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SGA President has high hopes for 2002-2003 year

Before I begin to discuss any student issues, I would like to say one important thing—WELCOME BACK! To all incoming freshmen and transfer students, I am glad that you decided to come to GWU, and I want to say, "Welcome Home!" This year has the potential to be a landmark year for GWU, Student Government Association and each student on campus.

Already, the year has brought a record number of incoming freshmen, official NCAA Division I status and various other things. However, this means that each one of us must take steps to maintain the current momentum of the year. Now, more than ever, students should become involved in helping to better their school.

A new way for students to voice their concerns and promote change in the university is through Student Advisory Boards. These will meet monthly and will help to promote diverse ideas and opinions. The more students that are involved in these meetings, the better SGA will be able to unify students and solve their problems.

Another method to strengthen student involvement is through meeting with the SGA Executive Council. The SGA Office has moved to the Suttle Wellness Center. With this change will come a more open SGA; the executive officers will be in the office throughout the day working on various tasks. If you have a problem, do not be afraid to stop by and voice your complaint.

Finally, SGA meetings will be taking place twice a month.

While I was here this summer, I had the opportunity to meet with numerous members of the administration and discuss issues that were and are important to the student body. After all of these meetings took place, one thing became very apparent: communication between the administration and students had almost become extinct. In order to improve this, student forums were created. These forums would take place once a month and would feature a different member from the administration answering questions from the student body. This would serve as a great medium through which students can voice their concerns to the appropriate members of the administration.

Another issue that came to a head at the end of last year was the food service in the cafeteria. This summer, RHA President Antwan Campbell and I met with various members of the local and regional cafeteria management team. We discussed with them several things that we saw as major problems that needed immediate attention. As a result of these meetings, the cafeteria has agreed to be extremely open to the requests and comments of the student body. However, in order for this to be successful, the students must voice their concerns to the management of the cafeteria; that is the only way for this to help remedy cafeteria issues. Hopefully, this will create a better way of ensuring food service that is pleasing to the entire student body.

I am looking forward to meeting all of the new students and maintaining my friendships with all of the returning ones. This will be a great year for everyone; however, all of us have to take advantage of the opportunities we have before us. I am excited about what each of you brings to Gardner-Webb and I hope that you will all strive for academic, physical and (most importantly) spiritual excellence while you are here.

May God bless each of you.

— Patrick Woody
SGA President 2002-2003



Students sit on the quad during the Michelle Tumes concert Tuesday night.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

You have moved away from home, from long-time friends, from your church, from everything that is familiar to you and now you want to know if college can ever be like home. You are searching for a way to develop new friendships, grow closer to God and even help others while you are here.

Well, I have good news for you! Campus Ministries has a wide variety of opportunities that will help you to get settled into college and to find your place among all of these strangers. You will have a chance to play fun games, participate in small group bible studies, learn about missions, worship with other students and volunteer at local organizations.

I am a senior this year and being involved in Campus Ministries over the past three years has been one of the greatest experiences of my college years. My closest friends and fondest memories have resulted from my participation with this great group of people. I encourage all of you, freshmen and upperclassmen alike, to find your place in Campus Ministries. Check the bulletin board near the cafeteria for the latest news and upcoming events. I hope to see each of you throughout the coming year.

— Kelly Cox
CMU Council Coordinator