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<b>Today</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Feb. 7</b>
69/41	59/35
Strong winds	Sunny
Source: Weather Channel	

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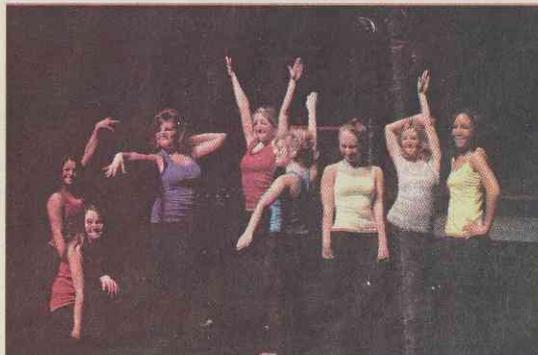


Photo by Ashley Carter

The Miss GWU contestants do an opening dance number to introduce themselves to the audience. Contestants also had to participate in a talent segment and businesswear competition.

## Megan Lane takes the Miss GWU title

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

Megan Lane's goal since her freshman year was to win the Miss Gardner-Webb title. She accomplished that goal before a crowd of 400 in the Dover Theater Jan. 26 when — as a senior — she was chosen the winner from the pool of 10 contestants. She had a hard time realizing it, though.

"At first it didn't hit me that I won, because there were so many wonderful girls," Lane said. "I didn't think it was possible for me to win."

Karissa Weir, head of Student Activities, which sponsors the pageant, was especially pleased with this year's competition, which was only the fourth in the pageant's history.

"We've reached more girls this year. There were more girls in the competition than other years in the

past," Weir said. The road to the crown began Jan. 12 with a meeting for students interested in taking part in the pageant. That started a busy period when the contestants went to workshops on interviewing and choreography; participated in a photo shoot and several rehearsals for the opening dance; and practiced for the talent part of the competition.

The competition consisted of the opening dance, which was choreographed by Beth Mayo, owner of Academy of Performing Arts. The students then went through a business wear and leisurewear competition. Lane did a yoga demonstration for the talent portion.

The contestants also were interviewed by a panel of professional pageant judges based on questions derived from bio sheets submitted for the competition.

Celeste McLure was named first runner-up and most photogenic.

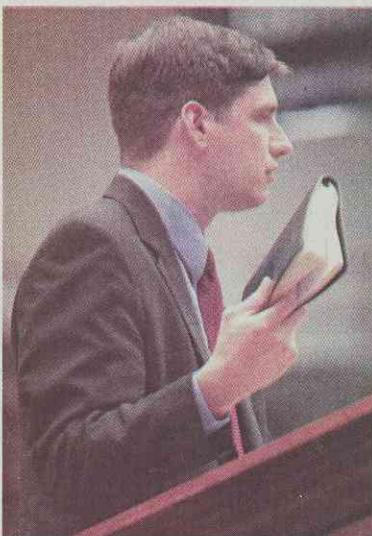


Photo by Ashley Carter

Evangelist Will Graham speaks at the Dimensions program Tuesday on the Gardner-Webb campus.

## Will Graham: Fight against world's ways

By Alex McKay  
Pilot staff writer

Will Graham, grandson of the world-renowned evangelist Billy Graham visited Gardner-Webb University for Tuesday's Dimension service.

Graham delivered an outstanding sermon about a topic that he said is "what his grandfather told him at our age."

He called our times the "Crisis Age" because of all the crises in the world today, such as the war in Iraq.

Graham did cite one comical example: The Britney Spears "crisis" we seem to hear about every day.

He said that this is a great time to live in because we are the people who can "rescue" the world and stop these crises.

Graham told the students that Christians need to start acting like Christians and not go along with the world's

ways. We must go by Christian standards and work together to better the world.

After the service, Graham said that he was delighted to come to GWU campus and that he had started his U.S. crusade in Gastonia in October 2006.

Graham is a very down-to-earth person who is devoted to preaching the Gospel, legacy or not.

He is not trying to be the next in the Graham line, but rather be himself and try to help Christians and the world.

He is in the family business in more ways than one: Graham is the assistant director of the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, in addition to preaching in his own right.

When asked about the similarities in his, his father, Franklin's, and his grandfather's preaching styles, he noted that "after hearing and

being taught by them over 30 years I've probably got the same mannerisms and picked up a few other things from them, though we talk a lot alike just from being from the South.

