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Students overflow dorms, apartments and houses

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It wouldn't be fall at Gardner-Webb without familiar faces, new classes... and overflowing dorms.

Like previous years, enrollment is high and dorms and apartments are now filled to capacity.

According to Doug Searcy, director of Residence Life, the problem is a good one to have.

"I think anywhere you go, to any institution, you'll find overcrowding," Searcy said. "It means that people want to be at Gardner-Webb. It means that Gardner-Webb is maintaining a positive reputation and people want to be on campus. It speaks highly of the school and academic programs and student services we're able to provide."

Searcy credited the admissions office with recruiting a large number of students.

Overcrowding, though inconvenient, is normal. "This year is very similar to last year in needs for on-campus housing," Searcy said.

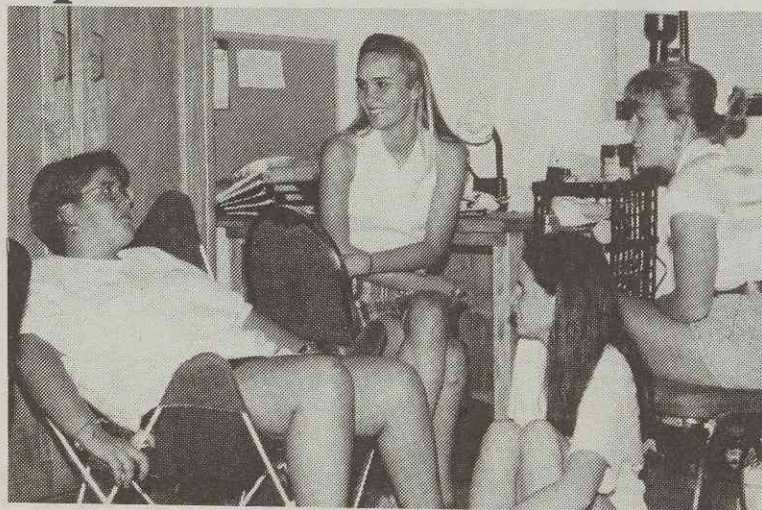
Campus House on Memorial Drive is being used as temporary overflow space for six men, said Searcy. "Our preference would be to get them back into the more traditional campus community, but our availability remains to be seen."

Permanent residence at Campus House is fine with freshman Emmanuel Padilla.

Except for the long walk to campus, Padilla prefers the house to a dorm. "It's more homey -- I'd rather stay there."

Searcy expects the overcrowding to gradually diminish as an expected number of students withdraw. He encourages students seeking room changes to come to the Residence Life office Sept. 8-9 from 1-8 p.m.

"We hope that these growing pains continue," said Searcy. "It will do nothing but benefit the quality of student life for both new and returning students."



Freshmen Carrie Baumgardner, Megan Holladay, Sarah Dearth and Tonya Kampes discuss the details of dorm life in Baumgardner's room in Decker Hall. Students must learn to adjust to living on a hall with large groups of people.

(Photo by Karen Brower)

World Wide Web creeps across campus

by Karen Brower
editor

"By mid-semester this will be a different place as far as technology goes," according to Danny Davis, assistant vice president for business.

A new fiberoptics system will allow students, faculty and staff to access the

university's system from rooms, offices and labs all over campus.

Installation began this spring and is nearing completion.

Computer labs in Withrow and Craig opened Monday, and Webb, Carpenter, the Macintosh lab and the lab in Dover Library should open today, Davis said.

Fiber has already been laid to the

dorms and apartments, with Royster and Decker in the final stages. Davis hopes to get the dorms connected to the system by mid-to-late September.

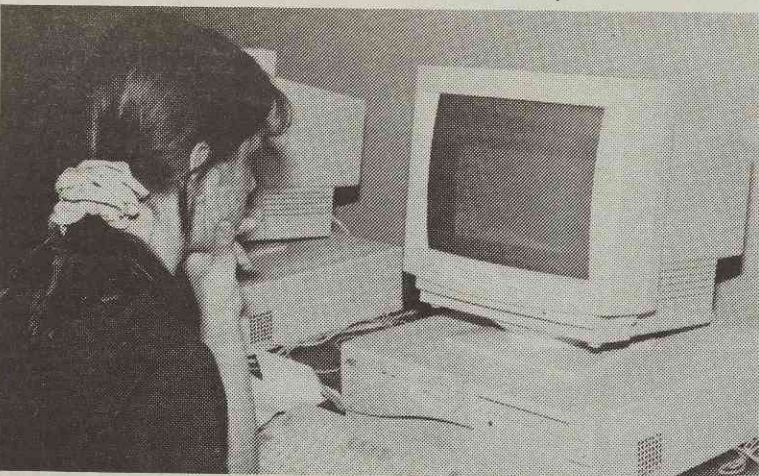
Davis and other Information Systems personnel will work with Resident Advisors to set up instructional dorm meetings for on-campus students. "We'll show you how to set (your computer) up and walk you through it step by step," Davis said.

In order to log on to the university system, users must purchase an ethernet card for their computers. An ethernet card acts as a modem by "talking" to the network.

The main advantage of using an ethernet card in place of a modem is its speed. A modem works at one-half megabit per second. Ethernet cards work at speeds of 100 megabits per second, according to Davis -- almost 200 times as fast.

Ethernet cards will be available in the bookstore at or below a modem's average cost, Davis said.

Workers put in "tremendous" hours over the summer to install the fiberoptic system, according to Davis. "We are taking quantum leaps daily...It's on the immediate horizon, but we still need to be a little patient," he said.



Rachel Parlier surfs the Internet in the recently upgraded Craig Lab. Both students and professors have taken advantage of the increased Internet access across campus.

(Photo by Karen Brower)

New faculty join university

by Karen Brower
editor

After studying all the new faces on campus, you may have noticed that not all of them belong to students.

Nineteen new faculty and staff members joined Gardner-Webb this fall.

New staff members include Dr. Carolyn Jackson and Doug and Beth Searcy.

New faculty members include Dr. Carol Blassingame, Mr. Larry Brey, Dr. Patrick Canupp, Mr. Bob Carey, Ms. Jennifer Carlile, Dr. Thomas Coates, Ms. Amy Cox and Dr. Robert Fulbright.

Also new are Dr. Charles Moore, Dr. David Parker, Dr. Jackson Rainer, Mr. Michael Schumacher, Ms. Virginia Sullivan, Dr. Mark Templeman, Dr. Charles Tichenor and Dr. Timothy Zehnder.

These faculty members represent nearly all of the university's departments: Physical Education, Athletic Training, Communication Studies, English, Mathematics, Biology, Nursing, Marketing, Business, Religion, Spanish, Psychology and Sociology.

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