

News

Students assist Boy Scouts

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On Oct. 25, boy scout troops from all around the area gathered at the Cleveland County fairgrounds for the annual Boy Scout Jamboree.

The event is a midway, meaning it provides an opportunity for all the boy scouts attending it. Usually, it takes three to six months for a Boy Scout to earn a prized merit badge, but at the Jamboree, the boys were allowed to attempt to earn as many badges as they could throughout its duration.

One of the badges, the Disability Awareness badge, provided Gardner-Webb students and staff with a special opportunity at the Jamboree as well.

"Dr. Blackburn informed the Noel program here at GWU about the opportunity for some of our students and staff to attend the Jamboree to educate the Boy Scouts about disabilities," said Josh Gouge,

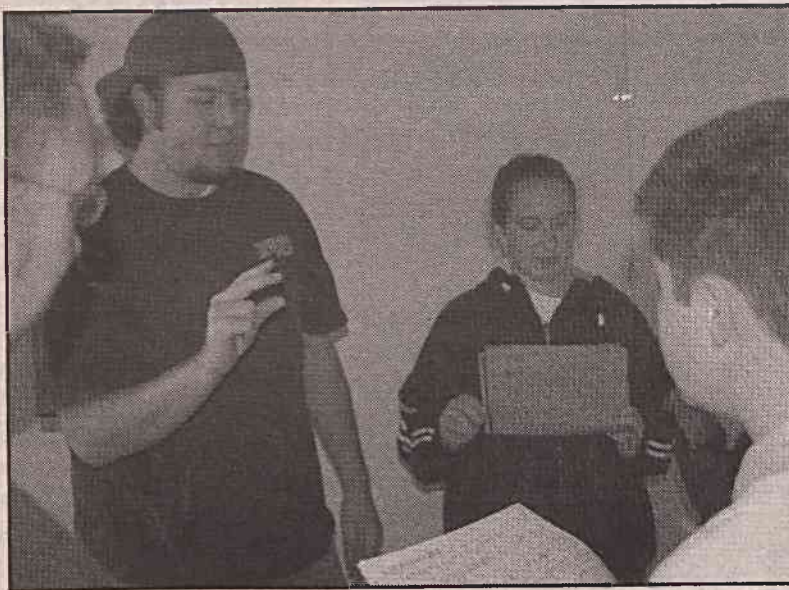


Photo by Christina O'Grady

Russ Gribble Jr. and Stephanie Zawada Sr. help Boy Scouts earn merit badges by teaching them some Sign Language. This was just one part of the booth that Gardner-Webb's Noel Program had at the Boy Scout Merit Fair this past weekend.

Disability Specialist with the Noel program.

After being educated about various disabilities by the Deaf Club and Noel staff of GWU, the boy scouts earned their Disability Awareness badge, among others at the Jamboree.

Gouge said that many of the students at GWU helping out were very excited to get to do so. They were glad to be able to educate others about the disabilities that they come face to face with every day.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Make Your Mark" encourages giving

The Student Government Association, along with the help of the Office of Alumni Relations, has started a campaign to raise money for Gardner-Webb student scholarships.

Each senior is encouraged to donate \$1 for the new "Make Your Mark" campaign. There are about 350 seniors at GWU and around 100 have already made their dollar contribution.

"The goal is not to raise a large sum of money, but have a large number of seniors participate," said Jeff Porter, who works as an alumni officer.

The small donations are collected and used in part for student scholarships.

"In addition, national ranking organizations and philanthropic foundations take special note of alumni giving percentages when making decisions in regard to the University," said Porter.

SGA President Chip Carter said that the donation is a symbolic way of saying that students can make a difference.

"It seems like a small amount in the large scheme of things," said Carter, who added that the campaign serves as a stepping-stone for giving later on.

rick's will be placed in the "Walk of Honor" in the front on the DCC in commemoration of the generosity of the senior class of 2004.

The campaign is still going on and if seniors have questions concerning the "Make Your Mark" campaign, phone calls will be accepted in the Office of Alumni Relations at (704) 406-3862.

— Sean Hubbard

There's no place like homecoming

The first weekend in November will bring the traditional homecoming festivities to campus — along with a few home-spun twists.

The weekend's schedule was put together by several campus organizations, including the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, Student Entertainment Association and Student Government Association.

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Student Alumni Council facilitate the events designed especially for former students. This year's events keep with the chosen theme, "There's No Place Like Home."

"It just seemed to fit this year," said Dawn Anthony, assistant director of alumni relations. "Gardner-Webb is still their home. Gardner-Webb was the beginning of their spiritual journey, their family journey, their career journey."

Anthony said attending homecoming is much like coming full circle.

Homecoming officially begins Nov. 6 as Newsong performs at 7 p.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. Admission is free for students.

Friday's events include a golf tournament for alumni, an Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, an alumni social entitled "There's No Place Like the 90s" (for graduates of classes 1990-1999), the powder-puff football game and a bonfire and pep rally for the game the following day.

A homecoming parade will precede the game Saturday against Charleston Southern University. Members of homecoming court will be announced at halftime.

Freshman Allison Blackwell, a homecoming court member, is looking forward to the weekend.

"I was ecstatic when Karissa Weir called to tell me I had been voted the freshman representative," Blackwell said. "It came as a complete surprise, but I am looking forward to homecoming weekend and all of its festivities."

Alumni, staff and faculty are invited to join students that night at the "Ruby Red Slippers" Homecoming Dance.

— Katie Main



Local Halloween Haunts

Haunted Pyramids:

Open through Saturday Nov. 1
www.hauntedpyramids.com
538-0001

Terror in the Woods

3802 Barrier Drive in Lattimore
Admission is \$5
Open Thurs. — Sat.

FBC of Shelby

Oct. 31 from 5 — 7 p.m.
Greatest Treat Festival

Tunnel of Terror

120 Belton Drive in Grover0
Until Nov. 1
Mon. — Thurs. Open until 11 p.m.
Fri. — Sun. Open until everyone leaves
\$10 admission
704-937-9574

Fall For Shelby Festival

Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

DMW VFD Spook House

Open through Nov. 1
Off N.C. 18 toward Gaffney
864-489-2194

Bachelor Road

Grover VFD

Wompus Woods

Open through Nov. 1
8 p.m. — until
Cowpens, S.C.

Haunted Corn Maize

Now until Oct 31
Boiling Springs

Bar H Haunted Hayride

Oct. 31 — Nov. 1
7:30 p.m. — until

Circle J

Oct. 23 — 31
7:30 p.m. — until