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## Trustees hire lawyers

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Gardner-Webb's board of trustees has hired three outside attorneys to perform a "complete and impartial" investigation of allegations brought against the university.

Ed Hallman, H. King Buttermore III and Monica Stucky, lawyers from Atlanta, Ga., have been at the school for more than a week interviewing faculty, staff and students.

Hallman would not tell who recommended him and his partners for the job. A rumor circulating around campus was that Trustee Tom Bell, of Marietta, Ga., recommended Hallman. However, Hallman said he has never heard nor meet Bell. Bell did not return phone calls.

Trustee Chairman Thomas Hardin, who also did not return phone calls, said in a press release that Hallman's job "is to look into all aspects of the Gardner-Webb honor code, the situation in question, including actions by the president, and the subsequent unrest on campus."

The press release also said that Hallman and his law partners have extensive experience with collegiate honor codes and student judicial systems.

Hallman said he has done a lot of work for honor codes at schools such as Wake Forest University, Georgia State

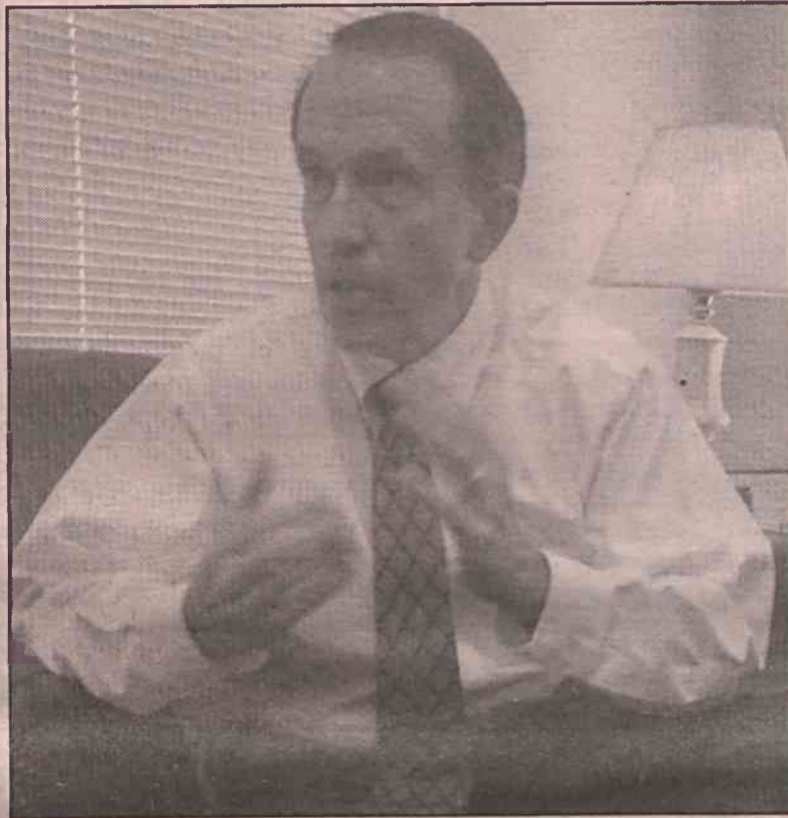


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Atlanta Attorney Ed Hallman sits in an office in the Webb building. Hallman and two of his partners were hired by the board of trustees to investigate the university and provide advice.

University and University of Georgia.

Hallman has worked for at least three other cases for Gardner-Webb in the past. One involved accusations the university was looking into. Hallman said he could not discuss one case he has assisted on for the university and "forgets" the other one.

Hallman stated that he has a lot of experience in other fields. According to Hallman's law firm's Web site, www.dh.com, Hallman's areas of

practice include Environmental Law, Litigation & Appeal, Business Organizations and Real Estate Law. The Web site did not mention any practice of

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Tracy Jessup, minister to the university, leads a group of faculty and students in prayer Wednesday. The group prayed for the university and other needs.

## Students, faculty pray for university

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Wayne Earley feels that prayer is the answer to Gardner-Webb's problems.

That's why the senior attended a student/faculty prayer service Wednesday in the Dover Chapel.

"As a Christian, I felt obligated and responsible to pray for what has happened with our university in regards to the president," Earley said. "It makes me feel good that the Father hears prayers and rejoices in fulfilling those prayers."

About seven students and eight faculty members were present at the meeting.

The student prayer meeting was originally supposed to be around the flagpole. However, because of rain, the students were given permission to join

the faculty prayer meeting at noon in the chapel.

For the past year, faculty have met at noon each Wednesday in the chapel. Tracy Jessup, minister to the university, leads the prayer service.

On Wednesday, Jessup began listing several prayer requests concerning the university, faculty and students. The requests were followed by individual silence, individual spoken prayer and a closing prayer by Jessup.

"Personally, I feel one reason the university is so great is because of all the prayers throughout the decades," Jessup said. "You should never underestimate what God can do."

The meeting lasted about 30 minutes. Jessup said that from now on, students are welcome at the weekly faculty prayer service.

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