

CAMPUS NEWS

Basketball teams eligible for playoffs

NCAA punishments did not eliminate squads from end of season tournaments

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When the NCAA responded to Gardner-Webb University last March with its punishments, it put the institution on probation.

The men and women's basketball teams did receive a few restrictions but there was no mention

of playoff probation.

"[It] did not impact playoff eligibility," said Chuck Burch, vice president for athletics. "We were not eligible the last two years, but that is a normal rule when entering Division I. It had nothing to do with the NCAA thing."

The rule about the two-year wait period for tournament

play applies only to the men's team, said Rick Scruggs, men's basketball coach. The women have always been eligible for tournaments but have not ranked high enough.

Both basketball teams will be in the playoffs this season if they rank in the top eight in the Atlantic Sun conference, which has 11 teams.

At the beginning of the season the men's team was ranked ninth and the women, 10. So far this season, both teams are off to great starts, with unbeaten records in the conference.

"Beating the Florida teams helps us to hopefully make it to the playoffs," Scruggs said. "If we qualify, we will go."

The penalties that were

imposed on the basketball teams included loss of scholarships and official visits to schools to check out potential players.

"Personally, I have put all this behind me and moved on," Scruggs said. "We are off to a great start and just hope students keep coming out."

First-year Women's Basketball Coach Rick

Reeves expects the season go as normal as possible — with a new coach.

"I have a wonderful group of young ladies," said Reeves, who came to GWU with 25 years experience with Division I. "We plan to do things the right way that not only glorifies the Lord but also makes the faculty and students proud."

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



photo by Christina O'Grady

Mario Regan plays during the annual Festival of Lights celebration. The event was held Dec. 7.

Students meet with Campbell

Dinner discussion leads to lots of ideas

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On Nov. 30, members of the Student Government Association's executive council and a representative from each class met with Gardner-Webb University President Frank Campbell and Vice President and Dean of Student Development Bruce Moore.

The students gave Campbell and Moore an appraisal of GWU and voiced concerns they have about the school.

"It was just a chance to get to know members of the administration better and to discuss Gardner-Webb and any concerns we had," said Pamela Darnell, who represented the senior class at the meeting.

According to Campbell the

meeting was relaxed and unstructured. He asked the students about their everyday lives and jotted down a few of their ideas.

"It was just fun," Darnell said. "We got to talk about where we're from, what we're doing, our majors, what we're involved in on campus, and a lot of it was just Dr. Campbell listening."

According to Darnell, the group discussed the possibility of getting "Halo," a popular video game, over the computer network system and replacing the bulletin boards in the bottom of the Dover Campus Center with a whiteboard.

They also discussed the creation of a coffee shop on campus and the Christian emphasis of the university.

"You always think — if I had an hour to sit down with the pres-

ident, what would I talk about — and this was our chance," Darnell said.

"It was one of the most pleasant evenings I have had in a long time," Campbell said. "I try to walk around the cafeteria and talk to students, but this really gave me a chance to sit down with students for a longer length of time."

Campbell said he wants students to know GWU is really theirs and that they can talk to the president anytime about any of their concerns.

"I'm always interested in what's going on with students," Campbell said.

Jennifer Menster contributed to this story

Intramural teams play hard

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Jeremy Davis is a week of exams away from being done with college.

He leaves behind him four years of hard work and four years of fun — including one weekend in Wilmington spent with his intramural football team, Swolliosis.

Swolliosis, along with Rough Riders, a female flag football team, spent the weekend of Nov. 19 competing in the American Collegiate Intramural Flag Football regional championship.

The teams played in two games, losing both. The men

competed against Coastal Carolina and North Carolina A&T. The women played against Howard University and Campbell University.

"They all had a good attitude, and they all had a fun time," said Brian Arnold, director of intramurals. "They also learned how other schools play intramurals."

Despite the two losses, Davis said the weekend was one of the best he has had in the last few years.

"We performed well despite not winning," Davis said. "We felt we played better there than we have here before."

"I haven't had that much fun playing intramurals in almost two

years."

Davis said the trip was also a learning experience. Many of the teams he played — ranging from Florida to the Washington, D.C. area — were very athletic and had more money support since the majority of the schools were public institutions. Many teams had coaches, a full-time intramural staff, set plays and even try-outs for the intramural or club teams.

Davis also said the rules of the game and equipment were different than GWU.

Overall, both teams were glad they had the experience to attend and hope GWU can keep sending teams in the future.

JUST A REMINDER

Calendar of events

Friday
Dec. 10
Last day of classes
7 p.m. wrestling match
7 p.m. CC Movie Night

Saturday
Dec. 11
7 p.m. home men's basketball game

Monday-Saturday
Dec. 13-18

Monday
Jan. 3
7 p.m. men's basketball game

Wednesday
Jan. 5
7 p.m. men's basketball game

Friday
Jan. 7
Campbell

Wednesday
Jan. 12
Undergraduate classes begin
9:30 p.m. bowling night

Thursday
Jan. 13
7 p.m. women's basketball game

Saturday
Jan. 15
7 p.m. women's basketball game



	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	TTH	MWF	TTH	MWF	MWF	MWF
8:00 -	2:40 -	9:00 -	11:50 -	10:00 -	1:00 -	11:00 -
11:00 AM	3:55	9:50	1:05	10:50	1:50	11:50
	MWF	MW	TTH	MWF	TTH	TTH
1:00 -	12:00 -	2:00 -	10:25 -	8:00 -	8:00 -	1:15 -
4:00 PM	12:50	3:15	11:40	8:50	9:15	2:30

12 Ways to Handle Stress

- Exercise
- Recognize and accept your limits
- Balance work and recreation
- Develop a sense of humor
- Be empathetic and forgiving
- Be positive and optimistic
- Learn flexibility
- Accept what you cannot change
- Develop friendships
- Learn to relax
- Establish routines
- Learn to plan