

Equestrian team showcases skills at fair

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Last week, the Gardner-Webb Equestrian Club represented Gardner-Webb at the Cleveland County Fair by competing in several competitions and helping the Cleveland County 4H Club raise money.

The Equestrian Club competed at the fair's English Horse Show by showing five GWU horses.

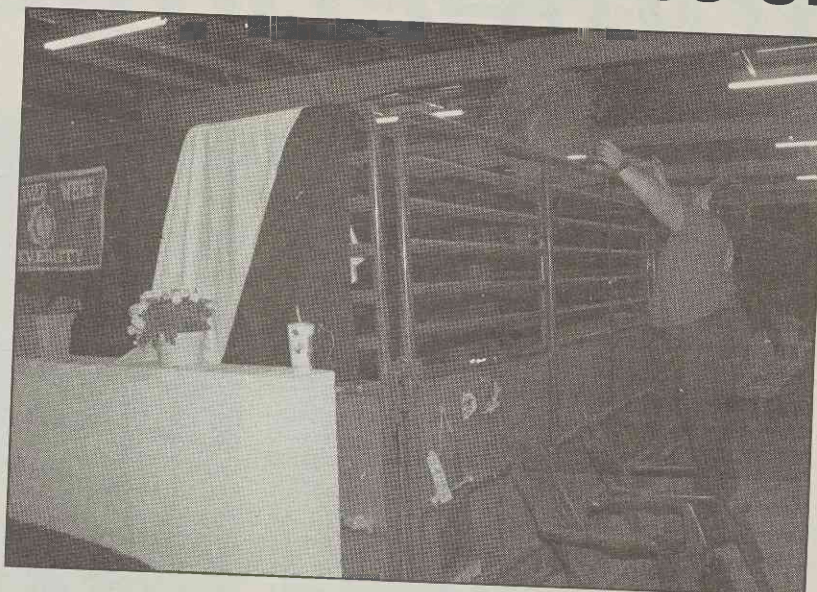
Senior Michelle Rhodes' horse won the prize for Grand Champion Mare and junior Jessica Dykes' horse won the prize for Reserved Champion Gelding in the halter competition of the event.

"It's fun and it gives you good experience around horses," said Dykes in explaining why she enjoys showing the horses.

Several other students also won prizes in showmanship during the competition.

The club also showed three GWU horses at the fair's Western Horse Show. Equestrian Club coach Jo Herndon's horse was named Reserved Champion Mare in the halter competition.

Herndon also took home the reserved title in her showmanship division and senior Meredith Harper won the grand champion title in her showmanship divi-



Senior Natalie Wilson tosses hay to one of the Equestrian Club horses before going home. The club worked hard during the fair to win competitions and raise money for Cleveland County's 4H club.

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sion.

In halter competitions, the appearance of the horse itself is judged. The person showing the horse is judged in showmanship competitions. Money earned from halter competitions is put into the club fund; money earned in showmanship

competitions is kept by the person showing the horse.

Divisions in both competitions are separated according to the age of the person showing the horse. Mares [female horse] and geldings [male horses] are judged separately. First place winners are

named grand champions and second place winners are deemed reserved champions.

The Equestrian club also helped host a judging competition where GWU students and members of the Cleveland County 4H Club learned how to judge horse showmanship. The 4H Club received 3rd place in this event.

For six months preceding the fair and throughout the event, the GWU club helped the Cleveland County 4H Club raise money by raffling off tickets for a drawing—with a Palomino Quarter horse as the prize. The drawing was held Saturday night, with a man from Greensboro, N.C. as the winner.

The Equestrian Club helped the 4H Club raise over \$4,000 with this fundraiser. GWU Equestrian Club Coach Jo Herndon stated that participating in the fair is "profitable and gives exposure to Gardner-Webb."

Its second year in existence, this is also the second year the Gardner-Webb Equestrian Club has participated in the Cleveland County Fair.

Any Gardner-Webb student may be a member of the Equestrian Club by volunteering one hour per week to care for the horses at Sun Down Farms in Boiling

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ago, he legalized the quad rolling tradition.

"Over the years the students became artistic," said Eastman. "They would throw the toilet paper up so that it draped down around the tree, while wrapping the shrubs."

As it was seen on Friday night, words and names were spelled out on the ground of the quad and on the fence around the football stadium.

"The students began to move to the front of the campus no more than ten years ago, but they still focus on the quad and football field," Eastman stated.

The housekeeping, maintenance and groundskeeping staff usually clean the mess left over from the night of rolling.

"It usually takes around five hours to clean," said Leif Hamrick, manager of grounds.

"We continue to work on it again in February or March, when it begins to fall to the ground," he said.

These people put in overtime to complete the clean-up.

Hamrick explained, "The majority of the cleaning is hand work, but we also use hand blowers, rakes and a tractor blower. We work hard to keep the grounds looking good and safe and understand that rolling the quad is a tradition, and we accept that, but we wouldn't mind seeing other traditions form."

Some students oppose this tradition, but others enjoy it.

Senior Elizabeth Lawson said, "I dislike this tradition because it looks awful and stays for the rest of the year. We are backwards compared to most schools because we destroy our own campus rather

than other colleges."

On the other hand, freshman Darryl Nelson disagrees.

"I enjoy this time because I can get away and have no worries about anything while hanging out with my friends," he said.

Rolling the quad is a tradition that has been occurring at GWU for the past 30 years.

"Alumni come back every year during Homecoming to see what has changed and to compare and contrast what the present students have created," explained Moore.

President White agrees that the tradition he sanctioned can be enjoyable when appropriate precautions are taken.

"Rolling the quad is good, clean fun, as long as students do it safe," said Glenda Crofts, White's secretary, on behalf of White.

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award-ed to RHA. The float's theme was "United We Stand," and was filled with students from all over the world holding up flags of different nations.

"We spent a lot of time on the float," said Nicole Hemiric, the RHA representative for H.A.P.Y Hall. "We were making the paper-mache globes for three days."

Coming in second was the sophomore class float, followed by the junior class float.

Then, sandwiched between

two halves of football, came the moment everyone had been waiting for, the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. The freshman attendant was Katie Cooper, followed by sophomore attendant Bobbie Holder and junior attendant Tara Hostetler.

Senior attendants, Gi-Gi Campbell, Alicia McMahan, Danielle Petite and Heather Stewart were then introduced.

Macmahan was voted Homecoming Queen and presented a crown and football, signed by the team.

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The alumni not only got to see one another again but they also had the chance to meet and interact with students.

The alumni are aware of all student activities and several of them attend the events. Current students are also aware of alumni activities, and many students and parents pull up a chair at the alumni tailgate party before Saturday's game.

"The alumni love to see the campus rolled and the homecoming parade with all the different floats," said Varley. "They enjoy

seeing the Dawg Pound and all the student enthusiasm."

Student volunteers helped with the banquet Saturday evening and Senior Josh Benedict, president of the Student Alumni Council, was honored as the 2001 recipient of the future alumni of the year award.

With the various pressures of family and work, why do so many GWU alumni take the time to come back to Boiling Springs?

"Seeing the changes around the school and the differences in people," said Swartz.

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