

## Carl Cartee to perform benefit concert for Salvation Army at GWU

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Christmas is a time of sharing. Realizing this, Gardner-Webb has found a way to help those in need.

Contemporary Christian singer Carl Cartee has planned another benefit concert after last year's success.

The event, which is being sponsored by GWU University Public Relations and *The Shelby Star*, is a benefit concert for the Salvation Army's food pantry and toy closet. Students are asked to bring non-perishable food items and toys for children to the show. The food items collected at the concert will benefit needy families at Christmas time and year round.

"We're thrilled about this event," said Capt. Kriss Tolar of the Cleveland/Rutherford County Salvation Army Unit.

"Our need for these items is heavy this year, and we know that this concert will help us through some rough spots."

Carl Cartee will be joined by special guests as they perform classic Christmas favorites, traditional carols and contemporary seasonal selections.

"We may even have some audience participation," Cartee said. "This is what Christianity

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Cartee, who has been compared to the likes of James Taylor and Steven Curtis Chapman, began writing songs at the age of 10. His recent release, "Breaking the Silence," includes a collection of praise and worship music performed with energy, enthusiasm and inspiration. He is currently working on his fourth album.

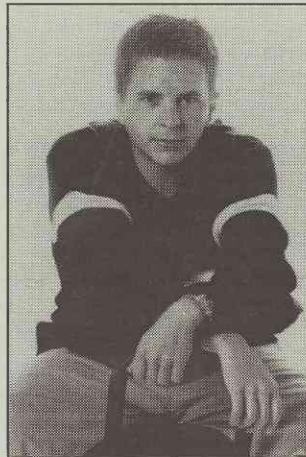


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Admission price for Cartee's concert is canned goods to be donated to the Salvation Army.

"I seek guidance from the Lord as I write songs and I pray that it shows," states Cartee.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at 7pm in Hamrick Hall Auditorium. If anyone needs additional information concerning this event they are asked to contact the GWU Public Relations Department at (704) 434-4631.

## Students billed for Spring 1900

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Parents and students were recently surprised to receive a bill for the spring semester dated 1900.

Beth Kirkland, from data processing, assured students the incorrect year is not an indication of Y2K incompatibility.

"The heading in a program was not keyed in correctly," Kirkland said. "That's not Y2K."

But the error left some students unsure. Ari Bottoms was one of the first students to detect the mistake.

"I opened the bill and thought 'Houston, we have a problem,'" Bottoms said.

He contacted Danny Davis in data processing, to notify him of the incorrect date heading.

"They were less than

happy," Bottoms said.

Donnie Clary, vice president of finance, said Gardner-Webb has taken responsible steps in correcting potentially major failures due to Y2K.

"We are BM and CMDS certified as Y2K compliant," Clary said, "but little things may still pop up."

One advantage for GWU, Clary pointed out, is the school will not be open on January 1. This will give the staff time to address any glitches that may

occur as the clock turns to the year 2000.

Jason Phillips, a student worker in data processing, said the incorrectly dated

bills for next semester might be a good warning for GWU.

"It's kind of a wake up call for us who were unsure of what was going to happen," Phillips said. "As far as I knew it was taken care of; everyone thought it was taken care of."



## Students react to GWU Division I move

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In a move that was rumored since early spring, Gardner-Webb officially joined the ranks of such schools as Appalachian State and Western Carolina by becoming a Division I university. The move was approved October 21st when the trustees met and approved the decision. Dr. Christopher White labeled the change as "a move that will affect the entire institution." The decision indeed promises to make long lasting changes to the school.

First of all, Gardner-Webb now has two years to get every-

thing in the school up to Division I standards. This means stricter drug and alcohol policies, along with higher requirements for athletes academically.

On the whole, Dr. White is optimistic. "The quality of life on our campus will certainly improve, as will our visibility and our ability to make a broader impact on this region," White said.

Chuck Birch, Athletics Vice President also seems hopeful about what this new situation will bring. "We are looking forward to the challenges that this move presents

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to the entire athletics department," Birch said. "Our coaches will make the necessary preparations to ensure a successful transition to NCAA Division I competition."

However, not everyone is happy with the changes. Sentiment is running high in Boiling Springs and Shelby that athletically, this was a bad move for the school. A recent poll on the *Shelby Star* web-

page asked the question, "Do you think GWU made the right decision in moving up to Division I?" Of the 65 people who took part in the survey, a little less than half disagreed with the move.

Even on campus there are opponents to the move.

"I feel a move like this will take Gardner-Webb away from its roots as a Christian school," freshman Steve Wilson commented. "I just feel it's the wrong move at this time."

Other students seem split down the middle, unwilling or unable to decide one way or another. One sophomore illus-

trated the undecided feeling on campus best.

"As a sports fan, I'm thrilled," he said. "But as a student, the move concerns me. I wonder if tuition, parking tags and other things will go up now that we are a Division I school?"

So far no answers have been found to these questions, which a Gardner-Webb source called "premature at best."

As the information on this move starts to pour in, students and even faculty may become more involved in the debate. Only time will tell if the move to Division I was a good decision for the Running Bulldogs.