

News

Board of trustees approve additional faculty slots

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When the Board of Trustees met last week, it approved the creation of two additional faculty positions, one in the communication studies department and one in the School of Education.

These two positions supplement two positions the trustees approved last semester for the math and English departments.

According to Associate Provost Dr. James Dire, the positions will add to existing staff levels, and have nothing to do with the unfilled faculty positions. Dire said that it was important to create new positions for a growing student body, even if they are not filled right away.

In the math department, Professor Teralea Moore, who began teaching as an adjunct in the fall 2006 semester, has filled the new three-quarter-time position. She teaches four classes in the fall and two in the spring. Moore teaches Math 100 and 105.

The math department now has six full-time positions.

"We have a lot of overloads," said Chairman Rob-

ert Bass, regarding the new position. "(Moore's) position has alleviated the stress of the overload."

The English department's new position was created in fall 2006, but it has not been filled. Dr. Janet Land said that professors in the department are coping by teaching overloads, using several adjuncts and stretching enrollment for core classes.

In the Department of Communication Studies, Chair Dr. Bob Carey said a new public relations position will help fill voids across the board and reduce the number of part-time positions, which now totals five.

The department has hired Lisa Leudeman, who now teaches journalism and public relations at University of South Carolina Upstate.

She will begin teaching at GWU this fall.

The new position in the School of Education deals primarily with graduate-level classes, according to Dr. Donna Simmons.

She said that the new position means using fewer adjuncts and will bring more continuity to the department.

Town and gown set to come 'Alive' again Bike ride heads list of activities for GWU/Boiling Springs festival

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Boiling Springs and Gardner-Webb University will hold the second annual Springs Alive Festival on April 21.

Activities will be held throughout the day, most of them taking place on GWU's Quad.

"We expect a big crowd and it will be fun for the community," said Dawn Anthony, assistant director of alumni and parent relations.

Offerings include the Tour de Springs Bike Ride, the YMCA Healthy Kids Fun Run, a free tennis clinic, a car show, inflatables, train rides, swimming, the Broyhill Adventure Course, a climbing wall, carnival games and live music from local bands Ocean Boulevard and Flint Hill Band.

Arts and crafts will be available for purchase and special entertainment will be provided by The Academy of Performing Arts, Boiling Springs Singing Stars, Fallston Elementary Forte Singers, Elizabeth Elementary School Encore Singers, Joyful Hands Ministry Team and the GWU Jazz Band.

The bike ride is the first event to occur, starting at 8:30 a.m. Last year, 85 cyclists participated.

That number is expected to double this year.

A number of GWU professors rode in the Tour de Springs last year and are encouraging more students to become involved in the ride.

"Any student that has a bike can ride and there are enough people that you can ride with someone, but you have to wear a helmet," said Dr. Matt Theado, a GWU English professor.

"You can use a bike from your garage. Just pump up the tires and make sure your brakes work."

The GWU swim team will volunteer to help again this year with the ride's registration, traffic flow, directing riders, serving drinks and snacks at the three aid stops.

"We couldn't do it without the help from Mike Simpson and his swim team," said Anthony.

"The event was very well organized and the swim team was great about doing the aid stops and keeping the cyclists on course," Theado said of last year's ride. "The bike ride is not a race, but a community event that is a good experience for anyone with an average athletic ability."

The bike ride is organized to promote safe riding

and the ride will begin and end on the GWU campus. Riders can decide whether they would like to enter the 60-mile metric century or the half metric, which is 30 miles.

The ride fee is \$15 and the deadline for pre-registration is today. The fee gets you a T-shirt, snack and lunch.

Dr. Kent Blevins and his son Timothy are planning on riding together in the event.

"To prepare for such a ride you should ride at least two to three times a week," said Blevins, a professor of religious studies at GWU.

Blevins wishes there were more roads like the one going towards the Broad River because that road has a bike lane.

"The more riders, the better because motorists are more aware and respectful of cyclists and will slow down and be more cautious," said Blevins.

Dr. Chris Davis also rode in the event last year, but is unsure if he will participate in the ride this year.

"I have only been riding for two years and was first influenced by Dr. Theado to start cycling," said Davis, a GWU English professor, "but I also needed something to help me keep in shape."

All of the professors that participated last year rode the half metric race and all who are competing this year are still planning to do the 30-mile.

"Every time I wear that T-shirt from last year, someone always comments that they didn't get a chance to ride in the event, but are planning to try this year," said Theado, adding that he definitely thinks the participation will double from last year.

