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New professor 'called' to teach at GWU

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After teaching in Texas for over 16 years, on Christmas Eve Doug Bryan moved to Boiling Springs to teach at Gardner-Webb.

"I felt that it was my calling to teach here," he said.

Bryan has a profound interest in academics. His office is so buried in books there is no place to sit down.

He has a B.A. in English and sociology, a MA in religious education, a graduate specialist in religious education, a B.S. in social work and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology. He also has a teaching certificate in secondary social studies and several counseling licenses.

This new addition to the Gardner-Webb community is a

man with diverse interests.

Bryan enjoys antiques and refinishing furniture. He also likes landscaping.

Bryan is currently working on writing a novel. When asked if he saw himself as a writer, Bryan answered, "I don't classify myself as a writer yet. I see

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writing as a process."

He started writing short stories and plays in junior high and high school.

"I enjoy words, writing and creativity," he said. "We all are

creative. I want to know what areas of my life I can be creative in."

Bryan has a great passion for teaching and learning

"Teaching is a creative challenge. We need to be life-long learners. I want students to be able to think in new ways and be creative," he said.

But, it hasn't always been this way for Bryan. In fact, in high school, the last thing on his mind was teaching.

However, the interest in knowledge and teaching came gradually when he was in college. He also got the chance to teach Bible studies in a local church. "I felt it was my calling to teach," he said.

Students inspired Bryan to start writing his first two books: *Relationship Learning* and *Learning* to

Teach/Teaching to Learn.

"It was a matter of providing information to my students, and then it became a matter of exploring my own creativity," he said.

Bryan's genuine love for learning is reflected in his classes where he encourages

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his students to be creative and think in different ways.

"It is frustrating when students are not cooperative," he said. "But the greatest reward is when my students come back

after graduation and say that I made a difference in their lives. You never know the impact you could have on the students."

Bryan was a missionary for two years in Nigeria where he gave lectures at a seminary. He taught religion, education and psychology. He has also traveled to Hong Kong and Lithuania to teach.

These missionary trips taught him that "God provides chances and opens doors that we can't imagine," he said.

Having visited places where there are different Christian denominations, Bryan came to have a greater view of the Christian world.

He also came to realize that "God's plan is bigger than any group can realize and no group has monopoly on God's plan and power."

Subway to open in Boiling Springs

Restaurant to come in early March

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Boiling Springs has been hopping with new restaurants.

The newest that is coming to Boiling Springs is Subway.

A new Subway is being put into University Square beside the Hard Wok Café, Michelangelo's Pizza and the Cleveland Physical Therapy Association (CPTA).

It will be opening around March 1.

Ralph King, the district manager of Subway, wanted to put a Subway in Boiling Springs within walking distance of Gardner-Webb because he wanted the students to have easy access to it.

"I look forward to this new store because it will have a new décor. I love going into a new store that is remodeled," King said.

Though the restaurant is scheduled to open in less than a month, King recommends that students wait a while before

applying for a job there.

A sign soliciting employees will be put up at the restaurant about a week before the Subway opens, and interviews will be held shortly after.

Employees from other Subways will also come to work at the new one.

Paul Bridges, one of the owners of Walton-Bridges Property Management, and his family own the set of restaurants and stores where Subway will be located.

"My family and I are really excited about the new Subway coming into town," Bridges said.

He believes that it will be a good thing for the students who are health conscious, as well as the overall population of Boiling Springs.

"We really went out of our way to land Subway. We worked for seven months on the lease. That is why it has been vacant for so long," Bridges said.

'Showtime' shows off GWU talent

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Last semester GWU senior Derek Middleton approached Karissa Weir, director of student leadership and activities, with a unique idea: a variety show including singing, dancing and step teams.

The result? This weekend a little taste of "Showtime" is coming to Boiling Springs. Sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, Gardner-Webb University is hosting "Showtime," the first-annual talent show event, which is to be held in Blanton Auditorium in Hamrick Hall on the GWU campus.

Beginning Friday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., the event will consist of song and dance routines and per-

formers will be judged by the applause from the audience.

The idea for the event comes from the TV variety program, "Showtime at the Apollo," said Middleton, who planned the event.

"This is something I've been wanting to do this for a long while," said Middleton. "This is my last semester here so it's a good thing to start now."

GWU students Brad Gregory, Donnie Thurman and Ebony Shelton are all scheduled to perform.

"I just wanted to show off my skills to the school," said Gregory, who promised his performance will be "something amazing."

The event will offer several different acts, and the audience will determine who moves on in the competition and who

receives the grand prize of \$100 cash.

"Showtime" will be the first event of its kind on the Gardner-Webb campus, and Middleton says that the novelty of the event has attracted participants and should draw a large audience. "Ultimately, the crowd will be the judge," said Middleton, who expects to pack out the 250-seat auditorium.

Admission is free with GWU ID, and \$5 at the door for non-students. Following the event, there will be an after-party and dance in the Ritch Banquet Hall which is free for everyone.

"The event is a great salute for Black History Month," said Middleton. "It's just something new, something a little bit different."



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