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## Weather

Thursday	Friday
Dec. 4	Dec. 5
High 55	High 48
Low 33	Low 28
p.m. rain	mostly cloudy

Source: The Weather Channel

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## Sign of the season

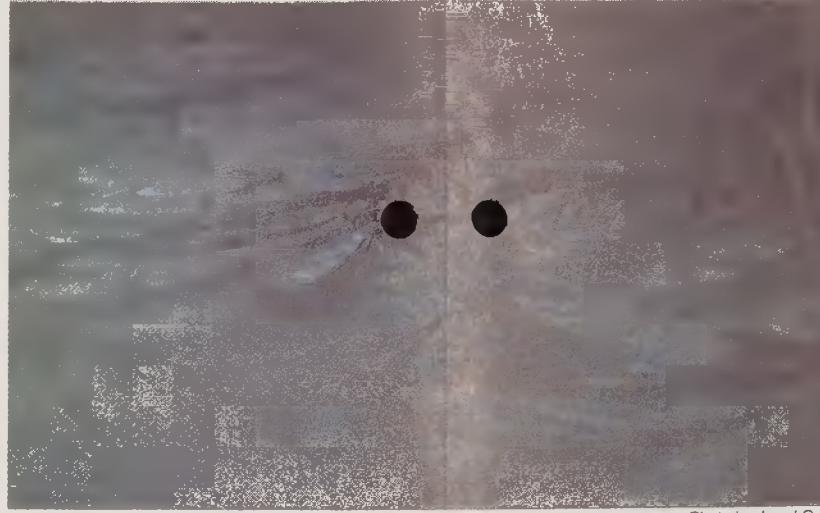


Photo by Jared Graf

Frost swirls display their feathery patterns on the hood of a student's car.

## Gadgety gifts hot items atop holiday wish lists

By Shauntel Greene  
Pilot staff writer

The day after Thanksgiving brings some of the biggest sales of the year, luring impatient shoppers out for Black Friday bargains.

According to the National Retail Federation's 2008 Black Friday Weekend survey, conducted by BIGresearch, more than 172 million shoppers visited stores and Web sites over

the weekend.

That's up from 147 million last year.

Shoppers were out to get the hottest electronics and toys of the year. Some of those items include Wii Fit, which came out this summer.

The Fis are in unexpectedly high demand and stores are limiting customers to three Wiis at a time. The Wii Fit is a great way to get in shape and have fun while doing it.

Another hot gift of the season that attracts music lovers and video gamers is the "Rock Band 2."

The first edition of "Rock

Band" was a huge success in stores and now "Rock Band 2" is rapidly leaving the shelves because of high demand from consumers across America.

"Guitar Hero III" is also in high demand.

The Apple iPhone as well as the iTouch are in the Top 10 Christmas gifts of 2008.

The iPhone that came out in July is one of the most envied Christmas gifts this year.

Both devices play music and serve as Internet browsers.

Digital cameras as well as cell phones and LCD televisions are in very high demand this Christmas.

## Students scatter near and far during Christmas break

From Pilot staff reports

three years in place of a summer beach trip.

"The time we go is good because it's after finals, and I can relax and de-stress — and eat good tacos and fried ice cream," said Potter.

Freshman Lynsley Krauss said, "I'm going home to Waxhaw, where I will lay in bed and do nothing for the first week. After that, I will work."

"I'm also getting my new car over Christmas!"

Freshman Mandie Jeffries said, "I'm chaperoning a middle school retreat in Gatlinburg, Tenn."

Steven Miller's plans are simple: "I'll be home. Just spending time with the family."

Jay Bailey's, too: "Nothing really. I'll probably be somewhere and hang out with my uncles and cousins."

"I'm going home and maybe going snowboarding in Devil's Head, Wisconsin," said Laura Wilcox.

"I'm going home back to IL-

inois to see family," said Lauren Evans.

Chris Lowndes is heading overseas.

"I'm going back home to England."

