



Huneycutt named SGA president

Stephanie Faile
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Speeches for the Student Government Association position of Treasurer opened Tuesday with Jacob Conley, a junior English major, riding in on a makeshift John Deer tractor to "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy."

"This tractor is a symbol of the hard work and dedication I'll bring to SGA," said Conley.

Conley was just one of seven candidates running for SGA positions who made speeches during the Dimension's hour Tuesday.

The ballots were counted after Dimensions under the supervision of Karissa Weir, Gardner-Webb University director of student activities and leadership develop-

ment, and the SGA elections committee.

The winners are Desiree Faneite as secretary, Conley as treasurer, Brandon Beach as vice president and Anya Huneycutt as SGA president.

Faneite, a biology major, was the only candidate running for secretary, and Dan Walz, junior, and Conley competed for treasurer.

Katherine Walden, a sophomore English major, and Beach, a sophomore public relations major, ran for vice president.

Michael Pardue, junior theater major, and Huneycutt, junior political science and Spanish major, competed for the office of SGA president.

Speeches ranged from the humorous to serious as nominees

vied for offices. Pardue began his speech with clips from the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" before addressing his goals for the presidency: more parking, better visitation hours and communication between the students and the administration.

He closed with the slogan, "Reach for the Stars. Vote for Pardue."

Huneycutt kept her speech serious and spoke about her availability as a president and her desire to work with the administration to get work done, a common theme amongst the candidates.

Beach, who had previously been the freshman class president, said his experience would be useful in seeing the university grow.

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During the March 8 Dimensions, Katisha Mills, junior, marks on her ballot for the SGA elections. Students voted for SGA president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

People coming together

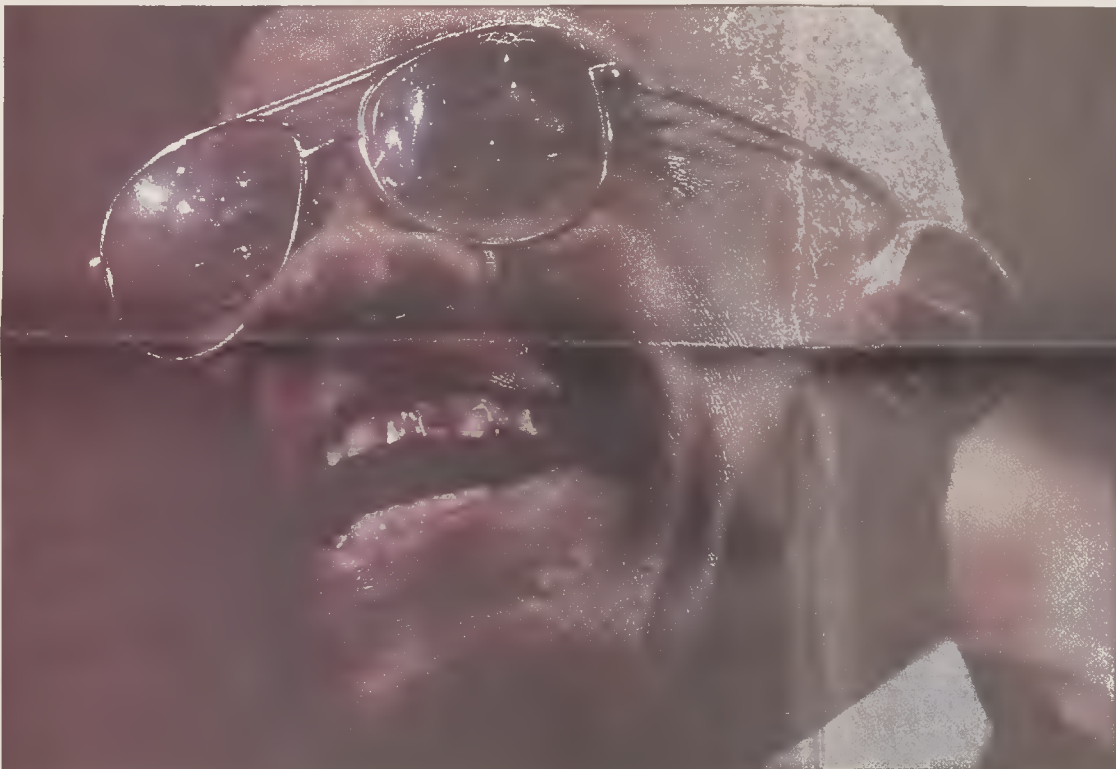


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Above: Rev. Sam Raper attends the Racial Unity Service led by Tony Campolo on March 6 in the LYCC. Below: Tony Campolo speaks at Aldersgate United Methodist church in Shelby, March 6. Campolo also spoke at the Racial Unity Service to a crowd of more than 800 GWU students, faculty, staff and community members.

