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### Weather

Wednesday Mar. 25	Thursday Mar. 26
High 51	High 64
Low 48	Low 51
rain	rain

Source: The Weather Channel

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## McDonald's construction under way

By Molly Phipps  
Pilot staff writer

On March 6, ground was officially broken for the new McDonald's restaurant slated to open in Boiling Springs in late June.

Town and Gardner-Webb University officials, along with the owners and operators of the future establishment, posed with shovels in hand to celebrate the groundbreaking.

"I'm just thrilled that now we have the opportunity to be here," said owner Dave Hunt, who also noted that things are on track for the McDonald's to be open before the first of July.

According to Hunt, this restaurant will possess a number of distinctive features. First, it will have a double-lane drive-through that can service up to 203 cars per hour.

Also, there will be an extensive selection of coffees and hot drinks in the McCafe. Free Wi-Fi will be available.

In addition, a 10-foot conference table is to be included, which Hunt and his partner, Bob Holger, believe will be a resource for GWU faculty and students.

Hunt said he hopes to integrate Gardner-Webb themes in the design, with the Bulldog logo and Gardner-Webb colors throughout.

One idea Hunt mentioned specifically was the possibility of painting large paw prints on



Photo by Kaylee Potter

A crowd joined Dave Hunt and Bob Holger, left, in breaking ground for the new McDonald's on Main Street. Next to the owners are GWU President Frank Bonner, Town Manager Zach Trogdon and Mayor Max Hamrick.

the drive-through.

Holger, franchisee of the restaurant, further emphasized working with the college so that students will enjoy the atmosphere and feel comfortable there.

On the opening days, Holger said there may even be specials for Gardner-Webb students.

The McDonald's is set to employ 45-60 people. The op-

erators hope to work with high school students from the area as well as Gardner-Webb students.

One question important to students is whether McDonald's will make use of the one-card system.

The answer, according to Hunt, is yes. The plans are to have the system in place for students at or shortly after the time the restaurant opens.

"We will strongly push for this with the Gardner-Webb I.T. department," said Hunt.

The typical wait between groundbreaking and opening is around 110 days, according to Holger, who has been in the business for 29 years.

"What a wonderful thing," said Hunt, "I've been waiting 15 years to build a restaurant [here]."

## Books, food, surprises found in 3 new shops on nearby Main Street

By Michelle Alwerdt  
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Over the past months Boiling Springs has welcomed three new businesses into the community. After just a short walk up Main Street, students can now enjoy a good used book from Got Books, Japanese food from Ebi Grill, and lucky finds at the Chasing Rabbits Consignment Shop.

### Got Books

The store is located right behind University Tanning. The store sells books, music, videos and DVDs, with a specialization in religion.

The business began with four and a half years of online sales. Owners George Nye and Carmen Henneberger decided to open a store in Boiling Spring because the area lacks a used bookstore.

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Got Books was previously located in the back of the Chasing Rabbits Consignment Shop but quickly outgrew the space, they said. Although the business has a physical location now, there are still 2,000 items online. The online store at gotbooksnc.com does not charge a shipping fee and the price for online inventory is 5 percent less than the listed price. By joining the mailing list, customers can receive discount information in the mail.

"We beat Amazon all the time on any in stock books," said Nye.

The store also offers consignment services and pays cash for textbooks, certain video games, and DVD sets in good condition. Books that aren't suitable for the store's inventory get donated to the YMCA library.

## Earth Hour aims to be world's biggest turn-off ever Saturday

By Diana Palka  
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Saturday Gardner-Webb students, staff and faculty have the opportunity to "use their light switch as their vote" and participate in the World Wide Fund for Nature/World Wildlife Fund's annual Earth Hour.

From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., the WWF urging people world wide to shut off their lights in efforts to reach its goal of 1 billion "votes."

People and businesses around the world have pledged to participate this year, according to [earthhour.org](http://earthhour.org)

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Friday urged citizens around the world to join in Earth Hour.

The "votes" will be presented at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Denmark this December.

This meeting should culminate in the Copenhagen Accord, which should cut greenhouse gas emissions beyond what the Kyoto Protocol negotiated in 1997 and put into effect in 2005.

Earth Hour dates back to 2007 when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned off their lights for an hour in Sydney, Australia, in a program conceived by the WWF.

Last year, the results skyrocketed to 50 million. This included monumental participants such as San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and New York City's Times Square.

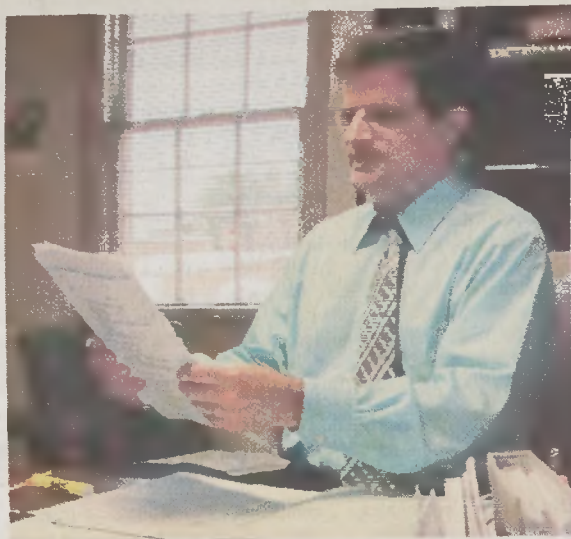


Photo by Cat McDonald

Dr. Charles Moore, shown here in his office, was honored as the 2009 Teacher of Excellence by a national organization.

## Spanish professor honored by peers

By Jessica Mobley  
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Dr. Charles Moore, who has taught Spanish for 12 years at Gardner-Webb University, was honored as the 2009 Teacher of Excellence by the Southern Conference on Language Teaching.

This was the first time Moore had been nominated for the SCOLT award, which he received at the group's convention in Atlanta March 6. Moore said the glass plaque he received at the ceremony is on a table in his office.

"It was just a thrill to be at a big luncheon on the top floor of the Renaissance Hotel in Atlan-

ta with a view of the skyline," he said. "The venue couldn't have been more rewarding and exciting."

In a GWU press release before the ceremony, Moore had said the award was "a wonderful validation of my 25 years of teaching. It's a great thing to be viewed as 'successful' by one's peers and former students."

A nomination comes from a student, or colleague who is also a SCOLT member. The award candidate is ranked on teaching, service, scholarship and activity within SCOLT.

It is one of five regional affiliates of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

### SGA meeting April 1

The next Student Government Association meeting is scheduled in the GWU clubhouse at 8 p.m. April 1. All students are welcome to attend.