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A note from your SGA president

Words cannot describe the great loss, and the horror, we all felt the morning of September 11. In looking at this tragedy, I believe we must all look at the good we can extract from these events. I believe we can all agree it has brought us closer to each other, it has brought our nation closer to God, and it has made our country stronger.

As Gardner-Webb students my charge is to you is this: We never forget the horror, never neglect to pray for the victims' families as well as our leadership in Washington, but we must move on learning from this event and making ourselves stronger.

Let us go down in the history books as a people who stood up to evil and overcame it. And let us remind future generations about this day so that the memory does not fade, but it remains as a reminder of all we lost that day.

On another note, although quite insignificant compared to these last two



Photo by Nathan Smith

SGA president Andy Polk cuts the ribbon in front of the new ATM machine in the downstairs area of the DCC. Walter Miller, President's Assistant, and Mike Hardin, associate vice president for business and finance, look on.

weeks. I would like to tell you a little about what your SGA has been doing.

We have been working hard during these trying times to help students cope with what happened. SGA worked to respect all those who lost their life by having the flag lowered to half staff, and SGA has worked with Campus Ministries and the Student Campus Life Committee to give students a forum to discuss the issues.

In addition to these activities, SGA has worked with the administration to provide students with a student phone in the stairwell of the DCC, as well as an ATM beside the snack bar. We have also addressed the issue of the Internet, making sure it is a high priority of the administration, and we have been working hard to provide funds for many clubs and organizations which many of you are active in.

Another thing SGA is working on is a business pamphlet providing you with things like where local businesses are, as well as business numbers. You can also look forward to seeing a change machine in the DCC so that there is a place on campus to get change to do your laundry.

I hope you see that SGA is working hard to make your voice heard on campus, and that we are working hard to improve student life on campus.

We are more than just a group who discusses issues, we are a group who works hard for you. However, we can not make effective change without your input.

Please tell us what you would like to see changed on campus, and let us work on it. Our number is 4SGA, and we are located in Suttle Hall 108.

May God Bless you, and our country, during the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Andy Polk
SGA President

Pornography on campus

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out students are looking at porn. It's confusing to me. I wonder, 'Why? Why do they do it?'" questioned a senior female.

Where and how to get help

The disheartenment that pornography can bring on those addicted to it and those around them has many wondering where they can turn for help.

A Gardner-Webb male who had struggled with pornography addiction has suggested accountability as an excellent source of support.

"The book of 1 John talks about honestly confessing your sins before men. Besides

the power of Jesus Christ, finding a group of guys to hold you accountable is the strongest weapon to fight the temptation of pornography," said a junior male.

Other sources of help can be found through Christian web sites dealing with porn addiction and Christian counseling.

Though Gardner-Webb's counseling center provides free counseling to all students, counselors state that they have not dealt with many cases.

Essentially, however, students claim an individual must make his or her own decision to change. As a GWU male student pointed out, "There is only so much that others can do to fix the problem—ultimately, there must be a change of heart."

Where to get help:

GWU Counseling Center
Confidential, by appointment
4563

Guy's accountability group
4146

Girl's accountability group
3695

Viafamily.com: offers links to over 30 different pornography help sites. Addicts can receive counsel, encouragement and accountability.



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