

CAMPUS NEWS

Picture this

Award-winning photographer visits GWU



photo by Kaylin Bowers

Photographer Dave Black came to Gardner-Webb University to do a 4 day seminar with the photography students August 30 - September 3. Black taught on lightpainting, photoshop, lighting techniques and sports photography.

Jessica Thompson
Pilot staff

Sports photographer Dave Black came to Gardner-Webb University Sept. 1 to share his photographs and his story with students.

After meeting Robert Carey, communications professor, at the Southern Photojournalist Conference, Black accepted an invitation to come to GWU to share his work.

During his visit, he held a show of some of his most artistic work. In the show he intertwined his journey through the world of professional photography with a lesson on succeeding in life.

Black was first introduced to photography his senior year at Southern Illinois University, where he was a part of the men's championship gymnastics team. His primary scholastic focus was on illustration and graphic design.

He took a black and white photography class in order to receive a credit toward his major, and his professor suggested that he change his major and pursue a career in photography. Since he was so close to

graduation, Black said no. But his professor persuaded him to take advantage of free resources and continue to shoot pictures at school.

After graduating, Black became a gymnastics coach while he continued to practice his skills behind the camera. He was offered a job to photograph gymnastics at the 1984 Olympic games.

When first considering the position, Black said, "You are out of your mind." He went on to accept the job and follow a path to the Olympic games.

Since that first introduction into the professional world of photography, Black has continued to shoot independently for various organizations, such as "Sports Illustrated" and "Newsweek".

He branched out from gymnastics to other sports ranging from football to figure skating.

Students say they enjoyed Black's photography.

"I really enjoyed it," said Allyson Willis. "How he related his work to everyone, not just to people who know about photography."

Residents shaken up by rare quake

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An earthquake rumbled under the tiny town of Hot Springs, Aug. 23 at 11 p.m. Gardner-Webb University students from the areas surrounding Hot Springs say they were surprised to hear of the 3.7 magnitude quake.

"My mom called, asking, 'Did you feel that?'" said Lora Rathbone, junior, from Waynesville, N.C.

Earthquakes on the east coast are rare, but not unheard of.

"Why we have earthquakes here are for different reasons than the west coast," said Les Brown, a geology professor at GWU. "Since the east coast doesn't have the large seismic faults around the 14 or so tectonic plates like those of California, earthquakes

are very rare and usually quite small. In fact, North Carolina lies in the middle of one of these large plates. There are, however, small faults spread across the face of these chunks of earth."

According to Brown, most quakes in this area are the result of isostatic adjustment. This system maintains the equilibrium between two masses of land on each side of the faults by relieving the stress as land settles.

The name Hot Springs is also a good indicator of why seismic activity might occur there, Brown said. The springs are heated by pools of magma that are not deep. The presence of magma or molten rock creates a more unstable foundation surrounding the small faults.

Still, earthquakes remain a minor threat to the Carolinas.

Student leaves mark on GWU

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This summer, Gardner-Webb University lost one of its own.

Pamela Gail Darnell, 22 years old, died June 12 after suffering from Crohn's disease. The impact Darnell had on GWU was notable, according to students.

Pamela spoke of the joy with which God fills people, said Cindie Brice. She was an encouragement to everyone, constantly spreading the love of God. Brice said she feels a continuous reminder of Pamela every time she drives her car, a gift from Darnell's parents after her death.

Though she was often in pain, Darnell was involved in the Campus Ministries community. According to Brice and Andy Byers, director of student ministries, she was the go-to-girl for becoming involved with women's small groups.

Last semester, Darnell organized a Valentine's Day banquet so that women who did not enjoy the regular Valentine's Day festivities could enjoy a special evening.

"She emphatically and extravagantly loved people in the name of Christ," said Byers.

"She was what we all should be."

A close friend to Darnell, Byers said he is heartbroken with the reality of her death. He cannot bring himself to remove her number from his phone. He wants to remember her and allow students to remember and grieve for her.

"Plans are underway for a memorial service," said Byers. "We want to be honest (the way Pamela was honest) about how to grieve worshipfully."

Until the memorial service is held, students are finding their own ways to remember Darnell. A Web site, www.rememberingpamela.blogspot.com, has been created for students to share stories of how she affected them.

Students are not the only ones affected by Darnell's death.

Tim Zehnder, professor of biology at GWU, remained connected to Pamela even when she no longer had his class. He was a pall bearer at her funeral and dedicated his 2004-2005 "Excellence in Teaching Award" to her.

Zehnder often talked to Darnell about her health. Even with the joy she found in Christ, she did not deny the fact that she was sick, he said. "She didn't put on this fake face," said Zehnder. "She was joyful, but she was honest."

New station: Got gas?

Samantha McGuire
Pilot staff

Students are refusing to drive to Shelby, trips to Wal-Mart are being cancelled, and midnight runs to Waffle House are being put on an indefinite delay. All because of the high prices of gasoline.

But as of July 29 there is a new variety of fuel available in Shelby.

The Gasland USA station, located at the corner of South Lafayette Street and Earl Road, is now selling a fuel source made from ethanol or corn oils. Though the fuel does contain ordinary gasoline, it is combined with different percentages of ethanol in order to provide the consumer with a more fuel-efficient option.

Gasland offers several different varieties of the new fuel source. These include the E10 variety, which combines 10 percent ethanol with ordinary gasoline, E85 which contains 85 percent ethanol, and a new va-

riety of diesel called B20, which includes soybean oils.

