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Students share the word, lend helping hand during spring break mission trips

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Three groups of students at Gardner-Webb used spring break to lend those less fortunate, both abroad and in the United States.

Neal Payne led one group of 25 students to Guatemala. They volunteered to do construction and play with the children from the Agua Viva Children's Home.

The group painted a building, sorted out the donations room, picked up trash, fixed a road and watched babies to give their mothers a break.

Sara Jolley was one of the students who participated in this trip. Her particular group labored during the day, and taught children about Joseph, through the use of skits and crafts, at night.

Jolley had been on two other foreign mission trips, but this one stood out because of the children she was able to spend time with.

"My Spanish is anything BUT good," Jolley said. "Out of everyone who went I was probably one of the ones who strug-

gled the most with the language barrier.

"I just kept reminding myself of 1 Corinthians 13:1. This verse just reminded me that although my Spanish skills were poor, I still had the love of God, and that I could clearly communicate with the kids."

Sharon Webb was the leader for the group of 13 students who went to Honduras. She was helped by Jason Mills, a Masters of Divinity student who had worked there before with his church.

This group provided Vacation Bible School in three different villages. They also delivered baby supplies to new mothers, led a youth retreat, unloaded a furniture truck, did construction and visited homes in the community to offer prayer to those who lived there.

"I found this trip and the needs to be very similar with the missions work I have done in both the Bahamas and Puerto Rico," said Webb. "Most natives are hungry for the Lord and the Christians are very enthusiastic and open with their faith."

"They are much more

flexible than most Americans and there is much poverty."

The final mission group of 14 students was led by Tracy Jessup and was much closer to home, traveling to San Diego, Calif., for their work.

The team worked with a church called The Fellowship of San Diego.

It is starting a satellite church, so the group worked on promoting and encouraging the development of the new center of faith.

They passed out flyers to nearly 5,000 homes; held two day camps at the new location, including an exercise camp and a 3k stroller-thon; and painted two outreach centers for the church.

Rebekah Stanford was one of the students who traveled to the West Coast.

"Our main ministry during the trip was to the pastor and his family, and the handful of other church members who were working hard to get the new church started," said Stanford.

"They really needed encouragement and extra hands to get things done."

New businesses want your business

Continued from page 1 which is currently in the process of stocking up books. Once that is no longer a need, they will go into a "free bin."

If there is an item that the store doesn't have, there is a Wish box. Nye will look for the item at book sales and if he cannot find it after a few weeks, he will purchase it online, saving the customer the shipping fees.

Nye travels all over to attend charity sales and book sales, so they plan put up a wall map charting where Nye is at the time.

"I love it—I travel all over the country," said Nye. They plan to add some antiques and collectables to the store inventory.

Henneberger and Nye attend Cleveland Community College and plan to keep the business open after graduating.

"We really love it. The Gardner-Webb community has been great," said Nye.

Chasing Rabbits

Located just past the Italian Garden, the consignment shop is owned by Nancy Buchanan.

"I am very pleased with the space and the business," said Buchanan. "Sometimes it's slow, sometimes it's hectic, but I am real pleased."

The store takes various things on consignment such as new retail items, artwork, jewelry, shoes, small furnishings and collectibles. The shop starting off with a bent more toward juniors clothes, but has grown to provide a items from maternity to vintage.

"I'm willing to try different things if it's interesting," said Buchanan.

The consignment agreement calls for a 50/50 split, meaning the consigner and shop each get half the profit from the item.

The item will stay in the store for 60 days. If it is not sold by then it is either given back or donated to charity.

Buchanan said God guided her to open Chasing Rabbits. She wanted a more relaxing job and began looking at franchises. "I thought to do a consignment shop because it is one of the few businesses that is thriving in a down economy. I was led before



Photo by Cat McDonald



Photo by Casey Caldwell



Photo by Tyler Kucifer

These signs of the times make it easy to find the new businesses on Main Street.

I found the research to back it up," she said. Buchanan added, "I would love to see more college students."

Ebi Grill

Owner Janette Sun took advantage of the empty space next to the Kangaroo Mart to open her Japanese eat-in or take-out restaurant.

Sun worked at Ni Fen Bistro in Shelby for eight years. From there she moved to Rose Hill restaurant and did catering for three and a half years. The concept behind the restaurant was a sugges-

tion from a friend.

"I usually do fine dining but with the economy so limited companies are scaling down, Sun said.

"I was looking for something simpler and easier." Sun actually looked at this location last spring and now enjoys working with a Gardner-Webb alumna who owns the property.

"It was hectic the first few weeks and it has now leveled off and is steady," said Sun. "I am very appreciative of the support of the Gardner-Webb community. I've received a lot of positive feedback."

Town and gown come together for Springs Alive

By Karla Cruz
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Gardner Webb University and the Town of Boiling Springs come together again to host the fourth annual Springs Alive festival April 4 at GWU.

The festival, which begins at 10 a.m., has family-friendly events such as inflatables and games for children, and hay rides. Activities geared for adults include live music, vendors and food.

Students from Academy of Performing Arts and Boiling Springs Elementary School will perform.

The Blue Oval Performance Ford Club will have a classic car show.

