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Gardner-Webb Honor Code gets new emphasis from students

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If you have noticed the new, blue and red plaques hanging in your classroom, you have probably wondered what they were. Maybe you have even walked over to read it or sat close enough to read the phrase "My Honor is my Life." If you are a freshman, you have had it explained to you in your University 101 class. Whatever the case may be, the Honor Code is now prominently displayed in all classrooms.

This project, started by Student Government Association president, Hannah Woody, is an effort to increase the awareness of cheating on campus.

"Now everyone has a chance to see the code, even if they don't care," said Woody.

Woody began to think about the project this summer. She designed it with the help of Dean of Academics, Dr. Gil Blackburn.

First, Woody decided to change the way the Honor Code was signed.

In past years, the Honor Code has been signed during registration, when incoming students are bombarded with information and rushed through long lines. This year, the Honor Code was explained by an executive officer of SGA during University 101 classes, formerly called CCXP.

If the student agrees to



Pilot photo by Jessica Webb

Hannah Woody, (r) Student Government Association president and Andy Polk, SGA vice-president, prepare to hang a copy of the Gardner-Webb University Honor Code in a classroom as part of a new emphasis on integrity and character building.

the policy, he or she then signs the pledge. In cases where students do not agree, the student must sign the back of the pledge stating the disagreement.

All pledges are filed in the Student Development office.

Secondly, she decided that the code needed to be visual. With a little help from Administrative Assistant,

Vicki Webb-Morrison, the SGA officers put the plaques together and hung them in every classroom.

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during a test will cause people to think twice about cheating," Woody said.

Woody, along with the SGA officers, thinks the Honor Code is important, especially to a school that boasts character building.

"If we as an institution can build integrity, it will last throughout [the students] life and we

will have accomplished the goal for this project," said SGA vice-president, Andy

Polk.

According to Bruce Moore, Dean of Student Development, there are three types of cheating on campus. The first is blatant cheating with a cheat sheet. The second is cheating that occurs during Dimensions. This can occur in two ways: 1) by someone swiping his or her card and then leaving, 2) by swiping someone else's card for them. The third area of cheating is plagiarism.