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## Snow day fun

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### It is time to Celebrate

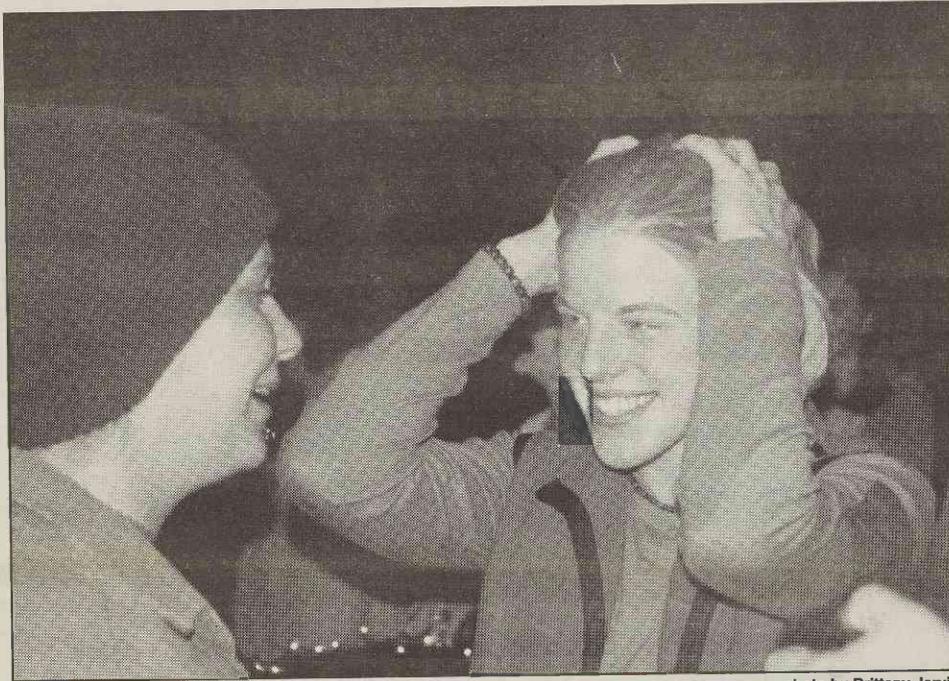


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Jessica Newell, right, was one student who accepted Christ following one of the nightly Celebration meetings that started Jan. 24. The annual Celebration Week began Monday evening at 7:07 p.m. and continued through Thursday night. Dimensions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings also focused on Celebration week. The theme this year was "Get real. There is more to this life." Organizers, Jordana Hart and Kelly Bland, emphasized that it was a time "for the masks to come off and for students to get real with God." Student led and organized, Celebration Week was a time for students to worship God in an informal setting.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. honored

#### A look at race relations on campus

Brittany Jarvis  
Pilot editor

On January 17, America observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, in honor of one of the most influential civil rights leaders in America.

While the federal government took a day of rest, Gardner-Webb remembered King's contributions on January 18 with a special Dimensions. The gospel choir shared an energetic song before Dr. K. Ray Hill spoke. Basing his speech on Proverbs 3:5, Hill also brought many of King's writings to encourage and challenge the students. Hill was supported by sporadic clapping and shouts of "Amen!" as he challenged students to personally find God and to raise the standard of

what is acceptable. Finally, Hill reminded everyone that the rights we enjoy cost somebody something.

In past years, students have expressed various opinions about racial relations on campus. Minorities represent 18.3% of the day-school student body at Gardner-Webb.

Divisions in the cafeteria prompted an anonymous student last year to post a sign denouncing the segregation among students.

"Our cultures and backgrounds are completely different when we come here," Joy Edwards said. "We are equal, but we are different."

Other students agreed with Edwards.

Jonathon Bell said, "You

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### Wellness Center finally open for students and staff

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In a way, the University Physical Development Complex, also known as the BOST Suttle Wellness Center, may be the new crown jewel on the Gardner-Webb campus for students.

With the new complex, the BOST gym, the renovated swimming pool, and the Physical Education and Wellness Faculty offices finally are all under one roof. With the recent opening, Audrey Sloan, the GWU Director of Student Activities, can comfortably stretch back in her new office and watch students relax after class and hitting the books.

Sloan modestly shakes off the responsibility for overseeing one of the nicest complexes in the state.

"The 45 student-employees are the lifeline of this team-effort achievement," she proclaimed.

"John White, our Complex Coordinator, is the man behind the wonderful facility here at Gardner-Webb,"

said Sloan.

During trustee meetings in the past, Sloan has pushed hard for a place for students on campus.

"A place," she explained, "where [the students] can work out their bodies after working out their minds."

Sure enough, when the donation from the Suttle family arrived, no time was wasted in beginning renovations and new construction on the facility.

While finishing touches are being applied, GWU students can already enjoy the renewed gym, the swimming pool, a free-weights room, a state-of-the-art exercise machine room, a TV lounge, and a game room consisting of pool, ping pong and air-hockey tables. The only admission requirement is a student, faculty or staff ID.

GWU President Christopher White, has encouraged students, faculty and staff to utilize the new facility as a way to improve their physical wellness.

He added that it is another example of Gardner-Webb growing as an institu-

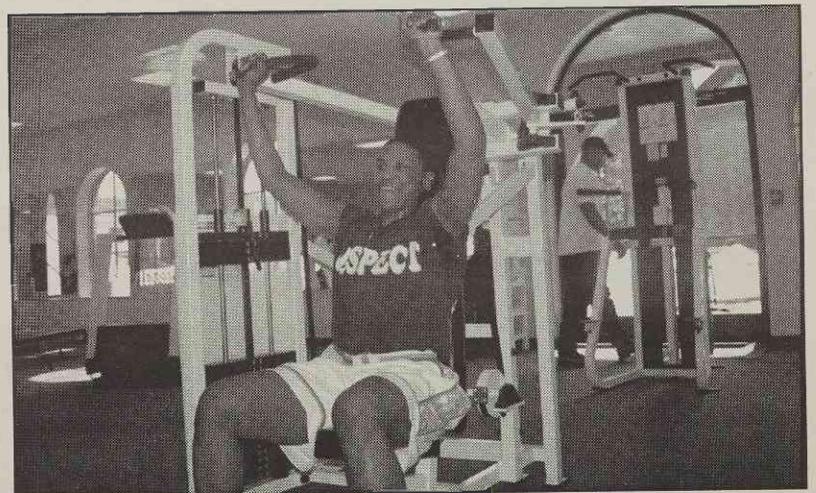


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Terrence Oglesby, assistant coach for the women's basketball team, tries out the exercise equipment in the newly renovated University Physical Development Center. The center opened for use Jan. 25.

tion and offering students added benefits to their college experience.

Go take advantage of the new complex: spend time on the treadmill, hit the

weights, shoot hoops, swim a couple of laps, and then cool down with a game of ping-pong or air hockey.