"Our services are a little different though. Mine are celebrations, with more music, and theirs are festivals."

According to his public relations specialist, Lauren C. Horton, he will be having a celebration for youth in Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday.

Graham's presence at the Dimensions service was made possible by Tracy Jessup, the Gardner-Webb campus minister. Jessup says that he had met Graham at the Billy Graham Training Center about two years ago.

The two struck up a conversation about him speaking at campus and Graham had no problem accepting the offer, Jessup said.

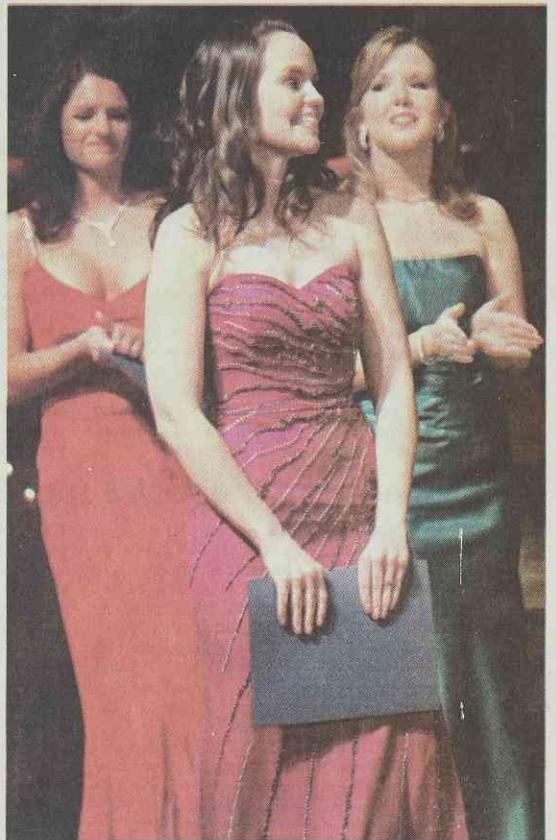


Photo by Kate Gazaway

Lane smiles as her name is called as the Miss GWU pageant winner.

Michaela Lewis won second runner-up and Miss Congeniality. The "most talented" competition was a tie between Lane and Lindsey Gladhill.

The Miss Gardner-Webb University experience has benefits in Lane's "real" life.

"This has helped me with my confidence and poise. When I go into [job] interviews I am more

confident, and it's helped me become more eloquent.

"If you can do that in front of your peers, then you can do anything," she said.

Her platform was "Locks of Love." She is trying to find a date where she can speak on behalf of the organization which takes donations of human hair to make wigs for children with cancer.

## Tie-breaker denies Quiz Bowl brainiacs the championship

Michaela Bryson  
Pilot staff writer

Some of the smartest students at Gardner-Webb University competed Saturday to bring home a championship.

The marching band wasn't there to encourage them, nor was a troupe of cheerleaders stirring team spirit from the sidelines. It was the students alone, battling it out with their smarts before a crowd of teachers and judges.

The GWU Quiz Bowl team nearly met its high expectations Saturday, tying for first place with Virginia Military Institute and Lib-

erty, with each team winning five games. A tie-breaking decision by the judges gave first place to Liberty and second place to GWU.

Gardner-Webb beat Radford, High Point, Charleston-Southern, Liberty and Winthrop.

Seth Huber was top man on the team, averaging 44.29 points per game. The nearest competitor averaged 32.86 points per game. In the end, Huber walked away with 310 points overall.

"Seth Huber, a senior music major, was the number-one scorer on our team and in the tournament. He probably has the widest width of knowledge of any student I have

Gardner-Webb won five of the seven games it played on Saturday, beating Radford, High Point, Charleston-Southern, Liberty and Winthrop.

run into at Gardner-Webb," said Dr. Tom Jones, team advisor.

Jones pushed the students to study and prepare themselves so they would be strong in all the question categories.

"I knew we would do pretty well we had a lot of returning students, but we still had some holes in science, and that did come back to bite us," Jones said. "The only thing we really scored in was individual to-

sups, but we did well. I was pleased with our score."

For the team members, only one thing was as important that winning overall, and that was winning over Liberty University, 190-150, in the head-to-head competition.

"We beat Liberty. That was the most important thing to the team," Jones said. "Before we left they said that they didn't care if they lost, as long as they beat Liberty."