Campolo speaks at community service

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The 3 Annual Racial Unity Service for Cleveland County was held on March 6 in the LYCC of Gardner-Webb University.

The service was led by well-recognized speaker Tony Campolo and was an event to celebrate diversity in the body of Christ and to promote actions to build unity within the community.

The service began with several songs of worship, and then the message was preached on how the community can unite as one and make a difference in people's lives.

Campolo spoke about how to

love one's neighbors regardless of their appearance, past or skin color.

A crowd of more than 800 community members, GWU student's, staff and faculty members were present.

Scotty Davenport, GWU staff member from Shelby, said he anticipated hearing Campolo speak.

"I've heard Dr. Campolo speak before for a Baptist Student Union Conference, and I knew he was a good speaker" said Davenport. "I have been excited about hearing him again. I enjoyed the message."

Nick Kulick, senior athletic

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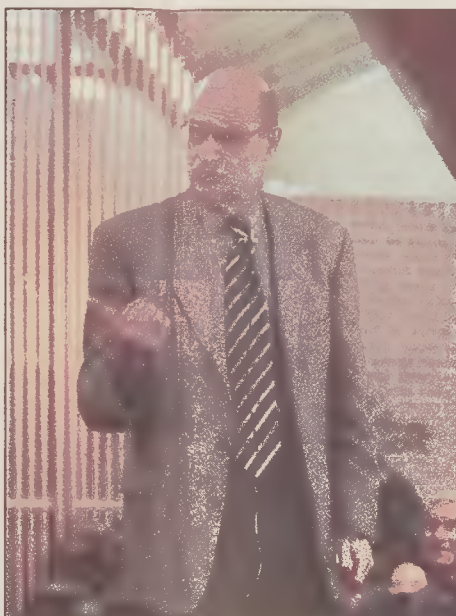


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Tuition takes a \$1,200 hike

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The Gardner-Webb University administrative staff and board of trustees had a difficult time setting the budget for the 2005-'06 fiscal year, according to Frank Campbell, university president.

However, after a day of discussion, the board made budget at \$56.7 million.

Within the budget are the general operation expenses of the university, several new faculty positions, faculty and staff pay increases and operation of current programs.

Also within the budget is a \$1,200 increase for total student cost.

"We all wanted to keep the increase as minimal as possible," Campbell said. "If students comparison shop, they will see that our increase was not out of line at all."

According to Campbell, it is inevitable for university cost to increase each year. In his combined 20 years as presidents of Averett College in Virginia and GWU, he said he has never seen a budget not increase.

Starting in fall of 2005, the total cost to attend GWU will be \$21,500. That is up from \$20,300 during the 2004-2005 school year. Tuition will be \$7,980 per semester, \$1,000 more than the current cost.

"This is not something we want to do," said Jack Buchanan, vice president for enrollment management. "We try our best to maintain cost to show conservative growth in the budget."

On average, the university strives to keep the increase between 4 to 6 percent. For the '05-'06 year, the percentage was 5.91, said Buchanan.

"The cost of doing business goes up," he said. "We have to spend more for utilities, health insurance, water, food and electricity."

Buchanan said that with the increase in cost, loan eligibility and a few scholarships go up as well. However, several scholarships are fixed and cannot be adjusted to tuition increase.

"It is a painful thing, but the reality of the market," Buchanan said.

For the 2004-'05 budget, total student cost increased by 5.24 percent. Out of the 25 private colleges in North Carolina, GWU ranked 12 as the least expensive university to attend.

According to Campbell, GWU is also the least expensive Baptist university in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

"This is a terrific school, and it's going to get even better," Campbell said.

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Cost of other private schools ('04-'05):	
• Campbell,	\$19,520
• Wake Forest,	\$36,450
• Mars Hill,	\$21,604
• Wingate,	\$22,200
• Duke,	\$39,240

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