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Hamrick Hall renovation celebrates Gardner-Webb history and growth

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"It is alive," said Dr. White, Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the dedication service for the newly renovated Hamrick Hall held in the building's auditorium. Harvey B. Hamrick, representing the family who gives Hamrick Hall its name, also spoke.

"This building has been a lot of things over the past 73 years, but, most importantly, it has never ceased to be," said White in his address.

"While fires and deterioration took their licks on Hamrick Hall, the spirit of the building remained. Even over the last 11 years, as this giant lay sleeping and vacant, one could not pass by its looming facade without a 'haunting' sense of integrity, tradition, nostalgia and char-

acter." Hamrick Hall is the oldest building on campus.

Now, said White, "technology pulses through the veins of this building, giving it a life force that is essential to the success of all who seek a 21st century education."

White also reflected saying, "Hamrick Hall in many ways symbolizes the essence of Gardner-Webb University. It has had new life breathed into it, and has become unequalled in its stature - its mission to not only meet the expectations of Christian higher education, but to exceed them . . . So, too has Gardner-Webb."

He gave thanks to Gardner-Webb's supporters saying, "I see the faces of the people who made this possible. And, in my opinion, I see the face of Gardner-Webb."

The service closed with a

prayer of dedication by Tracy Jessup and the Alma Mater sung by "Disciple."

Refreshments were served in the Tucker Library and guests were encouraged to

visit the multimedia classrooms.



Photo by Carla Catoe

Workers put the finishing touch on the sidewalk before the opening of the remodeled Hamrick Hall

G-a-P brings GWU ministries together

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The only clothes there are on bodies. It's not in a clothing store, but in the Gardner-Webb University chapel. You can't buy clothes there, but you can go to G-a-P to worship.

"Matt Walton, Daniel Call, Jeremy Burger and I were sitting down eating at an ice cream social in May," said Tracy Jessup, Campus Minister.

"We were thinking of a name for our new joint worship service. I don't remember if it was Burger or Walton, but someone said 'GAP.' Then someone else said 'Yeah, God and people.' It just came out and it was really cool. I immediately thought of the verse Ezekial 22: 30, '... look for a man will go into the gap . . .'"

The group then looked at ways to emphasize the meaning. The hyphens were used to show the gap visually. Jessup e-mailed Tim Veek, Christian Ministries United coordinator and he agreed it was a great name.

But what did the original Gap, the

clothing store, have to say about the name for GWU's new joint worship service?

"I wanted to avoid any type of legal dispute with the Gap, so I called the outlet store in Gaffney and they gave me the number for their corporate headquarters. The lady I talked with said she appreciated the thought,

"They all had the same format—they would sing songs, do skits and have a speaker."

but they are very protective of their name."

Jessup felt strongly about the concept and asked if he could call her back and talk more about it.

"I told her we were going to spell it with a capital G, have a space, then

a lower case A, a space and a capital P. I told her it would only be promoted on campus and not advertised in the community," Jessup said.

This distinction made the GAP official more agreeable. She said that as long as it didn't go off campus and there was no clothing with G-a-P on it, that GWU could use the name.

Veek believes that a joint meeting of all Christian organizations, which has been named G-a-P, is where God has been leading Gardner-Webb.

"Probably since my freshman year, God has been putting it on my heart that we needed a joint meeting of all the groups on campus. The more I've talked to people about it, the more God has put it on my heart. Last year, the CMU council took a survey at the end of the year and it was unanimous to have a joint meeting. I was obvious where God wanted to take things this year," Veek said.

Jessup has also had it on his heart that GWU needed a unified meeting since he first came to Gardner-Webb three years ago.

"I thought the possibility of a joint

worship service would be a good idea the summer before my first year here. I didn't think it would be a good idea to start my ministry making a lot of changes though."

Jessup felt that the leadership was already in place and that changes would cause a lot of rearranging. His first year was spent evaluating, then in his second year, some things started changing. According to Jessup, this year just seemed right to make the move from several different meetings per week to just one joint worship service per week.

Jessup, Veek, members of the CMU council and other students believe that G-a-P is the best source of worship for students for several reasons.

"Last year it just seemed that we had all these meetings like FCA on Monday night, Wednesday night Celebration and BSU on Thursday night competing with each other that were all doing the same thing. They all had the same format—they would

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