Sarajane Burrows will spend 15 days in Nagpur, India. Crossroads Worldwide is sending the team to build a new facility for the orphanage that will house 1,000 children. The orphanage currently ministers to 40.

"I'm going as a photographer in addition to these things," said Burrows.

She has still has \$1,400 left to raise to pay for her own expenses; others on the team are still raising money as well.

They could also use toilet paper, travel toiletries and snacks for the trip. The team leaves this Friday at 7 a.m. from Charlotte but will still be raising money well after they get back.

To contribute, you can contact Burrows at (828) 337-9740 or e-mail her at sgb0126@gardner-webb.edu

## Student finds \$10K left behind after concert

By Diana Palka  
Pilot staff writer

Taylor Doolittle, a sophomore at Gardner-Webb, got more than he bargained for after last month's Shawn McDonald concert -- \$10,000.

Doolittle said he had just returned from seeing "Quantum of Solace" at the movie theater and wanted to say goodbye to his girlfriend.

"Normally I would've just stood outside her dorm and talked, but alas, it was raining, we needed shelter."

Doolittle and his girlfriend were talking for almost a half-hour when he noticed the duffle bag sitting on a bench in the LYCC.

Doolittle walked over to the bag to check for I.D. to return it to the owner.

Inside was a Bible, another book and a boarding pass belonging to McDonald.

"Then I saw a blue wallet in the bag and I thought 'Oh s\*\*t!'" Doolittle said.

It was McDonald's merchandise wallet and contained \$2,000 in cash and approximately \$8,000 in checks.

Doolittle went back to his room and made several attempts to contact McDonald through MySpace, to reassure him that his money was safe.

McDonald's wife messaged Doolittle the next day and asked him to send the bag in the mail.

Doolittle was hesitant to send more than \$10,000 by mail, and called Josephy Hamby, CMU's events and retreats coordinator.

McDonald had already called Hamby asking about the bag he left behind.

Despite the risk, McDonald insisted on the bag being sent by mail.

## Festival of Lights kicks off campus Christmas season

The Gardner-Webb community gathers tonight at 7 p.m. in Dover Theater for the annual Christmas concert featuring the GWU choirs, followed by the lighting of the campus Christmas tree.

Dr. Paul J. Etter will conduct the choirs. After the concert, a path of luminaries will lead the way to the Christmas tree set up in the Quad.

University President Frank Bonner will flip the switch that lights it up.

Refreshments will be served afterward at O. Max Gardner Hall.



Carl Cartee will give his annual concert Saturday to benefit the Salvation Army.

## Carl Cartee set to play concert #11

Special to The Pilot

Singer, songwriter and worship leader Carl Cartee will team up with Gardner-Webb University, WGNG and the Shelby Star to present a Christmas concert Saturday at 7 p.m. in the university's Dover Theatre.

The event is a benefit concert for the Salvation Army. Admission is one new toy for a child and one non-perishable food item, per person. Limited seating is available and the doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Over the past 10 years, the benefit concerts for the Salvation Army that Cartee has performed have raised more than 14,031 pounds of food and 1,414 toys for children.

"I especially feel the need for the concert this year, more than any other in the concerts' history," said Cartee. "A slow economy and higher unemployment often tend to tip difficult circumstances over the edge."

"I know there will be a lot of people in our community who really need assistance this year and I think the concert will not only lift spirits, but make a real impact in people's lives. I hope everybody who is able to come will give over and above the regular admission of a non-perishable food item or a new toy."

Cartee, a former sacred music major at GWU, recently released his newest album "Here I Go."

Jonny Presson, advisory board member for the Salvation Army, hopes that community members attend the concert.

"We need you to help us help others," he said.

Noel Manning, head of university and media relations at Gardner-Webb, also spoke of the purpose of the benefit.

"This event is really about giving to those in need. I am happy that the community at large continues to support this event and even more indebted to the Carl Cartee family. It is their call to servanthood for over a decade that makes this benefit a success each year."

For more information, please call 704-406-4631.