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New buildings proposed

Trustees agree to let University seek state bond funding for classroom and three apartments

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The Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees met Thursday, Feb. 26 and took significant action to potentially change the face of the GWU campus in the future.

According to a university spokesman, the trustees voted to, "give the University per-

mission to seek funding from the state bond commission to build three more apartment buildings and a classroom building.

"When/if funding is granted, the University will come back to its trustees and decide a plan of action."

President Christopher White, speaking to a faculty meeting on Friday, Feb. 27

said the proposed classroom building would house the Education Department.

The total expansion plan is expected to cost from \$10-12 million. White told the faculty if funding is approved, construction of the classroom could begin as early as this summer. Groundbreaking for the apartments would then begin sometime in early fall with completion on both projects to be scheduled for fall of 1999

The classroom building is expected to be a hefty three

stories, complete with plenty of classroom space and educational facilities.

Three new apartment buildings are planned to complement the apartments which opened this past Fall.

Dr. White also addressed the possibility of the University looking at married-student housing, and other campus buildings.

White announced the move of several facilities on campus to open up much-needed instructional space.

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Foreign language department head retires after 42 years

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After 42 years of teaching, Dr. Bob Morgan, head of the Foreign Language Department at GWU, is retiring effective August 1, 1998.

His years of teaching are composed of 31 years at GWU, eight at Wingate and three at Wadesboro High School; all at which he taught Math and French.

Morgan's educational background consists of a B.A. from Lenoir-Rhyne in Math and French and a Teaching Certification; a Masters from the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Math; and a Ph.D. from UNC in French.

His plans for retirement include travelling, teaching French culture classes to the GOAL program's students and leading groups for a tour company.

"I hope I will be remembered most as a professor who was concerned about what happened to his students, and one who was interested in building the University to be a first-rate University," said Morgan.

Morgan's retirement home will not be far from GWU, so he can easily visit. "Just because I will have retired would not mean that I would want to leave permanently," he said.

"I very much enjoyed my experience here and I wanted to retire at a time that things were going very well," said Morgan. "I am very, very proud of the Foreign Language Department of the University... I am pleased with the cooperative spirit in the University's faculty in general."

Students catch a view of solar eclipse

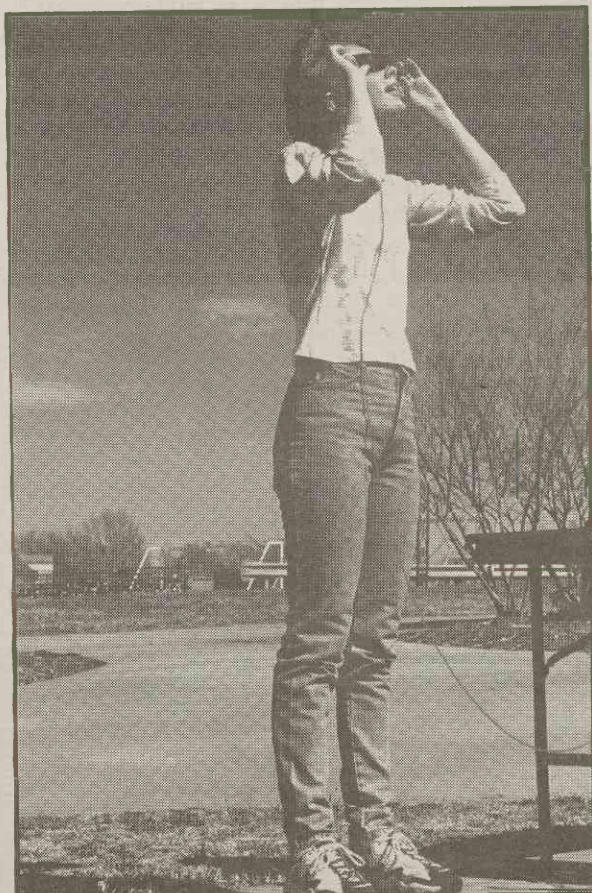


photo by Nathanla Heckert

Julie Hensley views the partial eclipse on Thursday, Feb. 26 at Williams Observatory with special solar shades.

Partial eclipse draws students and community to Williams Observatory

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Thursday, Feb. 26 seemed like any other day around lunchtime at Gardner-Webb.

However, as many people took time to eat lunch, the moon seemingly bit into the sun for a lunchtime delight of its own.

Students, faculty and members of the community swarmed to Williams Observatory to catch a glimpse of the partial solar eclipse of the sun using specially modified telescopes and shades.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, casting a narrow shadow upon the surface of the earth.

From the perspective of earthlings, it appears as though the sun is being cov-

ered by the moon.

Depending on your perspective on earth, the portion of the sun that appears to be covered will vary. In Boiling Springs, for example, only 20 percent of the sun was obscured, but in the Caribbean Islands, the sun was totally hidden by the moon during the eclipse.

Williams Observatory staff and members of Cleveland County Astronomical Society provided a diverse selection of equipment with which to safely view the eclipse.

Gardner-Webb's astronomer Tom English advised students to always use proper viewing equipment like solar shades, filters or a welding mask when observing an eclipse. Staring at the sun for a prolonged period of time will result in permanent eye damage.

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