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Freshmen and transfers invade campus

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Freshmen and transfers will help make for yet another record-breaking enrollment this fall.

Fall 1996 enrollment hit an all-time high at 2,768, and was closely followed by Spring 1997, according to Director of Admissions Ray Hardee.

The numbers for the Fall 1996 semester are 10 percent higher than any other in the past.

But this fall's enrollment should surpass even that record.

"It's possible that overall enrollment will be as high as 3,000 students this fall," Hardee said.

That's the most he's seen in his 11 years here. Such an enrollment will make for a 30 percent increase over the past three years.

Hardee expects between 375 and 385 freshmen and between 150 and 175 transfers.

Dear Students:

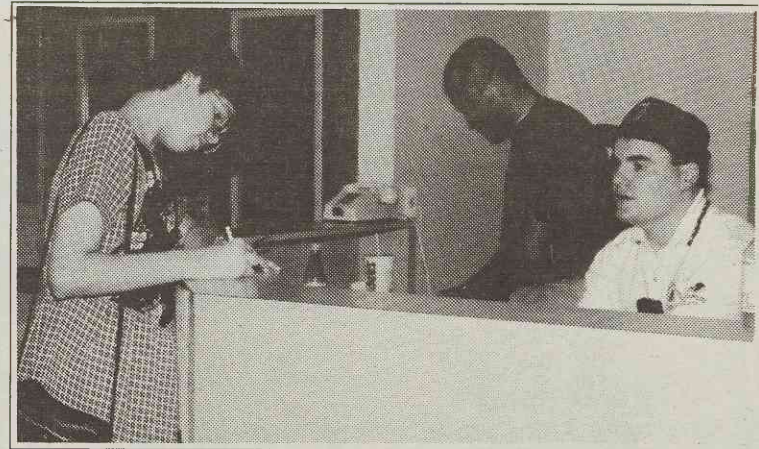
Greetings to all new and returning students! This is an exciting time to be a member of this university community. Our beautiful campus boasts a magnificent apartment complex, and within a few months the renovation of historic Hamrick Hall will be complete. And perhaps the most exciting of all the physical changes will be the state-of-the-art computer network that will enhance our communication with others and link us to the world.

Gardner-Webb University is committed to providing our students with the highest educational experience within a caring community. I am proud of our faculty and staff, for they have a commitment to you and your success.

You have my prayers and best wishes for a great 1997-98 academic year!

Sincerely,

M. Christopher White



Big Sister Mary Gettys fills out a parking registration slip on Sunday, August 11. Officer Dan Schultz and Campus Security worker Shane Petty helped with the check-in process for Big Brothers and Sisters, who arrived early for training sessions.

(Photo by Karen Brower)

Orientation schedule jam-packed

This year's orientation schedule should leave nothing -- or no time -- to be desired.

Between check-ins, meetings, meals, socials, and fun-time, orientation makes for a busy week. Here's what's in store.

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Intramurals with Big Brothers and Sisters - Ball field
5:00-6:30 p.m. - Dinner - DCC
8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. - Aloha Saturday:
LUAU - Tennis courts

Sunday, August 17

10:30-11:30 a.m. - Family Worship - LYCC
12:00-1:30 p.m. - Lunch - DCC
1:00-2:00 p.m. - Meet with Big Brothers and Sisters - Assigned room
2:00-3:15 p.m. - Yearbook photos by groups
3:30-5:00 p.m. - Olympics on the Quad
5:00-6:30 p.m. - Dinner - DCC
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Required meeting - Dover Theatre

Monday, August 18

8:30-10:00 a.m. - Re-admits and transfer commuters arrive and check in - Fireside Lounge, DCC

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Friday, August 15

9:00 a.m. - Required meeting - LYCC
10:15 a.m. - Testing (for those notified)
10:15 a.m. - Campus Tours
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Library orientation by groups (30 minute tours)
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Lunch
1:00-3:30 p.m. - Library orientation by groups (30 minute tours)
2:00-3:00 p.m. - All hearing and sight impaired students meet in Noel Hall
5:00-6:30 p.m. - Dinner - DCC
8:00 p.m. - Ice cream social and Music on the Quad
10:00 p.m. - Bulldog Madness - LYCC

Saturday, August 16

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Required Meeting - Dover Theatre

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