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### This Edition **It's a new world downstairs at the DCC**

#### - In campus news -

The semester got off to a musical start as GWU alum Tayler Redding and his band, EVOKA, played in the quad for the Back to School Bash. See page 2.

The theater department came up with seven audience-pleasing one-act plays for the fall semester's version of '24'. See page 4.

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There's a new spot to dine in Boiling Springs, now that the Tsambounieris brothers have opened Georgio's restaurant at the corner of Main and College. See page 2.

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Jacob Conley shares his expertise as a longtime GWU student with students new and old. See page 2.

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The women's soccer team had a winning weekend at home. See page 3.

The volleyball team had a winning weekend also, hosting and then winning the Bulldog Classic. See page 3.

The football team was victorious in the season's home opener, thanks to some help from the new cannon? See page 3.

### Weather

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| <b>Today</b>       | <b>Thursday</b>    |
| <b>Sept. 12</b>    | <b>Sept. 13</b>    |
| 82/63              | 83/66              |
| 30% chance of rain | 30% chance of rain |
|                    | Source: NOAA       |

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### Online



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By Rebecca Clark  
Pilot editor

The recently unveiled renovation of the lower level of the Dover Campus Center has transformed the former snack bar into a new grill and lounge area.

The work, which began last Christmas in the upstairs cafeteria, continued over the summer. Now the facility offers students a variety of food choices, from typical hamburgers and french fries to fresh fruits and wraps.

But it isn't just the food that is attracting students. As sophomore elementary education major Jessica Smart said, it brings the feel of a restaurant to Gardner-Webb University students.

"I really like it," Smart said. "It's something that we needed here and it's close. It has a good environment for students."

*"The atmosphere is the best thing."*  
Cole Harden

The lounge area, similar to a sports bar, has dim lighting, various sized tables scattered around the room and a plasma TV on the far wall. It offers students entertainment as well as a place to socialize.

Karissa Weir, director of student leadership and activities, said her office is working on weekly activities such as evenings featuring Monday Night Football, "American Idol" or open mic night.

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

Not everyone is pleased with the new setup in the lower level of the Dover Campus Center.

"I have no problem with the remodeling itself. I just have some problems with the new meal options and some things in the café," Stacie Worrell said.

The Gardner-Webb junior said she has a problem with the new Starbucks coffee the school now serves, along with the changes to the meal equivalency program.

"If they wanted a coffee line, they should have brought in Sodexo. They have a gourmet coffee line and Gardner-Webb already has a relationship with them," she said.

Another issue is the vegetarian options for students.

Sophomore Lauren Quesenberry said she's already had some trouble.

"One time I asked for a cheese quesadilla, but when I opened it there was chicken inside," Quesenberry said.

Another vegetarian, Tara Milligan, said she's had trouble with trying to get a healthy meal that suits her diet. She has to eat downstairs every Tuesday and Thursday due to her class schedule.

"They have some options, but I can't eat greasy food all the time," Milligan said.

### So far, so good say first-year students

By Kory McNair  
Pilot Staff Writer

It can be hard to get an accurate feel for campus after only two weeks, but ask freshman how they feel about Gardner-Webb University and many say, "Everything's fine."

They seem focused, eager and excited about the school year and the adventures that lie ahead of them.

Patrick Hall, a music major from Gastonia, has a simple answer when asked what the main adjustment to college was for him:



photo by Jessica Jones

During the summer Gardner-Webb revamped the bottom of the DCC. The former meal exchange area now looks like a sports bar. There is also plenty of room to sit, enjoy food and talk with friends, or watch the flat-screen television.

Weir said the Student Entertainment Association has just recently met, "though we don't have anything nailed down yet."

If students have any suggestions, they can contact December Jones, SEA chair, at 704-406-4742.

Cole Harden, a junior from Virginia, said the new grill "doesn't even compare" to the old snack bar.

"The atmosphere is the best thing," Harden said.

Elizabeth Hammons, a junior from Florida, echoed that sentiment. She said she likes the atmosphere better, although she wishes

it were a "mix of the how it was before and how it is now."

Not all students are pleased with the changes, and some complaints have been voiced about the meal exchange system.

As far as construction goes, it was fairly smooth sailing. Most of the work was done using GWU personnel.

"It was our staff that put it together," Wayne Johnson, associate vice president of operations, said.

Mike Hardin, vice president for business and finance, said they were able to largely avoid contract labor costs because much of the construction was done by GWU

workers.

Sodexo, the university's food service affiliate, provided funding for some renovation expenditures.

Hardin said the budget for the project was set at about \$160,000 and they stayed within reason of the budget.

"From a financial standpoint, I am very pleased with what we have accomplished" he added.

Both Hardin and Johnson said that they are open to, and encourage, feedback from the students.

The grill is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., and from 3 pm to 1 a.m. on Sunday.

### Vegetarians have beef about grill food

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

The junior said she has tried to look for a salad without the chicken or bacon in it, but has yet to find one. Milligan, like some other students on campus, said she wished the caf would bring back meal equivalency.

*"One time I asked for a cheese quesadilla, but when I opened it there was chicken inside."* Lauren Quesenberry

Suzanne Glasscock, cafeteria manager, said that vegetarian students have options.

"We have a garden salad, veggie burgers, burritos, and peanut butter and jelly available at meal exchange."

She said students can ask for specific options that honor their diet.

Wayne Johnson, the associate vice president of operations at GWU, said meal equivalency was never meant to be a full service option.

"Rather, this service is to offer different options and time for using prepared food."

### What's in a name? Money and honor

By Rebecca Clark  
Pilot editor

The new grill and lounge in the lower DCC is still waiting for a name, and you could provide it.

Wayne Johnson, associate vice president of operations, said students are encouraged to participate in choosing a title "which suits the new atmosphere and hopefully also has a tie to the university."

Once all the submissions have been collected, they will be turned in to university President Dr. A. Frank Bonner, who will choose the most creative name.

That name will earn a prize and perhaps the honor of being chosen as the grill's new name.

If the most creative name is not the most apt, Bonner will then designate the title.

"Dr. Bonner reserves the right to choose a name," said Matt Walters, president of the Student Government Association.

Students can enter their name ideas by e-mail to Matt Walters at mbw0703@gardner-webb.edu

"Getting adjusted to classes is the main part."

Brittany Blount said that more independence is the biggest difference between high school and college so far. The business administration major said that her "big sister" - the peer leader during freshman orientation - and her roommate helped greatly when it came to adjusting to the college life.

The change in size from high school is an adjustment for some freshmen.

"The people, a bigger campus takes some getting used to," said

David Overstreet, who is majoring in computer science.

Freshmen seem composed - on the surface, anyway. Worrying about books, getting to classes on time, and other concerns can be nerve-wracking.

Dr. Jame Whitlow, a counselor at GWU for 12 years, said that many issues have come up during his counseling sessions with first-year students.

Adjustment problems, roommate difficulties, major depression, eating disorders, stress and anxiety are typical, according to Whitlow.

Most anxiety occurs during the

first few weeks of school.

Difficulty concentrating on classes is a common symptom found in freshman who are having a hard time adjusting to college life.

Help is available at the counseling center in Washburn Hall for freshman, and all students, experiencing difficulties by calling ext. 4563.

Students come on their own, Whitlow said, or are referred by RAs, faculty and staff, and parents.

Faculty will soon receive guidelines on how to refer students, and symptoms of freshman stress to look for, he said.