

# Short Thanksgiving break causes problems for students

by Shannon Spencer  
staff writer

Not all Gardner-Webb students will be heading home for home-cooked Thanksgiving meals after classes on Nov. 26.

Thanksgiving break is only four days long, leaving many students who are hours away from home without options about what to do for their short break.

One student who is unable to travel the 12 hours to her home said, "In reality, the break is only an extended weekend; and

if I drove home, I would be traveling for the majority of the break."

Chad Thompson is another student who can not make the 14-hour drive to his home in Rochester, NY. Instead of traveling the 14 hours home, he is picking his girlfriend up from Carson-Newman College and they are going to Birmingham, Ala., and they are going to his aunt

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and uncle's house.

"I am going to miss (being) home, but I am not in misery," said Thompson. "I am especially going to miss my family and the cold weather."

In addition to those who live far away, the men's and women's basketball teams must also remain behind over Thanksgiving break. The men's team

will probably have practice on Thanksgiving day, according to Gary Cannon.

Cannon's Thanksgiving meal will also be with his teammates. "I'll probably eat with the team in the gym," said Cannon. Tremayne Booker and Cannon agreed the it "doesn't bother us that we are not going home," they said, "because we've been doing it so long."

Christmas break will follow Thanksgiving break by only about three weeks, and most of the people who cannot get home for Thanksgiving will make it home for Christmas break.

## Lamb named outstanding N. C. Christian educator

by Karen Brower  
editor

Dr. Bob Lamb was named as the outstanding Christian educator in North Carolina by the North Carolina Baptist Religious Educators Association (NCBREA) last week.

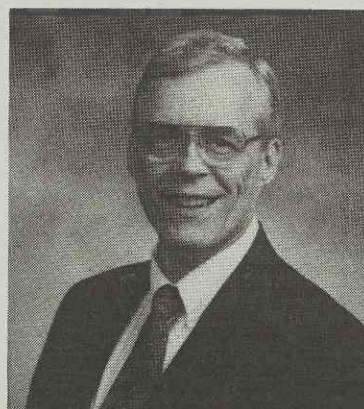
The formal presentation of the Perry Langston Christian Educator Award was made at this year's meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, held Nov. 10-12 in Winston-Salem.

Lamb, the founding dean of the GWU School of Divinity, was cited for his many years of preparing and training people for the ministry by the NCBREA selection committee.

Lamb was succeeded this year as dean of the Divinity School by Dr. Wayne Stacy, but remains on the university faculty, and continues to lead a process that he began -- to gain full accreditation for the School of Divinity through the Association of Theological Schools.

Lamb is also part of an innovative new approach to theological education through a partnership between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and seminaries in South Africa.

Lamb will leave in December to teach at Cape Town Theological Seminary as



part of a faculty exchange program.

Dr. Gerhard Venter from South Africa will take Lamb's place at Gardner-Webb through the summer of 1998.

"Dr. Lamb was an obvious choice for us in regard to his service not only at Gardner-Webb and its School of Divinity, but to Christian higher education in the state of North Carolina," said Bonnie Doughtie, chairman of the selection committee for the outstanding educator award.

Lamb, a former full-time pastor, still performs interim and supply pastorates when needed.

## Burkett speaks at conference

by Suzanna Saadi  
staff writer

Because of a recent \$10,000 grant given to Gardner-Webb University for its science and religion course, Dr. Barbara Burkett was recently invited to speak at a national conference.

Accepting the invitation to the Amel Rothermal Foundation, Burkett spoke on "Updating Evolution." Her topic bore special attention because of recent proposals made in North Carolina to pass a bill preventing the teaching of evolution in public schools.

The hour-long presentation given by Burkett was followed by two hours of questions from the audience.

Annual Amel Foundation meetings are held to allow professors to discuss topics from both a scientific and religious viewpoint. Burkett was among only four professors invited to speak this year and was "honored by the opportunity."

The most probable reason for Burkett's invitation to speak at the conference was

because of her connection with the Templeton Grant. John Templeton, founder of the program, is a Christian who desires theologians and scientists to communicate and debate with one another.

Burkett feels that the separation of religion and science has been a result of the boundaries of science. "You cannot put God in a test tube," Burkett said, thus science and religion, have had problems throughout history coming together.

Coming together, however, is exactly what the Gardner-Webb class combining science and religion, taught by Burkett and Dr. Partain, strives to do. And it was because of what this class represented that Mr. Templeton gave his "seal of approval," which, in turn, resulted in her invitation to speak on the topic.

"I am glad to see that scientists are starting to recognize that theologians and scientists can come together and say, 'Yes, there is something here that we can both contribute to. We need both science and religion, although we cannot explain why,'" Burkett said.

## Decrease in calls allows Physical Plant extra time

by Mary Gettys  
staff writer

The Physical Plant is involved in several projects now that maintenance calls have decreased.

E. S. Walker Construction built the outside of the building where pottery classes are held just behind the Physical Plant office. Currently, the Physical Plant staff is working in the interior section of the building.

Since the purpose of the Physical Plant is generally for maintaining the university, the staff is utilizing maintenance prevention methods that will seek to keep appliances and equipment functioning properly.

Also, Kim Carr, former director of Housekeeping, transferred to Dean River Company as a computer programmer, and Rick Camp became the new director.

New staff members are Tim Butler and Brian Jones. A few positions are available in Housekeeping, and one position

is open in maintenance.

The number of maintenance calls has dropped from 900 in August to 630 in September. The latest count for October is 400.

## Get published!

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Any student who is doing original research or writing a thesis is invited to submit a copy of the paper to the editorial board.

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If you would like to see a copy of the 1997 Gardner-Webb Review, check the Library or contact Dr. Burkett (201 Withrow, ext. 4368). Instructions for submission are also available from Burkett.

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