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Biology professor Tom Jones is ready to recruit members for a GWU Quiz Bowl Team. The new team is associated with the university's move to the Big South Athletic Conference. See the story on Page 2.

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GWU Football has a winning record, but Bulldog quarterbacks have had a rough season. Starter Devin Campbell and backup Stan Doolittle sustained injuries Sept. 23 against ASU. For an update on the current situation, see Page 5.

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The brand names are not known, but some Gardner-Webb students say they saw Appalachian State students drinking beer at tailgating parties on Sept. 23. Photo by Haley Black

Students claim alcohol double standard

Law enforcement, school officials: No ASU students seen violating policy

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When the Gardner-Webb University football team hosted Appalachian State University Sept. 23, some people saw the game as the biggest sporting event in school history.

Some GWU students now see it as the biggest act of hypocrisy in recent years, after rumors began circulating that ASU students were allowed to drink on a dry campus.

Boiling Springs Chief of Police Marty Thomas said he's not sure there was a double standard. "There weren't any citations issued and there weren't any problems (with alcohol) brought to my

attention," said Thomas. "I'm not sure there was a double standard. If the university officials said they'd tolerate it, that'd be different."

Thomas said part of the problem with controlling the alcohol issue was the amount of people on campus at the time.

Law enforcement officers had to handle parking and then concentrate on crowd control, he said.

"We had one officer on foot who, I'm pretty sure, went through tailgating areas," said Thomas. "We had communication lines and he didn't call me with any problems."

According to University Police Chief Barry Johnson, the GWU and ASU athletic departments communicated before the game. It was made clear to ASU officials that a no-drinking policy is strictly enforced on campus. These regulations were to be communicated to ASU students attending the game.

In an article appearing in The

Star before the Sept. 23 game, Johnson said, "No alcohol is allowed on campus. We'll have around 20 officers out, and we're not going to tolerate any drunk, disruptive behavior. We'll be actively seeking out underage drinkers."

Johnson said he currently holds the same stance on the issue.

"(The rumors) aren't true," he said. "For anyone at GWU to put this rule aside for the game would be ridiculous."

One problem with actively pursuing underage drinkers and focusing on alcohol concerns might have been that lack of officer manpower.

"I can't say one way or the other because I wasn't there," said University Police Capt. David Wacaster.

GWU staff members say they are unaware of any evidence that could prove the rumors.

"I wasn't aware of that," said GWU Senior Vice President and

Provost Ben Leslie. "We obviously have a rule against consuming alcoholic beverages on campus."

Other faculty and staff members say they feel the same way.

"We don't have any reports that there were students from App State or Gardner-Webb with alcohol on campus," said Annette Simmons, assistant director of residence life.

Though some GWU students quickly cried foul, insulted by the apparent double standard, it seems rules were not bent, even for Mountaineers fans.

"If there were students who saw alcohol on campus, I'm not sure why they didn't report it to a county cop, a campus cop or a Boiling Springs cop," said Thomas. "We would've been happy to take care of it."

GWU University Police Chief Barry Johnson encourages anyone with questions concerning alcohol or the alcohol policy to contact him at 704-406-4444.

Weekend Weather

Saturday	Sunday
Oct. 7	Oct. 8
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
71/46	74/51

Source: NOAA

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Modernized Cliffside plant promises temporary jobs and cleaner environment

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The Boiling Springs community has welcomed plans for the modernization of the Cliffside Power Plant due to the jobs it will provide.

Tom Williams, spokesman for Duke Energy Carolinas, said the plant could offer the county a peak work force of 1,000 people during the construction phase, and up to an additional 50-person operational workforce after construction.

"The community is very eager for the jobs," Williams said. "We're ecstatic that we've gotten the support we have gotten."

He added that they are particularly thankful to the trustees of Gardner-Webb University for endorsing the project and recognizing the benefits for the area. Not only has GWU welcomed the project, but it has also adopted resolutions supporting the plant.

The existing Cliffside structure is located on the Cleveland and Rutherford county lines. The company plans to construct two new coal units with the retirement of four existing units at the site.

The plant is still in the permit phase at this point, although Williams said the company hopes to begin construction by the first or

second quarter of next year. It expects a 40-44 month building period.

Not only will the plant open up job opportunities during construction and afterwards, but it also will be environmentally friendly.

According to Williams, it will be the cleanest coal plant in the Carolinas, given its size.

"The output is tripled while the emissions are overall decreased," he said.

Some of the new plant's benefits, according to the Web site www.duke-energy.com, include:

- Two state-of-the-art, 800-megawatt, highly efficient coal-fired units, with the initial unit projected to come on line as early as 2011
- The retirement of Cliffside units 1-4 with a capacity of 198 megawatts and the removal of the site's heated water discharge in the Broad River
- Cost savings by leveraging existing Cliffside facilities, such as water intakes and transmission equipment, and sharing new unit sulfur-dioxide scrubber equipment with the unit 5 scrubber scheduled to come on line by 2010
- Substantial economic benefits for Cleveland and Rutherford counties with a potential investment of approximately \$2 billion (for both 800-megawatt units).

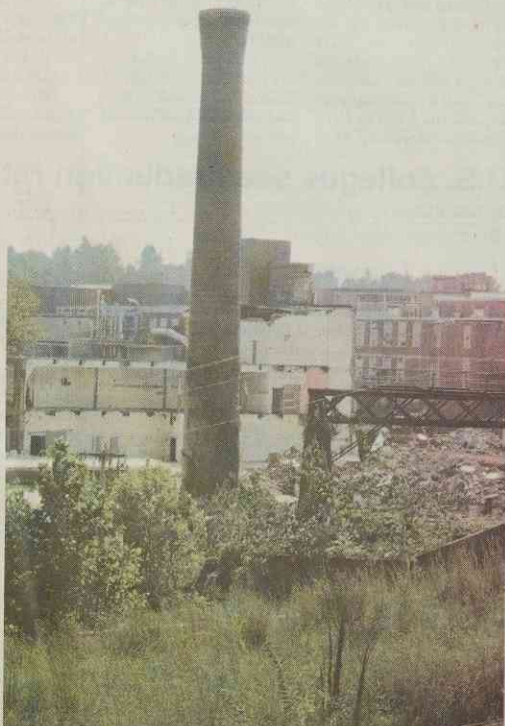


Photo by Rachel Tucker

Duke Energy will make significant improvements to the Cliffside Power Plant on the Broad River along the Rutherford and Cleveland county lines beginning in 2007.