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Weather

Thursday	Friday
Sept. 24	Sept. 25
High 85	High 82
Low 63	Low 63
isolated storms	scattered storms

Source: The Weather Channel

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Theater members honored

by Blake DuDonis
Pilot Editor

During a night that included limos, red carpets and fancy dresses, members of the Gardner-Webb theatre program found themselves in downtown Charlotte for the Metrolina Theatre awards.

The award ceremony, held at Sprit Square Theater in Charlotte, hosted theatre programs from schools all across North Carolina including Appalachian State, UNC-Charlotte and of course, Gardner-Webb.

GWU was nominated for

12 awards, an impressive feat in itself considering the size of the program; one that pales in comparison to its competitors.

Before finding out if they had won anything, GWU students and staff arrived at the theatre in a limo and found themselves walking up the red carpet, complete with photographers and reporters. Once inside, the ceremony began and by night's end, GWU was all smiles.

Out of the 12 nominations, six of them got the nod for the award, five of them for work done during the production.

One of those winners was GWU professor, Chris Keene who was thrilled to have had so much success.

"I was very excited and proud of our work," said Keene, who won Outstanding Set Design for his work on The Crucible. "We took a standard and went a different direction and it paid off."

The other award winners included Outstanding Choreography by Kenzie Conner for Lil' Abner the Musical, Outstanding Light Design by Nicholas Laughridge for The Crucible, Outstanding Lead Actor-Male

to Ron House for The Crucible, Outstanding Lead Actor-Female to Amy Elliot for The Crucible, and finally Outstanding Production for The Crucible.

Although Professor Keene and director Scott LaHaie were big factors in the theatre's success, Keene was quick to point out the student's importance in it all.

"If it wasn't for our students... they are the ones that make up for the fact that we have a smaller program than other big schools and they do a great job."



GWU's Production of Lil' Abner won an MTA for Outstanding Choreography.

Photo by Jill Phillips

"The Art of Theater" on display

by Blake DuDonis
Pilot Editor

What education buildings do you find yourself in during the week? Do you spend time in Lindsey and Craig, or are you one who all but sleeps in Withrow? Regardless of where you are the most, a trip to the Communication Studies Building is a must.

Currently, the Gardner-Webb theater program has an art display through the main hallway of the building, including props

and set pieces from plays dating all the way back to 2004.

Chris Keene, professor in the theatre department, headed up the display and laid out a wide variety of things from gory looking makeup to ancient artifacts.

"It was a funny thing actually," said Keene. "For Martyr (a play formally put on by GWU), we had an ancient temple and when we went to pull it out of storage, the corners of sides of it chipped. So it actually looked like ancient artifacts. It was like

uncovering modern prop copies of ancient artifacts."

The display was scheduled in the summer when Doug Knotts approached Keene about doing a display, which Keene happily obliged.

Although no specific date is set for the display to end, students and faculty alike should find their way across the street, next to the cemetery, to the communication building and check out the great work done by Keene and the theater program.

FCA sponsors Fields of Faith

by Steven Miller
Pilot Staff Writer

On Oct. 7, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will be sponsoring the third annual Fields of Faith worship service and they look to make this year the best one yet.

Fields of Faith was started as a way to invite people who might not normally hear the gospel to a setting that encourages spiritual growth with an underlying sports theme.

Each year a retired athlete is invited to come and share his testimony and to present the gospel. This year former NBA player and University of Maryland player Adrian Branch will share his experiences as a Christian professional athlete.

Branch, who played for both the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers, has played professional basketball all over the world in countries such as Spain, France, and Australia.

This year's Fields of Faith will also feature music from current GWU student Kyle Wilkinson and his band Unworthy Beloved. The event will be held at 7:00 P.M. at Spangler Stadium.

FCA members are hoping to match last year's crowd of almost six hundred people, comprised of both Gardner-Webb students and youth groups from

local churches. This number was an increase from 140 attendees during the first Fields of Faith held in 2007.

Evan Rhodes, a senior wrestler on the FCA leadership committee, desires to see another increase in attendance this year

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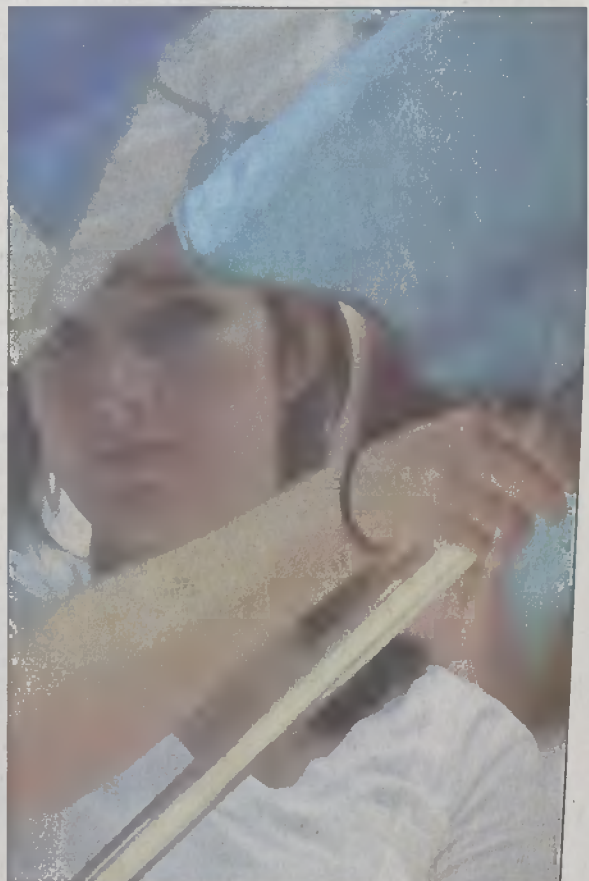
Evan Rhodes

and encourages all students and everyone in the community to take part in the special service.

"Fields of Faith is a good opportunity to have people experience a great speaker, and, at the same time, develop a closer relationship with God," Rhodes said.

The event is free and open to the public. Students and members of the community are encouraged to invite friends and family to this special event.

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A color guard member steals a glance at the camera during rehearsal Wednesday afternoon. The marching band rehearsed in the LYCC Wednesday due to the rain.

Photo by Cat McDonald