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### Weather

Wednesday April 29  
Thursday April 30  
High 85 High 82  
Low 58 Low 60  
mostly cloudy isolated T-storms

Source: The Weather Channel

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## Blackout blamed for 2-car crash



Photos by Emily Burgess

Top photo: Mallory Blessing talks on the phone as her car is hoisted on to a tow truck. Bottom photo: The Jeep belonging to Shelby resident Marietta Heinlein, who reportedly blacked out while driving and hit Blessing's car.

By Emily Burgess  
Pilot staff writer

A two-car accident Wednesday afternoon in front of Royster Hall left a Gardner-Webb student without a vehicle.

Marietta Heinlein, a Shelby resident, was heading east on Route 150 when she ran off the road to the right and crashed into the rear of Mallory Blessing's parked Saturn Vue. The car was forced two spaces forward due to the impact, and the rear section was destroyed.

Heinlein's vehicle started rolling backwards and onto the curb. Andy Kirkpatrick, another GWU student, sprinted to Heinlein's Jeep Liberty and jumped in to pull the parking brake before her car could roll into oncoming traffic. The Jeep suffered some front-end damage.

"When I saw the vehicle rolling backwards the only thought that crossed my mind was to stop it. I did not want anyone to get seriously injured," Kirkpatrick said.

"I honestly do not even remember sprinting to the vehicle. I am not totally sure if I would not have stopped the vehicle without my military training from ROTC and, more importantly, the strength God gave me that day."

Marisa Swick, who was with Kirkpatrick, was the person who called 911. Swick was told that

Heinlein has a history of blacking out.

Wendy Pettyjohn, another eyewitness, was very shaken by the event she saw unfold.

"That crunching, crashing, glass-breaking sound is horrible," said Pettyjohn about the impact. "I always see it happen on TV; I never expected to see it with my own eyes."

Krystal Eakes heard the crash while she was on the Quad and ran up to the road to see what was happening.

"I saw the car rolling backwards and Andy chasing the car," said Eakes. "I just thought the Jeep was in reverse."

Dr. James Dire heard the crash from his office in Webb Hall and went outside.

Dire said he overheard one of the paramedics tell Heinlein that he was the same paramedic who responded to her previous accident.

Sgt. Nathan Phillips of the Boiling Springs Police Department said that Heinlein received a citation from the state after this crash.

No one was hurt in the accident. Heinlein was checked out by the paramedics and was taken from the scene by a member of her church.

Pettyjohn summed up the event, saying "Thank God that everyone was OK because cars are replaceable. People are not."

## Collins to play with big boys in SF

By Blake DuDonis  
Pilot editor in chief

After sitting through two days of the NFL draft without hearing his name called, Gardner-Webb wide receiver Dobson Collins found his phone ringing off the hook shortly afterward.

Collins, a 6-foot-1, 188-pound receiver from Stone Mountain, Ga., signed a free agent contract with the San Francisco 49ers.

Collins received calls from nine other NFL teams, including the New Orleans Saints, Denver Broncos, the Detroit Lions and the Washington Redskins, but ultimately choose the 49ers over them all.

"I just felt like San Francisco gave me the best chance to get out and play," Collins said in a phone interview Monday. "They also have a really great wide receiver coach; he is really nice and I'm excited to learn from him."

Collins was an honorable mention Football Championship Subdivision All-American as he hauled in a career-high 76 passes for 937 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Collins led the Big South conference in receptions, receptions per game and yards per game. He also impressed scouts during his pro day workouts, clocking a 4.46 40-yard dash time.



Photo courtesy of GWU Athletics

GWU wide receiver Dobson Collins is heading out to San Francisco to prove himself with the 49ers.

The 49ers only added one wide receiver during the draft: Michael Crabtree, the All-American receiver from Texas Tech.

Crabtree was the 10th-overall pick in the NFL draft, and Collins can't wait to test out his skills next to the collegiate superstar.

"Yeah man, I'm excited," said Collins. "I'm interested to see how a guy from a

small school can matchup with the apparent number one receiver in the country. It's going to be fun."

Collins is the 10th player from Gardner-Webb to be drafted or sign with an NFL team since 1973, and will join 2008 graduate Brian Johnston as the only current Running Backs in the NFL.

Ironically, of those 10 players, Collins will be the third to play with San Francisco.

Gardner-Webb and the NFL (since 1973)

Lee Thompson (1973) - Houston Oilers (FA)

Ralph Warthen (1982) - Washington Redskins (8th Round)

Charlie Harbison (1982) - Buffalo Bills (FA)

Tony Suber, DT, (1982) - Buffalo Bills (12th Round)

Gabe Wilkins, DE, (1994) - Green Bay Packers (4th Round)

Terry Guess, WR, (1996) - New Orleans Saints (5th Round)

Eric Harris, WR, (1998) - Atlanta Falcons (FA)

Jim Maxwell, LB, (2004) - New York Giants (PFA)

Brian Johnston, DE, (2008) - Kansas City Chiefs (7th Round)

Dobson Collins, WR, (2009) - San Francisco 49ers (PFA)

## TEA party blasts taxes

By Michelle Alwerdt  
Pilot staff writer

Passersby probably did a double take April 15 when they saw a man dressed in 18th century clothing standing in front of Boiling Springs Town Hall.

On top of that, he was surrounded by banners and picket signs - with tea bags on them - that read "No Taxation Without Responsible Representation."

The theme of the protest was the Boston Tea Party, and this version was known as a TEA party - Taxed Enough Already.

Boiling Springs was one of hundreds of cities nationwide that hosted a protest of the taxes in President Barack Obama's Recovery and Reinvestment Bill. Tens of thousands of Americans attended the rallies

nationwide.

The purpose of the protest was to inform the president and Congress that some citizens object to what they consider the bill's irresponsible spending.

Gardner-Webb University theater professor Christopher Keene was the man in the odd garments. Other protesters were community members Michelle Gillus and Dave Johnson.

"We're hoping the president and Congress listen," said Keene. "It's not just the president, he doesn't determine the budget. Everyone in Congress is to blame."

Keene pointed out that most people are unaware of what the bill actually said, because lawmakers didn't have time to read it all before voting for it.

He urged students to ques-

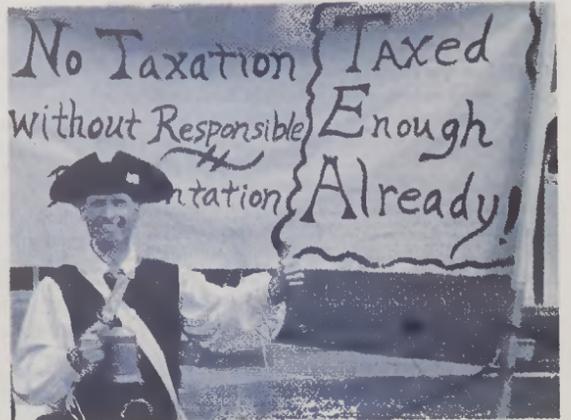


Photo by Tyler Kucifer

Professor Chris Keene got into the spirit of the original Boston Tea Party by wearing Colonial-era clothing as he protested the U.S. tax policies in front of Town Hall April 15.

tion the government and be aware. For the average 20-year-old, Keene said, the interest they will have to pay on the na-

tional debt is \$40,000 over his/her lifetime, thanks to the heavy government spending to resolve the nation's economic crisis.