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Weather

Wednesday	Thursday
April 8	April 9
High 63	High 73
Low 42	Low 52
Partly cloudy	Sunny

Source: The Weather Channel

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Excitement and fun goal of 2009 spring formal

By Diana Palka
Pilot staff writer

The spring formal makes its annual appearance at Gardner-Webb on April 25 with a masquerade theme. The dance is put on by the Student Entertainment Association/ Student Activities, and will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

Tickets will be distributed

free of charge to GWU undergraduate students after Easter break. Students are encouraged to pick up tickets prior to the dance to speed up the entry process and to avoid waiting on a long line. Each student is allowed to bring one guest. The guest's ticket will cost \$10 and must be purchased at the door.

Dress is "semi-formal or better" according to Karissa Weir, director of student leadership

and activities.

Weir also mentioned that students will have the opportunity to have a picture book made at the dance.

"They're kind of like an old school movie reel," she said.

Joseph Hamby, SEA chair, is looking forward to the event.

"We are hoping to continue to make formal an exciting event," he said. "This year the theme and decorations are

definitely exciting. That's what we are going for, just providing an exciting and fun atmosphere for student to celebrate a good year."

Senior Kelly Bridges, a member of the track and field team, has hopes for this year's spring formal to be memorable.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my teammates all dressed up for the very last time," Bridges said.



John Henry Moss Stadium
Home of the
RUNNIN' BULLDOGS
Boiling Springs, North Carolina



HOLLAND & HAMRICK ARCHITECTS, P.A.
SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

Artist rendering courtesy of Holland & Hamrick Architects

The new baseball stadium, named after Carolina baseball legend John Henry Moss, will be on the same spot as the present baseball facility. The new one will have private boxes, lights for night games, and seat 450 people in the stands.

'Field of dreams' coming to GWU

By Jacob Conley
Special to The Pilot

On March 26, Gardner-Webb University rolled out the red carpet for John Henry Moss and other baseball dignitaries to announce plans for a new baseball facility on campus.

"This is going to be a field of dreams," said Moss, whose name the stadium will bear because of a substantial financial gift from him.

"Gardner-Webb has a great record as a Division I program, at almost 30 wins a season, and that mandates a premier facility that will put them at the same level as other Division I programs."

Moss, a King Mountain native, served for 50 years as president of the South Atlantic League, which is the largest minor league baseball circuit in the nation.

Its alumni include Hank Aaron, Willie Stargell, Ty Cobb and Nolan Ryan.

The GWU community hopes that this field of dreams will have the same effect as the Hollywood film starring Kevin Costner, as in "If you build it they will come."

Because the current facility does not have lights, the Bulldogs' home games have an afternoon start time.

As a result, the Bulldogs only average between 60 and 70 fans for weekday contests.

"I can't tell you how many people have

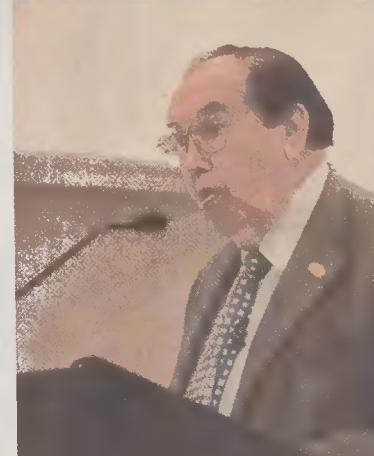


Photo by Tyler Kucifer

John Henry Moss speaks at the ceremony unveiling the new baseball stadium.

come up to me over the years and told me how much they would love to come to our games, but they could not miss work," said GWU Athletic Director Chuck Burch.

"Now thanks to the generosity of Mr. John Henry Moss, more fans and the community can come see the quality of competition that our student athletes provide."

The stadium will include seating for 450 patrons, not including the luxury and press boxes, with room to expand by adding extra seating.

Moss has high hopes for that.

"I want to see 5,000 people at a Gardner-Webb baseball game in the next few years," he said.

Construction has yet to begin on the stadium, which will be in the same location as the current field, the prospect of the new facility has already created a buzz among players.

"UNC Coach Mike Fox has told us that if we can get a good stadium, he would come play us here," said Bulldog reliever Ben Campbell.

"It will be nice to be able to play the big boys in our own back yard."

Campbell may never get to play in the new facility because more funding is needed, in addition to Moss' substantial donation, before ground can be broken for the project.

"If I don't get to play in the new stadium, that's cool, too," said Campbell. "It's something that I can come back to as an alumni and be proud of."

For now, the baseball team will play at their current facility.

Thanks to John Henry Moss however, the dream of playing on a GWU field under the lights is one step closer to being realized.

Gardner-Webb Earth Day celebration near

By Christopher Shaver
Pilot staff writer

Gardner-Webb is going green next Tuesday through Earth Day.

The celebration will kick off during Dimensions, where activist Jonathan Merritt will talk with students about sustainability and the environment.

"From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will have booths on the quad that will educate students, faculty and staff about Earth Day and anything that revolves around it," Stephanie Bukoski said.

Bukoski, the development assistant coordinator for the GWU Service Learning and Volunteer Program, is on the panel for the Earth Day initiative.

She said the booths will be set up by several academic departments and they will hand out information about reducing students' carbon footprints and other major issues.

Although Earth Day is officially April 22, Bukoski said faculty did not want to overload students with a series of events going on throughout the last

week of classes.

"They tried to pick a week that would work for the campus as well as the community," Bukoski said. "Personally, I think it makes us more unique."

Earth Day will also mark the day that the Clean Water initiative will end. Bukoski started a competition in March for students to raise enough money so GWU can help build a well in Africa.

The well is \$3,000, but students have only raised about \$300 thus far.

"All money will go to the

Blood Water Mission," Bukoski said.

The Blood Water Mission is a non-profit started by Christian music band Jars of Clay. Although this is not GWU's first time building a well in Africa, Bukoski said she thought it would be nice to raise money for another well.

"Hopefully it will be successful so we can continue to do this in the future," she said.

For more information about Gardner-Webb's Earth Day you can visit: www.earthday.gardner-webb.edu.