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By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

Three members of the theater section of Gardner-Webb University's Communication Studies Department won four awards in the Metrolina Theater Association awards in its college and university category.

Assistant professor Scot Lahaie won best director for "Waiting for Godot," which was staged in fall 2006.

Assistant professor Christopher Keene won two awards for "Waiting For Godot": best set design and, in a tie with a professor from UNC Charlotte, for outstanding lighting design.

Senior student Caleb Moore won best lighting design for "Lear: ReLOADED," which was staged in the spring.

The awards events was Sept. 16 in Charlotte.

"We were confident going in," Lahaie said.

Keene first got involved with the Metrolina Theatre Association's awards program four years ago as a judge of plays done by colleges and universities in the Charlotte-Metrolina area. After his first year with the MTA, he got the Gardner-Webb Theatre Department involved.

"After seeing some of the productions, I asked Ron Higdon [the college and university coordinator] about getting GWU involved. He was really excited to add us as one of the schools," Keene said.

Since then, the theater section has received 31 nominations for productions such as "Medea" and "Baby."

Although Lahaie and Keene received awards, they them as honoring the students' hard work.

"Preparing all of the technical elements for a show requires a tremendous amount of work," Keene said.

"I'm especially proud of all the hard work that was done by my stage craft classes and my Assistant Technical Director Matt Marlowe."

The theater section is opening a new play — "Marty!" — on Nov. 14.



Photo by Sarajane Burroughs

Caleb Moore, Scot Lahaie and Chris Keane pose with the awards they received from the Metrolina Theater Association in the college and university category. Moore won outstanding lighting design for "Lear ReLOADED." Lahaie received the award for best director for "Waiting for Godot." Keane won both outstanding sound design as well as outstanding set design for "Waiting for Godot."

### Football field named for Coach Norman Harris



President Bonner stands with the family of Coach Norman Harris, after whom the football field was dedicated on Sept. 29 during family weekend. The Harris family was presented with a plaque during half time of the football game. Harris was one of the founders of Gardner-Webb's athletic department.

Photo by Sarajane Burroughs

### Weather

Today Oct. 10 87/50 Sunny  
Thursday Oct. 11 73/43 Mostly sunny

Source: Weather Channel

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### Collins strums way to first place

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

For Dr. Joseph Collins, perseverance has paid off. He won the first-place title in the mountain dulcimer contest at the prestigious Walnut Valley Festival in September, after placing third for the past four years.

The contest, held in Winfield, Kansas, is one of five to six festivals he attends each year.

"I was pleased I was able to win. You never know what's going to happen because it's always in the hands of the judges," said Collins humbly. He teaches in Gardner-Webb University's Department of Religion and Philosophy.

Collins has played the dulcimer, a small acoustic instrument with three strings, for 30 years. He also teaches others how to play, and hosts workshops across the country.

"I've taught it to 6-year-olds and 70-year-olds," said Collins. "People can pick up on it quick. You don't have to have a lot of musical knowledge to play it."

"The dulcimer community is growing exponentially. It's still



Photo by Kate Gazaway

Dr. Joe Collins plays his dulcimer for the Gardner-Webb Faculty Variety Show.

cool because it's not mainstream. You can still get the best in the world to come play wherever you are."

Collins also makes a few dulcimers each year.

Collins will not be able to participate in the competition for the next five years, per contest rules.

For more information about Collins and his avocation, go to: www.jcdulcimer.com.

### Students hang out in Kennel

By Rebecca Clark  
Pilot Editor

Gardner-Webb University's Bulldogs don't mind being sent to The Kennel — after all burgers, french fries and Starbucks coffee await them there.

The newly named grill was christened at the end of September and now has a red neon sign displaying the winning students' choice.

According to SGA president, Matt Walters, around 20 students submitted entries for the naming contest, with some students submitting more than one. A committee that included President A. Frank Bonner selected the new name.

Four winners were chosen, since four people suggested The Kennel. The prize was having money added to the students' meal

points. These points would then be used at the grill.

Corey Ruda, a sophomore from Mooresboro, said he didn't really like the new name.

"It just doesn't seem like a fitting name for a restaurant," he said.

Others however, are pleased with the name. Randi Gill-Sadler, a sophomore from Charlotte, is one of those.

"I think it's kind of clever considering we're the Bulldogs," she said.

Walters said he has not heard any official feedback on the name.

"Some people like it, some people don't like it, and some people have no preference," he said.

He said the response was to be expected as a natural part of change.

