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The GWU men's and women's basketball teams have fallen to recent opponents, but can still be victorious when they play this weekend. Find out more on Page 2.

Gardner-Webb University's wrestlers performed well at the Davidson Open, but had a rough outing at the East Stroudsburg Open. See what Coach Wince said about the team's performance on Page 2.

### Weekend Weather

| Saturday<br>Dec. 9 | Sunday<br>Dec. 10        |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 48/27<br>Sunny     | 55/24<br>Mostly<br>Sunny |

Source: NOAA

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## There's no place like home for Christmas

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With the last week of classes coming to an end and exams right around the corner, many Gardner-Webb students are eagerly anticipating Christmas break. After working on presentations, papers and homework for the semester, it's no wonder that students are ready for some much needed R&R.

Most of us have fond childhood memories of waking up in the early hours of Dec. 25 and running into the living room to find that Santa had come, leaving behind wonderful gifts. But as we get older, we learn that there is more to Christmas than just presents: There are our family and our friends. Nothing makes Christmas better than being with the ones you love, whether at home or away.

Many of the students here are either expecting family to come to

them, or are traveling to be with family.

"I'm going home and my family's coming out," said Stacy Linduska from Minnesota.

Cody MacArthur, is traveling to Chicago for the holidays, instead of to his home in California.

"Chicago is my mom's hometown," says MacArthur.

"I can't wait to get home," said Amanda Overcash, a senior. "My aunt and cousin are coming in from Indiana to spend the holidays with my family. It's so exciting."

Robin Taylor is no exception to the traveling rule.

"I'm going home to New Jersey," said Taylor. "I'm going to spend time with my friends and family."

Sometimes spending the holidays with just family isn't enough.

"I'm going to be with my family and my boyfriend," said Maggie Hendrix. "We're traveling to Georgia."

### Holiday Hollywood favorites brighten the season

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Some Gardner-Webb students share their favorite Christmas-theme films:

**Amanda Overcash:** "My favorite Christmas movie would have to be 'The Polar Express,' because my mom used to read the book to me when I was a kid."

**Evan Rhodes:** "It's 'A Muppet Christmas Carol.' The movie teaches you about the true value of Christmas."

**Devin Mauney:** "Mine would be 'A Christmas Story,' probably because I've watched it ever since I was little."

**Jason Bell:** "'Elf' is my favorite, because it's funny and I

miss snowball fights. I'm from Canada."

**Cody MacArthur:** "It's 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.' My family and I watch it every year."

**Stacy Linduska:** "I love Jim Carrey's version of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.' Jim Carrey is a hoot."

**Maggie Hendrix:** "My favorite would be 'Rudolph,' the Claymation one."

**Robin Taylor:** "I like 'A Christmas Carol.' It's my favorite."

**Brandon Beach:** "'Home Alone.' I don't know why, I just like it."

**Mark Houser:** "It's 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.' A classic."

## Festival of Lights



Photo by Katie Bryant

This ornament in the form of a wrapped Christmas present hangs on the Gardner-Webb's Christmas tree in the quad. The tree was lit Nov. 30 as part of the annual Festival of Lights Christmas program after a concert in Kathleen N. Dover Theatre. GWU community members walked from the theater to the tree along a path lit by luminaries.

## Prison Ministry participates in Angel Tree

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Some Gardner-Webb University students are demonstrating the spirit of giving this holiday season by working with the Angel Tree project through the school's Prison Ministry.

Erin Dalton, coordinator of Prison Ministry at GWU, said the ministry program was established three or four years ago and now has 25-30 people involved.

The ministry undertakes different projects, including prison fellowship, where students go into area prisons or correctional institutions and fellowship with the prisoners.

The Angel Tree project is an offshoot of that.

The project provides Christmas gifts for inmates' children. Prisoners are contacted to find

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Ministry at GWU

out if they want to be a part of Angel Tree program. If they do, sponsors are found to provide presents for their children. These include one clothing item and one "fun gift," which can be a toy or game.

"People are so grateful for what you're doing for them," said Dalton. "It's cool to see a need and be able to meet it."

There is a sponsor for each child in a family. Participating families can have up to six children.

Sponsorship is open to anyone, community members included.

GWU students who work with Angel Tree approach faculty, volunteers and businesses to find sponsors.

Gifts will be given during a Christmas party Dec. 6 in the Fireside Lounge at the Dover Campus Center. If caregivers are unable to come, volunteers will deliver the gifts to the child's home.

This year, the prison ministry program has two sponsored families and it hopes to add a few more before Christmas.

## Carl Cartee's show helps many people

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Carl Cartee was featured in concert Dec. 1-2 for the 9th annual Salvation Army Benefit Concert, sponsored by Gardner-Webb University and The Shelby Star. The concert, which was held in Dover Theater, proved to be a community success again.

More than 700 people attended the two concerts, and 104 toys and 1,015 pounds of food were collected.

"That'll go a long way to help some folks for next year," said Noel T. Manning, director of university and media relations at GWU.

The evening opened with a performance by the Salvation Army Brass Band. Cartee then invited children in the audience to come on stage and sing with him.

"This is the part of the concert where I break out my Dobro, and

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