The GWU Jazz Band and the Joyful Hands Sign Choir will perform. The WGWG Pickin' Tent will be open to anyone who wants to bring an acoustic instrument and play.

The Gardner Webb swimming pool and the Broyhill Adventure Course will be open for this occasion.

For more information, call 704-406-3221.

Insurance said 'no,' Air Force said 'yes'

By Christopher Shaver
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Senior Matthew Johnson will soon have about \$60,000 in reconstructive surgery — for free.

Johnson was born with a jaw that was not aligned and that could cause him to lose his teeth. The braces he has worn for the past eight years are the only things that keep his teeth in place so he can eat.

Johnson will go under the scalpel for jaw reconstruction surgery within the next month. The surgery will mark the 13th time the Religious Education major has had surgery on his mouth.

"They're [the surgeons] going to cut part of my top jaw and graft my thigh bone in," Johnson said. "Then they're going to have to take six new teeth and implant them."

The surgery will happen in two parts: The surgeon will let the grafted bone heal, then Johnson can have the porcelain teeth inserted.

The surgery was supposed to take place over spring break, but Johnson's medical insurance company wouldn't approve it.

"Insurance denied my claim saying it wasn't necessary because it didn't deform my face, and it doesn't affect normal chewing, which is true as long as I wear braces," Johnson said. "But I don't want to wear braces for the rest of my life."

However, found a way around the system. He will have both surgeries for free because they will be used as a case study by U.S. Air Force doctors. Johnson said the surgery will allow them to help soldiers who sustained injured jaws on the battlefield.

Johnson went to San Antonio over spring break to talk with the colonel who will perform the surgery. The senior said he was not nervous about having to go under the scalpel again.

"It's kind of neat actually," Johnson said. "They're going to be studying my face and my mouth for years to come. Who knows, I may be in Air Force textbooks."

Johnson said the surgery put a damper on his initial plans to get married over spring break. He said the wedding has been put back at least two more months, but he is grateful for the free surgery.

Model Arab League team gets lesson in diplomacy

By Jessica Caramenico
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Eight Gardner-Webb students probably know more Mauritania than any Americans outside of the United Nations, because of their participation in the Model Arab League competition March 13-15.

Mauritania is located on the west coast of Africa.

The students on Team Mauritania met for an hour and a half on Sunday night beginning Oct. 1, 2008, to prepare for the event at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C.

The team, sponsored by Dr. Michael Kuchinsky,

comprised Collin Warner; Lanny Newton; Kara Krueger; Mario Brown; Sam Presson; Spencer Blevins; Andrew Barker; and Ashley Carter.

Each had a specific area of responsibility. Warner was the head delegate and participated in the special session on Justice Ministries.

Newton served on the Council on Defense. Krueger worked with the Council on Environmental Concerns, while Brown was on the Arab Court of Justice.

Presson was involved with the Council on Political Affairs.

Blevins worked on the

Council on Economic Affairs. Barker who worked on the Council on Social Affairs; and Carter represented GWU on the Council on Palestinian Affairs.

Apart from the preparation involved for the meetings, the students also had to prepare proposals for their specific council, as well as learning about the Middle Eastern countries participating in the competition.

Other schools involved in the Model Arab League included Clemson University, which represented Yemen; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Comoros; and Georgia State University, Saudi

Arabia.

Kuchinsky said, "Gardner-Webb was participating with some of the best of the best."

The students determined the issues on their agenda and how strongly they should hold to their views, based on the views of the country represented.

Kuchinsky said that the depth of discussion is so intense that no more than two issues ever get completed during a session.

The students are not judged for a monetary or scholarship award, but do receive recognition for their presentations and

speaking abilities. The judges come from schools across the country.

Everyone in the team gained something from the competition.

"It was a great experience to debate and to try to solve the problems in a different way than [we] as Americans would look at the situation, but to see the problem from the viewpoint of the other country," said Carter.

Kuchinsky also took something away from his experience with the Model Arab League: "A great deal of pride in the students and what they are accomplishing."

Hoops of Hope wants to net goodly sum for charity

By Emily Burgess
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A charitable form of March Madness hits Bost Gym Saturday when GWU students can donate \$1 to the Hoops Of Hope Foundation during a free-throw challenge.

The foundation benefits AIDS awareness in Africa.

Students can shoot 500, 1000 or 2,057 free-throws during the

challenge.

A student can do this alone or create a team to complete all the shots.

There is an option to shoot 2,057 because that is the number of children who are orphaned daily in Africa because of AIDS.

More than 12 million have already been orphaned in Sub-Saharan Africa, according to information released by Bryant Davis, the graduate assistant for market-

ing at GWU.

Davis organized this whole event after the idea was brought to his attention by Brittany Mote, one of his interns.

"The money will go directly toward building a medical and counseling center for AIDS victims in Northern Zambia," said Davis.

"The money will also go to help provide medical kits and bikes to help deliver medical sup-

plies to secluded places."

The fundraiser is held nationwide, but this is the first time that it is being done at Gardner-Webb.

"I am hoping to encourage Gardner-Webb and its community to become more aware of the world and its issues," said Davis.

Davis challenges all students to go and donate \$1 to the cause and help those who don't have the resources to help themselves.