

News

They're not called 'intramurals' anymore

By Jacob Conley
Pilot sports editor

"Intramurals" at Gardner-Webb University is now called "campus recreation," and along with the new name comes new opportunities for students.

"We just wanted to streamline our program with other universities," said Brian Arnold, assistant director of student activities. "This will also help if students ever go to other campuses to compete."

The changes can be divided into two categories: Those made to enhance safety and those designed to maximize the experience of playing sports.

The biggest changes made to ensure students' security is the policy concerning new ID cards.

"Students must have a new card or they will be asked to leave," said Arnold. "Students can still bring a guest, if they sign in, but this year we will enforce the 16-and-

over rule, which means that a guest must be at least 16 to use the workout equipment."

Another change deals with modesty. According to the campus recreation handbook, T-shirts or tank tops must be worn at all times.

"This means no more shirts-and-skins games," said Arnold.

Along with changes made to protect the safety of students, there are also a few changes made to enhance play.

The major change is the sportsmanship rating. This is determined by game officials based on the sportsmanship of the individual teams.

"A team must have an average of a C rating for the season to compete in the playoffs," said Arnold. "It doesn't matter if a team goes undefeated during the season. If it does not have a high enough rating, it will not qualify for the postseason."

Another change deals with forfeits. For major sports like football, basketball or soccer

a team must pay a maximum of \$20 in a forfeit deposit. At the end of the season the team will receive its money if no games have been forfeited. The amount will decrease by \$5 for each game not played.

"I understand that people might not like this change," said Arnold. "But when a team forfeits it also hurts the other team, because those students are here and they don't have a game to play."

If a team knows that a forfeit is possible 24 hours in advance of its game it may ask for a default and for the game to be rescheduled.

"I can't promise that the game will be rescheduled but I will try my best," said Arnold.

If students have any questions about these or the other new policies in campus recreation, they can visit the student activities Web site where a complete list of the changes are available via an online handbook.

Student Government Association News:

Nearly time to move 'em out: More bike racks on way

By Matt Walters
SGA president

I hope everyone has had an amazing summer and is off to a successful start this semester. This summer I was on campus doing the SGA internship, a unique opportunity that Gardner-Webb offers the SGA president. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to plan and prepare for the year, although by summer's end I was anxious for you guys to get back and for classes to start. That's a feeling I am sure most of you did not share with me.

Before I tell you what SGA has been up to, I want to express my concern and sympathy for the pain that members of our university family seem to be experiencing. I know several faculty members, staff and students who have been bombarded by tragedy and hardship.

I hope and pray that we, as a student

body, would be sensitive to the needs of our friends around us. I pray that God would comfort those who are struggling, and sustain them with peace and strength.

The main issues and concerns that the SGA is addressing pertain to bike rack availability, late-night study space and the new grill downstairs in the Dover Campus Center.

Residence Education has announced that it will begin enforcing the standing policies that prevent students from keeping bikes inside their rooms, in their halls and on porches at the apartments. They have assured us, though, that these rules will not be enforced until we provide students with appropriate covered bike racks outside the residence halls and apartments.

It is my understanding that, from now on, the Fireside Lounge is to be used as a study area after 11 p.m. Students can study in groups, but please be respectful to those

around you who are also trying to study.

Finally, I hope that students are excited about the new downstairs area in the DCC. From what I can tell, students seem to be relatively pleased with the space, but not so pleased with the new policies. I assure you that I am in conversation with the administration about this issue, and it being viewed as a work in progress.

Please continue to be open and honest with me about your concerns. If I can do one thing this year, it will be to develop more effective lines of communication between the university and its students.

I especially hope that students can come to SGA and feel like their concerns are being dealt with efficiently and responsibly. As always, I invite and encourage you to attend any of our meetings. The times and locations will be posted on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria.

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Family Weekend
schedule of events

Friday

* Applause reception for seniors:
5 - 5:45 p.m., Courtyard Patio, LYCC

* Senior Pinning Banquet and
Ceremony: 5:45 - 7:45 p.m., Lindsay
Court, LYCC. Cost is \$13 for an adult
and \$7 for a child under the age of 12.
Pre-registration required.

