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and with the Residence Life Office to provide the Movies at the Webb TV channel.

RHA is also involved with other colleges and universities on a state, regional and national level in an effort to exchange ideas and learn new and innovative ways to address student

needs.

In addition, RHA uses a portion of the residential student activity fee (\$30) for campus wide programming and hall improvements. According to the Student Handbook, the purpose of this programming is "to address growth for students in a variety of curricular and co-curricular areas."

Such programs include everything from pizza parties and river clean-up efforts to paintball outings and volunteering at homeless shelters.

The goal of residence hall programming is "to provide quality educational experiences while challenging students with exercises in character and instilling values that will build

good citizenship and promote personal and social responsibility."

The Residence Hall Association at Gardner-Webb is made up entirely of students who have the desire to lead and make a difference not only in the lives of their fellow students, but also at a state, regional and national level.

"Gardner-Webb's RHA chapter is essentially a mediator between the students and the administration," Campbell said. "Our goal is to help students, to gain ideas from other schools and improve life for our residents on campus."

"We are one of only a few organizations that represent GWU at a state level," said

Town Meeting provides forum and future plans

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Purple water in the caf. . . did you ever wonder if you were really just drinking diluted Kool-Aid? The water in the caf is clear this semester because the Student Government Association (SGA) Food Committee made sure it had a separate dispenser--it no longer shares the grape Hi-C aftertaste.

The new water dispensers are one of the many changes that SGA has made possible at Gardner-Webb this year. Representatives from the association talked about these changes and other issues at their first-ever Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24 in Blanton Auditorium.

Students, faculty and staff were invited to attend the meeting to listen to what SGA is doing for GWU and to voice their own concerns about what they would like to see the association accomplish.

Vice-President Andy Polk described the meeting as "a forum for students to voice their opinions to SGA and a

way to connect SGA to students." He said that SGA plans to have two Town Hall meetings each semester. The next meeting will be in late March.

Besides getting the separate water dispensers in the caf, SGA is also responsible for the new bagged potato chips, the

includes discussing the price of the current meal plans and proposing to do away with the required 21 meal plan.

Another committee SGA has formed is the policy-evaluation committee. This group will evaluate all university policies related to students and

parking lot one way and to turn the parallel spaces in front of the dorm into angled spaces.

"Making it one way may seem like a hassle, but the benefits of the increased parking spaces will be worth it. Making the spaces angled will create at least 40-50 new spaces," said Woody.

The parking-space proposal is just one example of many that SGA is presenting to Gardner-Webb administration. Some other proposals include a Memorial Drive student coffee house, change machines near vending and laundry areas, longer library hours and more lighting on campus.

Woody ended the Town Hall meeting by presenting an extensive strategic plan to ensure Gardner-Webb's growth and stability over the next ten years. Issues addressed in this plan included environmental, religious, technological, athletic, student life and faculty/staff concerns. Woody also presented the GWU vision statement.

Students can view the ten-year plan on the GWU web site at www.gardner-webb.edu.

SGA welcomes any questions, concerns or suggestions from students. The association can be contacted at x4SGA or sga@gardner-webb.edu.

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-Andy Polk, SGA Vice President

international cuisine and wellness bars and the sugar-free labels at the dessert table. Other plans include a new fume hood for the grill (to rid you of that attractive odor that loves to cling to your clothes) and improvements on overall sanitation.

SGA has also formed a meal plan committee that will evaluate the current plan and attempt to revamp the entire meal plan system. Part of the agenda for this committee

discuss whether they should be kept or eliminated. The committee will present their evaluations before the school administration for final decisions.

One major concern students raised at the Town Hall meeting was limited parking spaces available on campus. SGA assured students that something is being done about this obstacle. Campus police has accepted a proposal made by President Hannah Woody to make the entrance of the Stroup

Missionary teaches classes at GWU

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Dr. Larry Wakefield didn't plan on teaching a Spanish course while on missionary furlough from Guatemala.

He originally planned on just teaching a GOAL course. That all changed when he encountered Dr. Marvin Taylor, chairman of the Spanish department, two days before classes started.

"I met Dr. Taylor while teaching a Gardner-Webb GOAL course in Valdese for the religion department," said Wakefield. "He told me they

needed someone to take over an elementary Spanish course and asked me if I was interested in teaching it."

Wakefield and his wife came to Gardner-Webb to be missionaries in residence—a program sponsored by the religion department, the North Carolina Baptist Association and the International Mission Board (IMB). They found out about the program through the IMB last fall.

The couple have served as missionaries in Central America with the IMB for 22 years. The first 20 years they were in Mexico and the last two

they have ministered throughout Central America while stationed in Guatemala.

Wakefield has experience as conference leader and has taught at Bible institutes. He is currently teaching a Religion 102 class for the GOAL program and a Spanish 102 course for the Spanish department.

Although Wakefield is considering staying longer at Gardner-Webb, he is only committed to teaching this semester. The decision of whether or not he will stay is ultimately left up to the departments involved.

The Pilot gives tribute to

Judy McGinnis Howell: A recent GWU graduate who died tragically at Ski Beech

Judy McGinnis Howell, 41, of Kings Mountain died during a ski trip at Ski Beech resort near Banner Elk. Howell and her family were snow tubing when the accident happened. Howell's inner tube did not stop at the barrier at the end of the run and she landed on her neck. She later died at Johnson City Memorial Hospital in Tennessee.

Howell was a counselor at North Elementary in Kings Mountain. She finished her graduate counseling certification in December here at Gardner-Webb University.

Dr. Kevin Plonk, a former professor of Howell's, shared some thoughts about her:

"Judy was one of those graduate students who could walk into a classroom after a hard day's work and still be full of energy and enthusiasm. Her smile, her laughter and her positive outlook on life was contagious."