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A film done by Gardner-Webb students, "The Legacy," won a top award at a film festival in Utah. Find out more on page 4.

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Weekend Weather

Saturday	Sunday
Nov. 4	Nov. 5
57/32	60/33
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny

Source: NOAA

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GWU: Baptist link unbroken

State Convention conversations will continue due to differences

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If any rumors have circulated concerning Gardner-Webb University's plans to change its status as an institution affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, GWU administration officials want to make it clear that any change in that relationship would not affect the Christian and Baptist heritages of the school.

"Gardner-Webb University places a high value on its historic relationship with North Carolina Baptists and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention," said Dr. Ben Leslie, GWU provost and senior vice president.

GWU President Dr. Frank Bonner delivered a sermon titled "The Christian University and the Church" at Boiling Springs Baptist Church on Sept. 10. As a part of his sermon, Bonner addressed the relationship between GWU and the convention, and gave a summary of the recent discussions between the convention and its five affiliated institutions (Chowan University, Mars Hill College, Campbell University, Wingate University and GWU).

Over the past year, the relationship of the BSCNC and those five schools has been the subject of study and discussion, according to Bonner in his sermon. A study

Dr. Bonner stressed the following points concerning Gardner-Webb's relationship with the state convention in his Sept. 10 sermon:

- "Whatever happens, Gardner-Webb will continue to be a strong Christian university. Nothing will change that. Our commitment to our Christian foundation will not be diminished; in fact, we will continue to strive to strengthen it."

- "Whatever happens, Gardner-Webb will continue to serve North Carolina Baptists and to be a Baptist school, and we will work hard to continue to be worthy of the love and support of all Baptists."

- "We have pledged, as part of the proposal that was approved in May, that all funding from

the state convention would go to North Carolina Baptist students in the form of scholarship assistance. If funding, or any portion of funding, is withdrawn by the convention, it will be those students who will be affected; but Gardner-Webb will continue to do the best that we possibly can to assist those students considering the financial situation that we would be placed in."

- "I have tried to stress from the beginning that, if the desire of everyone involved truly is for a strong Christian university and a strong Baptist university, then we are together, we are as one, and we have no problem. However, if the real desire is for control, particularly when an agenda may be involved, then we have a serious problem."

committee appointed by the Council on Christian Higher Education has been working with convention leaders and the presidents of the institutions to develop a proposed relationship. In May, the convention's executive committee and board of directors passed a proposal satisfactory to the schools.

However, the bylaws committee made significant changes to the proposal when it adapted the proposal to bylaw language. The convention's board of directors

kept the changes, which created concern among the five convention-funded schools. According to Bonner, the proposal changes are based on the procedures for electing trustees, and it affects each of the Baptist institutions in North Carolina.

"Consequently, the institutions now feel that we no longer have an agreement, and we are uncertain as to where we will go from here," said Bonner in his sermon. These conversations between

the convention and the schools have been "friendly but intense," according to Leslie, adding that the process for electing trustees will be discussed again when the Baptist State Convention meets this month.

"Whatever the outcome of that conversation, (Gardner-Webb) remains committed to an identity that celebrates both its Baptist and Christian heritages," said Leslie. "In other words, we anticipate no change in direction in the faith character and Christian commitments of the institution."

Bonner also anticipates no change in the university's Christian heritage. If the university makes a move to change its relationship with the North Carolina convention, the school will not become a secular institution, said Bonner.

"GWU will remain strongly Christian whatever the outcome of the current issue," said Bonner. "Our Christian foundation is not defined by the acceptance of funding or the procedures for the election of trustees."

"All five Baptist universities/colleges in North Carolina are together on this issue. I am confident that each will remain solidly Christian whatever the outcome of the issues currently being discussed with regard to procedures for the election of trustees."

Making a difference at GWU



A Batman wannabe takes a cup from GWU freshman Taylor Lake in Bost Gym Tuesday, at the Octoberfest celebration. The event was the university's contribution to United Way's Make a Difference Day. Children from Cleveland, Rutherford, and Cherokee counties were invited. There were crafts, demonstrations and Halloween-related booths.

Photo by Kayley Potter

Conference educates caregivers about dealing with Alzheimer's

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Her vibrant, red sweater is in sync with her personality. Standing at the front of Blanton Auditorium, Teepa Snow generates energy and demonstrates an intense passion for the topic she speaks about — Alzheimer's disease.

Gardner-Webb University co-hosted an Alzheimer's Workshop Oct. 26 in conjunction with the Life Enrichment Center adult day care center, with Snow as the speaker. The workshop was intended to inform caregivers about the effects of Alzheimer's, how to relate to its victims, and how to provide adequate care.

The topic is one close to her

heart because her grandfather had the disease.

Snow, who has more than 300 speaking engagements per year, discovered that she has a unique talent relating to victims of dementia and their families and caregivers.

"I have a very different style," said Snow of her tactics.

She uses interactive methods, such as role-playing and demonstrating to make her points.

"It helps the caregiver understand why they [Alzheimer's patients] do what they do," she said. "It connects people."

Snow said she likes to emphasize why people with dementia act in certain ways.

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Pedestrian projects stalled

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A Boiling Springs pedestrian plan that was to be implemented by this year has not hit the road yet.

Last fall the pedestrian plan, solicited by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, was designed to encourage walking and less reliance upon vehicles in the Boiling Springs area. It was originally hoped that the plan would be completed in the spring of 2006 and would become a reality in the summer, but so far it remains nothing more than a plan.

According to Zach Trogdon, town manager of Boiling Springs, the plans were just finalized this month. Before any work can be carried out, a committee will be

formed to address pedestrian needs. The plans will include building new facilities and improving existing ones.

"We want to take a holistic approach," Trogdon said. "It's not just about building new things."

He said this would include short- and long-term projects, some of which will be completed in the coming months.

Some of the short-term projects involve signage, new facilities such as sidewalks, improvements on existing sidewalks, and trails throughout the community.

Long-term projects will focus on encouraging good community habits such as walking more and improving traffic awareness, he said.

Parking will also be discussed during the formation of the plan.