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Reaction: students speak

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wants to know the candidate's qualifications, and if the candidate thinks he or she can have an impact as a whole.

Christmas said she wants the new president to pick up where Dr. Campbell has left off and to become one with the university and students.

Catherine Shorrock, a junior from ASL major from Texas, said she would like to know the candidate's morals and standards and how he or she would handle controversial issues.

Shorrock wants the candidate to be a good leader who leads by example, she said. Shorrock also said she wants the new president to attend campus events.

Megan Raley, a junior elementary education major from Shelby, says she isn't interested in the presidential search.

"I'm not really into stuff like that," Raley said.

Dan Waltz, a junior finance major from Atlanta, Ga., would like to know the candidate's past experiences, his or her qualifications and his or her goals to improve the university.

Waltz said he believes the voice of the student body has been important in the process.

"I feel that as a whole student body we do [have a voice], but not individually," Waltz said. "I think [our questions] have a huge impact."

Chad Raymond, assistant professor of political science, said he is unsure of the impact of student and faculty opinion.

"If there's only one candidate who's been invited to campus, it's obvious that person is the top choice of the search committee," Raymond said. "Therefore, it's unlikely that anything students or faculty could say would affect that decision."

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Atlantic Sun to Big South

Also, any talk of moving to the Big South conference is years away. Campbell said the school will not pay a \$500,000 fee to get out of the Atlantic-Sun Conference.

He did acknowledge that the Big South would be a better conference for the school because it would save 72 nights of traveling for athletes.

But former president Christopher White signed an agreement that the university would not leave the conference while under contract unless it paid the \$500,000 penalty.

"There is no way the school is going to pay the fee," Campbell said.

Campbell did acknowledge that possible negotiations in the future about leaving the conference may take place. It will

be in at least two or three years before that happens and if the fee is abolished.

Science Building

The administration recognizes the need for a new science building.

"There is no doubt that a new science building is the most needed building on campus," Campbell said.

However, nothing is set in stone. According to Campbell, the condition of the buildings does not negatively affect accreditation.

Faculty-trustee relationships

Campbell believes that the relationship between faculty, staff and trustees has greatly improved since his arrival three years ago. The chair of the faculty now sits on the senior staff and board of trustee meetings.

"There are all kinds of efforts to improve communication," Campbell said.

Man on the street

Our Pilot reporter hit the streets and asked:

How do you feel about the SGA constitution?

Christie Barlow

Pilot staff

The new Student Government Association constitution has been the subject of recent controversy.

The updated constitution allows elected class presidents to hand pick their own vice president, and gets rid of the class treasurer and secretary, which now falls into the hands of the vice president.

The proposal was approved by the student government, but vetoed by SGA President Kelly Robinson. However, the SGA over rode the veto and then went before the board of trustees. The bill was passed, and now Gardner-Webb University has a new constitution.

Student reaction to the new constitution varies.

"I trust the president to make the right decision," said Sara Burroughs, a freshman from Asheville. "If we choose them to run the school then I think that we can trust them to make the right decision."

"It's probably both a good and bad decision," said Morgan Tubbs, a senior public relations major from Shelby. "The student body already elected the president and the senators. But it does take some power away from students."

Many students feel that the change is not good for the constitution.

"It's a bad idea," said Ricky Hernandez, a sophomore sports management major from California. "It's not fair. We choose who we want to be president, we should get to choose who we want to be vice president. If 90 percent of the school doesn't want the person to be vice-president then they shouldn't be."

"I want to be able to elect my vice-president the same as I do my president," said Aaron Wilkinon, a junior religion major from Haines City, Fla. "I do trust them to pick a worthy candidate, but that's just one less decision I get to help make."

Some students believe the only way to tell if this is a good or bad change to the constitution is to wait and see how things work out in the long run.

"You have to give it some time and see how it reacts," said James McKown, a senior business administration major from Durham. "It might turn out to be a good thing over time. Let it run and see how it plays out."



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Student spotlight

Not blue on the inside



photo by Kaylin Bowers

Junior Alicia Hinson plays one of the various games offered during the Saturday Centennial events. Hinson is an art major who hopes to one day draw comic books.

