

## Features

# Studying Abroad

## offers students language and culture

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Gardner-Webb students interested in learning French have the opportunity to study abroad during the summer in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec. GWU joins the University of Quebec at Trois-Rivieres and their Ecole Internationale de Francais program.

Students can choose between two five-week sessions this summer — May 10- June 11 or June 28- July 30.

The program is designed to help students effectively learn French and to develop their oral and written skills.

"This program helps students to develop their speaking skills as well as gain the cultural benefits of being abroad and experiencing the culture," said Nathalie Davaut, professor of French at GWU.

Students attend class Monday through Friday for three and a half hours each morning. In conjunction with classes, students can attend workshops, which focus on the cultural aspects of the French language and Quebec. The program offers workshops on songs and music, theater and folk dancing.

"The language goes with the culture," said Davaut. "You need to understand the culture to

communicate well."

Students also have the opportunity to explore Quebec City, as it is only a 15 minute bus ride to malls, movie theaters and sidewalk cafes.

Students stay on the university's campus in apartments and have full access to facilities like the gym, the olympic indoor pool, the library and a student café.

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GWU's partnership with the program in Quebec has been in effect for about 25 years.

The program is growing, said Davaut. There are more students signed up for the program this year than in the past.

Davaut stressed the importance of the program for international business majors. She said that because of the United States' trade agreement with Canada, international business majors should take advantage of learning the language spoken by a future business partner or relation.

The approximate cost for the program and airfare is \$2,000. Students who are interested in the program should contact Davaut as

soon as possible. A deposit of \$400 is due before Thanksgiving break.

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## Contract extended

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reconstruction of the football stadium and hopes to improve academic areas, including a new science building. Campbell said he wants to improve the communication among faculty on campus and continue to improve the well being of the students.

"When dealing with the day-to-day operations of a place like this, there will always be issues," Campbell said. "But I feel that things are good."

Campbell and the board of trustees have already met budget and enrollment numbers. At last Thursday's meeting, the audit report came back, and Campbell said it was the best in years.

Campbell has also made a few changes in administration. Scoot Dixon was promoted to vice president for university relations and Jack Buchanan was named as the new vice president of enrollment management, Dixon's former title.

Throughout the next two years, Campbell will also be working with a search committee for the next president.

Campbell said a committee is already established, but the search will not begin until mid-spring semester. He said the search will take about a year.

"The main issues are the NCAA report and us doing what we are supposed to do," Campbell said. "We don't want to bring in a new president to have to deal with that. I don't mind dealing with it."

The search committee, which will have two faculty members and a student as well as board members and others, will build profiles of interviewees to get an idea of the president they want. All the committee's work will be done in confidentiality, Campbell said.

"I am pleasantly surprised how fun it is to work here," Campbell said. "I enjoy the students. The spirit is good on campus. We have a really good faculty. The board of trustees is working hard to move on. I am pleased with everything."

## Weddings...

### how much do they cost?

Total cost: \$20,000  
Marriage license: \$50  
Engagement ring: \$3,000  
Wedding dress: \$900  
Flowers: \$850  
Reception: \$8,000-\$10,000  
Cake: \$450  
Photographs/ video: \$1,000-\$3,000  
Rehearsal dinner: \$700

Information provided by: todaysbride.com and emeraldweddings.com

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| 10/16- 10/31 | Corn Maze – Shelby                                 |
| 10/1- 11/1   | Raphael to Monet- Waters Art Museum – Charlotte    |
| 10/7- 1/4    | Candlelight Christmas- Biltmore Estate - Asheville |
| 10/ 30       | Bloodmobile at GWU                                 |
| 11/6         | Newsong in concert @ 7 p.m. at GWU                 |
| 11/6         | Tara Leigh Cobble concert – Montreat College       |
| 11/8         | Carolina Pottery Festival - Shelby                 |
| 11/9         | Moonlight Walk at Broad River Greenway             |
| 11/22- 11/23 | Smoky Mountain States Intergalactic Bead Festival  |
| 11/30        | Shelby Christmas Parade                            |
| 12/5         | Tara Leigh Cobble concert – Greenville, S.C.       |

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