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Weather

Thursday	Friday
Jan. 28	Jan. 29
High 58	High 40
Low 36	Low 25
Partly cloudy	Rain

Source: The Weather Channel

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Hope from the Haitian home front

by Jordan Love
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Photo by Tyler Kucifer
Cassandre Bazilme is a freshman biology major at Gardner Webb. She has some relatives that have experienced the crisis in Haiti.

It wasn't until six days after Gardner-Webb freshman Cassandre Bazilme was back on campus when her whole world came crashing down.

Bazilme was hanging out in her dorm when she received a phone call with devastating news. On the other line she heard the familiar voice of her cousin - who was also in the United States - mumble the words that still haunt her, "Did you hear what happened at home?"

Bazilme immediately turned on the national news and stared in disbelief as flashes of the aftermath of the 7.0 earthquake unfolded before her very eyes. From 1252 miles away in a small dorm room, Bazilme watched as her hometown came crumbling down. As the news began to sink in, Bazilme wondered if her family was among the survivors.

Bazilme said she tried to remain as strong as possible while the days of uncertainty grew longer and longer.

"I couldn't reach anybody and I was looking at the news and it was horrible," she said, "I started crying. I didn't know what to do. My little brother and sister, my aunt, my mom, my dad- they're all in Port Au Prince. I couldn't get a

hold of anyone. I just kept praying and crying."

Relief finally came on Jan. 15 when Bazilme received an e-mail from her father containing a very short but imperative message: her family was accounted for and alive. For a moment, everything was okay.

Once the message of her family's safety began to melt away, Bazilme was overcome with despair once again. Her heart grew heavy as she thought about all the innocent lives lost in the disaster.

When asked how she is coping with the magnitude of such a catastrophic event, her eyes came alive as she smiled.

"Prayer. A whole lot of prayer," she said.

The support Bazilme received from students, faculty and the community was nothing short of overwhelming. The very reason Bazilme came to GWU was the same reason that enabled her to hold her head high as she walked to class: the closeness of the campus and the friendly atmosphere. Despite the comfort from Gardner-Webb, Bazilme is aware that the road ahead of her is going to be a long one.

"My family is okay, but I'm still sad. I still cry about it sometimes. It's just horrible. All these places that I loved to go - I don't know - it's just horrible," she said.

Women's basketball turn up the heat

by Diana Palka
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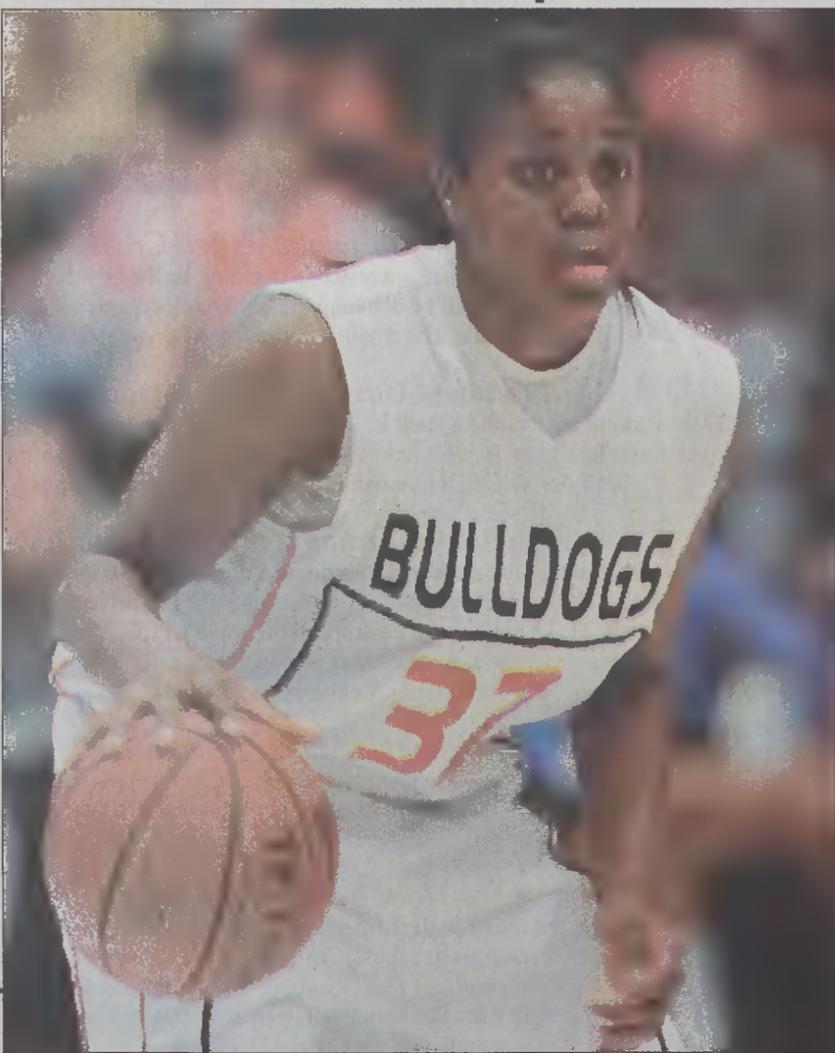
The Lady Bulldogs' basketball team improved their record to 17-3 Monday night in an 80-39 decision against the Blue Hose of Presbyterian in Clinton, S.C. The win tied the total wins of the 2008-2009 season and the program's NCAA Division I record for wins in a season.

The team was led by under-the-weather junior Monique Hudson with 18 points in just 18 minutes of action. Senior Margaret Roundtree contributed 15 points and six rebounds while sophomore Teonika Webb dumped in a season-high nine points off the bench.

The Dawgs shot 58.3 percent from the field and capitalized off of 19 Blue Hose turnovers, scoring 20 points. The GWU offense stretched the lead to 42 in the final minutes of the contest, outscoring their opponent 39-27 in the second half.

The win complimented an 85-62 win on Saturday over the Winthrop Eagles where junior guard Courtney Epps led the Lady Bulldog's with 24 points in just 22 minutes of play. Epps career high was assisted by senior Margaret Roundtree's 19 points and redshirt-junior Sandra Vaitkute's 15 points and 12 boards, her fifth double-double of the season. Junior guard Dominique Hudson put in 10 points for the game and a team-high six assists.

Saturday's match-up also thrust Roundtree into the record books as she became Gardner-Webb's NCAA Division I career leaders in field



Courtney Epps dribbles down the court at a home game.

Photo by Bob Carey

goals made with eight made baskets to reach 463 overall. Roundtree surpassed Casey Collins' total of 458 field goals.

The team also collaborated to set a record low; the four team turnovers set the record for least turnovers in

a single game in Gardner-Webb's women's basketball history.

The Lady Bulldogs return home to Saturday to host Coastal Carolina 12-6 (3-3) at 4:30 p.m., part of a double-header with the men's team hosting High Point University at 7 p.m.