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## Students continue to protest

### Some hold signs; others their Bibles

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Car horns broke the silence of dawn early Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Students assembled in the fog on the patio of the O. Max Gardner Music building at 7:30 a.m. to march to the stoplight for their vigil of protest to begin. Their numbers began around 50 and slowly progressed to near 100 at various times throughout the day.

Holding creative signs and banners and waving at bypassers, the students endured the sweltering heat to make their voices heard. The message varied, but the request was the same: students want to be

addressed.

"I have only been here half a semester and in everything that's happening, we haven't been heard—either from the student forum or the meeting with the attorneys," said freshman Ashley Anderson.

Other students were protesting the lack of integrity the school has shown the world throughout this ordeal. Calling for a return to biblical expectations, these students advocated Christian justice to be served.

"I came to Gardner-Webb because it was a Christian university with a reputation of integrity," said senior Summer Crisp. "I feel that has been infringed on recently."

Other students came to

show support for the faculty.

"I stand behind the faculty and their no-confidence vote," said junior Amanda Houser. "In my opinion, that man [White] does not need to be president of this university. This is not an academic verses athletic issue; it's about the honor code. If you can't stand for truth, what can you stand for?"

While other students waved their homemade signs calling for honor and White's resignation, junior SGA vice president Chip Carter sat on the curb reading the Book of John from his Bible.

"This is my sign," said Carter, holding his Bible. "I'm not here advocating for or



Photo by Stephanie Alexander

Senior Katrina Paulino joined the protesters on Oct. 2 on Main Street as they made their voices heard.

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## Hardin admits wrong doing

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Questions. Answers. Clarification. This is what the students of Gardner-Webb have been asking for since day one.

On Oct. 2, Thomas Hardin, chairman of the board of trustees, and Christopher White, president of Gardner-Webb, met with students at scheduled times in various residence halls on campus.

During the one of the question/answer sessions, Jeff Porter, a senior, raised a question concerning the student appeals policy, which is stated in the Student Catalog. The policy reads: "Appeals should not be made on behalf of the student by another party.

Appeals proffered by anyone other than the student whose program is in question will be dismissed."

Porter's question

was directed to Hardin.

"White and Chuck Burch [vice president of athletic affairs] made an appeal and it wasn't dismissed. Aren't they in violation of at least this policy [referring to the previously mentioned student appeals policy]?"

"I would say so," responded Hardin, after some clarification of the question.

Porter was "very surprised" in the way Hardin responded.

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## Students experience life with alcohol

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So you've heard it all before — don't drink and drive, don't ride with anyone who has been drinking, don't drink if you are underage, and so on and so on.

But, have you experienced what it might be like to drive drunk? Have you tried yummy alternatives to alcoholic beverages? Or have you been 'clubbing' with your friends and found how easy it is to have a date-rape drug (or gummi bear) placed in your drink if you aren't careful?

If you took part in the numerous Alcohol Awareness Week activities, you could probably answer 'yes.'

Alcohol Awareness Week was Oct. 7-11, with several clubs and organizations providing educational programs to help raise awareness.

Mark Dougherty, coordinator of judicial affairs, helped organize the week. Instead of the typical lectures and classes on the effects of alcohol, Dougherty wanted to have fun and interactive programs that students would want to participate in.

Some of the activities during the week included a drunk driving simulation provided by GWU Campus Police and a showing of the movie *Pay It Forward*, sponsored by SEA. FOCUS and RHA also offered non-alcoholic

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