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Carole Edwards smiles broadly while being interviewed about winning the crown at the Ms. Deaf North Carolina pageant. Edwards will carry the title for two years.

GWU student Ms. Deaf North Carolina Competes for national title in July

By Rebecca Clark
Pilot editor

Gardner-Webb University student Carole Edwards was crowned Ms. Deaf North Carolina pageant at Lenoir-Rhyne College Jan. 12.

The ASL/psychology major also won the Ms. Congeniality title as well.

In July she will travel to New Orleans to compete in Ms. Deaf America contest. Until then, she will present her platform speech at various events throughout the semester.

Edwards was excited about the win, as well as the prospect of going to New Orleans, where she has never been.

She was awarded a scholarship that could be used at GWU or for graduate school.

The pageant, the first held in 10 years for

North Carolina, had three contestants.

"The other two competitors were really sweet girls," Edwards said. "We all had an equal chance at winning. I really hope the best for them now."

The pageant consisted of five components: a private interview with the judges, a platform speech, talent act, evening gown and on-stage interview.

For the opening act, the contestants dressed for their future profession, which meant Edwards was dressed as a counselor.

"I just dressed like a young professional. I sat in a chair and showed a chart," she said.

"For my talent, I wrote a poem myself in English and then I expressed it in ASL."

Edwards didn't just compete for show; she wants to educate others about ASL.

She said that for the platform speech, "I talked about my motivation to bridge the gap between the hearing and deaf."

The way to do that is by building relationships, Edwards said.

Her reign is for two years, until 2009. Between now and that time she will attend different events.

"My PR people will contact me for events I'll be going to," she said. "I have many things lined up."

She added that the win would not have been possible without the help of others.

"I want to thank my chaperone, Sarah, GWU and Deaf Club for their contributions to make this a success. I couldn't have done it without their support!"

Primary season resurrects promises of change in U.S.

Clinton name pops up around Gardner-Webb, but not in positive light

By Michaela Bryson
Pilot staff writer

Change is a word being over-used during this presidential primary season.

Every candidate promises change in one form or another, whether it is health care benefits, tax breaks to benefit the economy, and other promises that seem to be made every election year.

Change seems to be what the voters want, as seen in the variety of winners in the primaries held to this point.

There is no clear front-runner for either party.

The 2008 Republican presidential candidates include former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee; Sen. John McCain (Ariz.); Rep. Ron Paul (Texas); former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney; and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson.

On the Democrat side, the candidates are Sen. Hillary Clinton (N.Y.); former Sen. John Edwards (N.C.); former Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel; Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Ohio); and Sen. Barack Obama

(Ill.) Although a number of other political parties exist in the United States, the candidates from the two major parties have the attention of Gardner-Webb students.

"I strongly believe that we are going to have a Democratic president, but I hope it's not Hillary," said freshman Amber Stewart.

"I am a Republican and I want a Republican to win, but they are not out there strong enough.

If a Republican wins I'll be in complete shock."

Clinton is not the preferred candidate for another GWU freshman.

"Honestly, I want Obama to win," said P.J. James.

"But I strongly believe Clinton will, sadly. I don't want Clinton to win because she will weaken our country's military and I believe once that happens, we're going to be a victim of more terrorist attacks."

Sophomore Brean Morgan wants to see a Democrat elected as the next president.

"I'm pulling for the Democrats, but I haven't decided yet who I want," Morgan said.

"The reason I'm pulling for the Democrats is because I believe that if they had been in power a lot of things that have happened wouldn't have happened or would have been dealt with differently."



Presidential hopeful at Limestone tonight

Sen. John Edwards will make a speech tonight at Limestone College as part of his "Back Home, Back Roads Barnstorm" campaign before Saturday's Democratic presidential primary in South Carolina.

Edwards is a South Carolina native and former senator for North Carolina.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Fullerton Auditorium. Limestone College is located in Gaffney, S.C.

Better grades a top goal for GWU students this semester

By Kory McNair
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Each semester brings with it the opportunity to do things such as improve grades, work toward future goals, meet new people and try new things.

Many students have high hopes for just one thing when it comes to the goals they set for themselves this semester: good grades.

Devondia Holmes, a sophomore ASL major, said that her main goal was to simply "raise my GPA."

Steven Miller, a sophomore with a double major in Spanish and video/ film, said that his goal is to "have only A's and B's for the semester."

Tristan Divine, a sophomore, is aiming to successfully pass all of his classes with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Drew Powell, a junior, said that his most important goals are to "improve my grades and study more."

Grades, however, are not the only thing on the mind of students this semester.

"Make good grades and have fun," were the top goals of Jay Bailey, a sophomore majoring in accounting.

Optimism reigns supreme right now among the students and there is still time for goals of any kind to be met.