

CAMPUS NEWS

Faculty recognized for excellence in teaching

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Last spring, Cindy McKinney of the education department received the Excellence in Teaching Award. McKinney spoke at fall convocation on Aug. 31, encouraging students and faculty to "seize the day." Female Staff Member of the Year Mary Ruth Dixon, of the Noel program, and Male Staff Member of the Year Tony Setzer, men's head soccer coach, also were announced last spring.

At a faculty retreat in August the top 12 professors of the 2003-2004 school year were recognized for their excellence in teaching by the "Student Opinion of Instruction."



Photo by Christina O'Grady

This honor is determined by student evaluation forms that can be found online at the conclusion of each semester.

Last year, more than 7,000 evaluations were completed in order to name the top 12 faculty members. The follow-

ing faculty were recognized: Paula Qualls, religion; Ashley White, athletic training; Lane Wesson, education (Statesville); Paul Etter, fine arts; Carol Blassingame, physical education; Philip Swicegood, business; Janet Land, English; David Carscaddon, psychology; Gail Stowe, education; Teresa Phillips, foreign language; Venita Totten, natural science; and Carolyn Billings, fine arts.

Gardner-Webb University has acknowledged the top faculty members since 1997.

Students are encouraged to complete evaluations to recognize excellent faculty members as well as to improve methods and techniques of teaching.

GWU begins centennial celebration

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Gardner-Webb University will celebrate its centennial anniversary throughout this academic year by highlighting events like family weekend, homecoming and the annual festival of lights just before Christmas.

"The centennial is the celebration of the first 100 years of Gardner-Webb," said Academics Facilities and Events Coordinator Renee Ybarra, who heads GWU's centennial committee. "The vision of the committee is to honor the past and prepare for the future."

GWU Provost Frank Bonner, who serves on the committee as representative for the senior staff, agrees. During the centennial year it

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is important to celebrate the past and dream of the future, Bonner said.

"I hope students and really the whole university will get involved in some way," said Bonner, adding that the committee welcomes student input. "They're eager for ideas and suggestions."

Vice President of the Student Body, Brandon Juhaish, serves on the committee as a student representative.

For Juhaish the centennial year provides an opportunity for students to take a moment, observe GWU and note the progress the university has made. "Find out how you can

make your mark and have an impact just as a student on the centennial," Juhaish said. "Get involved in any way you can."

Members of GWU's centennial class of first-year students are excited to be involved in the celebration.

"It's exciting because the school seems to be doing a lot of extra things for the celebration, and I'm going to get to be a part of it," said first-year student Heather Roka.

Chris Spinder, also a member of the centennial class, agrees. "I think it's pretty cool," he said. "I think it's going to come into play more when we're seniors."

Students can e-mail suggestions to Renee Ybarra at rybarra@gardner-webb.edu or to Brandon Juhaish at twice-born383@hotmail.com.

"Any student who's interested in participating in the planning of centennial events should e-mail myself or Brandon Juhaish," Ybarra said.

GWU's centennial year officially began on Aug. 31 during convocation and will officially end with graduation ceremonies next May.

Coming next week: The Pilot begins a series of centennial moments in GWU history

Changes made in department

Anna Sieges
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The announcement rang out Aug. 17 at the faculty retreat.

Gayle Price, formerly of the English department, would be changing positions to dean of the graduate school while maintaining some responsibilities in English education.

The English Department lost their 18-century literature and drama expert Darlene Gravett to the dean of the graduate school position in 2002, after the resignation of former Gardner-Webb University president, Christopher White. Gravett has since moved up to associate provost of schools, and Price has taken her place.

This summer, the department also added a new instructor for its composition 101 and 102 classes. Land said that Kirsten Hemmy was the best of the four applicants who applied for the position. The selling point, according to Land, was Hemmy's teaching demonstration.

Hemmy claims that one of her greatest strengths as an educator is her passion for literature, specifically poetry. Hemmy graduated with a doctorate in creative writing from Western Michigan University.

With Price's move, English Professor Christopher Davis took over as head of the Writing Center.

The department's search for a replacement for Gravett is ongoing, and as the English department looks to the future there are only more changes in store.

IN BRIEF

The Verge kicks off the semester with a bang

Every Tuesday, Gardner-Webb University's weekly worship service, The Verge, meets at 8:30 p.m. in the Millennium Playhouse. Campus Ministries holds the service each week as a time for students to come together and fellowship with one another, sing and listen to biblical teaching.

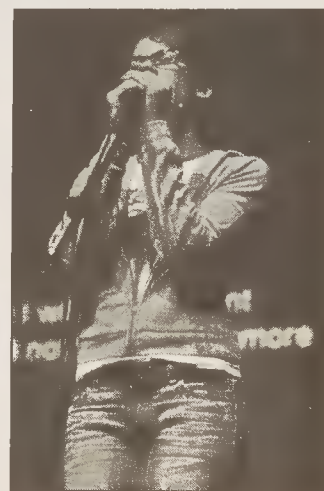
Sophomore Austin Campbell coordinates the event and performs with other students in the band.

"[I hope] people discover that Jesus Christ is the deepest desire of their hearts, but we have to let Him be our deepest satisfaction as well," Campbell said.

Campus Student Minister Andy Bowers oversees The Verge. He said he is most excited by the opportunity for "experiencing and worshipping God in community."

All students, faculty and staff are invited to The Verge.

— Sarah James



Emilie Yeager helps lead worship during The Verge.

GEM program offers many opportunities

The Broyhill School of Business at Gardner-Webb University offers to its students a chance of a lifetime.

The business school allows students to go to Switzerland and be part of an exclusive club. The GEM Program, which stands for Graduates in Executive Management, is an organization in the business school that offers students chances to meet CEO's and top business men.

Students in the program must have at least a GPA of 3.0 and pay a one-time fee of \$2,895.

The program gives students opportunities to make connections that could lead to interviews and possibly jobs in the future. Part of the program is attending a winter conference each year and also going on a trip to Switzerland for 10 days in May. During the winter conference local business persons come to tell about their businesses. On the Swiss trip, students tour local factories and attend small lectures.

"It gives you a chance to learn from top professors that have been in the situations of executives," said Carrie Yerkes, a GEM student. "Going to the retreats and Swiss trip, you grasp more of an understanding on how international business is a substantial part of the global market."

— Sarah James

Organization leaders plan year's events

The leadership retreat at Gardner-Webb University was held Sept. 10 to 12 at Lutheridge Retreat Center.

The CMU council, FOCUS leaders and members, FCA leaders and small group leaders attended the retreat.

The speakers varied from Matt Walton and Matt Orth to Jim Whitlow and Andy and Miranda Bowers. The retreat was a planning and preparation time for all participants as well as a time for fellowship and worship. The theme of the retreat was "Building a Ministering Community."

"The retreat was planned incredibly well, but the important thing is that God was moving and preparing us for the year."

Junior Courtney Cline went into the retreat with a new perspective this year. Other years she had gone as a FOCUS member and leader but this year she went as FOCUS coordinator.

"I learned how to work with other people in charge to make things happen," Cline said. "(And) you can't do it alone; you have to work with other people."

— Sarah James

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