"A good benefit about the event as a whole is that it brings the community on our campus and they can see the facilities like the football stadium since that is where the ride begins."

Anthony would like to thank all of the members on the planning teams, SGA for helping set up the night before, the Student Alumni Council and the swim team.

"Most activities are free and students should become involved," said Anthony. "Bring lawn chairs and blankets and come out and enjoy the day because it's a great experience for everyone."

If bad weather should occur, the event will be held in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. For more information, call (704) 406-3824.

'Change in relationship' for GWU, Baptist Convention

Proposal allows 5 BSC-affiliated schools to elect trustees without convention ok

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Gardner-Webb University will be able to elect its own trustees, if the Baptist State Convention's board of directors and convention members approve the change this year and in 2008.

The convention's executive committee unanimously passed on March 6 a proposal that would allow all five North Carolina colleges and universities currently affiliated with the Baptist State Convention to independently elect all trustees, without convention approval. The proposal was made by the convention's Council on Christian Higher Education, according to a March 6 story in the Biblical Recorder, a publication based in Raleigh that has covered Baptist life for more than 50 years.

The presidents of Campbell University, Mars Hill College, Wingate University, Chowan University and GWU have signed off on the proposal, according to the Recorder.

"This is basically a change in relationship," said Noel Manning, GWU director of university and media relations.

Currently, each trustee is approved by the convention. The proposal must be approved by two consecutive conventions, which meet once a year. If approved, GWU would begin selecting trustees in 2009, without convention approval.

By 2012, GWU would have a board of trustees entirely approved by the university, not the convention. Additionally, conven-

tion approval of the proposal would phase out the convention funding by 2013, which makes up 2 percent of GWU's annual budget, and up to 4 percent of the budgets of the other schools, according to the Biblical Recorder. Scholarship funding will be awarded annually by the convention.

GWU and the university are not completely severing ties, said Manning.

The Raleigh News & Observer ran a story on March 23, saying that the convention-associated institutions were "on the path to divorcing the Baptist State Convention."

That is not the case, said Manning, adding that the relationship and scholarships for GWU students are important to GWU President Dr. A. Frank Bonner.

The Pilot first reported on Nov. 3, 2006, the conversations between the convention and its funded schools. Those meetings will continue to occur, said Manning.

Faculty and staff reveal student-related pet peeves

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It's probably not a good idea to make noise by gathering your things in an eager effort to leave Dr. David Parker's English classes. But before you settled back into your seat and get too comfortable, there are plenty more pet peeves that Gardner-Webb University Faculty and staff members shared with The Pilot.

Parker, an English professor, doesn't like when students use computers for anything but taking notes in class. He doesn't like students text messaging or taking phone calls in class, and packing up early is a pet peeve because it creates a domino effect of noisy students across the classroom, he said.

Dr. Franki Burch is baffled by how much trash litters the ground on Gardner-Webb University's main campus.

Burch said she couldn't

believe that students at a school for higher learning would just throw their trash on the ground without giving it a second thought.

GWU Head Wrestling Coach Richard Wince said he is annoyed by the unnecessary student use of parking spaces. Students are capable of walking to class from the campus apartment, he said.

Dr. Paul Etter, GWU's choir director, would like to see GWU implement a standard campus time system, in an effort to keep students on the same schedule. Etter's peeve is that students come to class late more than just a few times.

For some professors, the peeves delve into the class material. Dr. David Yelton, a professor of history, gets irritated when students do not read before class, he said.

Professor Sam Harrelson has a simpler peeve. He said doesn't like students falling asleep in class.

Tanning salon biz hot

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Starting this week, University Tanning on Main Street will extend its daily hours to be open until 10 p.m. through the spring and summer.

"The business has taken off so fast that I am having to turn my office into another tanning room," said owner Brian Green, adding that he will also hire an extra employee.

"I really appreciate the students' response and their support for the salon."

Green has already purchased another 15-minute tanning bed and the fourth tanning room should be completed within the next

month.

By next week, each room will have an individual air conditioner that is manually controlled, said Green. Also, each room is provided with moisturizers, towels, goggles and a radio. Cold drinks are available for purchase.

New customers get a free first visit, and students and educators get a discount on all packages and lotions.

Since the salon opened, Green said he has gotten more business than his sister's salon, in Mocksville, N.C., which has been open much longer.

Green said he wants an upscale tanning venue and is willing to take any suggestions for improvements into consideration.

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