

CAMPUS NEWS

Christmas has special meaning over years

Former students remember the holidays



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A group of Gardner-Webb Junior College students shovel snow during the winter months.

Amanda Wood
Pilot copy editor

The ghosts of Christmas past still haunt Gardner-Webb University Historian Lansford Jolley.

"When I was a student in the 40s, it was a tradition to give Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol,'" Jolley said. "I was Scrooge one year."

Jolley also remembers playing another Christmas character.

"I used to play Santa Claus," Jolley said.

According to Jolley, Gardner-Webb Junior College also held an annual Christmas party in O. Max Gardner Hall for members of the administration, faculty and staff and their families.

"Santa Claus would come," Jolley said. "When you were a smaller school

you could do that more easily."

But for Zeb Lowery, a former GI who graduated from GWJC after the end of World War II, his first Christmas at GWJC was also his first Christmas home from war.

"I hadn't been home in four years," Lowery said.

Lowery also said he was eager to get home for Christmas break that year.

"We were all gone then," Lowery said.

His wife, Helyn Goode Lowery, who also graduated from GWJC, said many students had jobs waiting for them back home during break.

"Everybody was so anxious to get home," Lowery said. "They left right after exams."

Since they always went home for Christmas, the

Lowery's don't remember any college Christmas parties or activities.

But they do have fond memories of GWJC.

"That college has been a

blessing to a lot of people," Helyn Lowery said.

"I wouldn't have gone to school if I had not gone there," Lowery said.

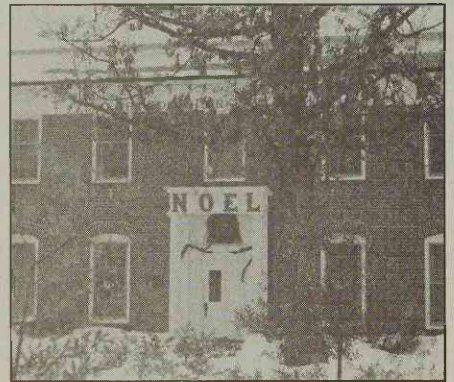


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This older photo is of the Webb Building during a snowy Christmas season.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Forum addresses homelessness

Two Gardner-Webb University students and an alumnus of GWU attended a conference about homelessness in Raleigh on Nov. 30.

The conference addressed issues pertaining to homelessness, such as its causes.

"It deepened [my] knowledge of the issue, both causes and treatments," said GWU Alumnus Nate Buchanan, who now lives in the GWU area.

Buchanan said he already had a passion for working with the homeless.

"[The conference] fueled the passion in me to be involved in substance abuse and mental health with the homeless," Buchanan said. "The passion of the people was inspiring and [I] soaked up the information like a sponge."

The conference wrapped up Dec. 1.
— Sarah James

Students bound for South Africa

Campus Ministries Secretary Teresa Davis and a group of students and faculty are heading to South Africa May 15, 2005 for a mission trip.

The cost of the trip is \$1,480 per person and each participant will be paying his or her way.

They will leave from Charlotte Airport to fly to South Africa making a stop in Atlanta.

"[The trip will be a] life time experience that they'll carry with them," Davis said. "[They'll] never be the same."

Davis was invited to South Africa by Gehard Venter, the president of the seminary in Cape Town, South Africa, to do further missions work.

While in South Africa, the group will

be speaking in chapel and visiting local churches like Fish Hoek Church or Venter's church. Fish Hoek Church is in the Cape Town area.

Some members of the group may go home with a ministry student to see where they live and work.

As part of going home with a seminary student, they may be asked to paint, do maintenance on local churches or the campus, categorize books for the library or be paired up with other foreign students.

As for the work they will do with local churches, members could expect to work with youth doing sports evangelism, go to local schools, or manual labor, such as building or painting.

This isn't the first time Davis has had the chance to go to South Africa. She visited and worked in Cape Town in 1997 and 2000 with Venter, who has addressed Gardner-Webb University students at Dimensions and at the Divinity School chapel.

The group will return to the United States May 28.

Anyone interested in helping with the trip should contact Davis in Campus Ministries at 704-406-4277.

— Sarah James

Cops in brief

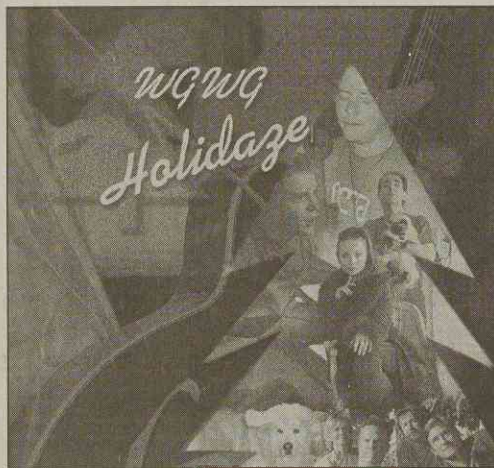
According to Gardner-Webb University Police Chief Barry Johnson, the car break-ins that occurred before fall break are still under investigations.

Johnson said they hope property turns up in a pawn shop or somewhere to give them a lead.

In October, 16 cars were broken into during one night with thousands of dollars in property stolen.

In other news, the campus police station welcomed a new member to the force about a month ago. Barry Lane joined campus police.

— Jennifer Menster



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The Gardner-Webb University radio station recently released "Holidayze," a collection of Christmas music from local artists. Songs include "The Holly and The Ivy," "Silent Night" and "What Child Is This?" Artists include local talent such as Tater, Mama Said, Chris Cook and many others.

Cartoon voice comes to town

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Gardner-Webb University's radio station, WGWG, hosted a concert by Judith Owen on Dec. 2 at Broad River Coffee Company.

Owen's husband, Harry Shearer, also visited Boiling Springs.

"He does 20 different characters on the 'Simpsons,'" said WGWG Station Manager Dan McClellan. "As far as comedy is concerned, he's just a major figure in the world of comedy."

McClellan has been one of Shearer's fans for years.

"I think he's brilliant,"

McClellan said. "So, for me, it was a great opportunity to get to meet him."

In addition to appearing at the coffee shop, Owen is one of the featured artists on WGWG's Christmas album, "WGWG Holidayze."

The album, produced at GWU, includes two songs recorded live at WGWG.

For McClellan, a 2002 graduate of GWU, the concert and the album provide ways to reach out to the greater community, as well as reach into the GWU community.

"One thing we always try to do is be there for the campus," McClellan said.

Just the facts

- Fact Box:
- Copies of "WGWG Holidayze" can be purchased at the campus shop in the bottom of the Dover Campus Center. The cost is \$8.50 for students, faculty and staff.
- Judith Owen's latest album, "Christmas in July," was released Oct. 5. For more information about Owen visit her Web site at www.judithowen.net.
- According to Shearer's Web site, www.harryshearer.com, he appeared in episodes on "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" and "The Jack Benny Show," as well as the pilot episode of "Leave it to Beaver."
- Shearer was also a cast member of "Saturday Night Live" for two seasons. His films include: "Wayne's World II," "Pure Luck" and "The Truman Show."

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