Artist got start in elementary school

Stephanie Faile

Pilot staff

On most days Alicia Hinson is nearly vibrating with an energy that keeps her hands moving and her eyes roving, but today she sits serenely in the Fireside Lounge answering questions.

Her thin frame is enveloped by the sofa on which she sits on, and her voice, although soft, carries with passion and an unusual intelligence as she speaks about her favorite pastime.

"I find meaning in art," said Hinson, a junior art major from Oakboro. "I express myself in art. I can't imagine doing anything else, really." According to Hinson, her love for art started at an early age and

evolved easily from there.

"I started in elementary school. The other kids used to bring me pictures of Snoopy and Garfield and ask me to draw them. They'd give me nickels and dimes, and I'd get an extra cookie at lunch."

When asked about what inspires her art, she takes only a moment to reply. "I see things that strike me as beautiful, things that most people wouldn't see as big, and try to convey those things to the world," she said. "I want to give that to other people."

Hinson likes to draw, and has interests in print making and graphic design. She laughs at the question about her favorite artists. "I have lots of favorite artists! I love Toulouse-lautrec, Li-

chtenstein, Hokusai."

She hopes to be a professional artist herself one day - perhaps illustrating comic books like those she enjoys reading in bookstores.

"In a perfect world, I dream to be an independent comic book illustrator. But I'll do anything in art, even if it's as a professor at an university."

What do you do in your spare time?

When I'm not drawing? I like video games. DDR!

What CD is in your stereo right now?

The Grand Theft Auto soundtrack.

Why is your hair blue?

I get tired of doing things the same way for too long. It's not that I want to be different from everyone

else, it's just that I want to do something different from anything else I've ever done before.

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Professor retires after 39 years

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After 39 years teaching at Gardner-Webb University, Joyce Brown has decided it is time to put down the chalk and pick up her favorite books and banjo.

"This contact with students is the major loss that I'm going to feel," said the English professor. "It keeps you feeling young."

Brown attended college not far from her home of Troutman, at Appalachian State University, where she earned both her bachelor's in English and French and her master's in English.

After earning her master's and teaching in Maryland, Brown and her husband, Les, a professor of biology at GWU, felt it was time to return to North Carolina in 1966. Both were hired at GWC, and it wasn't long until the college turned into a four-year university and began encouraging the faculty to obtain their doctorates.

Brown went on sabbatical with her husband to study at the University of Southern Mississippi, and earned her doctorate in English with her focus on the American literature of the 1920s-1930s. She wrote her dissertation on John Steinbeck.

As for her interests now, they are much the same as they were when she started her career here at GW.

"I still love that period between 1920 and 1930, with Steinbeck and weird poets," said Brown.

Brown hopes to return to previous passions now that she will have more free time, although she doesn't expect to stop teaching entirely.

"My banjo has been sitting and gathering dust," she said. "I hope to listen to some old music and learn some new ones. And I want to try to write."

Of her many fond memories—ranging from the com-

pletion of the Dover Memorial Library to the former Earl Scuggs festival—Brown said the moments she's experienced in the classroom are her favorites.

"The best things are just the moments in class," Brown said. "Someone said something brilliant about a piece of literature in a way that I've never thought of before."

She hopes that students can take a lot away from their time with her.

"I want them to have the ability to be writers; that ability to realize your own self-worth through self-expression, to surprise yourself with your own wisdom."

News in Brief

Great-grandson of namesakes dies

The great-grandson of the namesakes of the university was killed in a car wreck Sunday.

O. Max Gardner IV, 37, was buried during Tuesday afternoon at Sunset Cemetery.

According to an article in *The Shelby Star*, investigators believe that alcohol and high speed were factors in the single-car wreck, which occurred around 3 a.m. off the Oak Grove Road exit.

Chuck Rogers, owner of Roger Pontiac, was driving the car. A further investigation is underway and charges are pending.

Gardner IV was the son of O. Max Gardner III. Gardner IV worked with his father as a chief legal assistant and was director of the O. Max Gardner Foundation. Gardner IV was the great-grandson of O. Max Gardner Sr. and Faye Webb Gardner, whom the university is named after.

— Jennifer Menster