

Feasibility Study Underway

GWU considering Law School

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Gardner-Webb University is considering the option of a law school, with the emphasis on considering.

At the moment there is an exploratory committee looking at the option of a law school eventually beginning at GWU.

Heading up the exploratory committee is Judge John M. Gardner, who is also a new faculty member this fall.

In a recent *Shelby Star*

article Gardner said about the possibility of a law school, "It's certainly something that would be worth looking into."

As for the law school

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actually happening there has to be certain factors present, which is what the exploratory committee's job is to look

for.

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mined," said GWU President Christopher White,

The gaining of significant resources is the next

step, if the decision is made to begin a law school.

Dr. Anne Henderson, a political science professor at GWU said, "Planning, securing funds, and constructing all this would take many years,

"Certainly no student currently enrolled at GWU would expect to see a law school come into existence before he or she graduated," Henderson added.

As for the time frame it will take awhile. According to some sources, the first few dozen law students could

begin study by 2003, but a more realistic time would be 2004 or 2005.

"You're talking about a long, involved process. That is a very big project," said Gardner in the same *Shelby Star* article.

As for an answer for why a law school should begin at Gardner-Webb University President White said, "First the initiation of a law school is something we want to do. It fits with our goal of making GWU an outstanding regional university. It would bring honor, prestige and resources to GWU."

Around Campus

Sept. 21

Commuter meeting
12:00 noon. Blanton Auditorium
Make Your Own Video
2:00-8:00 p.m. Ritch Banquet Hall
Faculty Recital
Carolyn Billings
8:00 p.m. Blanton Auditorium

Sept. 22

Faculty/Staff Talent Show
8:00 p.m. Dover Theater
Kiss The Bulldog
Missions Possible fund raiser

Sept. 22-23

Family weekend

Sept. 23

FB v. Mars Hill
7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5

Study Abroad meeting
Costa Rica Spanish Study 2001
4:00 p.m. Lib 205

Oct. 14

Homecoming

Oct. 23-24

Fall Break

Nov. 23-24

Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 8

Last Day of Classes

Dec. 16

Christmas Break

GWU chief an old face, brings new look

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Ask the new chief, Barry Johnson, what his role is on this campus and he will tell you to help students learn to be responsible before they enter the real world.

"I want to make it a more

community oriented department- to help along and to let them know we are here for them," said Johnson.

"We also want them to know that they are a part of the Boiling Springs community that has standards and guidelines," said Johnson.

Johnson went into the

law enforcement to help people see the light.

Johnson served in the Coast Guard for six years and later served as a deputy sheriff in Morehead City in Carteret County in North Carolina.

Johnson is also a graduate from GWU.

In 1996 he became a Gardner-Webb University police officer.

As for his new role at GWU Johnson said, "I'd like to put responsibility on them. I want to show them we've got an understanding about alcohol, noise, and parking."

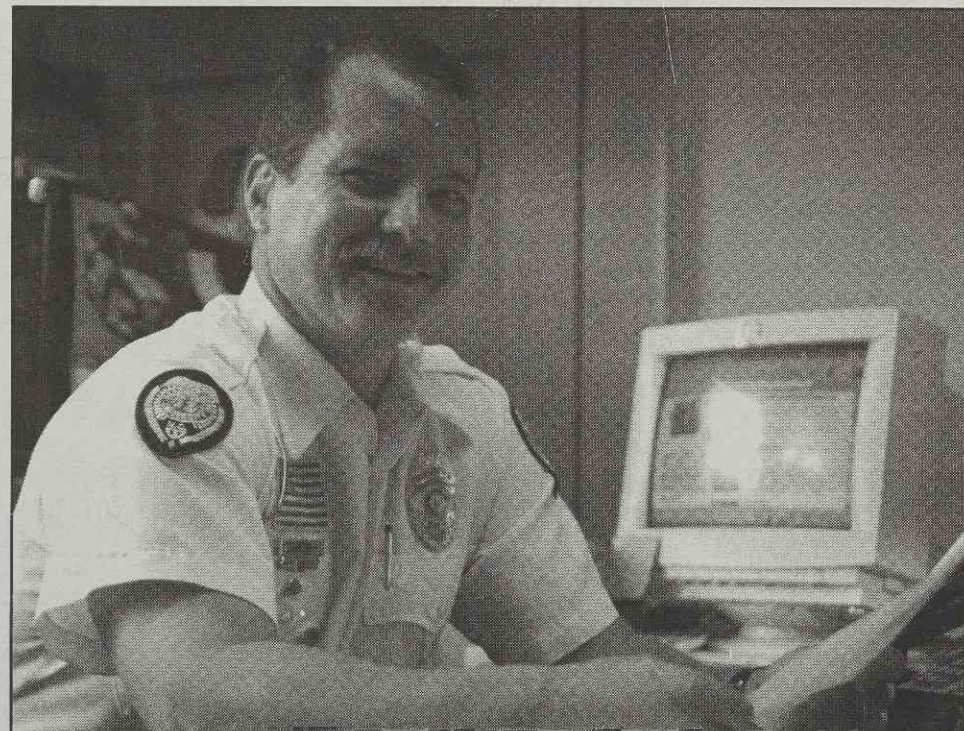
In relation to the alcohol, Johnson would like students to know about the new NC legislation that happened this year.

"It is now illegal for any person to have any open container of alcohol in their vehicle," said Johnson.

Neither the driver nor passenger should have an open container.

As for parking Johnson wants to commend students for cooperating with the marked parking areas designated for students and the separate "red zone" spaces reserved for faculty and staff.

His main concern is with safety. He would also like students to learn to take responsibility for their safety. He also wants students to realize he doesn't want to hurt them or to be their enemy.



Pilot photo by Joy Marinelli

New Gardner-Webb University police chief, Barry Johnson greets a visitor to his office. Johnson who took over the reigns of the GWU police department over the summer wants to emphasize campus safety in his role in dealing with students.