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In sports

The GWU softball team is near the top of the A-Sun standings as they close out the regular season. Several Lady 'Dawgs have hit double-digit home runs this season, too. See more on Page 5.

Weekend Weather

Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6
76/55	78/54
Showers	Showers

Source: NOAA

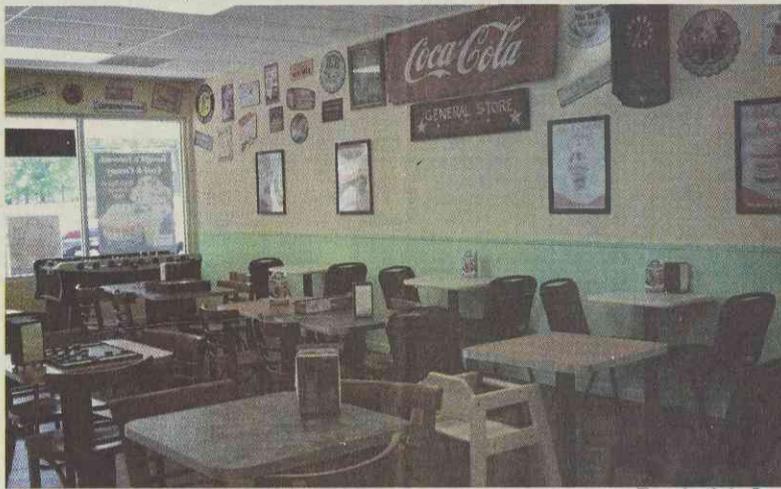
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There is plenty of seating inside Kerry's Cups and Cones, located in the plaza with Chen's Fusion and Subway. Some tables have games like checkers and tic-tac-toe. There is a Foosball table. In addition to selling ice cream, below, the shop also sells pasteries and candies.

Cool!

Ice cream shop offers fun, food just off campus

By Karl Kakadelis
Pilot Staff Writer

With temperatures hovering around 90 degrees several days this week, students at Gardner-Webb University and members of the Boiling Springs community have needed a way to cool off. With a grand opening on April 21, Kerry's Cups and Cones moved into town just in time to provide patrons with cool treats on hot days.

GWU students might even get a discount soon on purchases, according to Kerry York, who owns the store with her husband Scott.

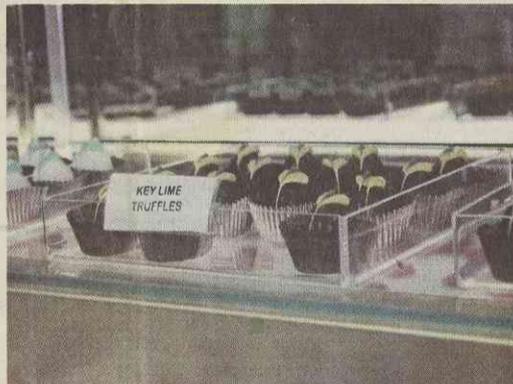
The Yorks opened the store at 117 E. College Ave. in Boiling Springs in an effort to improve business.

Kerry's was previously located in the Town Plaza on U.S. Highway 74 in Shelby.

"It's all about location," said Kerry York. "Location, location, location. We had a great opening night and we're very excited about the future."

According to the Yorks, 80 percent of their customers live in Boiling Springs anyways, so the move made logical sense.

"I love the restaurant and am thrilled and very excited about the ice cream," said Parrish Calloway, disabilities specialist at the Noel Program for the Disabled at



not been able to get good ice cream and now we are."

Kerry's Cups and Cones provides 48 flavors of ice cream, but also sells a variety of drinks, cakes, baked goods and birthday party supplies.

In a few weeks, the Yorks say they plan to offer other food items, such as barbecue sandwiches and hotdogs.

Kerry's also sells candies, chocolates and greeting cards.

The store has an old-fashioned feel to it, according to Eric

Some customers love the drink options.

Jaobond Chen, a regular customer, says Kerry's has the best orangeade in Cleveland County.

