

## News

## Families invited to rhyme the weekend away

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Gardner-Webb Family Weekend's expected onslaught of parents, guardians, siblings and loved ones has kept its facilitators busy with preparations. The offices of Alumni Relations and Student Leadership and Activities, co-hosts of the annual event, keep in mind this year's chosen theme: "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

Taken straight from Dr. Seuss' beloved children's book, the theme was chosen because it relates to everyone.

"It talks about the ups and downs of life as we

explore the success within us," said Dawn Anthony, assistant director of alumni relations. "There will be ups and downs along the way, but there will also be many successes."

For many students, the value of the weekend lies in the opportunity to reunite, if only for three days, with missed loved ones. Freshman Andrew Bartholomew's father plans to travel 10 hours from Frederick, Maryland to be with his son. "I miss him already, and it's only been a couple weeks," said Bartholomew of his father.

Scheduled for Sept. 12-14, Family Weekend will include the following

events: Senior Pinning Banquet and Ceremony, a 5K Road Race and Fun Run

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for Recycling, a family picnic with live music provided by local band The Rogers Sisters, an ice cream social and the chance to watch the football team take on Weber International

University.

Anthony's hopes are that the collection of care-free activities will create a comfortable atmosphere. "We want fun and good fellowship...lots of warm fuzzies throughout the weekend," said Anthony.

The formal Senior Pinning Banquet and Ceremony, during which seniors are pinned by a person of their choice, is designed to provide students graduating in winter, spring or fall with the opportunity to honor those they love. Before the official ceremony, students can visit with faculty and staff and pick up tickets for the banquet at a reception for

seniors and guests. Seniors who have not registered for the ceremony can do so at the Office of Alumni Relations.

The Staff and Faculty Variety Show, featuring the Webb Hall staff and many faculty members, will also keep with the Dr. Seuss theme. Students will lead a worship service on Sunday morning in the Dover Chapel.

Registration forms for Family Weekend are available at the Office of Alumni Relations.

"It's a good time to come together as a Gardner-Webb community and enjoy some Dr. Seuss fun," said Anthony.

## Thefts go unsolved

### Police unsure of time, date of summer crimes

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This summer, anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 visitors walked around the campus of Gardner-Webb University.

No wonder campus police does not have any suspects concerning several electronic thefts that occurred this summer.

Once school started up again, a DVD player, computer and tv/vcr combo were reported missing from Lindsay, Withrow and the Communications Studies Hall.

Police Chief Barry Johnson said they have no suspects but are working on a few things.

"It's hard to figure out who may have done these acts because we can't pinpoint the time they occurred," Johnson said.

Johnson said the thefts were about average for summer or maybe a little below average considering the amount of people on campus this summer.

Johnson said they will continue to investigate the missing equipment. He urges all students to lock all doors, windows and vehicles and to report any suspicious activity to campus police.

As for the rest of the summer, Johnson said there were not any major issues. A few roads were closed, such as the road off Stadium drive between the soccer fields and Spangler Hall. Campus police also posted more signs about

speeding, which will be heavily enforced this year.

"We are really going to crack down on speeding on Stadium Drive," Johnson said.

Campus police are imposing parking laws, which many students see as a huge problem on campus.

Johnson's resolution - "walk."

For those students who do drive, Johnson advises not to park in the gravel lot behind Craig Hall. With so many vehicles in that lot, Johnson said there have already been problems with bump-ups and people getting blocked in. Johnson said to park in the lots behind Lutz and Mauney Halls.

Also, any student that has not bought a parking pass (\$75, available at the police station) needs to do so soon, Johnson said. Parking tickets will be written for any cars parked on campus without a valid pass. Last week, campus police wrote 20 tickets in one hour, of which 65 percent were for no registration. The other 35 percent was for parking on the grass or in a red parking spot, which is for staff only between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The campus police station is open 24/7, and they are here to serve the campus, said Johnson. Among the services they provide are jumping off vehicles, unlocking cars or rooms, and protecting students.

## New counselor to assist students

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Special to the Pilot

Gardner-Webb students will be seeing a new face on campus beginning this semester. Caswell Martin, a 1999 graduate of GWU, has joined the counseling services staff in Washburn Hall.

While she was interning for GWU, Martin had the opportunity to work for Dr. Jim Whitlow. "I fell in love with working with students," she said.

Martin feels that this is where she is supposed to be and that working in Counseling Services is "the best job there is to have here."

Martin took over Trish Murray's job and wants to continue Murray's contact with students. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of the free counseling services GWU offers.

The counseling services department of GWU can assist with personal growth and development, improving study habits and more mundane things, along with the serious issues generally associated with counseling.

Martin also wants students to know that GWU's counseling services can help students begin to achieve their life goals. She wants to emphasize to students that,

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"You're forming your identity and making a lot of big decisions that are going to affect the rest of your life.

"I care about students and can relate to and remember what they're going through," she said. "It really is a great thing to have someone to talk to.

"Whether you're feeling positive or negative, remember you're not alone in what you might be feeling."

Martin feels that she is here as a facilitator for GWU students, not as an advice giver.

"I'm very eager to meet students and be a source of support for something as small as wanting to improve your relationship with your mom, to something as big as depression or eating disorders," she said.