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Weather

Thursday	Friday
Nov. 6	Nov. 7
High 77	High 77
Low 45	Low 50
Sunny	Sunny

Source: The Weather Channel

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Photo by Tyler Kucifer

Wednesday there was no mistaking who Renee Ybarra, academic facilities and event coordinator at Gardner-Webb, supported for president of the United States.

Obama victorious, wants U.S. unity

By Cassie Gold
Pilot staff writer

Tuesday at 11 p.m., news organizations made history when they pronounced Sen. Barack Obama president-elect, making him the first African American ever to hold the highest office of United States of America.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Obama had the majority of the Electoral College votes, 349, to Sen. John McCain's 163. According to Electoral College procedures, the winner must capture at least 270 votes.

Obama won 52 percent of

the popular vote, while McCain took 46 percent. However, at press time Wednesday, North Carolina and Missouri were still undecided because the voting numbers were too close to call.

At about midnight Obama gave a speech at Grant Park in Chicago, addressing a throng of ecstatic supporters, including Oprah Winfrey and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

His speech was conciliatory rather than celebratory, emphasizing the need for unity across the U.S.

He stressed that the nation will not undergo change immediately, but that it will happen

with time.

“The road ahead will be long, our climb is steep,” he said.

At 11:15 p.m. McCain gave a gracious concession speech from the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz., saying he would work with his former opponent.

World leaders are sending congratulations to the nation's 44th president. They, like many Americans, hope for the change Obama has promised.

The next four years will show how well he can carry out those promises.

Many at GWU at odds with election results

Compiled from
Pilot staff reports

The Electoral College has spoken on behalf of the voters of the United State of America, and Sen. Barack Obama is now President-Elect Obama.

As with any post-election day, some voters are glad, and others disappointed. Here's what students at Gardner-Webb University said Wednesday.

“I was anticipating he would win, it was predictable. It's good we have someone in office who is devoted to change, even though I didn't vote for him. If he's a man of his word, we'll see.” — Marcus Polite, 21, Charlotte

“I think it's great that we have obviously come so far since the '60s, but I think that people need to realize that he doesn't stand for race and he does stand for political issues and unity, and we need to focus on that and not divide over something so trivial.” — Beth Long, 21, Franklin (voted for McCain)

“It's about time, that is all I'm going to say.” — Jon Logan, 22, Shelby

“I think it's great. It's time for a change.” — Steven Miller, 20, Shelby

“People are freaking out over a black man as president, and to me it isn't a big deal at all.” — Brett Carr, 18, Cincinnati, Ohio

“I'm not pleased with the events of last night, but we all

knew it was going to happen.” — Matt Caramenco, 18, Philadelphia, Pa.

“I am disappointed in America. I feel as if America chose this candidate because they were scared McCain was too much like Bush, so they voted for his opposite. May God help us all.” — Phillip Barringer, Sanford (voted for McCain)

“I feel as if some voters made the decision based on things other than policy. Although I am disappointed in America, I feel as if Obama will bring about a great economic change in America.

“However, whether that change will be successful will be determined in four years.” — Steven Miller, Moncure (voted for McCain)

“I'm terribly upset because I feel like Obama is the most liberal person in Congress and now he is president. I think our country will be worse. People in Iran will be celebrating.

“I feel sorry for Israel because we won't be over there to help them when they get bombed by Russia and Iran, but God will take care of them.” — Josh Tallent, Lincolnton (voted for McCain)

“I'm disappointed that the people have put ourselves in this situation. There is no one else to blame but ourselves. I don't want to be witness to another 9/11 and I'm sure every Muslim nation is praising and rejoicing in the streets because our wimpy president took our

troops out of where they need to be.” — John Harris, Kennesaw, Ga. (voted for McCain)

“I feel like Obama will be the better president of the two. He represented change from the current administration. With the condition our economy is in, he will provide better leadership and get us back on track.” — James Withrow, Hollis (voted for Obama)

“For once in my life I did not feel like the underdog. He does not even know the amount of joy and celebration that he brings to the urban community.

“People all over celebrate this victory not only as a black community but for all people who the economy is affecting. We love you, Barack Obama.” — Monique Hudson (voted for Obama)

“I'm not happy. I was more anti-Obama than pro-McCain—especially a lot of the social and some economic [issues] drew my vote to McCain.” — Will Young (voted for McCain)

“As a foreigner and being in America six years, most of the young black American role models have been rappers and athletes...today everyone will be able to see ‘I can do it.’” — Lou Donovan, Cameron (not eligible to vote)

The Pilot polled 250 people Wednesday in the DCC. The GWU voting breakdown was: Obama 26 percent, McCain 46.8 percent, 19.2 percent did not vote, and 8 percent did not reveal who they voted for.

Accident sidelines Miss Joyce

By Shauntel Greene
Pilot staff writer

Joyce Melton's familiar face won't be seen at Gardner-Webb while she recovers in Cleveland Pines Nursing Center after being struck by a car Oct. 28 as she was crossing Main Street.

She suffered a cracked right femur and injuries to her left arm, chest and the back of her neck, according to Sandy Hammet. She was also having difficulty breathing.

Melton, of Poplar Springs Church Road, said she was crossing the road when driver Angelia McSwain of Shelby was waiting to make a left at the stop light. Melton said that she had the red light and was attempting crossing the road when she was struck by McSwain's truck.

Gardner-Webb student Devonee Boykins witnessed the accident Sunday afternoon.

“We were watching her take her time crossing the road, and the red truck came out of nowhere and struck Ms. Melton,” Boykins said.

Melton has many close friends at GWU, among them Sandy Hammet, assistant director of Student Activities.

“The accident has caused a lot of stress on her, and her mental functions have become slow,” said Hammet. “She will have to go through four weeks of physical therapy.”

When contacted by phone, Melton, made it clear her sense of humor wasn't hurt.

“I hope the doctors know what they're doing,” she said with a laugh.

Melton said she welcomes visitors and cards.

There have been no charges filed yet against McSwain.

As of Tuesday, Melton had started rehabilitation and was still having trouble speaking.

No-shave month a fuzzy respite from the razor

By Andrew Veeder
Pilot staff writer

Say goodbye to your razors, razor rash and shaving cream altogether, because No-Shave November is upon us.

Sweeping through the country and stopping at every university and college in its path, the increase of facial hair is growing—literally.

No-Shave November is as simple as it sounds: no shaving of any sort for the entire month. It is not for just male members of the Gardner-Webb community; the female population is also encouraged to partake.

Sophomore Aaron Goforth plans to use No-Shave November as an excuse to let his beard grow to its maximum potential.

“For No-Shave November, me and some friends shave the night before, and see who can get the best beard in a month,” Goforth said. “It's always fun to see the beards grow out, especially the ones that don't fill in all the way!”

Contrary to popular belief, November is not the only month that encourages abstinence from shaving. For instance, if you miss out on November, look forward to Febru-Hairy. Or how about Masculine March? Manly May?

Whichever month you let your hair grow, enjoy it.