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PROFESSORS SPEAK

Students, faculty attend war forum

Laurie Pinkert
Pilot staff

The Gardner-Webb War Forum held at 7 p.m. on April 7 in Blanton Auditorium not only gave people the opportunity to become more informed about the status, history, and impact of the war in Iraq, but it also gave them an opportunity to speak.

"A sense of community was accomplished," said Sophomore Summer Hess. "There was a willingness to listen and respect each others' opinions. That doesn't happen every day."

Approximately 150 students, faculty and members of the community attended the forum.

Featured speakers included: Don Berry, professor of missions and world religions in the school of divinity; Kent Blevins, associate professor of religious studies and philosophy; Kevin Plonk, assistant professor of psychology; Chad Raymond, assistant professor of political science; and David Yelton, chair of department of social sciences.

Audience members were given



Photo by Christina O'Grady

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Chad Raymond, speaks with students, faculty and Boiling Springs residents at the War Forum on April 7.

the opportunity to write questions on note cards and to have those questions addressed by the panel of speakers. At the conclusion of the forum, audience members were also given an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns.

"I was five years old when

bombs were falling on the house next door," Joanna Woyciechowska, a community member from Poland said. She explained that during the war, she and her family hoped that the American forces would rescue them. "I wish you [America] success."

Increase: cost of university to go up

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Administration will then estimate how much revenue they will take in — they do this before considering raising students' admission price. Other sources of revenue include endowments, which were down this year, donations and money from the North Carolina State Baptist Convention.

"We work on the budget and get it as bear bones without tuition worries," Campbell said. "Then we try to harmonize tuition increase."

In addition to the other expenditures, the severance package for former president Christopher White did not help the \$50 million plus budget. Campbell said that when a university has any expenditure of any kind the money is automatically set aside to take care of that obligation.

"There was no way for [the settlement pay] not to have an effect on the budget because it is an expenditure of the university," Dixon said.

Both Dixon and Campbell said

Comparing numbers

- Campbell University — '01-'02 - \$17,401
- Presbyterian College — '02-'03 - \$25,142
- Mount Oliver College — '02-'03 - \$7,205
- Average cost for universities in the south - \$3,198 (tuition and fees)
- Average cost for universities in the nation - \$3,754 (tuition and fees)

that the increase in the cost of enrollment does seem like a lot, especially to students. "I just want to assure the students the budget work was done with our best effort to keep Gardner-Webb education affordable," Campbell said.

For many students, the effect of the increase may not be felt. Some students have scholarships that guarantee 80 or 50 percent of tuition no matter how much it increases. Other

students, however, have a fixed scholarship.

Dixon said that when tuition increases, financial aid will also increase roughly 1/3; however, this may not apply to every student. Dixon said that the financial aid office works hard to distribute as much money possible to all students.

"We understand that cost is an issue for everyone — whether they are coming or staying," Dixon said. "We try to help people afford schooling."

In the long run, Dixon said the university will benefit from the seemingly expensive cost of the university. With new majors, such as the art major, and new programs, such as YUSA, more students are expected to start attending the university that would not normally choose the institution.

"Every one person adds to the budget, and, maybe one day, we can hold it down more," Dixon said. "The more numbers we have, the more the share of the cost burden."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Students attend international conference

The international student conference was held at the N.C. Baptist Assembly in Ft. Caswell the weekend of April 4-6. The theme was "Back in the Day: Remembering Our Childhood." It is a bi-annual conference sponsored by The International Committee of the Baptist State Convention.

Twenty-two students went with Campus Minister Andy Byers and Carolyn McKinney, assistant director of admissions.

"In such a season of global friction it was truly a joy to see students from all over the world laughing together, playing soccer on the beach together and sharing their life stories together," said Byers.

The weekend began Friday night with an informal fellowship time, where the students could get comfortable with each other. The conference continued all day Saturday with small group discussions, dances, an international culture hour and free time to play sports on the beach. A boat ride concluded their stay on Sunday.

— Brenda Goodbrad

Students present at honors conference

Four Gardner-Webb University honors students represented GWU at the Southern Regional Honors Council Conference in Greensboro, N.C. on April 10-12. Senior Brantley Paschal presented her honors thesis entitled "Internal Analysis Help Orphanages and Developing Nations to Operate More Efficiently and Effectively." Several students held a panel discussion dealing with topics addressed in the Death and American Culture honors seminar course, taught by June Hobbs, professor of English. The student panel was comprised of junior Emily Killian, junior Laurie Pinkert and sophomore Summer Hess.

— Angela Lachney

Freshman wins award

Gardner-Webb freshman Megan Berry recently won third place for her age group in the local Erma Drum Poetry Contest.

The contest is held annually with students of all ages sending in their poetry from the Cleveland County area. This was the first year that Gardner-Webb has been involved in the contest.

This is the first poetry contest that Berry has entered.

There was a reception for all of the winners, who will have their poetry published in The Star, along with their pictures.

Berry plans to keep writing in the future. She is currently writing a novel. Berry is a double major here at GWU, studying Journalism and Religious Studies.

— Erin Aldridge