

## News

## Gospel Choir extending reach

By Patrice Blackmon  
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The Gospel Choir has had a busy semester, performing at the Verge, the Gospel Explosion and churches in the area. It's all part of the group's plan to partner with other ministries on the Gardner-Webb University campus.

Thanks to an invitation from its praise and worship leaders, The Verge has been one of the Gospel Choir's main performance venues. This fits in with the choir's plan to reach a wider campus audience, said Quinon Isom, president of the Gospel Choir.

"These past few ministries and other events that have taken place across this campus, whether it be the Verge, Dimensions or the Gospel Explosion, has truly strengthened not only the members of the Gospel Choir, but the student body of Gardner-Webb University in their spiritual realms," Isom, a junior sports management and psychology major. "I believe that the Lord is show-

ing us that diversity and truly loving one another under his creed is the way it should be done.

"For if we cannot love someone because of their race or color, then we cannot love God. The Bible says, 'Those who say, I love God, and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.'

"Being one with Jesus in the same body and mind with our brothers and sisters is what he has called us to do in this new year," said Isom.

Gospel Choir Director CharKetta Anderson, a junior majoring in American Sign Language, agrees with the need to work with other campus groups.

"Yes, we will be working more with the Verge," said Anderson. "We realize that in ministry we have to stretch out and minister with our fellow co-laborers of the

gospel, and so we want to fellowship with our Verge staff. We will be frequently ministering there and hope they will be able to minister at our Gospel Explosion in April.

"We don't think us being in ministry with the Verge will better them - the Bible says that 'iron sharpens iron' meaning we all encourage and strengthen each other, so we're praying that that's exactly what will

The Gospel Explosion event earlier this month helped introduced something called "Team Micah," according to LaQuita McKinney, vice president of the Gospel Choir.

"It's an event formed by the new club on campus, 'Team Micah,' after our non-profit organization House of Micah, Inc.," said McKinney, a junior sociology major. "This event was formed to allow multi-cultures to be able to come together in worship. The event will introduce the club and organization both, with pamphlets about their programs and mission behind them."

## Upcoming Gospel Choir events

March 7 at 9 p.m. in Monroe, at the College Hype Night at Greater St. James  
March 13 at 8 p.m. in Ritch Banquet Hall for FCA  
March 16 in Charlotte  
March 30 for the Praise Fest in Waxhaw, at Greater Blessed Hope

## McLaren: Challenge Christianity's status quo

By Christopher Shaver  
Pilot staff writer

About 200 people gathered over the first weekend in February to discuss how to make the world and the church a better place, when controversial author and speaker Brian McLaren started his "Everything Must Change" book tour in Charlotte.

"I can't help but to get this feeling that I have just woken up from a really bad dream," said the Emerging Church proponent.

The event consisted of McLaren speaking four times; times to meditate; small break-out groups where participants could talk about change; and music performed by The Restoration

Project.

"If there is a mantra we have this weekend, it's love," Tracy Howe, the lead singer, said.

McLaren addressed his critics and showed how many others have gotten the Emerging Church movement wrong.

"We aren't watering down the Gospels. The fact is that they have already been watered down," McLaren said.

He explained how the story behind Jesus was political for its time, and showed how others can apply this to their lifestyles. He stated that the church needs creative Christians who are willing to challenge status-quo Christianity.

McLaren said society has created a suicidal system

based around ignorance and greed. This system cannot be sustained through anything other than the Revolution of Hope found through Jesus.

McLaren warned the crowd against was to be wary of quick fixes. He said he knew that standing for Jesus and against the suicidal system he explained would take a vast amount of time.

"I have recently found the joy of composting old banana peels, and I even get excited when I have to change my light bulbs to a more environmentally friendly bulb," McLaren said.

"I don't do this to try to change the world, but doing this to see how it changes me. When we do this, we are pledging allegiance to the Kingdom of God."



Photo by Jessica Jones

First row: Cynthia Milam, Leslie Jane Hallquist, Demaris Bailey Ford, Lori Hall, Lina Meyer, Jennifer Vaught Second row: Pamela Mitchell, Scott Dewitt Darnell, Linda Cox, Debra Kay Brown, Jessika Raduly, David Joe Philyaw, Ryan Burris Third row: Steven Kinney, Jr, Jeffrey Kniceley, Roy Hadley, Scotty Beck, Edward Shifflette III, Kern Phillip, William Tuten

## Business honors society inducts new members

The Gardner-Webb University School of Business inducted 31 new members into the Kappa Chi chapter of Delta Mu Delta Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Dover Chapel.

The new members represent the top business students in the day, GOAL and master's programs.

Delta Mu Delta is an international academic honor society. Membership is earned

academically; students must be in the top 10 percent of their class, with a GPA of 3.8 for undergraduates or 3.9 for graduate students.

Delta Mu Delta are to promote higher scholarship in training for business, and to recognize and reward scholastic attainment in business subjects.

Contributed by Professor E. Denise Smith, Faculty Advisor

## For seniors and forward-thinking freshmen, the hunt for employment is just a step away

The Metrolina Career Fair will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holly Sweat, director of Career Services, said it is the biggest event to hit North Carolina this year.