* Staff/Faculty Variety Show: 8-9:30
p.m., Dover Theater. Free

Saturday

* Pre-game picnic: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Lake
Hollifield (rain location: cafeteria). Cost
is \$9 for an adult and \$5 for children
under 12. Pre-registration required.

GWU students with meal plans will not
be charged, but must have ID. The Bull-
dog will pose for pictures for
\$5 per 4 x 6 print.

* Football game vs. Austin Peay: 6 p.m.,
Spangler Memorial Stadium. Cost: \$10
for an adult and \$5 for children K-12.
Preschoolers are FREE. GWU students
are FREE with ID card.

Sunday

* Student-led worship service: 10 - 11
a.m., Dover Chapel.

* Lunch buffet: 11:30 - 1 p.m. in the
cafeteria. Cost: \$5.75 a person; children
under 6 and GWU students with meal
plans eat FREE.

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lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the
cafeteria.

Anthony and Katie Fowler, the alumni
coordinators, want to thank all of their
students who have worked so hard for this
weekend to be possible. They also would
like to thank the catering department, the
Student Alumni Council and all others that
helped make this weekend great.

El Acapulco offers tasty fare for a fair price

By Ashley Chatham
Special to The Pilot

The aroma of Mexican cuisine floats in the air on North Main Street near the John Deere shop in Boiling Springs, thanks to the recently opened El Acapulco restaurant.

This small, friendly restaurant is owned and managed by Edgar Gissoso, who has created an extensive menu that is sure to please everyone.

Inside the restaurant, bright yellow walls catch the eye and customers are greeted at the front counter with a shelf displaying Hispanic and Western decorations.

The restaurant consists of a large dining area that can accommodate large or small parties. Booths line the walls and tables sit in the center of the room.

Colorful, Mexican-themed paintings grace each wall while plants and dried

fruit decorate the corners.

A television, visible from any table or booth in the room, provides entertainment. Customers can change the channel when desired.

Spanish music plays quietly over the sound system and can be heard throughout the

dining area. The music will be sure to whet the appetite for the range of Mexican dishes available.

Menu categories include appetizers, quesadillas, salads, specialties and fajitas, as well as seafood and vegetarian choices. Customers can also order soups, sides, a la carte, combination platters and 22 different lunch specials.

Meats include pork, chicken, steak and beef. The extensive menu also includes a kids menu that has Mexican food and burgers, chicken fingers and fries.

The prices are low for the quantity of food that is

delivered to the table.

Customers are immediately brought chips and salsa after being seated, and we found the service to be prompt.

To begin our meal, we ordered the cheese dip. The moderate portion was served hot and was even tastier when we added salsa.

La Bandera (\$7.95) was a favorite. It consists of one chicken enchilada with green sauce, one spinach enchilada with cheese sauce, and one beef enchilada with red sauce. It is served with rice and beans.

The spinach enchilada was very similar to spinach dip, but in a tortilla. However, the chicken enchilada was the most tasteful of all three, combining peppers, onions, chicken and cheese.

Another favorite special was the Fajita Nachos (\$7.95), which are nachos with grilled chicken or beef, bell peppers, tomato, onion, cheese dip, guacamole salad

and pico de gallo.

This hearty portion of nachos is large enough for two people to share.

To top off our meal we ordered the lunch special #20 (\$4.25), which is one chimichanga with a choice of rice or beans.

The chicken chimichanga was filled with cheese, peppers and onions. The rice was also filled with flavor and had the appearance of fried rice.

Desserts came next. This was the hardest decision, with the choices being sopapilla, flan, fried ice cream, fried banana or an apple chimichanga. All of the desserts are under \$3, but we chose the fried ice cream (\$2.95) and the apple chimichanga (\$2.95).

The large helping of fried ice cream came in a tortilla bowl with Neapolitan ice cream topped with crunchy flakes, honey, cinnamon, whipped cream, chocolate syrup and a cherry.



