

News

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Music professor loses house in fire

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Dr. Terry Fern, professor of music at Gardner-Webb, and his family experienced a great loss Friday, Sept. 13 when their house, located in Shelby, was lost in an electrical fire.

The "Christmas house," as it is known by neighbors, was a beautiful two-story white home with a bright red door.

Fern came home Friday night to find his house in flames. No one was home at the time of the fire.

Neighbors took the family in that night, and on Saturday Christopher White, president

of the university, and Mrs. White were among the first to arrive to give their assistance and support.

They made it possible for a home to be immediately available for the Fern's so they could stay together as a family.

Norris Furniture and GWU, along with many other untold contributions, helped furnish the house. The Gardner-Webb Physical Plant was on hand and provided a significant amount of help, in spite of it being the weekend.

On a rainy Sunday morning, the Fern's were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love. Over seventy people were in the yard doing what-

ever they could to assist their friends.

In the midst of such a tragedy, the Fern family has

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maintained a remarkable amount of courage and strength, leaning on faith and the support of community.

John 4:32 and 34 took on a new meaning for Dr. Fern and became his comfort in the wake of the tragic events.

"But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about. My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.'"

"Everything has a new perspective to it," Dr. Fern said, referring to the Scripture.

Despite the circumstances, Dr. Fern said, "We were having reminiscent moments in the rubble. We were brought back to Christmas years ago," he said, as they leafed through the pictures left behind.

Prayer and "loving, caring and communicating" has kept the Fern family strong in the past days.

Assistance can be given through various contributions. Recovery of pictures and memorabilia is currently taking place at the Fern residence.

Donations are also appreciated and can be made through the Music Department Office Box 7298 at Gardner-Webb University.

NEWS IN BRIEF

School offers new major

The Health and Wellness major is gaining popularity in Gardner-Webb's Physical Education and Sports Studies department.

The Health/Wellness Major was created in the fall of 2001. According to information provided by Franki Burch, the B.S. degree requires 33 hours of classes that will provide "expertise for students pursuing job placements in various health/wellness outreach programs."

The Health/Wellness major is gaining popularity and has various "emerging professions," said Burch, Associate Professor of Physical Education, Wellness and Sports Studies. Potential career opportunities range from weight loss clinics to recreation coordinators on cruise liners.

The emphasis of the Health/Wellness major is on health behavior changes and leading a life of quality. The Health/Wellness Major recommends a minor in the health/wellness field.

If you are interested in the Health/Wellness major, contact Franki Burch, or Teri Hassell at extension 4423.

— Stephanie Alexander

BB&T gives money to Gardner-Webb investment club

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Learning how to invest money is crucial in society today. The Investment Club is a way to learn how to invest money in a unique setting with many benefits.

The mission of the Investment Club is to help students learn to manage portfolios and how to invest wisely in the stock market. The students learn what to look for, in order to make a wise investment and what to look for that would prevent them from making bad investments.

BB&T has a unique part-

nership with Gardner-Webb's Investment Club, in that the bank gives money for the club to invest. The Investment Club and BB&T have been in this partnership for four years.

BB&T has promised \$25,000, which has and will be given to the club in increments of \$5,000 per year, over a period of five years, ending in 2003. The club invests the money and learns, in a comfortable setting, how to manage a portfolio and tips on which stocks to invest in.

Dr. Swicegood is the faculty representative who advises the club and who helps the students learn. Each of the

members of the club is placed into a separate committee, which researches a possible investment, in order for the group to make the best decisions.

The club helps students get a better understanding of the financial world. The knowledge they gain through the club will be lifetime benefits.

The students are learning how to manage money and invest it well now, while there are few consequences, rather than later, when mistakes will affect them greatly, said Abraham Gonzalez.

"It puts understanding to

real life," said Gonzalez, Investment Club Secretary.

The club gives students a chance to take what they learn in class and apply it to a real life situation. The club provides a comfortable setting in which the members are free from the stresses of tests while still learning very valuable tips, said Gonzalez.

"The Investment Club is a great resource for business students at Gardner-Webb," said Gonzalez. "It gives you great experiences and real world knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere."

So far, the club is not sure what they will be investing in

this year because they have only had one meeting, but they hope to decide within the next few meetings.

They do not worry about investing the money immediately because they want to make the best decisions, and the research takes time. Sometimes the club will not invest anything for an entire semester if they feel that they cannot make a good investment choice.

The goal of the Investment Club is to use the money gained from investments as scholarships for business majors, said Gonzalez.

New exam schedule

Because of a conflict with original exam scheduling, the exam schedule for fall 2002 has changed, said Stephen Sain, with the registrar's office. Originally, the faculty and freshman had to different versions. The registrar's office had to choose to reconcile the difference.

Examination will normally be held in the classroom in which the class usually meets.

— information gathered by Tracy Whitman

New Final Examination Schedule FALL SEMESTER 2002

	Dec. 9 Monday	Dec. 10 Tuesday	Dec. 11 Wednesday	Dec. 12 Thursday	Dec. 13 Friday	Dec. 14 Saturday
8-11	TTH 8 - 9:15-	TTH 1:15 -2:30	MWF 12 - 12:50	MW 2 - 3:15	TTH 10:25 -11:40	MWF 8 -8:50
1-4	MWF 1- 1:50	MWF 11 - 11:50	TTH 2:40 -3:55	MWF 9 -9:50	TTH 11:50-1:05	MWF 10-10:50