

Visitation still a major issue

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Visitation has been a source of heated debates on campus, and this year's trial visitation policy will be no different.

Students have mixed feelings about the visitation policy.

"I like the visitation hours because it gives us an opportunity to study in a quiet environment," said Samantha Ball of Stroup Hall.

Tim Parker, who lives in Spangler, agrees. "The visitation hours are fine with me, because it gives people a chance to study," he said.

But not all students are happy with the hours provided.

"I totally disagree with the visitation hours. They should be extended to twenty four hours. The living room is so people can be able to entertain others whenever they wish," said Marcus Winter, who lives on Memorial Drive.

"The visitation hours for the dorms, apartments, and houses on Memorial Drive are the same in quantity. However, the times may vary," said Doug Searcy, Director of Residence Life.

The bedroom/dorm room visitation hours for all facilities are Monday through Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 3 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Saturday, 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 10 p.m.

Hours for dorm lobbies and living rooms in the apartments and Memorial Drive houses are 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. daily.

If residents are caught with visitors of the opposite sex in their room, lobby, or living room outside the visitation hours, they will be written up by their RA.

The guidelines for visitation are found in the Student Handbook.

Broad River Greenway offers entertainment

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So, it is early in the semester and you are looking for something to do or you are an upperclassman and Boiling Springs has run out of excitement. There is good news.

On Aug. 16 the Broad River greenway officially opened and now offers many opportunities for activities and involvement.

Thanks to money given by the local and state government, and donations from businesses and individuals, the public now has a 436-acre area for canoeing, tubing, fishing, camping, playing volleyball, or just hiking.

Activities are scheduled there each weekend through October 18 and the greenway will remain open year round otherwise.

Brownie Plaster and Kay Price are the two women in charge of the project. However, Price said it was a "public-private partnership".

Businesses and individuals have given grants that have made the greenway possible, Price said. In addition, Cleveland County has given the greenway \$100,000.

Gardner-Webb's vital role in the community has made it a major contributor of support thus far in the project, and it will continue to be a source of great leadership in the months ahead.

"Chris White has been enthusiastic and supportive about the project," Price said. Dr. White was involved in the opening ceremony for the greenway.

Over the next two months Gardner-Webb students will have the opportunity to be directly involved in activities related to the greenway. On September 20 there will be an activity called the "Big Sweep." This will involve a massive cleanup operation along the banks of the Broad River.

"Gardner-Webb is proud to be associated with the Broad River greenway," said GWU's Director of Community Services Harvey Hamrick. "We're looking forward to the 'Big Sweep' and we hope to have a large turnout for this important cleanup task," he said.

In addition to the "Big Sweep," Gardner-Webb students will be leading activities at the greenway on September 20 and 27, and also on October 4 and 11.

These activities will include flower

planting, hiking, and a camp fire with ghost stories.

"The Broad River greenway is an exciting part of our community and should be a fun place for students to go in their spare time," Hamrick said.

For those who may be new to the area, the Broad River greenway is located approximately 3 miles south of Boiling Springs on highway 150. For more information, contact Maria Carswell at 434-4085.



Todd Stancik and Candy Anthony spend the afternoon relaxing at the Broad River Greenway. The greenway offers community members a place to hike, fish, picnic or bike.

(Photo by Karen Brower)

Food and phone companies provide service with a smile

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Changes seem to be taking many forms on campus this year. Among the most noteworthy of these are the new faces, smiling from behind desks and counters, asking how they may be of help.

Two places where you may have noticed these new staff members are in the cafeteria and in the Residence Life office.

An obvious switch was made in the phone service over the summer, and that is where the residential staff members come into play.

Although Cynthia Byers is not new to Gardner-Webb, she is under a newly-appointed title, according to Wayne Johnson. As of this fall, Byers will make the transition to telecommunication coordinator.

What does this mean to students? Byers will be the on-campus staff member who will answer questions and help solve student phone problems. Fully understanding how inconvenient these glitches can be, Byers wants students to know how grateful she is for the patience they have shown.

Byers feels that once the little details are worked out, AT&T's ACUS service will be better for the students because with the lower rates, "it encourages them to stay in touch with their families."

More apparent, perhaps, are the new staff members brought to our campus by Marriott Management Services.

Comments on this foodservice have been all good, and faculty and students both seem to be delighted to be a part of the new arrangement and to see the plans materializing.

The new director, Suzanne Glasscock, says she had to laugh when, for the first week of the fall semester, the desserts went uneaten because students assumed they were for show.

Another new member making the meals "too good to be true" is Richard Bartley. As executive chef, he can be seen cooking up specialty dishes for most lunches and dinners for any student who doesn't mind waiting just a few extra minutes.

Improvements that have already been made in the foodservice, and those being planned for the near future, take time and dedication that these new staff members have already shown they are willing to give -- with a smile.



Club Fair

Jamie Gunn and a friend stop by the Student Alumni Council table at the club fair on Tuesday, August 19. New and returning students were invited to browse through the booths and learn about the many opportunities for involvement on campus.

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