Photo by Jessica Jones

The apple chimichanga was a different, yet delightful, desert. The apples were fried in a tortilla shell and topped with Neapolitan ice cream, honey, cinnamon, whipped cream, chocolate syrup and cherries.

The restaurant serves Coca-Cola products and has wonderful sweet tea.

Customers seemed very satisfied with their meals and content with the atmosphere.

The waiters and waitresses are Hispanic and speak fluent English. They were all very polite and

checked on their customers frequently.

As people were enjoying their food, Gissoso walked around to each table and made sure the customers were taken care of.

El Acapulco T-shirts are available for purchase at the front counter for \$5.

Gissoso offers 15% off on Monday nights to Gardner-Webb students.

On Wednesday nights, students are allowed to buy one entrée and get the second for half price. A Gardner-Webb University ID is necessary for all discounts.

Athletes don't talk trash, they pick it up

By Rebecca Clark
Pilot editor

Gardner-Webb University's student-athletes are doing more than playing sports this month. As part of a plan to keep North Carolina roads clean, a litter sweep is planned throughout September, and various teams contribute to the effort.

Normally, the governor of North Carolina will send information to the town announcing a two-week period in the spring and fall that is designated as a litter sweep. Zach Trogdon, town manager, said in an e-mail statement.

"We make supplies available (bags, gloves, vests) to organizations during that time so they can participate in picking up litter."

Trogdon said the stu-

dents generally do the major roads in an out of town.

"They do a terrific job on them," he said.

Registrar Lou Anne Scates is part of the Appearance Committee of Boiling Springs, agrees.

"On behalf of the Appearance Committee, we couldn't do but three or four streets if it wasn't for the teams," Scates said. "I don't think some folks realize what the teams do."

"The Appearance Committee asks different service groups on campus and in the community to do what we call a litter sweep," Scates said.

Scates said they usually have a tremendous turnout from the different teams. In the past, the swim, golf, football, soccer, volleyball and basketball teams have all participated.

"It makes a better working relationship between the town and university," Scates said.

Tea Burton, the golf team coach, said they are participating this year and have been doing so for several years.

"This will be at least our fourth year," Burton said.

He said they contact Lou Anne Scates and are then assigned a road and given an area to complete.

Since the sweep can be done at the team's convenience, such as a day off from practice, Burton said it is fairly easy to get people to help.

Usually the entire team, about 20 students, pitches in.

"It makes things easier, the more you have," Burton said.

Library Corner

Who's new in the Library? In August, Natalie Edwards started work in the new position of instruction librarian. She shares library presentation responsibilities with other library faculty, with an emphasis on delivery to students at our off-campus sites.

Natalie completed her Master's in Library Science at UNC-Greensboro in May. She is from Marshville, and her previous experiences include serving as counselor and coordinator for the Free Enterprise Leadership Conference at the Jesse Helms Center, and volunteering at a therapeutic horseback riding facility.

Her office is on the third floor of Dover Library, and she would be happy to talk with you.

What happened to all the videos? We've integrated them into the main collection!

For a number of years most of the non-print material (videotapes, DVDs, CD-Roms, computer discs, and CDs) were on bookshelves and spinner units at the end of the reference collection on the main (second) floor. We were faced with the problem of an expanding reference collection and an expanding non-print collection, and little

room left to shelve them.

We didn't want to add stacks on the main floor at the expense of study tables and carrels, so this summer all the media except CDs were moved into the main collection. This has the added advantage of keeping all books, videos, floppies and CD-Roms on a topic together.

Because the compact discs are nearly all classical or sacred music we have kept that collection in a spinner unit on the main floor, where we can more easily assist patrons with them.

Have you used the Dover Library group study room? Did you know that the library has one?

The children's literature/curriculum lab area near the main entrance has been glassed in to serve as a group study room. This allows you to study and work on projects together at a moderate voice level.

Need a computer for your group work? You can bring your wireless laptop, or check out one of ours (for in-library use) at the Circulation desk.

FYL children's literature and curriculum lab materials are still available there.