

## News

## New dorm will ease housing crunch

By Kory McNair  
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Gardner-Webb University will have a new dorm for students in the 2009-2010 academic year, according to President A. Frank Bonner.

The reason for the new dorm is simple, according to Bonner: "... to better help deal

with the housing situation. We're kind of overcrowded this year."

The new housing, located in the space behind Apartment H, will hold around 88 students, but will not be a traditional dormitory, Bonner said.

This will be a suite-style dorm, with four students in each suite. There will be two bedrooms, with two people per bed-

room, and a bathroom for each set of rooms.

Each suite will have a refrigerator and microwave, but will not have a stove or sink.

Ground will be broken around late January or early February.

"We're happy to be able to build it. We're excited about the prospect of having it next fall," he said.

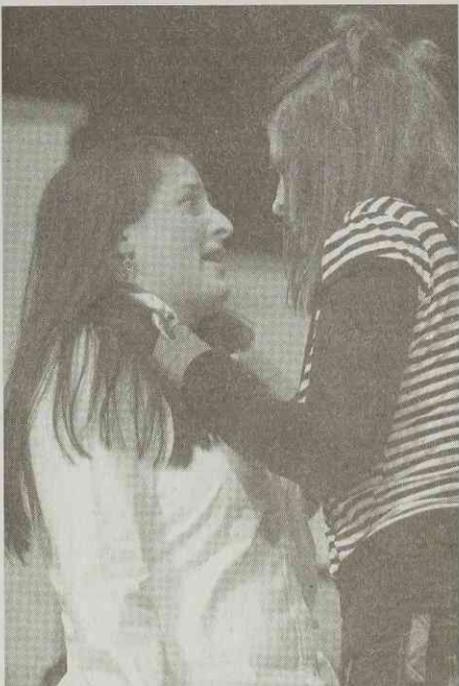


Photo by Kate Gazaway

Stephanie Richey clutches Tracy Beckett's collar in a tense scene from "The Five Step Plan." The comedy, written by GWU graduate Heather Bartlett, is at the Millennium Theater through Saturday at 7:30 each night.

## Health officials: Oral sex is not safe

By Matt Latanzi  
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Susan Spencer, R.N., the interim sexually transmitted disease supervisor at the Youngstown City Health District, said it is a rumor that there is no link between oral sex and STDs.

She listed herpes and gonorrhea as two major diseases passed. She also included chlamydia and HIV as two more diseases that could be contracted.

A 2007 study in the New England Journal of Medicine found a link between oral sex and the transfer of the human papillomavirus, a disease they tied to cancer of the throat, mouth and "virtually all cervical cancers."

The results found that the risk of contracting oropharyngeal cancer increased from 1.3 to 8.8 for anyone that had a high lifetime number of six or more oral sex partners.

While some students were uncertain about the link, they still found it something to be wary of.

"I don't give oral sex, but to be on the precautionary side, if I ever did I would use protection," said Youngstown

State University freshman Brielle Wats.

Freshman Vinny Valentino said he was concerned about the dangers of cuts or open sores in the mouth, which he feels would be a clear source of infection.

"There is a million things that can occur," Valentino said.

Wats agrees with this concern and adds that her mouth piercing is one of the main reasons she abstains from oral sex.

Freshman Mike Slater sees the potential risk involved but does not worry about it much.

"The risk just isn't as strong as regular intercourse," Slater said.

Spencer said that while the risk may be minimal, it's still there.

"Many people are under the incorrect assumption that oral sex is not sex," Spencer said.

A main way to stay safe, Spencer said, is monogamy, which will reduce the amount of contact a person will have with certain disease strains.

"The risk of disease is increased when the amount of partners one has during their lifetime is increased," said Spencer.

## Reaction to McDonald's mixed

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"I am pumped about Mickey D's coming to Boiling Springs, for one reason and for one reason only - the McGriddle. It's two pancakes with sausage in between. Who could ask for more? It's sweet and salty."

Student Chase Westbrook said, "I am excited we will soon have another, affordable dining experience so close to campus. It will be nice not have to drive to Shelby when we have late-night cravings."

Jamal Patmon had to put aside skepticism that McDonald's is really coming to town.

"They have been saying that since my freshmen year. I will definitely be over there" to snack on some of his favorites: \$1 menu, double cheeseburgers, McChicken sandwich, four-piece nugget and apple pie, Patmon said.

Philip Peoples remained skeptical, saying "I'll believe

it when I see it."

Kenny Baker is happy for the town in general.

"McDonald's addition to Boiling Springs will bring an economic BOOM."

Roberto Vesques is happy for the town and the university: "Having McDonald's here could help develop the town, and make it bigger, and maybe more students will come since there will be more options."

Brian Arnold, GWU assistant director of student activities, had a mixed reaction.

"It's a good thing for the community, but it could have negative health benefits on the student population," he said. "The \$1 menu will make it easier for students to go and buy a double cheeseburger."

Laura Estridge also saw both sides of the coin.

"It's good cause we'll have different food options, but it's bad cause it makes us spend more money."

## Donate textbooks for good causes

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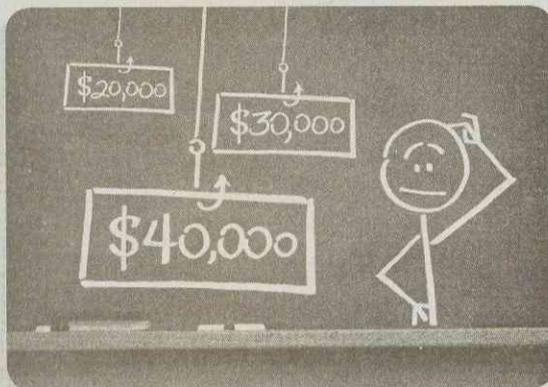
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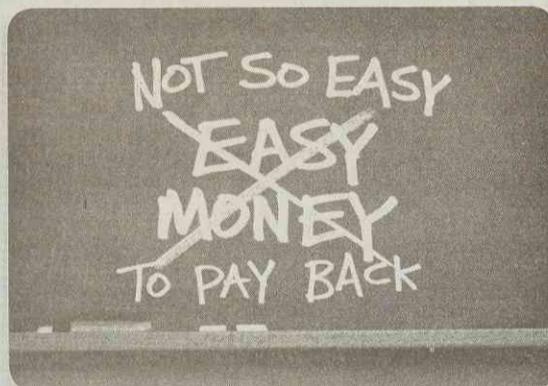
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If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Bukoski at sbukoski@gardner-webb.edu or 704-406-2135.

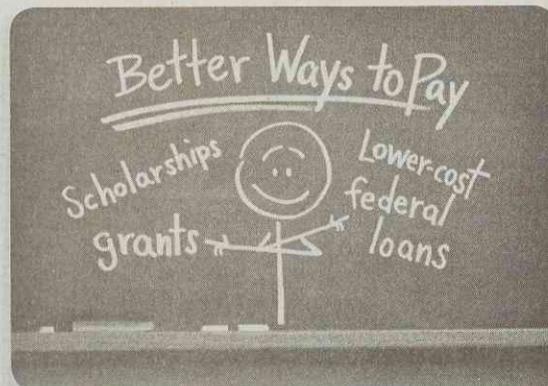
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