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This Edition News

Health fair coming up

Interested in scoring free prizes, eating free food, getting a relaxing massage or finding out your stress level? Then make plans to attend Gardner-Webb University's Health and Wellness Fair.

GWU will be hosting the Health and Wellness Fair on Feb. 7 from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Bost Gym.

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Club a "Mosaic"

Mosaic, commonly known as the multi-cultural club, is a new organization on campus whose goal is to embrace all people from all cultures.

That includes geographic culture and linguistic culture.

The name, which was found in a competition, was chosen because the group wanted a name without any previous connotations.

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Opinion

New club seeks unity

"With the disappearance of the Ebony Student Association, the Black Student Union was a necessity," said Bryant Johnson, President of the Black Student Union.

Do not let the name fool you, the Black Student Union is not catered to one specific ethnicity. Instead, its purpose is to unite the university through educating all students of the importance of black history.

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Life

Curves are a weapon

Curves really are a women's secret weapon - the workout centers, that is.

In September 2004 Curves for Women opened on Main Street in Boiling Springs.

A specialized workout that combines weight training and cardio is the basic plan for the Curves workout.

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Weekend

Weather

Saturday	Sunday
Feb. 4	Feb. 5
53/32	48/27
Rain	P-Cloudy

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Students favor a smarter ID card

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Think that little piece of plastic that pays for your meals in the cafeteria and gets you into your room at night already does a lot?

Wait until you see what the Student Government Association has in mind for your Gardner-Webb University student ID card.

The "one-card" system proposed by SGA looks and feels exactly like your ID card. However, it has more abilities and advantages.

"This system improves the student satisfaction," said Chris Meekins, a graduating senior who worked to propose the one-card system.

"It's better and easier for the student body and faculty. And it saves the university money. It's a win-win situation."

The one-card holds and monitors your meal

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plans the same way your ID card does, and with it, you also gain the ability to add extra money to your card.

This money can be spent in vending machines, at the snack bar, for making copies, in the bookstore, and even in some restaurants and stores in Boiling Springs.

You can choose how much money you want to put on the card, and you always have the ability to add more.

If you lost your card, you would have the ability to deactivate it.

With the one-card, you could go online and check the status of your card, including how much money and where you spent your money.

You can even pay your tuition bill online. The one-card would affect GWU faculty members by decreasing paperwork in their departments and increasing efficiency of expenses between the departments, according to SGA members.

The wireless system that is used to take attendance for Dimensions is also compatible with the one-card system. The one-card could also be used to take attendance in classes and study halls.

"It would be amazing," said sophomore Danielle Broek. "It would really benefit our students and make GWU a more up-to-date campus."



photo by Ashley Carter

Chief of Police Marty Thomas is sworn in by Town Clerk Kin Green Monday at the town hall. Thomas worked in Shelby before transferring to Boiling Springs. He says he wants to "prepare the town for continued growth."

Boiling Springs has new chief of police

Rebecca Clark
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The new year brought change to Boiling Springs, including a new chief of police. Marty Thomas was sworn into office Monday.

When asked if he plans on making any changes as the new chief, Thomas' answer is a definite yes.

One of those changes deals with community relations.

"My job is to build back relations that have been lost or damaged," Thomas said.

"And one of the ways I plan on doing that is by embracing the Gardner-Webb community and working more closely with them in the future."

Another issue Thomas wants to deal with is a better representation of minorities on the police force. He wants to include women and other minority groups on the currently all-white, male force.

At this point, there are seven full-time officers and 10 part-time.

Thomas said he would like to hire more full-time officers, but it is difficult due to budget restraints.

In addition to building better community relations and including more minorities on the force, Thomas wants to implement more proactive programs.

Thomas sees great potential in his new position, and says he plans to "settle in and make some change."

He has a personal motive for this as well.

"I was born and raised in the area," he said, "It feels like coming home."

Thomas said when the position opened up he was quick to go for it.

He was looking for an advancement opportunity, and when former chief James Clary announced his retirement after 15 years, Thomas jumped to submit his resume to the town board.

During his time with the Shelby Police Department, he rose from the ranks of a basic patrol officer to a sergeant overseeing criminal investigations.

Need a job?

Career fair may help students find work

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Start the countdown!

There are roughly a hundred days until you take that trip you've been planning, sleep in every day, or lay out by the pool or on the beach. The days of rest and relaxation are quickly approaching ... for some students, that is.

The dream of a summer spent in the sun and on the sand is just that for most college students: a dream.

With the job market becoming more and more competitive, summer has become a time to build one's resume, not work on one's tan.

With so much competition, how do students find the best internships and get the best job?

According to Holly Sweat, director of career services, the answer is simple: Start looking now.

You're more marketable for hire when you're employed, said Sweat.

Students are employed to go to class everyday, and from an employer's point of view students would be working if they weren't in school.

So where do students hear about all the opportunities available to them?

The answer to this is also simple -- career fairs. The Metrolina Career Fair is coming up on Feb. 10 at the Airport Sheraton in Charlotte.

With approximately 90 different companies attending the fair it is the perfect opportunity for students to get their names, and faces out into the business world.

"Usually a job that's posted (on the Internet) is already filled almost as soon as someone resigns. Employers start thinking immediately about who can fill the position. By getting in front of someone you already have your foot in the door. The best way to get a job is how you know someone. People are more likely to hire someone they've met, when they're sorting through resumes."

Career fairs aren't just for seniors preparing to enter the workforce. They are very important for freshmen, sophomores and juniors in need of internships.

"Statistically, 75 percent of jobs are gotten through internships," said Sweat. "That's why internships are so invaluable."

According to Sweat there are

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