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Homecoming Week

Students dress up, prep for football game

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Tiffany Tompkins, Dan Walz and Jen Wilhite show homecoming spirit by dressing up for "Tacky Day." Photo by Angela Murtiff

We've survived midterms.

We've returned from Fall Break. Now its time for some fun.

Homecoming began this weekend, with activities taking place during the prior week.

Dawn Anthony, assistant director of Alumni and Parent Relations, is looking forward to the weekend.

"We anticipate a good turnout and excitement and a lot of fun and support from the students and the community," she said.

This year's theme, Gardner-Webb USA: Bulldog Tradition-American Pride will focus on patriotism and honoring American Heroes.

The weekend kicks off with the annual GWU Homecoming Golf Tournament at River Bend Golf Club, followed by a "Coming Home" tent gathering and social at Spangler Memorial Stadium.

The Northside/Southside Powder-Puff Football game will be at Spangler Memorial Stadium. The

Alumni Flag Football Game follows.

Saturday is full of activities for the whole family. The morning begins with a community service called, "In Memory and Honor of American Heroes" at Lake Hollifield. Guided tours of the campus will be offered throughout the morning.

The Homecoming Parade will feature GWU clubs as well as involvement from those in the community.

For some, the highlight of the weekend is the GWU vs. University of Tennessee Martin football game at 1:30 p.m. at Spangler Memorial Stadium.

Saturday evening holds the "American Tribute" Fireworks Show, the Alumni Social and the "Star Spangled" Homecoming Dance.

"Hopefully this weekend will bring unity of faculty, staff, students, trustees, supporters and members of the community," Anthony said.

Schedule of events

- Powder-Puff game, 7 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium
- Alumni Flag football game to follow
- Weekend Excursion concert Friday night, Mill Playhouse following
- Parade, 12:30 p.m. Main Street
- GWU vs. Univ. of Tenn. Martin, 1:30
- Fireworks and Dance, 8:15 and 9 p.m.

GWU MOVES TO REBUILD

Trustees name interim president

Erin Boyd, Mike Shade and Margaret O'Driscoll
Pilot staff

The Gardner-Webb University board of trustees announced Thursday that Frank Campbell will begin serving as interim president on Monday, Nov. 4.

Campbell, 65, retired in June as president of Averett University, where he served for 17 years.

Chairman Tommy Hardin stated the board "unanimously" supports Campbell, who will have "full presidential authority" starting Monday.

Hardin also noted lawyer Ed Hallman stated Thursday morning that the university would no longer need his law firm's services.

When asked about the status of former Dean Gil Blackburn and former Associate Dean Phil Williams, Hardin said "that issue was taken care of in the Sept. 27 meeting."

Speculation is that Campbell will have the power to name the new deans.

During his time as president, Averett's budget increased tremendously — from just under \$5 million to \$20 million.

The *Shelby Star* recently reported that the school grew

academically during Campbell's time there, adding graduate and professional studies programs and expanding graduate degrees to include a master of business administration and a master of arts in teaching.

Faculty at Averett stated Thursday that Campbell was a "very personable and fair" president, who knew and spoke to many students by name.

Those who knew him at Averett also described Campbell as being a good mediator, who tried to address all concerns.

Though from Roanoke, Va., Campbell holds some ties with North Carolina. He has a doctor of divinity from Wake Forest University.

Campbell also holds a doctor of ministry, a master of theology, a bachelor of divinity, an honorary doctorate of philosophy degree and a bachelor of arts degree.

Throughout his career, Campbell has been active in community and religious service.

Campbell also served as pastor of five churches across North Carolina and Tennessee before becoming president of Averett.

Campbell and his wife live in Danville, Va.

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