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The Verge: a unifying ministry

CMU brings together all the ministries of Gardner-Webb under a new name with a new meaning

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Campus Ministries United has many organizations with which students can become involved.

The Verge is its newest addition.

The Verge, formerly GaP, has new meaning along with a new name. It has already met once this semester and will continue to meet at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Ritch Banquet Hall. A prayer time will take place before each service at 7:45 p.m. outside Ritch Banquet Hall.

"CMU has looked for a

ministry in which all the smaller ministries they support, such as small groups and FOCUS, can come together and worship," said Natalie Murphy, coordinator of The Verge. With much prayer, CMU decided to use The Verge as that central ministry on campus.

Murphy will be working with Andy Byers, speaker and director of student ministries, and Barry Wilson, worship leader, as well as others in CMU.

The Verge will have the same focus on worship as GaP, along with a fellowship time afterwards.

"College is a time where



Photo by Kaylin Bowers

Gardner-Webb students get involved in praise and worship during the first meeting of The Verge, a new CMU ministry.

students make changes from childhood to adulthood and The Verge is meant to be here to help students make that transition," said Murphy.

One of the goals Murphy has is to help disciple and reach out to many student groups on campus. The Verge provides a place where people can worship, learn about God and

spend time in fellowship with friends.

"Worship is not just singing; it's honest praise to God," said Wilson, as he opened the service in song at last Tuesday's meeting.

Following the worship time, Byers spoke. He will continue to speak two or three times a month. Murphy has

planned on students speaking a couple of times a semester and the remaining services are to be led by professors and others.

Murphy and the CMU team are looking forward to what God has in store for The Verge as it continues through the year. It is a time to worship, a time to learn and a time to have fun.

Campus apartment residents under new rules

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A small change, involving only a couple of words in the Room and Lobby Visitation section of the Handbook, was made in the Gardner-Webb University Student Handbook this year.

The Handbook states: "Persons of the opposite sex may visit in lobbies and/or lounges designated for such purposes between the hours of noon and 2 a.m., seven days a week. Students in University Commons may visit in the Club House until 2 a.m. Apartment living rooms are not considered common areas."

To the residents of University Commons, the

meanings of the words "lobby" and "common area" have clearly changed since last year, when they referred to the student's living rooms in the handbook. But, as many students are wondering, why was it necessary for this small, yet one with big consequences, change to be made?

According to Rob Foreman, director of residence life, the visitation hours were not enforced in the University Commons. Foreman stated that many violations of persons of the opposite sex being in student's bedrooms after midnight were reported.

Foreman also pointed out that with students being in apartments, it was quite hard to know if students were really

following the rules or not, and Resident Advisors were being asked to stay up past 2 a.m. to enforce the rule before it was changed.

Students here at GWU have mixed views about the change in visitation hours. "We're adults," said Sabrina Hulett, an apartment resident. "I don't understand why we have visitation hours."

Many students, like Lorelei Wagner, also a resident of University Commons, were eager to a flaw in the system. "If anybody is going to break the rules, they're going to do it at any time of the day, regardless of the rules," said Wagner.

"I think it's a little silly to have the residents go completely out of the apartment at 12

a.m. with their visitors, but it makes it more fair for everyone not living in the apartments," said Kira Chalmers, a resident of H.A.P.Y Hall.

Other students said they felt that residence life kind of went behind their backs with the change and were surprised with it when they returned back to school this summer.

"The handbook is revised in May when students are not here," said Foreman.

He also pointed out that he conducted a "Coffee Talk" student forum in the spring to talk with students about what was going on in Residence Life, and the possible change was mentioned to the two students who attended the forum.

Now that the clubhouse has

become the lobby for the apartments, Residence Life is working hard to make it a better place for students to hang out.

"We are trying to make sure less meetings and events are scheduled in the Club House," said Foreman. "Our goal is to make the Club House more of a student place."

Foreman also reported that the Club House will soon have a new plasma T.V., as well as other changes to benefit the residents of the apartments.

"The new visitation rules are set in stone for at least a year, until it is time to revise the handbook again," Foreman said, "Then it will be up to Residence Life to decide what the visitation rules for next year will be."