

## Gardner-Webb Theater to present 'Oliver'

by Jenny Rogers  
staff writer

The star of this spring's theatrical production, "Oliver," is not a theater major. He's not a Gardner-Webb student. In fact, he's not even in high school.

Daniel Alexander, who plays the boy Oliver Twist, is only 12 years old.

Alexander attends Shelby Middle School and has been practicing with the rest of the cast for five weeks -- alongside his father, who sings in the chorus.

The cast of the musical "Oliver" includes a mixture of Gardner-Webb students, community members and students from local middle and high schools.

Director Keith Cassidy said that this spring's show has better stories and characters than previous productions. "It's a story with great heroes and great villains," said Cassidy. "It's even great without the music."

Lionel Bart's musical is based on the Charles Dickens novel "Oliver Twist," which takes place around the 1850s in London. A poor orphaned boy living in a warehouse is sold to an undertaker, and runs away to the city. In London he meets pickpockets, a "lovable scoundrel," and all sorts of rag-tag villains.

The star roles are played by Alexander, Chris Green, Desire Lulay, Corie Lewis, Bill Sikes, and Sean Whitworth.

"This is probably going to be the best musical we've ever done," said Green. He plays Fagin, a comic 60-year-old man who teaches the others to pick pockets. "We're doing a bunch of neat (stage) tricks we've never done before."

Green attributes the success to the strong student cast. "We have cast members from all walks of life," he said.

The music is directed by Pamela Smithee and arranged by Peter Strickler, and choreography is done by Emily Alexander. Bruce Wilson is the technical director.

The musical is being presented free for students and faculty in Dover Theater Thursday-Monday, Feb. 20-24. All performances are at 8 p.m. except Sunday's, which will be at 2:30. On Monday, Feb. 24, a VCR will be given away as a door prize.

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## New professor has impressive resume

by Julie Gibson  
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Imagine putting on your resume that you graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University and received your Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University.

Gardner-Webb's newest professor, Dr. Anne Henderson, has these credentials. "I remember when I was four years old and I asked my mom what the best school in the country was. She said Harvard, and ever since then, I wanted to go there," she said.

The Spartanburg native grew up wanting to teach. "Both of my parents were teachers when I was growing up, and I wasn't aware there was a (working) world outside of being a professor," Henderson said.



She taught some government and political science classes at Yale and William and Mary before becoming a political science professor at Gardner-Webb this semester.

## For Your Information...

Of the events that take place on the Gardner-Webb campus, Celebration Week is one that many students anticipate. This event takes place once a year and is usually held in Dover Theater. It is solely student-led and organized, although many GWU faculty participate and attend.

This semester Celebration Week was held Jan. 26-30 and, according to students, was quite a success. Each evening began with praise and worship and was followed by one or several speakers who were members of the faculty or student body. Occasionally there was special music or a skit, and then a closing with prayer.

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Thirty-one GWU students were recognized recently as outstanding campus leaders. The national publication, "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges," will contain the names of these Gardner-Webb elite.

Based on academic achievement, community service, leadership and potential for continued success, the students join other students from 1,900 institutions across the nation and the District of Columbia.

Students on this year's list from Gardner-Webb are Amy Armstrong, Ginger Blair, Crystal Campbell, Melody Cannon, Jennifer Carlton, Crystal Carson, Timothy Chilton, Tamara Fox, Julie Gantt, Justin Ham, Kimberly Hardegree, Vickie Hatem, Sabrina Hoffman, Ruth Hoover.

Also, Rhonda Ivie, Shane Kirby, Julianne Kuykendall, Heather Lookadoo, Joy McKibben, Michael Mustian, Michael Owens, Janet Philbeck, Renee Phillippe, Tara Roebuck, Chera Spicer, Peter Strickland, Kerry Traynum, Jennifer Wall, Hope Walters, and Michelle Webb.

These students join hundreds of other nationally-recognized students and celebrities who have been recognized since 1934.

GWU seniors nominated these students last fall. Students chosen have senior status and at least a 2.5 GPA.

Nominations for Student Alumni Council Ambassadors for the 1997-98 year will be received through February and March.

All students interested in becoming an ambassador must be recommended by a faculty/staff member. Nominated students will then be interviewed by SAC.

Students accepted as Ambassadors will attend a retreat near the end of the semester to "learn the ropes" for the coming year.

For more information on SAC nominations, contact Heather Lookadoo at 434-8221.

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Senate members approved Ashley Wilson as Student Entertainment Association (SEA) co-chair at a Feb. 13 meeting. Wilson, a sophomore English major, replaces Jennifer Kennedy. SEA's other co-chair is Kim McVey.

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Sign-ups for Student Government elections will be held Feb. 25-March 4. Interested students can pick up a form from Audrey Sloan in the DCC and will be notified by March 6 if eligible to run for executive or class officers or Senate.

Students running for office can begin campaigning on March 17. On March 25, candidates for executive officers will speak at Dimensions. Elections will be held April 1-2.

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In some countries, hunger is a reality day after day, and a group of GWU students want to help through a World Vision-sponsored 30-Hour Famine.

Students will meet in the Commuter Lounge on Friday, Feb. 21, at 10 p.m. to go 30 hours without food. Another way to help is to sponsor a participant and contribute to World Vision's relief efforts.

Interested students should contact Scott Elliott at 434-4204.

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