

## News

# Donation elevates possibilities for business school

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Changes including smart classroom technology and scholarships are on the way to the Gardner-Webb's business school, thanks to a multimillion dollar contribution by businessman John Godbold and his wife, Linda.

In July the school was renamed the Godbold School of Business, which comprises the Broyhill Undergraduate School of Management and the Graduate School of Business.

That change has already upped the prestige of the business school and the university as a whole.

Deans from other schools have been visiting and taking notes, according to Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, dean of the business school.

"It has been a great marriage," he said of the Godbold union. "[It has] added a lot of value to the program."

Godbold, who spent almost 50 years in the banking industry, founded the Carolina State Bank in Shelby in 1989.

"We know that investing our money in a Christ-centered school like Gardner-Webb will make a difference and will multiply and help a lot of people," said Godbold in a press release.

"This gives us an opportunity to invest in education and it

also gives us an opportunity to give back to a community that was so good to us."

The smart classroom will have technology that can capture lectures and deliver them to students' iPods in a more sophisticated fashion than a simple voice recorder can.

"My goal here is that a kid can just come into a class and pay attention," Negbenebor said. "He or she can get lectures in MP3 format."

While it would not substitute for actual class attendance, it would help with online classes in making learning "fun and direct."

Another of his goals is that faculty video-record their lec-

tures and put them online as well.

Faculty enhancement and development are also apart of the package, along with marketing ventures designed to heighten the school's visibility.

GWU President Frank Broner praised the Godbolds.

"The Godbolds have been tremendously generous to Gardner-Webb," he said in a press release.

"They have provided leadership and wise counsel in helping the School of Business, and this generous gift is a wonderful endorsement not only of the School of Business but of the entire university and our vision for the future."



Photo by Tyler Kucifer

This sign tells the world that things are different at the business school.

## Movie Review: 'Eagle Eye'

a film that doesn't lay an egg

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3.5 stars out of 5

"Eagle Eye" stars Disney Channel sensation Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan, star of the recent movie "Made of Honor."

LaBeouf has become frequent face to the big screen, starring in "Disturbia" and "Transformers." Monaghan has not had as many huge roles, but can be seen in "The Bourne Supremacy," "Gone Baby Gone" and "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," among other roles.

Jerry Shaw (LaBeouf) and Rachel Holloman (Monaghan) both receive mysterious phone calls from a woman whom neither of them knows.

The woman who controls everything from traffic lights to power lines brings the two together. She even uses billboards and strangers' cell phones to guide them through dangerous tasks she demands they do.

### System works according to plan

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is to cross the street in that location, because cars parked along the road create limited visibility.

University Police began to research ways to make it a safer crossing.

"They actually use flags nationwide, and in large cities. Charleston, S.C., is where we got the idea," said Johnson.

"We have seen students using them, though one student danced across the street with it," he said.

"I don't know if it is peer pressure or if a student feels they will look like a geek, but not every student uses them.

"I can't make them take it, I just offer it to them. I'd hate to see something happen, but I give them the opportunity."

Shaw and Holloman work together in an attempt to save their families, who have been threatened, but also to stay alive themselves.

With the FBI on their trail, the two obey the mystery woman to keep her appeased, begin to put together the pieces and see what all of it is happening for.

The movie, overall, is a decent one. Nothing fantastic, but it is worth seeing.

It has plenty of action, with car chases and fighting, and the plot holds together well.

LaBeouf and Monaghan work well together, although it seems as if Holloman is much older than Shaw.

This creates a bit of a weird feeling for viewers, but it's something that can be overcome.

I give the movie 3.5 out of 5 stars for being entertaining. If you have an open night, grab some friends and go check it out.

## Express yourself: Vote this November

By Diana Palka  
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On Nov. 4, Americans will elect the nation's next president. According to CivicYouth.org, in the 2004 presidential election, 47 percent of adults ages 18-24 voted. That means a majority of those young adults didn't vote.

Joseph Hamby, Gardner-Webb junior and member of the Young Republicans, had much to say about a student's duty to vote.

"We have a responsibility to use our vote as our voice," he said. "It's a fundamental principle to our democracy and a right that has been sacrificially fought for."

GWU senior Megan Looper, of the Young Democrats, expressed a similar sentiment.

"As a college student, it is important for me to understand today's big issues and vote for an individual who plans to defend my rights and values," she said.

Students not registered to vote can register a number of ways.

"The easiest way is to visit a candidate's Web site," said Hamby. "They



Photo by Kate Gazaway

Joseph Hamby, representing the GWU Young Republicans, speaks at the MTV Rock the Vote registration drive Monday in Blanton Auditorium.

provide the easiest resource for dates, forms and deadlines on how to register for the first time, get absentee ballots, and early voting."

He also mentioned the popular Web site rock-thevote.com.

Looper suggested searching online for absentee ballot applications from the student's home state.

If possible, the student could make a trip home in the weeks before the election to vote at a one-stop voting location in his or her hometown.

Applications to regis-

ter in Cleveland County can be picked up at any county library or post office; high school libraries; colleges; and universities; as well as the Cleveland County board of elections.

The deadline to submit applications to the board of elections is Oct. 10 at 5 p.m.

Students who want an absentee ballot can visit govotabsentee.org for a step-by-step walk-through of the process. The Web site asks for the home ZIP code of the person requesting to vote absentee, and then follows the state-

specific process to make the request.

Looper urged students to be knowledgeable about voting in general.

"Know who you're voting for. Many students vote based on party affiliation, not a candidate's voting record and platform," she said.

"Research the big issues and each candidate's stances on them. Being a well-informed voter is crucial."

Questions pertaining to voting can be answered by the Cleveland County board of elections at 704-484-4858.

## Registration efforts intensify at campuses across U.S.

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"Are you registered to vote at your current address?"

For many college students across the country, hearing this question is a common part of campus life as student groups work hard to register voters before the approaching deadlines.

Twenty-six states and the District of Columbia have registration deadlines on or before Oct. 10.

Though student groups on both ends of the political spectrum are more involved in this election than ever before, the emphasis on voter registration efforts seems to be largely on the part of the College Democrats and Students for Barack Obama.

Dan Reilly, a sophomore at Providence College who is involved with the College Republicans on campus, said that the group is involved in voter registration to a certain extent, but also pointed out that since college students tend to be overwhelmingly liberal, "generally getting people registered doesn't help our party."

The situation is similar at the University of Texas at Austin, where the University Democrats, as part of a major voter registration effort, initiated a movement to have all students in the dorms registered to vote.

They took their case to the Department of Housing on campus, and were allowed unprecedented access to every resident.

Despite this major push by student groups to register young vot-

ers on college campuses across the country, not all groups agree on the best place for students to register.

At the University of California, Davis, the College Democrats have placed their focus mainly on getting students to vote by mail rather than to vote at their address on campus.

According to College Dems President and Don Gibson, this isn't necessarily an issue of strategy — it's more for the convenience of UC Davis students.

With vote by mail, students have "lots of chances to vote - 30 days, rather than one day," Gibson said. "You either forget about it [on Election Day], you have a midterm, have a paper - you'll be focusing on that rather than on voting."

Students on both sides of the political aisle said voting is the important thing.



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