

## Features



# Classic entertainment

SunSet drive-in provides students with an inexpensive and fun evening



Photo by Lee Adams

Tina Bailey rings up Pepsis for KC Lane and Eddie Steier at the SunSet drive-in.

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Whether a movie is an action, drama or comedy the atmosphere surrounding the film is different when viewed at Shelby's Sunset drive-in. The quality of the film may not be as top quality as a movie theater can provide, yet for those that attend a night at the drive-in they will not leave without memories of the experience.

Sunset gives attendees a chance to meet the locals and for some at Gardner-Webb they have grown up attending the drive in.

"When I was a little girl my grandparents lived on highway 74, and we would sit out on the porch and watch the movie," said cafeteria staff member Frieda Jones.

The casual feeling that the local drive-in creates is one of the main reason students go.

"It's the only place you can sit out on your lawn chair and chill out and watch new movies," said Kim Ellis.

Some students complain about the quality of the films because of the old movie screen that still reigns over the grass at the drive-in.

With the myriad of other things to do at the drive-in the quality of the film is still more than efficient to have a fun evening. There is also a snack bar that remains open until halfway through the second film.

Among other advantages of the drive in, one is the price.

"It's fun to pack your car like sardines so that you get two movies for a dollar," said Eric Proctor.

The Sunset drive in is located at US 74 West, about a 10 minute drive from GWU. The play list consists of the two top selling movies for the previous week.

## Music major strikes a successful chord

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Music student Emily Dimick came to Gardner-Webb with a passion for music and a desire to use it to reach others.

In fall of 2004, she will graduate with a degree in music education and a love for the department that has been her home for the past four years.

Dimick's musical roots run deep. "My first musical memory is of my family singing 'If I Were a Butterfly' in church," said Dimick.

A childhood filled with church choir, chorus and band practices – plus countless flute, saxophone and piano lessons – left an unforgettable mark that made her college major an easy decision.

"Music was my passion. I couldn't see myself doing anything else," she said. "I feel like that's the gift God gave me."

Teachers that inspired and encouraged her, as well as a summer spent teaching a summer camp chorus class, solidified her decision to combine music and education.

"My seventh grade band teacher, Mr. Brookshire, was a constant encouragement," Dimick said. "Everyone always

loved his class because he was so funny – he made fat person jokes about his wife."

Years of moving all over – and, occasionally, out of – the United States also contributed to her appreciation of music and culture. With a father in the Navy, Dimick and her family found themselves relocating often. She spent her high school years in Sicily before moving to Chesapeake, Va.

"Moving around broadened my perspective about life," she said.

Dimick chose GWU after auditioning for music schools throughout the Southeast. She remembers her audition with Dr. Terry Fern as "very personal," as opposed to the seven-person panels at other schools.

"I just woke up one morning and God said, 'That's where you're supposed to be,'" said Dimick.

The music school opened up opportunities, but demanded a serious time commitment. "It's not that music majors are anti-social; we're in the OMG practice rooms!" she said.

But the hours put in resulted in improvement. "I didn't know how good she was until she went away," said her brother, Matthew Dimick, a freshman.

The chance to fill the role of the travel-

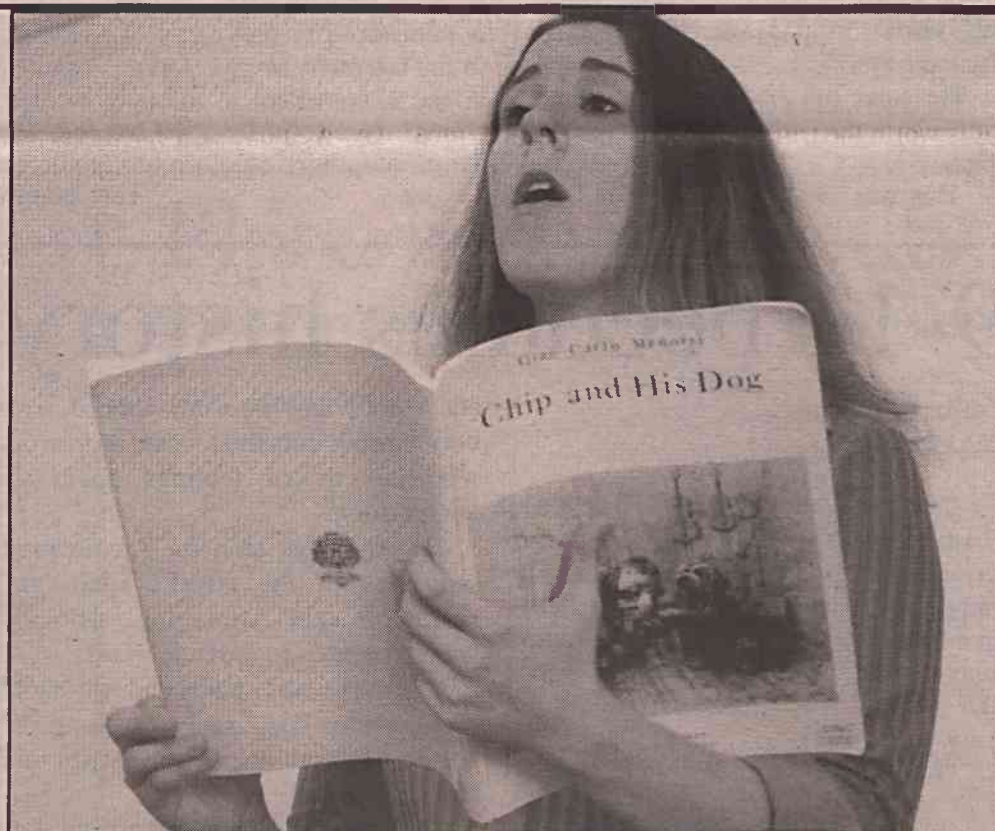


Photo by Mary Leigh Miller

GWU Senior Emily Dimick keeps a busy schedule that includes plenty of practice time for her singing.

er's wife in the opera St. Nicholas gave Dimick a chance to showcase her hard work in front of an audience.

"I'd never acted before ... being on stage helped so much," she said. "It gave me more confidence in myself."

Dimick will also appear in the upcoming performance of the opera "Chip and His Dog," the story of a poor, instrument-making boy, his dog and their struggle to survive. The opera is scheduled for Nov. 13, 14 and 15 in Dover Theater. Before graduation, the music major must perform a senior recital April 8 and student teach for a semes-

ter in the fall.

She is quick to credit the Music department with her accomplishments thus far. "The professors are all very intelligent and caring," she said. "They really want you to be successful."

Dimick's supporters have no doubt that she will achieve success.

"Emily puts her heart and soul into whatever she sets out to accomplish" her brother said. "She went in as a music education major, and she's coming out as a music education major, which says a lot."