning" trip like this.

The group left on Friday, Oct. 25. That evening, they walked the beach and sand dunes. They examined plants, flowers, and the cacti (yes, cacti) behind the dunes. They also picked up crabs, sea cucumbers and other beach creatures. Jones demonstrated how to put a crab to sleep by turning it over and rubbing its stomach.

Saturday was the big day of the trip. Everyone put on very old clothes and waded into the marsh. Student Ginger Blair said

that at times they were up to their chests in the thick, dark mud. They observed the snails, the fiddler crabs, and looked through an oyster bed.

They also caught some shrimp and a flounder, which after passing around, they threw back. Ginger insisted that no animals were harmed during this trip. Thinking of the crab, though, she admitted that they may have tortured a few.

On the way out of the marsh, everyone stopped for the mandatory mudfight. That accounts for the mud everyone got in their hair. When they got back to their rooms, they all took showers and threw away their dirty clothes.

Other highlights of the trip were the wonderful seafood they ate Saturday night and the stop at the Fort Fisher Aquarium Sunday afternoon. They saw fish there as large as stingrays and three-foot long sharks, Ginger said.

They arrived back at Gardner-Webb Sunday evening, tired and full of valuable biology experience. It might actually have been fun if they had not learned so much.

## Johnson promoted to new position

by Nic Floyd  
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After being the assistant dean of Student Development for almost seven years, Wayne Johnson was promoted to assistant vice president for Institutional Support.

The essential function of Johnson's new job is to focus on Gardner-Webb's special projects. According to Donnie Clary, vice president of business and finance, Johnson will be combining efforts with Danny Davis, director of data processing, and Mike Hardin, assistant vice president for business and finance.

Johnson's first assignment will be to "help with the installation of fiber-optic cables to make Internet and E-Mail more accessible to students, help automate the library and work toward the development of multimedia classrooms," said Clary. After Johnson finishes this first project, his next project is to assist in the development of a new on-campus apartment complex being planned.

In regard to Johnson's qualification for

this newly created position, Clary said, "Wayne had worked well with Danny, Mike, and myself in the past, and he has had an active role in promoting technology for Gardner-Webb."



(Photo courtesy of yearbook.)

Johnson said that he accepted this job because "they made me an offer that I could not refuse."

For now, Johnson will stay in his present office and perform some of his old duties, while taking on his new responsibilities, until he is replaced as assistant dean of Student Development.

Although Johnson has been promoted, he wants the students to know that he is still available if they have any problems. At the same time, he would like to encourage the students to share their problems with Julie Hux, assistant in Student Development, whenever possible.

## GW: Substance free?

by Karen Brower  
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Many students and faculty voting in the mock election may have thought they were simply offering their opinions on the referendums. They may not have realized that substance-free residence halls are near

implementation.

Audrey Sloan, director of student activities, said that making Gardner-Webb substance-free may be closer than students think.

No policies have been amended yet, but there may be changes. Sloan said that while students have a right to smoke if they desire, "people (also) have a right to a safe environment to live in."

## Shackleford

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Before leaving Bluefield College, he obtained an Associate of Science (AS) degree and was inducted into the Bluefield Sports Hall of Fame, which was a big accomplishment for the second shortest man on the team.

His college career in basketball led him to the School of the Ozarks in Missouri where he obtained a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in physical education. Dr. Shackleford had planned on being a basketball coach when he graduated but later changed his mind.

He later went to the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity. In 1984 he attended UNC-Greensboro to work on his Master of Science in child development and family relations. During these years he also worked as a full-time pastor.

His doctorate came from UNC-Greensboro. Shackleford received a Ph.D. in human development and family relations. While he was working on his doctorate he taught classes at UNC-Greensboro and High Point University.

Gardner-Webb hired Shackleford in 1993, the same year he graduated from UNC-G with his doctorate. He taught sociology classes such as Marriage and Family, Social Theory and Social Problems.

Aside from teaching, Shackleford has many extracurricular activities that keep him busy. He published a chapter, "Groom's Guide," in *Tanzania Virginia Baptist Partnership Manual*, a book specifically for men getting married. He has presented papers at conferences around the country on subjects such as intimacy and the role of gender in intimacy.

He has plans to publish articles on his doctoral dissertation, "The Development of the Assessment of Intimacy in Marriage (AIM) Instrument." The AIM instrument measures the current and desired levels of intimacy in marriage.

Shackleford has also presided over a conference on family violence and has been a consulting editor for the *Journal of Men's Studies*.

Shackleford has quite a few honors resulting from his endless activities. He was inducted into Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society in 1993 and named Community Religious leader of the year in Bluefield, W.Va., just to name a couple.

Dr. Shackleford was appointed Dean of Special Studies in May 1996, three years after being hired as a sociology professor. He has not stopped teaching classes here at Gardner-Webb since he was named dean and he has no plans to do so. "There's nothing I love more than teaching. It is a joy and a privilege," said Shackleford.

In the small amount of free time he has, he is a chaplain for the Air Force National Guard and has been for 11 years. He is currently an interim pastor at First Baptist in Henrietta, N.C. He has been a pastor at churches for 20 years in North and South Carolina and West Virginia.

**Correction of notice printed in Oct. 24 issue of The Pilot: As of Nov. 15, no food or beverages will be allowed in the library or in library computer labs or classrooms. Other classrooms and computer labs on campus have separate rules which are posted accordingly.**