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Spring is in the air



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Above: Jenn Light passes the football to some friends while other GWU students work on homework and hangout. Below: Marlon Burnett takes a minute to relax on the swing with a puppy during a busy day of classes.

Students already spending time on the quad and planning trips to the river

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With the weather starting to heat up more and more people are heading outdoors to enjoy the sunshine.

"It's great being able to be outside," said Jamie Mecimore, a junior nursing student from Hickory. "It's been so cold and rainy, which just leaves you cooped up inside."

So what are Gardner-Webb University students doing now that the weather allows them to shed a few layers of clothing and venture out into the sun?

"I sit on my porch with my girls," said Stephanie Taylor, a senior sociology major from Foley, Ala. "I go for runs and lay out a lot. It's great because it's bright and warm, everyone tends to relax more."

Many students are heading to the river in their spare time.

"I go layout by the river when I have time," said Kat Kobelka, senior sports management major from Ontario, Canada. "It seems like the best thing to do with

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photo by Amy Hipskind

Tara West was crowned 2005 Miss Gardner-Webb University at the first-ever beauty pageant held on April 8 in the Dover Theatre.

There she is— Miss Gardner-Webb

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Gardner-Webb University hosted its first-ever Miss Gardner-Webb pageant on April 8 in the Dover Theatre. Tara West won this year's title.

Eight contestants entered the Miss Gardner-Webb pageant this year: Sarah Neunzig, Tara West, Mary Beth Whitley, Amanda Chapman, Alaina West, Emilie Yeager, Megan Lane and Krystle Kresge.

"I was curious because this is the first-ever beauty pageant," said spectator Cherish Wilson, a junior biology major from Earl. "I think I'm getting my money's worth."

The girls opened the show with a choreographed dance number to Whitney Houston's song "I'm Every Woman." The dance number was followed by the first modeling session in which the girls showed off their business attire.

"I'm honored," said Janna Lamison, assistant director of GWU residence life, who served as a judge for the pageant. "I have zero experience in this but I've really enjoyed the talent and poise of the girls involved."

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photo by Noel T. Manning II

GWU President Frank Campbell and Wayne Johnson, vice president of operations, look through the 1972 time capsule that was discovered inside the Dover Chapel. A new time capsule will be presented Saturday.

Unveiling history

Time capsule from 1972 found; new one planned

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On the afternoon of March 23, Gardner-Webb University President Frank Campbell, along with a handful of students, faculty and staff, opened a time capsule hidden in the cornerstone of the Dover Chapel since 1972.

According to Noel Manning, director of university and media relations, the event was kept low key because university officials were uncertain of the nature of the contents of the box and the condition of those contents. Furthermore, no one was certain if the rumored time capsule even existed.

Karissa Weir, director of student activities, stumbled across an article in a 1972 issue of "The Web" magazine while looking through archives this year. The article mentioned that,

"a copper box was placed in the cornerstone of the Dover Memorial Chapel during the buildings dedication to mark its completion."

The article said the box was to be opened in the year 2005 to commemorate the 100 anniversary of the college.

"It's great timing," Manning said.

Manning said officials weren't sure if the copper box really existed because the time capsule was not documented by or in any other source known to the university.

The box was said to contain a yearbook, a college charter, a faculty constitution, a student government constitution, a picture of Mr. Dover, a Bible and a bulldog replica.

Manning said he had been afraid the whole thing might have been a prank orchestrated by free-spirited students in the early '70s. He

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