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Tanning salon set to open on Main St.

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Anyone looking to get a golden base tan before spring break is now in luck. The University Tanning Salon, located on Main Street in the old Boiling Springs post office building, will open soon.

Owner Brian Green's decision to opening a salon was influenced by his sister, who also owns and operates a tanning facility.

Green, a lieutenant on the Lincolnton police force, is a graduate of GWU and worked as a Gardner-Webb campus officer for two years.

"(We're) trying to make a more upscale tanning salon than others, and everything will be computerized," said Green. "Boiling Springs is our hometown and this is a great location for this particular business."



Photo by: Kate Gazaway

Brian Green, a Gardner-Webb University Graduate, owns the tanning business that will open soon across from campus.

The salon has three 15-minute beds, each with 36 bulbs and face tanners.

Goggles, moisturizer and spray deodorant will be provided in each room. Products, lotions and tanning

packages will be available for purchase.

The salon will offer memberships and discounts to all students and educators. Green also plans to offer a variety of tanning packages to all customers.

Postcards for a free first visit will be distributed around GWU.

The tanning salon is insured and each employee is licensed by the state. Family members will operate the business during the day and four GWU students have been hired to work nights. University Tanning will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., depending on the season.

Green wants suggestions from tanners about package and bed improvements. He also hopes to purchase a spray tanner in the future.



Photo courtesy of Dr. David Judge

Gardner-Webb students gather around a car that was donated for their project to convert into a bio-diesel powered car.

'Veggie vehicle' up but not running yet

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Several GWU students and professors hope the 1985 Mercedes sitting behind Craig Hall will soon be a successful bio-diesel project.

Science professor David Judge's environmental class proposed an idea during the fall semester to create a bio-diesel car, known as the "veggie car." Judge believed the project would be a very creative venture.

"We didn't have a car, and we didn't have a conversion kit, but it never stopped the students," he said.

Students in the class worked hard to sell T-shirts at GWU football games and ended the semester with enough money to purchase the vehicle. The car is insured by Gardner-Webb University and, even though the car belongs to the department, the students will be able to drive the car around campus for events supporting the project.

Judge's environmental class and Venita Totten's chemistry class will combine to transform the Mercedes into a vehicle that can run on vegetable oil. However, the group currently lacks the conversion kit, which will eventually be purchased from greasercar.com.

"The students came up with the idea to sell sponsorships and it's up to the class if they want to continue selling T-shirts," said Judge, "but they are pushing the sponsorships. I will let them make the decisions on their project."

Judge stressed that this type of conversion will not replace petroleum. The project focuses on showing that other sources of fuel can be used in automobiles.

"The students have worked very hard so far and are still giving a lot of effort to get the car completed," said Judge.

The students plan to have the car completed by the end of this semester.

New quiz bowl team set to compete at Radford U

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Five Gardner-Webb University will soon rack their brains for six hours. Tom Jones, professor of biology, will take five GWU students to Radford University Feb. 2-3 to compete in the regional Collegiate Quiz Bowl tournament.

Jones held preliminary competition and tryouts before selecting the four students and one alternate for the trip to Radford, Va. Mike Mitteer, a senior business administration and theater arts major; Seth Huber, a junior music composition major; Megan Looper, a junior Spanish and secondary education major; and David Podgorski, a chemistry and environmental science

major, make up the team. Jacob Conley, a senior English and history major, will be the first alternate for the competition.

"I think that it's going to be a difficult competition since everything came together so late, but I'm hoping that our team's raw talent can help us advance past the regionals," said Mitteer. "I'm really excited about the competition and being honored to be selected for the team, which is filled with such great minds."

If the team wins at Radford, it will advance to a sectional competition on Feb. 10. The team would travel to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga or George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. for the sectionals.

Celebration Week near

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Members of the Gardner-Webb family will have a chance to celebrate God together during the annual Celebration Week. This year's Celebration Week, sponsored by Campus Ministries, takes place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in Dover Theatre. The festivities will also be part of Dimensions programs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Sarajane Burroughs, campus ministries publicity coordinator, believes Celebration Week is very important for the spirituality of the campus.

"(Celebration Week) is a 3-day time for students to come together to celebrate God and who he is," said Burroughs. "Every year

proves to be very useful and a time for growth for many students."

Clayton King, a 1991 GWU graduate, will be this year's keynote speaker. King is the founder of Crossroads Worldwide, a local Christian ministry organization. Throughout the week, students and faculty will give testimonies and read scriptures. The Verge band will spice up the celebration at most of the events.

"(We want) to keep it simple," said Neal Payne, director of Campus Ministries. "We're hoping to reach people who may not come often."

Natalie Pippin, another Campus Ministries coordinator, said that Celebration Week is about finding God. "I see this as an excellent outreach program," said Pippin.

