

Campus News

SIFE involves GWU students in enterprise

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Famous gangster Al Capone once said of capitalism, "This American system of ours ... gives to each and every one of us a great opportunity if we only seize it with both hands and make the most of it."

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) takes a love for free trade and entrepreneurship and works it out in a practical manner. The club, now comprised of

about 25 students, made a comeback at Gardner-Webb four years ago after dying out in the 70's. The members meet weekly and take on several projects throughout the year in an effort to impact the surrounding community, educate others and prepare themselves for the business world.

Each year, SIFE takes presentations to their regional competition in Charlotte, where they compete against schools like University of South Carolina and

Clemson. Success at regionals allows them to move on to nationals.

This year the club launched an international project - SIFE members order products such as figurines and clothing from Africa and Uruguay and have them sold in local stores.

Recently, club members spent a day at Crest High School teaching an Entrepreneurship and Marketing class how entrepreneurs succeed in the busi-

ness world.

"Any time you teach others how to do something, you learn it yourself," said junior Adam Fisher, SIFE's president. His participation in the club was largely a result of encouragement from professors.

"I got involved because the business professors offer extra credit, and I'm a business major ... I got extra credit in like every class that semester," Fisher said.

Once he joined, however, he decided that member-

ship in SIFE was worth more than extra credit.

"I saw that it made a positive influence on the community and it made a positive influence on me," he said.

SIFE is open to students from all majors, but Fisher said membership in the club will prepare anyone for the world of free enterprise.

"Any time we create a project, we have to create business plans for it - we have to create marketing plans for it," he said.

Student Government Association

SGA pursues goals

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The members of Gardner-Webb University's Student Government Association are busy these days.

"We are in a transition phase," said Student Body President Chip Carter.

According to Carter, the SGA is in the process of wrapping up projects and preparing for next semester.

"Our goal over the last summer was summed up in two words - communication and completion," Carter said.

Vice President Kellie Robinson echoes Carter's concerns.

"We have so many projects," said Vice President Kellie Robinson. "I want to see all of them come to a stopping point or be completed by the end of this year."

SGA is involved in several projects, including restocking Lake Hollifield with fish and ensuring last year's yearbooks are in students' hands by May. SGA is also involved with putting up the honor code in every classroom and continuing communication with the cafeteria concerning students' food needs.

"SGA is the voice for students to take matters to other parts of campus - administration, faculty,"

Carter said. He welcomes student input as long as it is specific.

"We as a student government wish students would give us details," Carter said.

Robinson feels that SGA helps mediate between the student body and GWU administration.

"We build the bonds between students and administration and try to break down barriers of communication," Robinson said.

She also welcomes suggestions from students and says senators are active in raising their constituents' concerns in senate meetings. "If we hear it, we bring it up," Robinson said.

In addition to their ongoing projects and other responsibilities, SGA members are also preparing for upcoming elections.

Robinson, a junior who has been involved with the SGA since her freshman year, is planning a run for president. "That's my intention at this point," Robinson said.

Executive Council speeches will be held on March 23 in Dimensions. Voting will take place after the speeches conclude.

SGA is planning to hand out eligibility information in the coming weeks. In the meantime, students interested in running for office can contact Karissa Weir, at ext. 4732.

Winter Weather

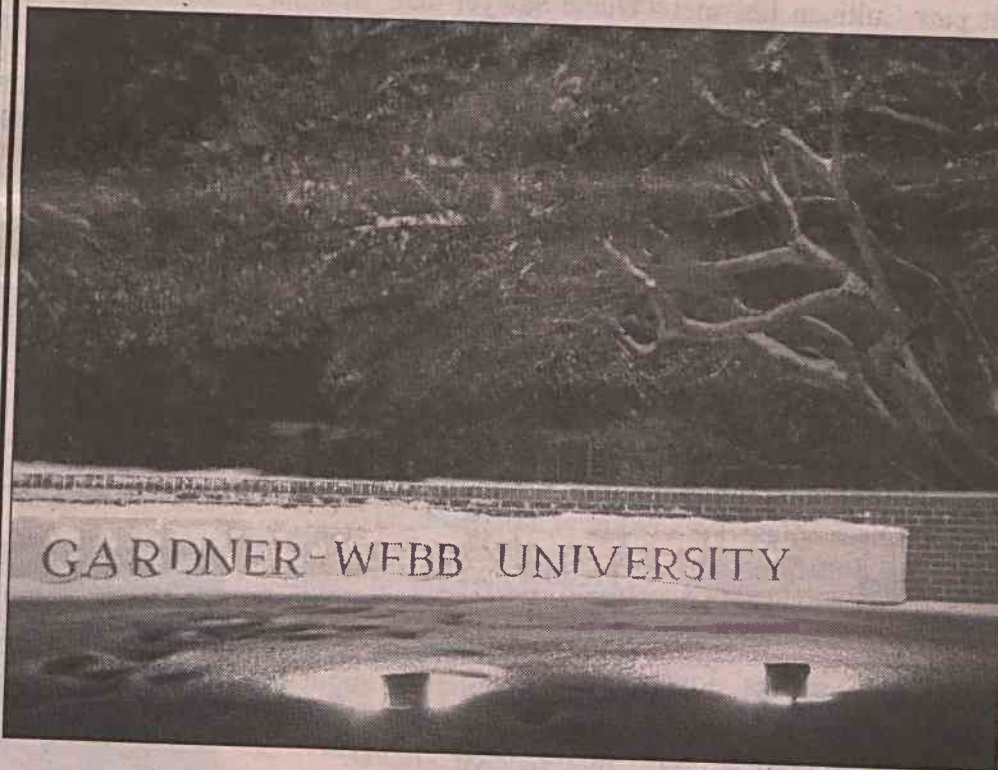
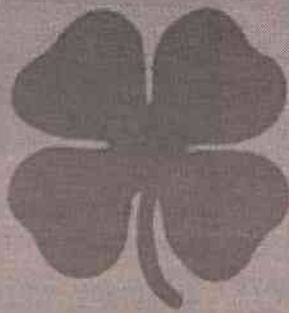


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During the third and fourth snow days of the semester, Gardner-Webb's campus slept under a blanket of snow. Students used the four day weekend to catch-up on much needed sleep, to play in the snow and to complete class projects. The snow covering the surrounding area reportedly measured about nine inches.



Student Entertainment Association
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March Events

"Mona Lisa Smile" March 19
@ 9 p.m. in Blanton

Celebration Week
March 22-25

Big Brother/ Big Sister Sign-ups
due March 26

Happy St.
Patrick's Day
March 17