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In campus news:
Homecoming weekend is coming up on Oct. 27-28. Spirit week will also take place Oct. 25-27, with activities each day.

How does the campus radio station, WGWG 88.3 FM, work? See the story on page 7.

GWU addresses the question, "Why does this campus not have an infirmary facility?"

Alcohol Awareness Week brings a special Dimensions to the LYCC. See what happened on page 2.

Guest writer Paxton Tallent provides insight to GWU's Dover Library. See the story on page 7.

In community news:
October is Crime Prevention Month. What does Boiling Springs Police have planned for the month?

Open Mic night gives students something to do every Tuesday at Broad River Coffee Company.

Area children receive a direct link to GWU athletics, thanks to a new program. See the photo story on page 3.

Opinion/editorial:
Jacob and Jack debate the issues. This issue's topic is the upcoming midterm elections.

In sports:
GWU Linebacker Mario E. Brown garners two national defensive awards, and a second straight conference award, for his record-setting performance against Southeastern Louisiana.

The GWU Men's and Women's Soccer teams are both having good seasons. Check out a report on page 8.

Weekend Weather

Saturday Oct. 21	Sunday Oct. 22
67/46 Mostly Sunny	67/44 Chance of Showers

Source: NOAA

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Beverly Shea, left, and Cliff Barrows, right, flank Will Graham during the crusade at Sims Legion Park in Gastonia Oct. 10. This was Graham's first crusade in the United States.

Next Graham steps up

Billy's grandson picks Gastonia as site for first U.S. crusade

By Meredith White
Special to The Pilot

Excitement filled the air as fans packed into the baseball stadium at Sims Legion Park in Gastonia the evening of Oct. 10. Peoples of all ages, nationalities and status sat side by side in the stands.

"American Idol 3" contestant George Huff spurred the crowd to a high level of excitement, asking it to scream for five seconds like its members had never screamed before.

Gray-haired ladies, businessmen and teenage girls roared. But it wasn't for Huff, who had been eliminated from "American Idol" after he made it to the top five.

"Let me hear you scream for Jesus!" Huff said as he pumped up the crowd in between songs.

The roar was for Jesus by way of Will Graham — Billy Graham's grandson — who made his U.S. crusade debut at the Greater Gaston Celebration Oct. 9-11.

"I came because it was an inaugural event," sophomore Stefanie Friend. "He's going to be big sometime."

With his characteristic Graham accent and features, the similarities in preaching tactics and looks could not go unnoticed as he addressed the crowd.

"I want to talk to you about a very important question tonight," he said.

The question came from Mark 8:27-31, where Jesus asks Peter, "Who do people say I am?" and "Who do you say I am?"

Graham's answer was simple: "Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Savior of the world."

He challenged the crowd members to decide for themselves who Jesus Christ is. He invited them to accept the gift of salvation and come to Jesus Christ by faith.

"Jesus Christ came to save you tonight," Graham said. "All you have to do is receive him."

At the end of his message, he invited those who wanted to receive Jesus as their savior to join him at the front. Nearly a hundred people poured down from the stands to meet with counselors.

"Every time there is a big crusade, with Billy Graham or Franklin Graham, people come down," Gardner-Webb senior Stephanie Kay said. "To me, it almost seems like, it's going to happen. It's inevitable."

"There's always someone who needs to hear the gospel. They just happen to come to the crusade at the right time of their life."

Many Gardner-Webb students are familiar with Billy and Franklin Graham and their influence.

Graham interview chance of lifetime for GW student

By Meredith White
Special to the Pilot

I had never thought about skipping a midterm exam, but I did Oct. 12, and with a completely clear conscience!

Why? Because the opportunity of a lifetime happened to be at the same time, and I couldn't turn down a chance to interview Will Graham, Billy Graham's grandson.

I accompanied Dr. Bob Carey,

communication studies department chair, to Charlotte to interview Will after his three-day crusade in Gastonia, Oct. 9-11.

Dr. Carey was interviewing Will for the Baptist Press Service, and he knew I had attended the crusade and written a story about it for The Pilot. At the crusade I met Erik Ogren, media relations director for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, who allowed me to come along with Dr. Carey.

That Thursday morning was

just any ordinary Thursday morning, until I looked at my phone and saw I had a new voicemail. Erik Ogren had called around 9:25 to ask if I could accompany Dr. Carey to interview Will Graham. He said Dr. Carey was planning to leave the campus around 10:00 to head to Charlotte to the Graham facility.

I looked down at my watch; it read 9:55. Oh my. Thursdays are my busy days and my mind raced

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Will Graham a humble man

By Meredith White
Special to the Pilot

The first thing that strikes you about Will Graham is his simple, humble attitude.

Wearing a polo shirt and jeans, he is not there to impress or show he is the center of attention. He could have done that easily, since his Charlotte office is in a high-security building, one full of people who respect the Graham name.

Will Graham is genuine and humorous.

And glad to answer the inevitable questions about his heritage and the legacy of preaching by his grandfather, Billy, and father, Franklin. In fact, that preaching experience can come in handy in unexpected ways, as Graham discovered during his Gastonia crusade Oct. 9-11.

He recounted a story about the last night of the crusade. As he was sitting in the tent before he spoke, he noticed looming clouds. He began thinking about what to do if there was lightning or a storm.

Should he have an invitation for people to come forward to accept Christ or tell everyone to leave?

Graham leaned over to his dad, an experienced evangelist himself.

"Dad, give me some practical advice. What should I do, how should I handle it?" the younger Graham asked.

Instead of responding to his question about lightning, Graham said his dad kept reminding him about all the people he needed to thank.

"He said, 'Son, listen to me. You need to thank Uncle Bev, Uncle Cliff, thank them for coming,'" Graham said, laughing as he imitated his father.

So, he asked again what to do if there was lightning and his dad responded again with people he needed to thank — this time, all the ushers and police.

When he asked about the lightning for the third time, he said his dad replied, "Oh, those aren't rain clouds, it won't do anything."

As it turned out, Franklin Graham was right: Rain did not fall until just after the crusade ended — similar to his father's Charlotte crusade in 1996 when the rain held off while Billy preached.

"Franklin Graham the weather man," his son joked.

Amid all the laughter, Graham did speak seriously of his calling as an evangelist, his role in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and his relationship with his father and grandfather.

Graham said there was no pressure to grow up as William Franklin Graham IV and to take up the "family business."

"Dad never put any pressure on us," he said. "If anything, Dad would try to talk you out of it. In the sense of, because he wants to make sure this is what you really

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