More than 100 employers from Washington, D.C., New York City, Chicago and other major areas will be present and looking for employees and interns. There are various opportunities for seniors

of all majors, alumni, graduate students and students seeking work experience in the form of internships.

"Everything you can think of will be there," Sweat said, naming well-known businesses such as Wachovia, Bank of America and even NASCAR.

Sweat stressed the importance of job hunting before graduating.

"Once you've graduated, you're unemployed," she said.

For students not graduating yet, an internship is a great way to gain experience and, later, perhaps a job.

"It is vital that you get your foot in the door," Sweat said. "Seventy-five percent of all hires are gotten through internships."

Students are encouraged to check out the Career Services Web page (<http://www.gardner-webb.edu/careers/events.htm>) which has job listings and information.

## Recruiters want to hire Noel students

By Rebecca Clark  
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Gardner-Webb University offers all students a gateway to many careers, including those students in the Noel Program, which offers resources and assistance to students with disabilities.

"We have our students all over the place," Holly Sweat, director of Career Services said.

Through Workforce Development, students with disabilities have gotten jobs and offers from Homeland Security, FBI, CIA and the Pentagon, among other pres-

tigious places.

WFD, a federal program, is based out of Washington, D.C., that works with disabled students. All employers that receive federal funding have to show diversity in their hires, which includes disabled students, minorities, etc. The students are interviewed and entered into a database which agencies looking to hire can access.

Last August, Sweat received a call from the federal government "to speak on behalf of four-year colleges on what Gardner-Webb has been doing with the Workforce Development Program," she said.

Sweat presented at The Southern Association of Colleges and Employers a regional conference in San Antonio, Texas. This conference consisted of 15 Southern states including Washington D.C.

She spoke about what GWU does "with disability students and what we do to help them be recruited into federal agencies."

Through GWU's alliance with Workforce Development, students have the opportunity to pursue prestigious careers that could take them to Capitol Hill and beyond.

## Facebook users can now completely delete profiles

By Ethan Klapper  
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(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON -- Facebook users can now delete their accounts completely after the company added instructions Tuesday to the help page on its website.

The social network's actions come days after The New York Times reported that many users were having trouble completely deleting their accounts.

Previously, users could only deactivate a Facebook account, which would remove all public data from the website but still kept an archive of personal information on the server. It is now possible to request your account to be deleted through a contact form on the Web sites help page.

However, many users are still reporting that the new method of account deletion is incomplete.

"Users who have requested to be deleted via the recently introduced form are only partly deleted, even though the deletion is confirmed by Facebook staff," Facebook user Magnus Wallin stated in a posting Friday on his Facebook group, "How to permanently delete your facebook account."

Facebook representatives did not return calls for comment by press time.

According to Facebook's

help page, deactivating an account rather than completely deleting it is a convenience measure.

"If you reactivate your account, your profile will be restored in its entirety," the help page stated.

Facebook was previously hesitant to comply with deletion requests, with one user succeeding only after threatening legal action, according to The New York Times.

American University School of Communication professor Kathryn C. Montgomery said she has always been concerned about Facebook's privacy practices.

"I've been warning my students about Facebook and privacy for years," she said.

Though Montgomery said she was not sure if Facebook was sharing the deactivated account information, she said it was a possibility and stressed that the Web site is turning into a tool for marketers.

The site threatens students' privacy, said Steven Rutman, a freshman in the Kogod School of Business.

"Why should they even share that information in the first place?" he said.

A user has every right to delete his or her information from Facebook, said Andrew Woods, a sophomore in the School of Public Affairs.

"When you get rid of your Facebook, you don't expect it to return," he said.



Photo by Ashley Carter

The new Boiling Springs YMCA is being built just up the road from Gardner-Webb. It will contain the new Boiling Springs Public Library.

## You can't spell 'new library' without the Y

By Jacob Conley  
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When the new Boiling Springs YMCA opens later this year, members of the Cleveland County community will also have a preview of the new public library.

"It may just have to start as a reading room," said Nancy Blalock, a member of the library planning committee. "We may not have all the books in by the time the YMCA opens."

This fact does not dampen Blalock's enthusiasm, however.

"This is a great thing for everybody. We want to reach patrons from all over western Cleveland County, not just

Boiling Springs," said Blalock.

She does not just want the library to reach out to a single type of patron, but to all demographics, which is a need that Gardner-Webb's John R. Dover Memorial Library can't meet.

"In order to check out material from the Gardner-Webb Library, you must be a student or alumni," said Blalock. "We want to serve everyone from children to senior citizens."

In order to accomplish this goal, the library will offer several demographically specific programs such as a summer reading program for children or computer classes for senior citizens.

"We want to supplement the public school libraries, so we will focus heav-

ily on AR [accelerated reader] material," said Blalock.

She said that the library will offer something for patrons in between those two age groups, and will also provide assistance in the completion of high school senior exit projects.

There will be opportunities at the library for GWU students as well.

"Volunteering at the library is a great way to receive community service hours," said Blalock. "Also, any member of the university community would benefit from a public library."

Although it may only be a reading room when the YMCA opens, Blalock and its other supporters plan for it to grow into something great.