

## Features

# Boy proposes — Girl says yes

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Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Boy proposes. Girl says yes.

If this sounds like the promo for the newest reality television show on Fox, think again. This is reality for several Gardner-Webb couples.

Just like each reality show has its own twists and surprises, each couple's story is unique. Each story, like the one below, possesses surprises of its own.

For Aug. 23, Tyler Roach planned a night full of surprises.

"He told me to pack a bag," said senior Laura Campbell, Roach's girlfriend of one and a half years. "And I was like, 'Pack a bag!'"

He soon put her fears to rest — he wasn't taking her to a hotel.

This was the first of many

surprises Campbell was to experience that night.

"I wasn't supposed to know what was going on," said Campbell.

Roach blindfolded her so she wouldn't know where they were going. The couple enjoyed dinner at the Melting Pot in Hickory, N.C.

But the date wasn't over. Roach had more plans for the evening. He blindfolded Campbell for a second time.

When they reached their destination, Campbell was left blindfolded. Roach guided her through a set of doors.

"It smells like church," said Campbell.

She couldn't have been more correct. Roach had taken her to her home church in Lincolnton, N.C. where her father is a minister. The only lights on in the sanctuary were focused on the altar, where a ceramic bowl (crafted by Campbell's grandfather) sat, filled with water.

Roach proceeded to wash Campbell's feet, telling her that he wanted to serve and love her.

"I still didn't have a clue," said Campbell. "I kept telling him that it was the best date ever."

After he washed her feet, Roach led Campbell to the altar to pray.

"He had me stand up and then he asked me to marry him," said Campbell.

Roach had achieved complete surprise. She had no idea that he was going to propose that night. He said that he had been trying to make her think that they should wait awhile to get engaged.

Roach was excited that he thought of an unique way to propose.

"I had to do something different," said Roach. "I had already written her a song to tell her that I loved her earlier in our relationship."

The couple has planned

their wedding for June 26, in the same church where Roach proposed.

For Campbell and Roach, planning the wedding and going to school has been a challenge, even this early in the semester.

"Basically, we do everything on the weekends for the

wedding," said Campbell.

Both Campbell and Roach are graduating from GWU in May. Not only does the couple have to plan their wedding, they also have to consider their after graduation plans. They are looking into divinity schools, both seeking masters degrees in counseling.



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Tyler Roach and Laura Campbell plan to get married on June 26 in the church where Roach proposed.

## 9-11 becomes history

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Two years after September 11, 2001, Gardner-Webb's overall attitude toward terrorism has changed. There were no gatherings at the flagpole, no school-sponsored times of prayer and no major outcry about the lives lost just two years ago in the worst terrorist attack in American history.

"I don't think people are affected by it as much as they thought they would be—it's already history," said Robert Munoz, professor of sociology, who added that there are several possible reasons why people haven't commemorated 9-11 this year like they did last year.

"We have too many other things to worry about," he said, naming Iraq and Afghanistan as concerns.

It has been two years without much success in catching leading terrorists, especially Osama Bin Laden. This process has potentially caused Americans to become ambivalent because we haven't had revenge, he said.

Munoz also believes the economic downturn has also been a factor.

Senior Chris Armstrong agrees.

"If we forget exactly what happened

and exactly how we were violated, we're only hurting ourselves," said Armstrong, who has mixed feelings about this anniversary.

It might be good for Americans to see clips of the attacks again as a reminder, said Armstrong, who also wants America to move forward.

"History was made and we should acknowledge that," said Armstrong. "By not doing anything, we encourage more attacks."

For Munoz, many Americans have not made changes in their lifestyles since 9-11.

"The only difference today is that it takes longer to get through the airport," he said.

Despite widespread worries in the media about the possibility of other attacks by terrorists, Munoz doubts that they will be active for a while, probably not until around Christmas.

"Historically, terrorists like to have their own day," he said.

The U.S. State Department, however, has cautioned Americans abroad that there is a risk of attack, especially outside of the United States.

## Smoothies: healthy, refreshing and cheap?

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Smoother than a successful date in Boiling Springs and cheaper too! Try a quick, refreshing way to pick up a serving or two of fruit. Break out your blender, raid the fruit basket in the caf and have at it!

### Pina Colada Minus the Trouble

Ingredients: 1 banana, sliced, 3/4 cup pineapple chunks, 3/4 cup coconut milk, 3/4 cup vanilla ice cream (or frozen yogurt)

Directions: Blend all ingredients until smooth.

### Creamsicle Wanna-Be

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups vanilla ice cream, 1 cup mandarin orange sections (can be purchased in a can at Ingles), 1/2 cup milk, 2 tablespoons frozen orange concentrate, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions: Blend all ingredients until smooth.

### Mocha Mud Puddle

Ingredients: 1 frozen, sliced banana, 1/2 cup chocolate milk, 3 Oreos, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/4 cup coffee

Directions: Blend all ingredients until smooth.

### Cherry Fizzies

Ingredients: 1 cup of cherries (the kind in the jar works fine), 5 ice cubes, 1/2 cup of 7-up (or Cherry 7-up)

Directions: Blend cherries and ice until slushy. Then add 7-up and blend until smooth.