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Passport to Homecoming 2001

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Fresh off a night of powder puffing, toilet papering and shaving creaming, it is amazing anyone got out of bed for Saturday's events. Yet, many poor sleep-deprived souls dragged their lifeless bodies out of bed Saturday morning for the traditional dorm decorating contest.

SGA executive treasurer and H.A.P.Y. resident Jennie Jones said their dorm worked Friday night until almost 3 a.m. Saturday morning, and then turned around and woke up at 8 a.m. to finish off the job and impress the judges. The H.A.P.Y. squad did just that, winning first prize in the contest.

Using the theme of "Passport to Hapy Island," the dorm used tropical scenes, played tropical music, threw in two six-foot palm trees and served non-alcoholic piña colodas. The hall will receive \$100 award for hall improvements.

"We were ecstatic to win," Jones said after the judging. "We are glad that we finally took the Honors house off their pedestal, and put H.A.P.Y. on the map."

The Honors house finished in third place, while Myers-Spangler finished second.

Next on the agenda was the traditional Homecoming Day Parade. Dozens of people watched the six-minute barrage of floats, cars and tractors.

The coveted award of best float was



Photo by Scott Holstein

Senior Alicia McMahan is crowned by last year's homecoming queen Hannah Woody during halftime at Saturday's game.

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Roll on: A history of rolling campus

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With ribbons of toilet paper dangling in the trees as a reminder of last weekend's activities, many students are asking how rolling the quad became a tradition.

This activity began in the 1950s as a prank and gradually became "legalized" in the mid-1980s as a tradition for the night before the Homecoming football game, according to Tony Eastman, history professor.

In the 1950s, rolling the quad was "highly illegal and resulted in expulsion from college if caught," said Eastman. According to him, this illegal activity stopped during the 1960s but returned in 1971 as a tradition, when the first four-year class graduated, he added.

"The students stripped every [toilet paper] bar on campus of toilet paper. This is when we got the on-wall dispensers for each bathroom," explained Eastman. "After they stole every roll of toilet paper off of campus, they retreated to the Ingles in Shelby, and, with their own money, bought out every case of toilet paper."

When president Christopher White arrived at Gardner-Webb sixteen years

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GWU graduates come 'home' to Boiling Springs for weekend

Jennifer Menster
Special to the Pilot

If you noticed a lot of older people walking around campus this past weekend wearing Gardner-Webb T-shirts and sweatshirts, don't be alarmed. There is nothing in the Caf's water.

Friday marked the beginning of Homecoming and the return of many GWU alumni.

"The whole purpose of homecoming weekend is to have alumni come home to Gardner-Webb," said Laurie Varley,

director of alumni and parent relations and '93 Gardner-Webb graduate.

And come home they did. Although an official number is not counted, assistant director of alumni and parent relations Francine Schau said prior to the weekend at least several hundred graduates were expected to attend Saturday night's football game.

That number does not count the approximately 100 that planned to attend the alumni banquet Saturday evening, or the several dozen who teed off at the

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alumni golf tournament Friday morning.

All the proceeds from the weekend's activities covered the expenses.

Nearly 15,000 announcements were mailed out to past

Gardner-Webb graduates concerning last weekend's festivities, which included a golf tournament, campus tours, tailgating and an alumni banquet. The brochure was in the form of a passport and listed local restaurants and hotels.

But who really needs hotels when they can camp? Loading up the campers and tents has become a homecoming tradition for some alumni for the past several years. "We rented a camper and set it up right outside the stadium," said alumnus Randy Swartz, of Gastonia.

Swartz and his roommate were the first to begin camping and have done so for the past three years. However, this year the '87 graduate said he wasn't able to camp because time snuck up on him, and because of the NASCAR race in Charlotte, campers weren't easy to come by.

Swartz still took part in the weekend fun, however.

"I've been coming back since graduation," said Swartz. "My kids enjoy coming, and I get to see my roommate and past professors."