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### Weather

Today	Thursday
Oct. 24	Oct. 25
79/57	68/53
Scattered thunderstorms	Few showers
	Source: Weather Channel

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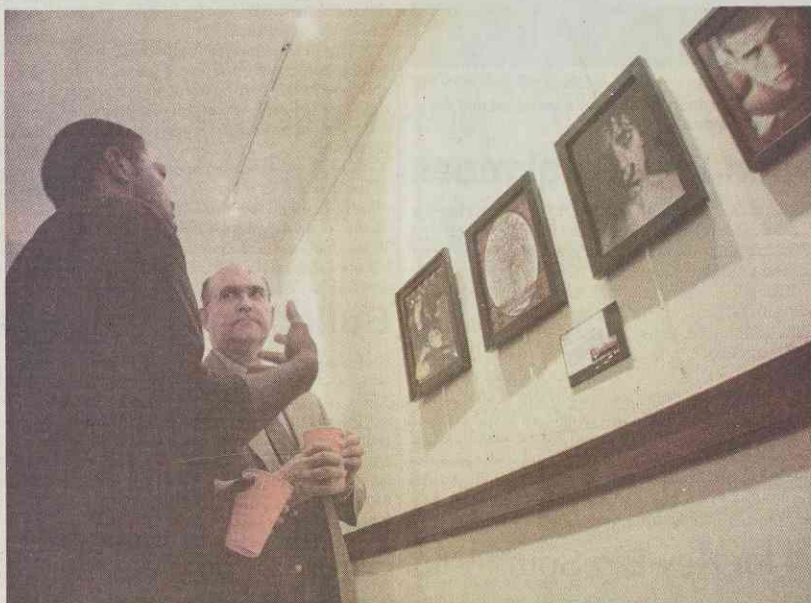


Photo by Kate Gazaway

Marlon Burnett explains his photographic technique to Harold Tucker.

## Exhibit displays student talents

By Kory McNair  
Pilot staff writer

The artistic abilities of some Gardner-Webb University students is on display up and down the main corridor of Communication Studies Hall.

The paintings, drawings, photographs and even a door as artwork have been on display since Family Weekend and will stay up through Homecoming.

Getting involved in show was easy. There was a call for work, and art majors and minors interested got involved, as did photography and

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photojournalism students.

Professor Doug Knotts, the head of Gardner-Webb's art department, said that the selection of paintings to put up was handled by Paula Spangler.

She served as the gallery director for the art exhibit.

There is no single theme for this exhibit, Knotts said.

"The main goal is just to get good work up."

One student who participated in this event is Jon Logan, who has multiple paintings on display this year.

"I've always loved to do art work since I was a kid," said Logan.

The amount of time it takes for him to do a painting varies between six and nine hours, he said.

His favorite painting on display is "Study After Cezanne," a painting that took him nine hours to finish.

The exhibit was funded by a grant from the Student Government Association.

## Chance meeting benefits photo students

By Christopher Shaver  
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Pilot advisor

The last thing Gardner-Webb University student Kate Gazaway expected from her summer internship was to meet a clothing designer Ward Robinson, do a photo shoot of his runway show and end up on the red carpet.

Well, near the red carpet, most of the time. In addition to taking photos at the show, she also took some of guests invited to a party for Robinson and the other Elmer Ave designers at the Hard Rock Café in Atlanta.

Gazaway, a junior, became involved in the Atlanta music scene when she wasn't working at her internship with a nonprofit organization. In July she met Robinson at a birthday party for a mutual friend,

and learned that he is a designer for a line of clothing called Elmer Ave.

"He found out that I am a photographer and asked if I wanted to do a fashion shoot," Gazaway said.

The fashion shoot was more like a runway show in a small, intimate venue on a Friday in August, she said.

The next day, Elmer Ave. was a featured clothing line at a fashion weekend in the Americas Mart Atlanta.

The party at the Hard Rock Café Sunday combined two of Robinson's loves: fashion and music. He and another Elmer Ave. designer, Collin Pulsipher, are part of a band called Royal Heist, which played at the event.

Gazaway invited GWU students Marlon Burnett and Sarajane Burroughs to come along for the event, which took place the weekend before the semester started. Gazaway said the Hard Rock event was like



Photo by Marlin Burnett

Kate holds the sign for Elmer Ave. on the press wall outside of the Hard Rock Cafe.

something that you see happening in Hollywood, with people posing for them on the red carpet.

Some alcohol companies that sponsored the party asked the GWU students to take pictures of people drinking their products.

This turned into a money-making venture for Burnett, who sold some of his pictures to Peroni Beer.

"I wasn't expecting to sell any of my photography," Burnett said.

The three agreed the event was beneficial to their careers because they gained networking connections and experience.

"The weekend was good," Gazaway said. "We weren't doing it just for favors for others, we were learning to be professionals."

"I haven't seen any money," she said.

But that's OK, because she believes the experience and connections are just as valuable.



Photo by Kate Gazaway

Marlon Burnett photographs the fashion show next to Elmer Ave. co-founder, Jonny Day.

## 'Midnight Madness' is finally upon us

By: Kory McNair  
Pilot staff writer

It's that time of year again: The basketball season is rapidly approaching, and that means 'Midnight Madness' is finally here.

The event, which ceremonially kicks off the first practice for the men's and women's teams, started here at Gardner-Webb around eight years ago.

This year's event begins at 11 p.m. tonight in the Paul Porter Arena and goes on for two hours.

Attendance is expected to be high as games, giveaways, contests and prizes will take place.

There will be a 3-point shooting contest and the always-popular dunk contest.

As if that wasn't enough, there will also be a scrimmage game for both the men's and women's basketball squads that will last six to eight minutes each.

More than just having a good time, however, it is also a time to get acquainted with this year's basketball squads and have a sneak peak at their performance.

"Hopefully, Midnight Madness will pique the fans' interest to come back and see us during the regular season," said Rick Scruggs, who is entering his 12th season as the head coach of the men's team.

The men's team added five new players to the roster this year, and this event will help them get in front of a university crowd for the first time this year, Scruggs said.

Women's Coach Rick Reeves is excited as well.

"Gardner-Webb is a special place where students and athletes bond together. School spirit is really good here," said Reeves, who is entering his fourth season as head coach of the women's team.

"This is another way students can interact with the team," he said.

The season starts on Nov. 6 for the men, on the road against Alabama A&M, with the first home game Nov. 13 against North Greenville.

For the women's team, the season starts Nov. 10 at home against Montreat College.

## Want to graduate?

Students who intend to graduate this semester must turn in their application for graduation to the registrar's office (Webb Hall 109) by Dec. 3.

Students who intend to graduate next semester should turn in their application for graduation to the registrar's office (Webb Hall 109) after they are registered for the spring semester. The deadline for spring applications to avoid the late fee is Nov. 26.

Instructions for applying for graduation are available at the following link: <http://www.gardner-webb.edu/academics/registrar/gradinfo/1/index.html#deadline>