"The fresh lemonade is the best and I won't go anywhere else," said Kate Johnson, a professor in the GWU School of Nursing.

"This community has backed me 110 percent and has been so supportive," said Kerry York. "I couldn't ask for more. They are so loving and I am honored to be a part of such a family."

Meal exchange renovations now under way

By Grace Whiteside
Special to the Pilot

The old meal exchange is gone and the downstairs of the Dover Campus Center is almost inaccessible, although a March 30 article in The Pilot said that plans for renovation had not "been finalized or formally discussed."

"Our goal was to start the process before school ended so students would have confidence that we were giving them something new," said Mike Hardin, vice president for business and finance. "The students are why we're here," he said. "They are who we are trying to serve."

Where the wobbly tables and couches with monkey pillows once stood there will now be an area that resembles a sports bar

with plasma screen televisions, Hardin said. He described an area where students could not only eat, but also socialize. He wants meal exchange to be a place where students can stay for a couple hours if they want, or simply get their food and leave.

There will also be a more intimate area for students to go have a private conversation or read, Hardin said. Booths will replace the drink and vending machines. This section will be off to the side, so it will be more exclusive and away from the hustle and bustle.

"This project is more of a work in progress, so things will change," said Hardin. "I appreciate the students' interest."

The new menu will include grilled items and pizza, as well as healthy alternatives such as the

wraps, subs, fruits and salads that are now offered. Hardin hopes that the menu will entice commuter students who do not have a meal plan. Instead of choosing Hardees, Taco Bell or Kentucky Fried Chicken, he wants commuters to enjoy the meal exchange as a new option.

Will meal exchange really help people get food fast? Sometimes students stand in line for 15-20 minutes waiting for their turn.

"It is going to take some time to get our lines flowing in the most efficient manner," admitted Hardin, but he said the workers will do their best to get food fast for those who are in a hurry.

Comments or suggestions will be welcomed next semester when the new meal exchange opens, he added.

Gardner-Webb crisis plans tweaked after VT shootings

Dean of students: Fall focus will be security

By Matt Tessnear
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Following the April 16 shootings at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va., safety has become a major issue on college campuses across the United States. Gardner-Webb University's crisis management team and officials are discussing improvements, according to Bruce Moore, GWU dean of student development.

"When we open school in August, safety will be a major issue," said Moore, adding that he already addresses the topic when he speaks with parents at GWU's "Dawg Days," when prospective students make campus visits.

He said he tells the parents that "whatever happens on any campus in America happens at Gardner-Webb."

GWU has a core crisis management team made up of individuals including Sherry Ingram, director of housing and residence education; Barry Johnson, chief of university police; Jim Whitlow, director of counseling; and Tracy Jessup, minister to the university. Moore is also on that team.

"The nature of the crisis determines the appropriate response," said Moore. "Obviously, what we're doing is being tweaked. Senior management met (on April 25) to evaluate our current plans, tweak them and then an outside official will come in and review it all. That's in the works right now."

Moore compares the outside review process to the steps taken in the university's accreditation process, in terms of external review.

GWU officials are also starting work on a program that would let students put their cell numbers in a database where they could be immediately alerted in a crisis situation, he said.

GWU has six full-time campus police officers and a mutual aid agreement with surrounding law enforcement offices, according to Moore.

Moore attended a meeting with other deans of student development in the fall. He said he had a chance to discuss several campus incidents that other deans had dealt with. He spoke with Texas A&M University's representative about the 1999 bonfire log collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 others.

Moore said he also listened to LSU's dean of students address their dealings with Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. He said his colleagues feel that communication is the number one issue and that common sense is key.

"I think any campus is an incident away from chaos," said Moore. "To guarantee safety - you can't do it. I feel good about the situation we're in and, like every school, we're going to learn from (Virginia Tech)."

"There may be vulnerability, but we have 4,000 sets of eyes on campus," said Moore, adding that students can report suspicious activity. "That's a good thing."

Barry Johnson, chief of University Police, could not be reached for comment on this story. GWU President Dr. A. Frank Bonner's office did not return calls on the story.