

## Sports

## New coaches hired

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Gardner-Webb's growth in the NCAA D-I athletic competitions requires the hiring of coaches that have previous experience at the collegiate level. This past summer the athletic staff announced several new additions to the coaching staff at GWU.

**Women's Soccer**

Debbie Pacchioni is continuing her education in Gardner-Webb's graduate program along with coaching as an assistant for the women's soccer program. While playing collegiate soccer at National American University in Rapid City, S.D., Pacchioni, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, captained the team to appearances in the 1998 and 1999 NAIA National Tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs open the season against Army at the High Point Classic on August 30.

**Men's Soccer**

John Miglarese joined the men's soccer program to help the Runnin' Bulldogs as they enter the 2003 season. Before joining the program as an assistant coach Miglarese gained knowledge in soccer from Georgia Southern as a coach from 2001-2002. Miglarese played at Georgia Southern from 1996-1999.

The men's team makes their 2003 regular season debut at home against Milligan on August 29.

**Men's basketball**

Chris Holtmann, a Nicholasville, Ky native, joined the men's basketball program at GWU after his position as a top assistant at NAIA member Taylor (Ind.) University. Holtmann earned earned All-American honors at Taylor in 1994 as the team earned a spot as the NAIA's top ranked team.

Holtmann's career in collegiate coaching started in 1997-1998 as a junior varsity coach along with helping out with the varsity squad.

**Track & Field**

David Price joined GWU's track & field coaching staff as the top assistant. Price previously coached at Western Carolina University from 1999 to the present. While at WCU, 40 student athletes earned all conference status. Prices' area of expertise is on the field events.

Head Cross-Country Coach Brian Baker took over the program as Director of Track & Field and Cross-Country after Bryan Fetzer resigned following the 2003 track & field season. Fetzer is currently pursuing other career opportunities in the sport.

The men's and women's cross-country squad opens up the season at the Charlotte Relays on August 30.

## Swimmer breaks records

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Gardner-Webb swimmer April Knowles is continuing her season through late August for the Bahamas after placing well at the Bahamian National Meet this summer.

The rising sophomore set national records in four events at Nationals, which were held from July 10-13 in Nassau.

Knowles turned in new record times of 1:07.89 in the 100 fly, 1:19:53 in the 100 breast, 2:32.43 in the 200 fly and 2:55.64 in the

200 breast.

After scoring 50 points at the meet Knowles tied for the High Point Trophy. This is the third time Knowles has met the standard to receive the trophy. Knowles earned this title outright at the 1999 and 2001 Nationals.

Following phenomenal performances at Nationals, Knowles went on to compete for the Bahamas at the Pan American Games from Aug. 8-15 in the Dominican Republic. Knowles also earned a spot on the Bahamian team that is competing at the World Championships in South

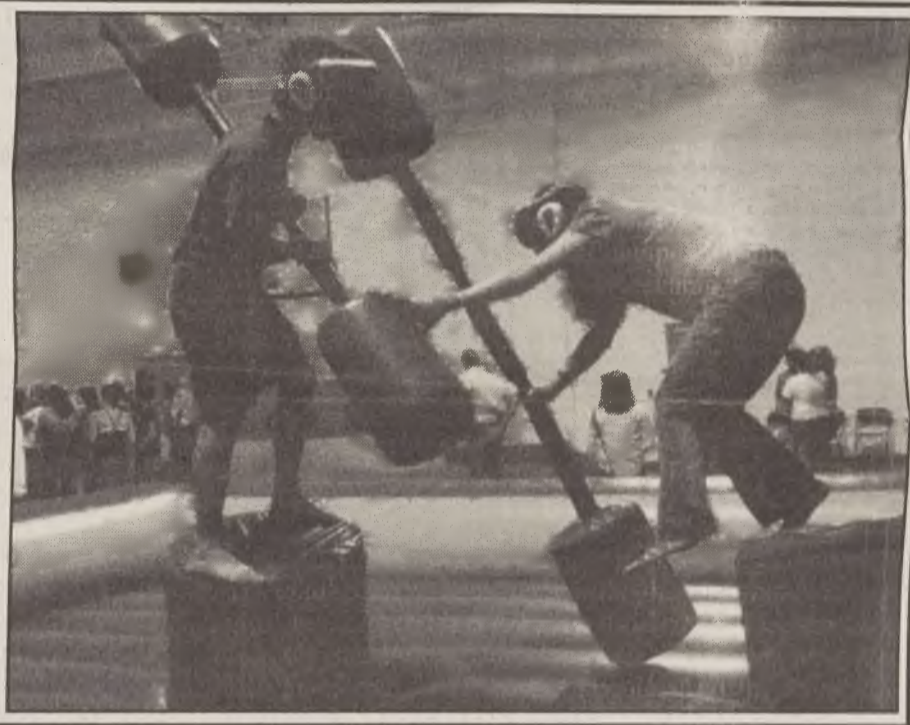
Korea from Aug. 21-31.

The lady swimmers of Gardner-Webb kick off the season on October 24 against Davidson at home. The first event is slated to start at 7 p.m. Head Coach Mike Simpson added Camille Palacio (Charlotte), Kathleen Peterson (Danville, Ky.), Kathryn Williams (Greenville, S.C.) and Terra Wilson (Potter Valley, Calif.) to the 2003-2004 squad.

Simpson's team graduated four seniors from the 2002-2003 squad in May and is returning fourteen swimmers.

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Two students joust during orientation. Gardner-Webb sponsored many similar activities for students.



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