

News

NCAA Follow-up

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Almost one year after Gardner-Webb's athletic infractions came to light, the NCAA released its Notice of Allegations to GWU President Frank Campbell on Aug. 27.

The document detailing the findings will not be released to the public until a later date.

Campbell, along with GWU Compliance Director Scott Larson and Athletic Director Chuck Burch, must review the allegations made against the university, judge the document for its accuracy and decide whether or not the university agrees with the sequence or severity of the accusations.

"I am sure we [GWU and the NCAA] will disagree at some points," said Campbell. "But we will cooperate."

He does, however, feel that the report is fair although he does not necessarily agree with all of the conclusions the NCAA has made.

The report details both GWU's major and secondary infractions as well as singles out individuals who were involved in some infractions.

GWU has until Oct. 22 to reply to the accusations recorded in the NCAA's report.

The next step involves a trip to Indianapolis, Ind. to verbally respond to the allegations and inform the NCAA of the measures GWU intends to take in order to resolve the infractions.

Campbell said that the university's response to the allegations took immediate effect.

"Our stance now is cooperation," said Campbell. "We need their approval."

He also said GWU's response has included regular contact with the NCAA and the Atlantic Sun Conference. The administration has also hired an attorney who specializes in NCAA investigations.

Campbell has not, however, found out when the NCAA's final determination will be although he suspects it will be sometime in the spring semester.

"I have asked the NCAA when we will know," he said. "Their response is 'in time.'"

Despite the accusations against the university, Campbell is confident in GWU's future.

"Yes, we made mistakes; and when you make mistakes, you have to pay for them," he said. "But they weren't fatal mistakes. We are moving on."

Monetarily, these accusations will have some effect on GWU, the biggest expense stemming from attorney fees; however, Campbell does not predict an effect on future enrollment, despite the possibility of game forfeits and various other punishments.

No matter what the repercussions are, Campbell feels like peoples' opinions on the punishments will be mixed.

"A few people will say they really stuck it to us," he said. "Others will say we got off easy."

"I don't want students to worry about it," he said. "Let me get the gray hairs."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Business department holds open house

The Business department will sponsor an open house from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sept. 25 in the Tucker Library, which is located on the first floor of Hamrick Hall.

The open house is available for anyone interested in majoring in business. The open house will be casual, with refreshments and door prizes.

"We want to meet students and become better acquainted with them," said Sue Camp, professor of business administration.

Camp would also like students to see the facilities and to learn about the business major. For more information, contact Camp at ext. 4378.

— Scott Holstein

Race for Recycling a success

The second annual Gardner-Webb "Race for Recycling," held on Saturday, Sept. 13, was held as one of family weekend's numerous activities. The road race promoted recycling at GWU and raised a gross of \$900. This money will be used to put recycling bins on campus, starting with one in the DCC.

The road race consisted of two separate events, a 5K and a Kids' 1/4 mile Fun Run. The 5K (3.1 miles) course stretched from the GWU softball field to The Broad River Greenway.

Several race records were set on Saturday. Michael McCauley, a former GWU student, set a new road race record time of 15:27. Toni Cruz also set a new women's record with a time 18:59.

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Plans become reality

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soccer and track.

The stadium's new improvements will also help with recruiting.

"The new look will be great for recruiting, not only for athletics but for academics," said Steve Patton, head football coach. "With the nice addition this will be a place to be proud to come to."

Patton currently feels that the press box does not look much different than any high school stadium in the area. He feels the upgrade is well overdue.

The current press box was built sometime in the mid-1960s, Rabb said. There is no dressing room for visitors, who dress in Bost Gym and have their half-time

meetings in a covered tent in the stadium.

As for the cost for the stadium, it is still undetermined because bids are still coming in for several supplies.

Rabb said the money to pay for the renovations is coming from fund raisers and donations, which is one reason it has taken longer to get construction started.

"It is tough to raise enough money," Rabb said.

Burch said it is hard to predict how much revenue the new improvements will bring in.

"We can't speculate if this will be an instant money maker," Burch said. "However, we should host several outside events that will bring in revenue."

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