

Gardner-Webb prepared for Y2K problems

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The countdown has begun and Y2K is coming. Some may think Y2K is a big hoax, but it will affect everyone in some way.

According to Mike Schoul, who works for data processing at Gardner Webb University, the software used on GWU's campus is Y2K compatible. Schoul assures students "not to worry about Y2K and use personal preference on how to prepare for it."

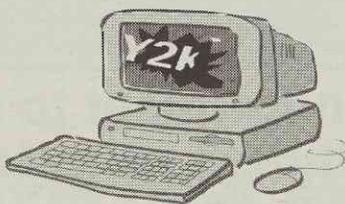
But, Tim Wilson, publisher of *Y2K News Magazine*, said, "Y2K is like Hurricane Floyd." Individuals really have no idea what Y2K is going to

affect. Wilson also said "The least prepared for Y2K are universities. Most universities are not Y2K compatible. So pay attention starting now."

Many individuals seem to think that January 1, 2000 is Doom's Day. Actually, only 8 percent of the failures will occur during the first two weeks of 2000, Wilson said.

Certain failures have already occurred. Wilson refers to Y2K as "death by a million paper cuts," as it is a very slow occurring chain reaction.

Individuals are not informed about Y2K. The biggest problem spawning from Y2K is the uncertainty about the severeness of the situation. Y2K is like the boogiemann with a mission to destroy



Are you Y2K Ready? Some important tips for students

Jennifer Strong, a GWU student who worked with Tim Wilson for a summer, compares preparations for Y2K to the preparations taken for inclement weather. She suggests several steps students can take to insure a smooth transition into the year 2000:

- Have flashlights and batteries or candles and matches on hand.
- Buy some bottled water.
- Fill your car with a tank of gas since you can't pump without power.
- Gather a couple of extra blankets.
- Stock up on non-perishable food items.
- Keep copies of all important transactions, accounts and transcripts.
- Have a little extra cash handy.

every system in the world, from Medicare to transcripts at Gardner-Webb. But, Y2K may not affect anything at all.

Largest Gift ever for school GWU receives gift for scholarships

Courtesy GWU public relations

Gardner-Webb University announced the largest gift in the institution's history. The donors are Winifred and David Lindsay, former residents of Rutherford County, whose loyal support of GWU over the years has had a major impact on the campus and its students. The gift totals \$5.4 million. The gift is comprised of two distinct parts: (1) a significant sum designated for the University's endowment for student scholarship support; and (2) an additional sum for capital needs.

Prior to their deaths, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay established several scholarship funds at Gardner-Webb during their lifetimes, including numerous athletic endowments. The Lindsays also are known for

their contributions to physical improvements on campus. Lindsay Hall is a classroom building that also features computer laboratories and many faculty offices. Lindsay Court, located in the Lutz Yelton Convocation Center, is the largest banquet facility in Cleveland County.

The importance of Mrs. Lindsay's gesture cannot be understated, according to Drew Van Horn, GWU vice president for university relations.

"A gift of this magnitude has the ability to transform schools the size of Gardner-Webb. Not only does it provide crucial endowment dollars for scholarships, but it brings us in line with many of our peer institutions. We now join the ranks of many prestigious colleges whose largest gifts are

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John Turner, right, talks with Dr. Jones after the annual Senior Pinning ceremony in the LYCC Sept. 24.