

Gill-Sadler crowned Homecoming queen



Photo by Bryan Cooper

The 2009 GWU Homecoming Queen: Randi Gill-Sadler and her father.

Blake DuDonis
Pilot Editor in Chief

As fall turns into winter, schools across the country hold the special celebration that goes hand-in-hand with football: homecoming.

Gardner-Webb was no exception to this, as homecoming weekend was planned months in advance and the outcome was a success.

Last Saturday, ice skating, drive-in movies, dancing and a bonfire were all activities made available to GWU students, as the whole campus spent the weekend taking a much needed break from the hectic semester.

In Gaffney taught her how to make the chocolate and run the business.

"Everything in the shop is homemade," says Clayton, "I make it as I sell it so it stays fresh."

According to Clayton, the fudge is one of the most popular products along with the truffles.

"My family loves the Peanut Butter Ritz" she says, describing another popular product.

The lease on the building is for two years so the shop plans on being around for at least that long. From there, Clayton plans to see how it goes. It currently is open four days a week, Wednesday

Regardless of all the games and activities, they all led up to the same thing: the crowning of the king and queen.

The four ladies up for queen were all seniors and were voted for during the week leading up to the game. Sarah Chapman, Stephanie Richey, Claire Saunders and Randi Gill-Sadler were up for the prestigious honor.

Once the votes were counted up, Gill-Sadler, a Charlotte native and SGA president, was crowned the queen.

"I was ecstatic," said Gill-Sadler of the special moment. "When I first came here (to GWU), I was very shy and timid. But to be on that field Saturday,

in front of the whole school, my friends and family, and receive that honor truly made me feel like I had come full circle as an individual. It was a moment I will never forget."

As for the king, senior biology major Matt Jones received the most votes by his peers and he was more than flattered.

"I'm really honored to represent the school as homecoming king and would like to thank everyone who voted for supporting the honors program," Jones said. "I would also like to thank all those involved in making homecoming happen. They put a lot of work into it and should know they're appreciated."

A sweet surprise GWU students attend the opera

by Michelle Alwerdt
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Students with a need for something sweet can now fulfill their craving at A Sweet Surprise just up Main Street. Conveniently located right across from the Kangaroo Gas Station, the new chocolate shop has an assortment of chocolates that will satisfy everyone's taste.

Pamela Clayton opened her shop on Oct 1. She previously worked as a surgery assistant, but after being unable to find a job in the current economy, she decided to open her own shop. Previous employment at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory

through Saturday.

Being a resident in Boiling Springs motivated her to open the business here. Although the community can be small, Clayton says people have continued to come in.

"People are starting to notice I'm here," she says.

The flyers and other forms of advertisements have helped spread the word. During the holidays she hopes the business picks up as she has tentative plans to stay open longer.

When Clayton is not making chocolate she is with her three daughters and husband. As a final statement, Clayton exclaims, "Come by my shop!"

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GWU students have the opportunity to experience some culture today by attending the opera, the Ballad of Breman Band. Eight

students have been rehearsing and preparing for months now.

The story is a comical one that has touches of a Wizard of Oz theme. It includes characters running into other characters and finding out that they have similar goals, and trying to steer clear of the robbers who are trying to stop them.

The show is aiming to be a fun one that will be entertaining for kids and adults alike.

Different from most operas, the show not composed of continuous singing but has more dialogue, making it more like a musical.

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Jeffrey Ponton

Freshman Jeffrey Ponton, who is playing Dobbin, urges everyone to see it. "It's going to be amazing, I guarantee it!"

Annual Christmas Sale is coming in November. It will include pottery, jewelry, paintings, and prints by Gardner-Webb students and faculty.

**Preview: Wednesday,
November 18, 4pm-9pm.**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
November 19-21, 9am-6pm.**

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