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Weather

Thursday	Friday
Sunny	Sunny
High 73	High 76
Low 46	Low 48

Source: The Weather Channel

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Prof's spouse on 'Price Is Right'

By Shauntel Greene
Pilot staff reporter

It isn't typical to hear Gardner-Webb University and "The Price Is Right" mentioned in the same sentence, but the two are linked now. Sharon Carey, wife of Communication Studies chairman Dr. Bob Carey, was a contestant on the classic television show.

Be in front of your TV Friday at 11 a.m., tuned into CBS, and you'll see Mrs. Carey have a whack at one of the many games the show offers.

The journey to being on stage with Drew Carey — no relation — started in February, when Mrs. Carey got tickets to a show that would be taped in August. She would be in Los Angeles then, visiting her daughter Brittany, a GWU senior doing an internship there.

Both Careys were mentally and physically prepared Aug. 4, getting up at 5:30 a.m. and walking from their hotel to the CBS studio, which was across the street. The tedious hour and half wait outside was forgotten in the excitement they felt as soon as they walked into the studio, Mrs. Carey said.

Enthusiasm filled the audience as she and Brittany, game faces on, danced and clapped to upbeat music piped into the studio, anxious for the voice of the announcer

to begin the show.

Both wore matching T-shirts that read, "Pick Me Drew, I'm a Carey, Too!"

The taping began.

"Sharon Carey, come on down!" shouted Rich Fields, "The Price Is Right" announcer.

Everything after those five words was a blur, said Mrs. Carey, shocked that her name was the first one called.

She sprinted down the aisle, high-fiving every person in sight, and realizing that she was actually going to be a contestant.

Being the first person picked meant that Mrs. Carey had the advantage of going last to bid on a surround-sound stereo system.

As she stood behind the podium with her hand on the buzzer, anticipating her turn, the reality still hadn't clicked in her head, she said. She wisely bid \$1,001, trumping the next highest bid of \$1,000, and won.

Then she was on center stage with the comical Drew Carey.

"Drew was so puffy," said Mrs. Carey.

Her game was "Push Over," where the contestant is shown numbered blocks that make up the price of the prize. The contestant must push the blocks until the numbers match the price.

Did she win?

Contestants can't tell until the show has aired. Here's a hint:

It will be worth watching.



Photo by T.J. Taylor

Brittany Carey wears her "Price Is Right" T-shirt on campus. Her mother, Sharon, wore an identical one as a contestant on the show.

2 new systems heighten campus safety

By Michelle Alwerdt
Pilot staff reporter

Over the past few weeks University Police has established new defensive procedures to ensure greater safety on the Gardner-Webb campus.

The Outdoor Warning System, which was installed and tested on Sept. 11, was put to use Tuesday evening when a severe thunderstorm blew through Boiling Springs.

University Police Chief Barry Johnson was pleased with the system's performance, he said Wednesday.

"It is exactly what we paid for. It performed just as we expected," he said.

The ODWS went beyond his expectations because people indoors heard the warning and were alerted to the approaching storm.

"We are glad we have it as a means of communicating with the campus," Johnson said.

A crane lifted the nearly 600-ton system onto the roof of Dover Library Sept. 11.

Johnson said that the roof of Dover Library is flat enough and centrally located on campus so nearly everyone can hear a warning.

The structure atop of the library is composed of five speakers. Inside the library is the actual power box that controls the system.

There are two tones to warn people of emergencies, Johnson said. The first is a "wail tone" followed by voice instructions. This sound alerts the community to a weather emergency.

The second tone is a "discontinuous air horn" also followed by voice instructions. This sound alerts the community to any other type of emergency.

The police have three ways they can set off the system in case of an emergency. Manually turning it on from the library is the first option. A box, or remote control of sorts, is accessible in Johnson's office. There is another box identical to it that is portable.

These options ensure that the system will always be accessible in any type of emergency.

