

WELCOME BACK

Words and news from the president

Greetings from the President....

It is a very pleasant experience for me to welcome the new students to the campus of Gardner-Webb University and also welcome all of our returning students to their campus. The faculty and staff at Gardner-Webb have been extremely busy this summer preparing for your arrival. The campus itself has undergone numerous changes, the most obvious one being the new football stadium. Please enjoy it. It is your stadium. I would urge you to attend every home game this season.

FRANK CAMPBELL



In addition to the football stadium there have been updates in many buildings, especially major updates in the Withrow Science Building. Whether you are taking courses there this semester or not, please stop by and take a look at Withrow. Also, there is a new apartment building in the apartment complex, a new sub-station for the campus police and significant renovations in many other places.

I know that the faculty is ready to lead you into another year of learning and growth and I encourage you to make that your number one priority. The reputation of Gardner-Webb continues to spread and we are grateful for all the fine students who will be studying here this year. Please speak to me when you see me on the campus and know that I am always available to help you if I can.

Sincerely,
Frank R. Campbell
President

From the editor

Changes across campus

Things are a lot different at Gardner-Webb since I was pulled into the parking lot of Spangler hall four years ago

JENNIFER MENSTER



as a freshman. And as a I enter my senior year, I see a lot of change. Construction around campus has brightened things up a bit. The football stadium for one. For those who don't know, the huge construction of a press box and stadium seating is new this year. Almost complete, the stadium is expected to seat some 3,000 more people. Therefore, students, faculty, family and fans won't be as packed into the now visitor's side. And hopefully, as the athletic department is hoping, it will bring money into the school.

Another change is the much needed improvement to Withrow Hall. Now, with carpet, new blinds, freshly painted walls and many other improvements sitting in biology class may not be as drab this semester.

Another add-on to the campus is the new apartment building, which opens up more room for more students to have their own room, own bathroom and kitchen.

One of the biggest changes in my opinion is *The Pilot*. We have switched

from a tabloid-size newspaper to a broad sheet. I hope students and faculty don't mind holding a little bit longer sheet of paper. I believe that the broad sheet looks better and will give us more room to offer you the most news possible.

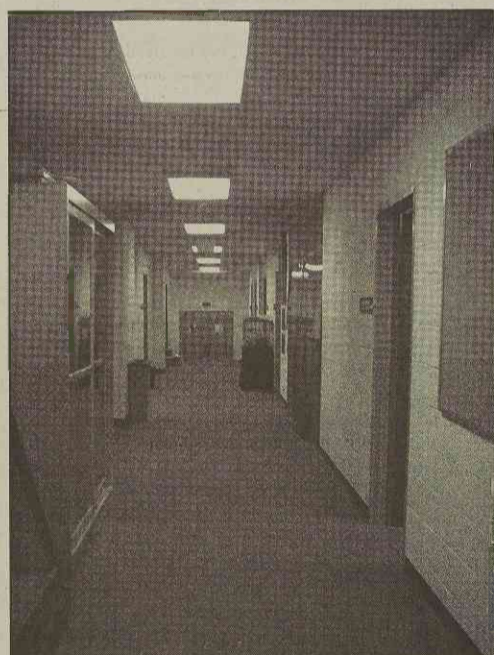
Another difference with the paper is the color front. I have been waiting three years for a broad sheet, color front and here it is! I am very excited. Not only does this give our photographers a chance to really show off their talent, but it helps the readers to get a much better idea of what is going on in the photo.

And a final change is me as your editor. I want everyone to enjoy *The Pilot* this year. It is not mine or the staff's paper. It is your paper. Letters to the editor are encouraged. They do not have to be signed in the paper, but I need to know who wrote the letter in order to have it published. Please feel free to write about anything from campus issues to world issues to just plain ramble.

Also, I want lots of feedback this year about stories, photos and design. Both positive and negative comments are welcomed.

Basically, I want GWU to like *The Pilot* and enjoy reading every other week.

I wish everyone a great first day of classes and a good year.



Just a few of the changes around campus

GWU staff member Wayne Johnson and his crew, as well as hired construction crew, have been working hard all summer gearing up the new features of campus. To the left is Withrow Hall, home of the math and science departments. According to department chair Tim Zehnder the building "looks a lot better." The office received relatively new furniture and a few new teaching items, along with construction items like painted walls, new lights and ceilings as well as carpet, tile and blinds. To the right is a photo of apartment H. The new apartment complex has similar features to the the older models. The new building opens up more space for students to live in the apartments.



photos by Jennifer Menster

What to do on and around campus, and town

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Pilot staff

Sometimes the transition from high school to college can be a difficult one. Not only do you, as a student, have to adjust to the rigors of university academics, if you come from a big-city such as Charlotte or Raleigh, you may find it difficult to find things to do in little-town Boiling Springs.

For me personally, coming to Gardner-Webb was not that difficult. I simply moved for one small town with a single stoplight to another. For those students who are adjusting to life in Boiling Springs here are some suggestions to relieve occasional boredom.

My first suggestion is to become involved with activities on campus.

There's something for everyone here, ranging from sports to student government to small groups. Not only does

this give you as a student something to do, it helps you become a vital part of the university community.

If there's nothing that interests you on campus or you just need to get away for a while, there are plenty of things for you to do in Boiling Springs and the surrounding area.

For example, if and when you need a break from the cafeteria food, I suggest going to the Italian Garden. It is within walking distance on the campus and has quality food for a reasonable price. If you are in the mood for fast food you can go to Hardees or KFC/Taco Bell. My recommendation, however, is the Bulldog Quick Snack, which offers everything from an extra greasy double bacon cheeseburger to a variety of salads.

When you have finished eating, the Broad River Coffee Co. is a perfect place to meet with friends, study, listen to music, play cards or simply sample some

of their cheesecake. Students are almost always there and it is a great place to get to know some of them.

For the movie buff, there are three theaters in Shelby, (That's the town with the Wal-Mart which you or your roommate will visit at least once a week.) A brand new movie theater with 10 screens opens Friday. It is located at the Cleveland County Mall right off Highway 74 East. Two other smaller, four-screen complexes are also located in Shelby; one on South Lafayette Street in uptown Shelby, and the other also is located at the mall. Both movie theaters will be closing once the larger one gets underway.

If you're feeling nostalgic or short on cash, then try the sunset drive-in theater. Admission is \$7 per automobile. So, take advantage of this year's orientation disco theme - find a vintage Volkswagen bus and have a good time for a small price.

For the nature enthusiast, Boiling Springs has a beautiful system of trails along the Broad River known as the Broad River Greenway. This area is complete with ample parking, picnic areas and a few very rare species of plants.

Another difficult part of adjusting the college life is finding the right church to attend. There are many denominations Boiling Springs ranging from Presbyterian to Pentecostal and all points in between.

No doubt, during your first week on campus, you will be besieged with mail telling you what different churches have to offer.

These are just a few of the many things to do in Boiling Springs.

While at first glance it may seem like there is nothing to do, with all the activities both on and off-campus, you should never get bored of being a Runnin' Bulldog.

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