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In campus news

Two GWU students will hold a debate on campus later this month. Who are they and what are they debating? See the story on Page 5.

The GWU theater department puts on two plays this week. "night Mother" and "Laundry and Bourbon" have all-female casts. See the story on Page 3.

Steve Varley recently took the position of vice president for Student Development. See more on Page 2.

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Ciara Lilly and other students were deeply affected by Dimensions speaker R.V. Brown. See her opinion on Page 4.

Pilot Editor Matt Tessnear has found that six dollars can buy him a piece of the past. See his column on Page 4.

In sports

GWU's men's and women's basketball teams recently kicked off their seasons. See more in SPORTS on Page 5.

The men's soccer team won the A-Sun tournament title and advanced to the NCAA tournament but fell against Clemson Thursday. See more in SPORTS on Page 5.

The wrestling team had a strong performance to start their season. See more in SPORTS on Page 5.

GWU football team had a big conference matchup with Coastal Carolina last Saturday, which helped determine the Big South Conference title race. See more in SPORTS on Page 5.

Don't miss

Gardner-Webb's annual Festival of Lights will occur Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in Dover Theater. The event will include a choral concert and the lighting of the campus Christmas tree. For more information, contact the GWU Office of University and Media Relations at 704-406-4631.

Weekend Weather

Saturday Nov. 18	Sunday Nov. 19
58/32	48/29
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny

Source: NOAA

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The Simpson Formula

Swimmers give coach credit for success

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Fast swimmers are not the most important thing for Mike Simpson.

The head coach of the Gardner-Webb University swimming team places more emphasis on bringing good people into the program than bringing in good swimmers, and it shows in the team's results.

Since the GWU swimming program began in 1999, Simpson's teams have compiled an 82-29 record, including a current streak of three consecutive Northeast Conference championships.

GWU was a unanimous pick to win its fourth straight NEC Championship this season, getting 13 first place votes in the 14-team league.

But the Bulldogs don't just swim well. Their academic record is proof that they also study well.

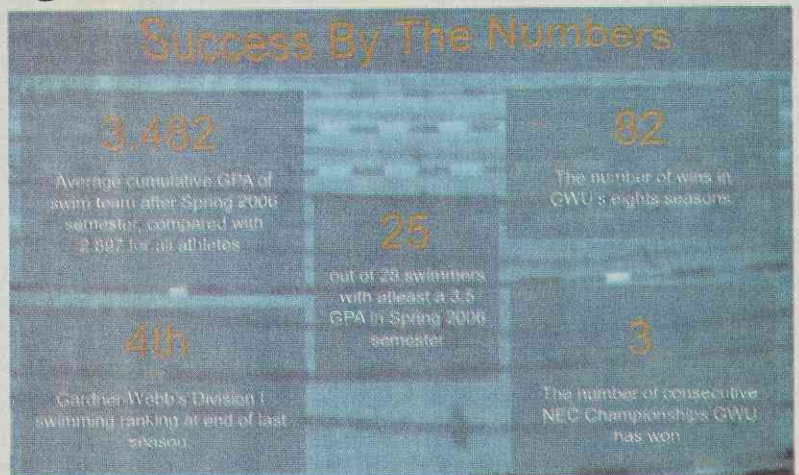
GWU placed 14 student-athletes on the NEC Academic Honor Roll in 2005-06.

As the team wins championships and maintains an exemplary academic record, the schedule gets busy for everyone.

"To balance classroom obligations and time in the pool, I have to plan my days ahead of time and sacrifice a lot of 'chill' time," said Isabel Olivias, a junior biology major from Miami, Fla.

Even with a busy schedule, members of the GWU swimming team credit the program's success, and the ability to keep everything together, to Coach Simpson.

"I've never had someone like



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Source: GWUsports.com and 2006 GWU Fact Book

Coach," said Erin Pledger, a junior marketing major from Trinity, N.C. "He is patient and actually cares about us. He knows when to push us in the water and sets a good example for us to look up to."

Senior Terra Wilson agrees with Pledger about their coach.

"I think the focus on God is what has made this program so successful," said Wilson, from Potter Valley, Calif. "When coach got here seven years ago, there was nothing."

He trusted God to provide and guide then and he still does now.

Simpson said that his squads are always team-oriented and that

everyone is willing to sacrifice for the good of everyone else.

However, several players on the team say that there is one role model who provides a good example for the rest of the swimmers.

"Personally, Heather Roka is my role model and I think the majority of the team would agree with me," said Pledger. "She sets the example and follows through with everything in the pool and out."

"She is an encourager and an amazing friend to have."

With all of the leadership by members of the team and Simpson, he stresses that it is not the efforts of anyone at Gardner-Webb

that has made the program one of the most successful athletic programs at the school.

"The whole reason for coaching and the success of this program is that this is our ministry," said Simpson.

"It's not just a coaching job. From day one, we've tried to make an emphasis that this is God's program in every way, not our program."

Simpson said that winning conference championships has never been his teams' goal.

Gardner-Webb swimmers don't talk about the other team and they don't talk about winning. See *SWIMMING* page 2

Founder hopes Sister's Ministry fills need for outreach to women at GWU

By Rebecca Clark
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Leaving home and attending a college or university is an opportunity to try new things and meet new people, and Gardner-Webb University offers many of these experiences. One of them is the chance to learn line dancing.

The only requirement is that you have to be female.

Sister's Ministry, a branch of GWU's Outreach Ministries, is hosting a "Turkey Trot" tonight in Ritch Banquet Hall. Kelly Wright, an intern at CrossRoads Ministry in Shelby, will teach the line dancing class. All GWU female students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

GWU Sophomore Lauren Bilyeu, founder of Sister's Ministry, said it is a chance to learn, have fun, and "not worry about boys."

Still in its fledgling stage - this is the program's first year on campus - Bilyeu said she started the ministry as a way for young women to serve their peers, and a

chance for them to hang out and enjoy spending time together.

"It is a time to acknowledge that we are all sisters in Christ," she said.

Bilyeu said she first got the idea as a freshman at GWU. There are no sororities or groups specifically targeted for young women, so she decided to start one.

The new program is moving at a slow pace, but it has held events such as a campus-wide sleepover and a scavenger hunt. Bilyeu said about 50 girls showed up for the sleepover, but not all of them stayed the whole night.

The number of members fluctuates because the group is open to all who want to attend, but a core group of about eight young women help organize events. They try to have meetings on Sundays, but times remain flexible, like everything else in the program.

"We're a close group, so it's not something we're being bogged down with," she said.

Sister's Ministry activities are funded by Outreach Ministries.

Graduation applications due soon

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Attention seniors!

If you plan on graduating in the spring, you have until Nov. 27 to fill out and pay for your graduation application. Any applications submitted after that time will cost an additional \$50.

Luckily the process is easy. Here's what you need to do:

Go to your MyWebb account and print the degree evaluation sheet and graduation cover sheet. Fill it out; sign it; have your ad-

visor and department head sign.

Take the application to the registrar's office.

The \$100 fee will automatically be charged to your account once the registrar signs off on the application.

Make sure to get your application in on time. It's an easy way to save \$50. The registrar's office provides a list of graduation candidates on their Web site for May 2007.

Students can check there to see if their application was successfully completed.



Photo by Rachel Lloyd

GWU's Stan Doolittle makes one of the touchdowns in the game against Coastal Carolina on Nov. 11.