Not only is the ethanol gas more fuel-efficient but it is also cheaper than regular gasoline, with the E85 typically going for an average price of \$1.899 a gallon.

Not all cars are capable of using the E85 fuel due to the higher percentage of ethanol, but all vehicles can run on the E10 fuel. And numerous companies are coming out with newer vehicles that can run on both E10 and E85.

Only flex-fuel cars can burn the E85 fuel, and owner's manuals should tell if cars are flex-fuel vehicles.

Freshman Kelsey Heiple said she would try the new fuel, as long as it would not hurt her car.

"I'll definitely give it a try, especially since it's cheaper, but also to help the environment," Heiple said, when told that her 2003 Ford Mustang would run properly if filled with E10.

GWU offers new sports classes

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The Suttle Wellness Center added new classes to its list of activities this semester.

In addition to the regulars like yoga, aerobics, and hip hop dance class, choices include many new options like weight aerobics, belly-dance aerobics, stability ball, judo, kick boxing, abs, and Pilates.

For those who enjoy dance or are looking to learn some new moves, jazz and hip hop dance classes will be taught this semester.

According to Sandy Hammett, assistant director of student activities, the additions were brought about because students could choose their work-study positions this year.

"Students could pick what they were interested in doing," said Hammett. "Thanks to that I had an influx of students who wanted to teach classes."

According to Hammett those interested in teaching more traditional classes will receive in-house training to prepare. The more experimental classes, like dance, require the student teachers to have previous dance experience.

"I'm excited about the new classes," says Kristin Borque, a senior athletic training major from Columbia, Md. "It's nice that we have a few more options. You get a little tired of Yoga and aerobics after awhile."

All the classes are geared towards the beginner level, Hammett said. However, based on the talent levels in the classes. As the semester moves along intermediate or advanced level classes may be added.

"The most exciting thing about all of this is that the students can take these classes at no cost," said Hammett.

There are still positions to be filled and more classes to be added to the Wellness Center's lineup. For more information on classes, students can find schedules in the Wellness Center.

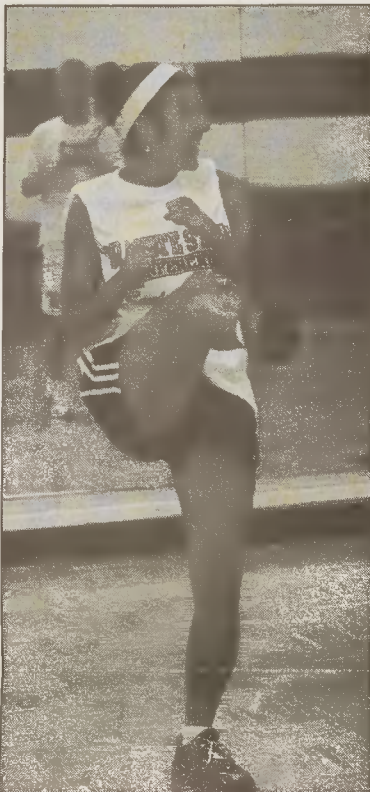


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Amanda Solloway, freshman, teaches a kick boxing class in Bost Gym on Sundays. Solloway encourages the class while doing a front kick. Other classes include yoga, aerobics, hip hop dance classes, stability ball, judo, abs and Pilates.

New interns are here to serve

Bethany Southern
Pilot staff

Campus Ministries has recently doubled their staff, hiring interns Rachel Christensen and Bethany Ingram.

The multiplying of personnel evened out the male to female ratio in Campus Ministries, with Tracy Jessup and Andy Byers as the male spiritual leaders on campus.

One of the assumptions of being an intern is that it takes a lot of hard work. In fact, Christensen and Ingram are working for two organizations in conjunction, Crossroads Worldwide and Campus Ministries.

"We are actually doing a little bit of everything, meeting with students who just need to talk, but mostly meeting with the girls on campus," said Christensen. "We are also kind of supervising all the ministries on campus. We are involved with them all and know a little bit about them all so we can help students know how to get plugged in and to help out in any way possible."

The interns are involved with the mentoring program for women on campus and will be leading a freshmen small group this year.

"I can tell they genuinely care about the freshmen and especially the girls," said Laura Hall, Student Coordinator for First Year Ministries.

Christensen and Ingram were hand-selected by Byers and the administration of

Crossroads Worldwide, which Ingram describes as an interdenominational ministry for students of all ages that offer retreats and mission trips worldwide.

"They also have had a summer camp here at Gardner-Webb University for the past ten years," Ingram said. "Their office is based in Boiling Springs and Clayton King, a Gardner-Webb alumnus, is their founder."

Ingram and Christensen have known each other since their freshmen year at the University of Florida, where they both studied exercise physiology. They have also been roommates for the past two years.

"Since we came from such a large school, it was a culture shock at first," said Christensen. "When we got here it seemed like everyone knew our names already, even the people at the post office knew who we were. It reminded me of Mayberry. The people were just so nice and friendly, they bent over backwards to help us, especially when we were moving in."

To find out more about Christensen and Ingram encourage students to drop by their office in Suttle 109, e-mail them at RAE2@hotmail.com or Bet_Ingram@msn.com or give them a call at 704-406-3273.

"We would like everyone to know that we are not really here to work, as much as we are here to spend time with students developing relationships, Ingram said. "We are here to build community."

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