Communication Studies welcomes new professor

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Dr. Joseph Webb joined the faculty in the Department of Communications Studies this semester. He will teach speech and mass communication classes, as well as journalism courses.

Previously, Webb taught at Palm Beach Atlantic University, a Southern Baptist-affiliated institution located

in West Palm Beach, Fla. Webb said he was looking for a change, which prompted his move to Boiling Springs.

"After being the founding dean of the school of communication (at Palm Beach Atlantic) in 2002, I was ready to go back to teaching and writing," said Webb.

"It is never easy to stay under a new dean when you

are the old one."

Webb said he has been impressed so far with GWU as an institution and campus.

"The students tend to be more focused on studies here than I am used to," said Webb.

"It is part of the nature of the school. If you want to party, you go to a city school. Not here. Students are studying, or so it

seems."

Webb has written eight books, several of which pertained to journalism, and three on communication for preachers and clergy.

He also has two doctoral degrees.

He obtained one in communication from the University of Illinois. Webb earned the other in theology from Claremont School of Theology.

New Miss GWU eager to spread the word

Heather Bartlett, a junior theater and religious studies major, was crowned Miss Gardner-Webb on Jan. 21. Recently, she took time to discuss the pageant and her platform, Christians in the arts, with The Pilot.

The Pilot: Were you shocked when they announced you as the Miss GWU Pageant winner?

Bartlett: Oh yes, more definitely. I really wasn't expecting to win. Some of the other girls did a really amazing job and gave incredible answers to the interview questions. So I am really thankful that I won, and I was really excited.

The Pilot: Have you done this pageant in the past?

Bartlett: No, this was actually my first year.

The Pilot: Why did you decide to do this pageant?

Bartlett: I wanted to do it last year, but I just thought that I had another year to do it and that I would just wait. I thought that it would be a fun time to meet other girls, to show my talent and be able to represent Gardner-Webb. And I was just really excited to be able to do that.

The Pilot: What does being Miss Gardner-Webb mean to you?

Bartlett: Well, I think that it definitely makes me very thankful that someone, well, a few someones, thought that I represent best what Gardner-Webb embodies. It also means that I do represent Gardner-Webb and that it is a challenge to uphold Christian values of our university, as well as to encourage others to do so. This weekend I get to go speak to people and explain my platform and really get it out there. I'm so excited.

The Pilot: Can you elaborate on your platform from the pageant and tell me what it means to you?

Bartlett: Christianity in the arts, basically, means to support Christians that believe their gift and talent is through art, because the two things tend to not mesh well together. Christians should need to know that it's OK to celebrate and worship God openly.

God has given you that talent and through it we can bring God to people. Not only to those who see our work, but to the people we work with too. There are a lot of people who are lost in the world. Being true to yourself in that fashion and showing God through art really shows more that what you can say.



Photo by: Rachel Lloyd

Heather Bartlett was crowned Miss GWU Jan. 21. Former Miss GWU Leanna Stroup places the crown on Bartlett's head. Bartlett is from Trinity, NC.

The Pilot: What are you hoping to do during your reign?

Bartlett: I would like to be able to encourage other Christians in the arts and be able to do what my platform is all about, to uphold that and to let people know that these things are essential to worshipping God and com-

municating with other people. To help show that God is who he says he is and we can tell people through our art. I really hope to uphold that through the year. As well as stand for what this university stands for and to encourage other people who feel this way to come here as well.

Study: College gender gap present

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(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - A new report released earlier this month suggests colleges may have a more successful female student body than male.

The National Freshman Attitudes Report by Noel-Levitz indicates the findings stem from the different attitudes men and women have toward studying.

Noel-Levitz, an organization geared toward helping college campuses exceed in their enrollment, marketing, and student

success goals, surveyed nearly 100,000 incoming freshmen at 292 private and two-and four-year public colleges during their initial weeks on campus.

The study found that both men and women approach their freshman year highly motivated, but male students didn't list having study habits and high intellectual interests as often as women did.

"This study has to do with what percentage of men and women respond in different ways [to college]," said Pam Jennings, associate vice president of marketing for Noel-Levitz. "Overall, students have a

high expectation that they are going to complete a degree when they come in as brand new freshmen, but that isn't happening."

The report suggests that the disparities between the two genders may begin with the individual academic methods males and females use, such as studying and reading, to be successful in the classroom.

The findings show that freshmen men are more likely than women to admit that their studying is irregular and unpredictable and that books have never been a source of excitement.

The numbers demon-

strate that women enjoy reading more and taking careful notes, which is a factor in why women are doing well, according to the study.

"Women are more out distancing men in college education than was the case in the past," Farkas said. "The crossover point goes back a while, it just wasn't noticed so much."

The gender gap trend is not unhead of, however.

An article published in the American Sociological Review in August 2006 shows the culmination of this gender discrepancy has actually been going on since the 1960s.