There are other tools University Police uses to alert students of emergencies, but the ODWS has attributes that make it more effective.

Walking is the main way students get from building to building, so a warning system that can be heard outside is very helpful.

"During the test, I was standing by Apartment A and I could hear it clearly," said Johnson.

The emergency text message that goes out is helpful, but there are too many variables. A cell phone might be dead; out of a service area; or silenced because the student is in class. An e-mail is informative, but most students do not check their e-mail often.

However, it is hard to miss a loudly broadcasting speaker.

"The next step," said Chief Johnson, "is to get the community trained on how to respond."

If there are questions regarding the ODWS, members of the GWU community can visit www.whelen.com to hear examples of the tones. There will also be a routine test on the first Friday of every month at noon.

Safety, part II

Another procedure that University Police started Sept. 18 is the presence of six safety flags at the cross walk near Communications Studies Hall.

The flags provide added visibility for students in the street. While it might not stop a car from hitting a pedestrian, a flag will make the walk safer.

The flags arose from complaints about how dangerous it

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New location revives lost arch tradition

By Kory McNair
Pilot staff writer

Historically, Gardner-Webb University graduates marched through the granite arch during commencement exercises.

But that was impossible to do when the arch was next to the Dover Campus Center and commencement exercises were in Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

This past summer the arch was relocated, piece by piece, onto the courtyard between the LYCC and the Suttle Wellness Center, so that the tradition can continue.

Student response to the change has been positive.

"I'm glad it's moved, so I can be apart of the tradition when I graduate," said Jennifer Gray, a junior majoring in physical education.

The new location also seems to be more favorable than the previous one, which left the arch almost unnoticed.

"Last year, I never saw it

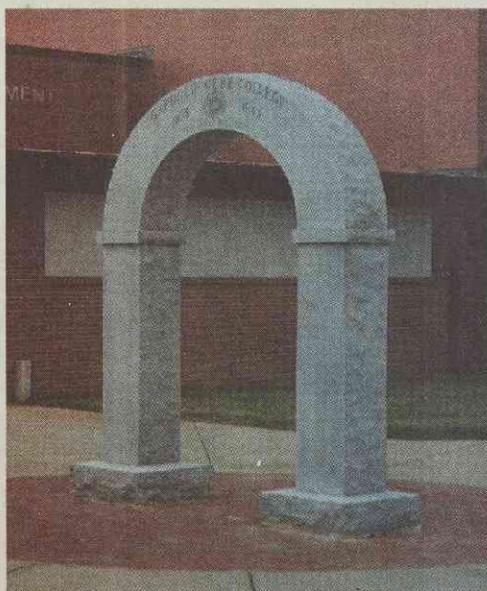


Photo by Tyler Kucifer

The arch stands at its new spot in the courtyard between the LYCC and Suttle Wellness Center. It is far more noticeable in this spot and now can be used on graduation days.

over there, so I think it's a good move actually," said James Polk, a sophomore majoring in video/film.

Steven Miller, a junior double-majoring in video/film and Spanish, said, "I like the new location better."

December grads, this one's for you

Lauren Taylor
Pilot editor in chief

The deadline to apply for December 2008 graduation is Oct. 15, but that doesn't mean you should wait until that day to get the paperwork in.

"If you are going to apply for graduation in December, we need to get that as soon as possible," said Sonda Hamrick of the registrar's office.

The process starts by printing out a degree evaluation and stapling it to a form available at the registrar's office.

The form must have the signatures of your department head, faculty advisor and second faculty advisor.

Your account will be charged a \$100 fee. If you apply after Oct. 15, you will also be charged a late fee of \$50.

Can't recall if you've already applied? Go to the registrar's page at www.gardner-webb.edu/registrar. Click on "Graduation Information" and then "Graduating Students Lists."

Students planning to graduate in May 2009 can apply by Dec. 1, and until March 15 with a late charge.