

Features

Campus remains active throughout the summer

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Some students think that when they leave for the summer, Gardner-Webb shuts down. Actually, there are a lot of things that go on during the summer at Gardner-Webb University. These happenings include camps, summer classes and preparations for the fall semester.

Summer camps are one of the biggest things that keep the GWU campus busy during the summer. Larry Kennedy, Gardner-Webb's auxiliary services manager, books all the camps for the University. Nancy Borders, the summer camp coordinator and the administrative assistant to the business office, is the camp contact.

Over 25 camps will be held at Gardner-Webb this summer. The first camp will begin June 2 and the last camp will end August 3. Both residential (camps where participants stay overnight in the dorms) and day camps will be held.

"There is a long-term benefit to

these camps," Kennedy said. "We get an early opportunity to introduce young students to Gardner-Webb."

Forty percent of the camps are athletic. The other 60 percent include music/band, leadership and Christian-oriented youth camps.

According to Kennedy, athletic coaches have the first opportunity to select the dates in which they want their camps to occur. This year there will be about 12 athletic clinics on campus. These clinics are not just for Gardner-Webb students; camp participants range in age from five years old to adult.

The Residence Life staff helps out with the camps by taking on several roles during the summer. They issue the keys and check the rooms before and after camps to insure they are in good condition.

Although campers take up much of the GWU campus during the summer, classes do not stop. There are two summer sessions of classes for Gardner-Webb students. The first summer session lasts from May 23 through June 25,

and the second summer session runs from June 27 to July 30. Most of these classes meet every day of the week as opposed to meeting every other day in order to make up for the shortness of the sessions.

Gardner-Webb students who take classes during the summer reside in the campus apartments. Students pay \$510 per session for this arrangement. These students are required to purchase a meal plan, costing \$275 per session.

There is also a summer lease program where students can live in the apartments during the entire summer. The whole summer is considered to be May 12 through the beginning of August. The rate for the summer lease program is \$330 per month. Students choosing to do this must sign a three-month contract. After August 4, students must move out of their leased residence and move into his or her assigned fall residence hall.

The Residence Life staff does a lot during the summer to prepare for the fall semester. They use \$150,000 to

repair any damages in the residence halls. "Summer is a busy time at Gardner-Webb University," said Doug Searcy, director of Residence Life.

Campus Police also remain very active during the summer months. For the camps, they provide the same services that they provide for the Gardner-Webb students. Some of these services include enforcing state laws, assisting counselors with certain issues they might have, assisting in medical calls, unlocking secured dorms and vehicles and ensuring the overall safety of the campus.

To prepare for the fall semester, the officers reevaluate the school year as a whole by looking at safer campuses based upon reports, looking at parking issues, looking at the need for certain programs such as the self-defense classes, looking at trends across the United States and reevaluating staffing needs and schedules. "We evaluate the previous school year, identify and find solutions for those problems," Wacaster said.

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