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Today **Thursday**
Sept. 26 **Sept. 27**
90/63 88/61
Mostly Partly cloudy
sunny

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The new Segway sits out front of University Police Station

Segway has U.P. on a roll

By Rebecca Clark
Pilot editor

Gardner-Webb University Police Chief Barry Johnson has traded in his official four-wheeled transportation for two wheels, and he is happy about the reduction.

Funds from an alumnus, earmarked for the campus police department, allowed it to purchase a Segway from Charlotte Energy Solutions. The machine, which will be used for patrol purposes, is a two-wheeled transportation device invented in 2001.

"I'm excited about that thing and amazed by what it can do," Johnson said after testing the \$5,600 machine out around campus. "We've encountered nothing but positive responses."

He said it will be used to not only patrol around campus, but also around town as well.

"It's a perfect tool for community police. We consider ourselves a community-oriented police department," he said.

One of the important factors the Segway contrib-

utes is its visibility. Johnson said it affords them the ability to see and be seen, a vital part of police work, as well as cutting down on foot time for patrol officers.

"It's just a way to provide better service," Johnson added.

The Segway has computers and motors in its base to keep it upright at all times. It is essentially driven and steered by leaning in the desired direction.

The particular model of Segway purchased by GWU, the x2, is specifically designed for security purposes. It has larger tires than other models to provide for patrolling on off-pavement terrain.

Another positive factor is that it is environmentally friendly and saves costs on fuel.

The machine operates using lithium batteries, which typically take 8-10 hours to recharge.

"It's a money saver," Johnson said.

The Segway can reach up to 12.5 miles per hour and is able to cover 15-24 miles on a fully charged battery.

"We'd be interested in purchasing another one if we can get our hands on one," Johnson said.

Welcome Families!

Tradition goes on nearly unchanged

By Jared Graf
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The Family Weekend tradition continues this weekend with one minor change: The picnic will be on the Quad rather than at Lake Hollifield.

Dawn Anthony, the assistant director of Alumni Relations, which plans the weekend, is expecting 640 students to attend this event. That's the highest number ever, she said.

The weekend starts with the Senior Pinning reception at 5 p.m. Friday in the courtyard outside the LYCC, followed by the Senior Pinning banquet and ceremony from 5:45- 7:45 p.m. in the LYCC.

Each senior will have the golden pin attached by someone who the student considers a major influence on his or her life.

Anthony said the pinning ceremony is an "opportunity and time to pay tribute to those who helped them along the way."

Following the banquet there is the annual Faculty-Staff Variety Show which gives participants a chance to display their talents and entertain the Gardner-Webb community.

This year's theme is Broadway musicals. The program is scheduled to have 12 acts from various divisions of the school's staff/faculty.

Saturday's schedule includes the pre-football-game picnic beginning at 4 p.m. There will be live music provided by seniors. GWU students with meal plans will not be charged, but must have ID.

The Bulldog mascot will there to pose for pictures.

The football game will begin at 6 p.m. at the Spangler Memorial Stadium against the Governors of Austin Peay State University. GWU students can get in free with ID card.

A student-led worship service will be from 10-11 a.m. on Sunday in the Dover Chapel. Families are encouraged to stay.

Tracy Jessup, the mister to the university, will be giving the message.

After the service, there is a

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Tobacco-free policy takes effect without trouble

By Kory McNair
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It was a nerve-racking six months for some staff members at Gardner-Webb University as they waited for the tobacco-free campus policy to go into effect Aug. 6, according to Bruce Moore, vice president for student affairs.

They wondered how the policy would be received and be handled

"Residence Life is trying to foster and cultivate a safe and healthy living environment ... there are so many health issues related to tobacco use," said Moore.

That is one of the main reasons why Gardner-Webb went to the tobacco-free policy.

"It's consistent with our values to promote health and wellness," said university President Dr. A. Frank Bonner. "It's very much the



Photo by Jessica Jones

Andrew Zawierucha sits in front of Broad River Coffee Company and enjoys his pipe.

ing medical research and conducting on-campus surveys, a GWU task force decided to move into a 100 percent tobacco-free mode.

It was the first university in North Carolina to do so, although Gardner-Webb had been smoke-free in residence halls since 1996.

"I applaud the task force and the president for taking the initiative, for taking the stance," said Moore.

Opinions of the new policy range from love to hate.

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by faculty, staff and students. The policy forbids the use of tobacco in all smoking and chewing forms.

As it turns out, there was nothing to it. Nothing at all; no one was openly defiant toward the policy that was implemented for good reasons.

trend in society to prohibit smoking in public places."

One reason for the prohibition on the GWU campus is the growing concern about the dangers of second-hand smoke, which may be as dangerous as smoking itself.

After several months of review-