

## News

# Unity service brings people together

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Gardner-Webb University Provost Dr. Frank Bonner welcomed guests to a Racial Unity service that was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday in Paul Porter Arena. The service was partially geared toward the recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. and included a video of speeches by King.

During the service, there were congregational songs in the beginning of the evening led by Andy Roby of Shelby First Baptist, and congregational singing led by Ray Harper of Shiloh Baptist later on.

Also taking place were

activities such as a drama by the Webb Spinners of GWU, a medley by the Mass Choir led by Molora Kellstrom of the Family Worship Center, a message shared by Robert Smith from Beeson Divinity School in Alabama who also spoke at Dimensions on Tuesday, and candle lighting initiated by Carroll Page of Boiling Springs Baptist.

Following the service was a reception, and held on Monday at 11:30 a.m. a walk from the Law Enforcement Center to Shelby high school, and then at 12:00 p.m. a Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration was held at Malcolm Brown Auditorium at Shelby high

school.

The service brought people of different races together. "We saw the coming together of the African American, the white, and the hispanic communities," said Walter Miller, assistant to the president and organizer of the event.

Randy Borders of Faith Harvest Church in Shelby, felt that those who attended came because they wanted to be there.

"I felt such a sense of unified purpose. I knew people sacrificed watching the game to come out for a greater priority, and that was moving," said Borders



Photo by Christina O'Grady

Community participates in the Racial Unity Service held in Paul Porter Arena on Jan. 18. The service brought people of different races together in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Celebration Week Relevant message through music and ministry

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Gardner-Webb University's annual student-led revival, Celebration Week, will begin at 8 p.m. Monday in Dover Theater.

The revival, a long-standing tradition at GWU, invites students to participate in worship through preaching, music and testimonies.

The revival will continue through Jan. 29, featuring an extra Dimensions service Thursday morning and nightly services held in Dover Theatre.

Speakers for the week include Roland Kilmilkai, Monday night; Brandon Juhaish, Tuesday morning; Cara Madoni, Tuesday night; Rebecca Miller, Wednesday night; Rich Williams, Thursday morning; and Matthew Orth, of Crossroad's Ministries, at the last service Thursday night.

The Gospel Choir will

be performing Tuesday morning in Dimensions, and special bands will be performing throughout the week, including Circle 425, Brother Esau and The Verge Band.

GWU professors will also be participating in the revival by reading Scripture passages and praying.

According to Amy Corriher, publicity and church relations coordinator for Campus Ministries United, Celebration Week is the collaborative effort of all those involved with CMU, headed up by Director of Student Ministries Andy Byers.

"It's a corporate effort," Corriher said. "All of us are helping to put it on."

Corriher said she is looking forward to the revival and feels that the speakers will relate to other GWU students.

"It's very relevant to hear people your own age talk about things you're dealing with," she said.

### ▼ upcoming events

During the first week of February, Gardner-Webb students will have the opportunity to go bowling and attend an ice cream social. These events, along with many others, are held as part of GWU's Deaf Awareness Week, allowing hearing students to gain exposure to the

deaf community.

According to Josh Goode, a disability specialist for the Noel Program, Deaf Awareness Week also provides "a time for everybody to get together in a stressless situation."

One of the main events of the week will be a perfor-

mance by the Gardner-Webb sign choir at 7 p.m. Feb. 5, in the LYCC.

Anyone interested in volunteering or obtaining a complete schedule of events, please contact Josh Goode at ext. 4735.

- Jacob Conley

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