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### Weather

Thursday      Friday  
Apr. 29      Apr. 30  
High 78      High 81  
Low 51      Low 59  
mostly sunny      sunny

Source: The Weather Channel

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## GWU student goes above and beyond

by Blake DuDonis  
Pilot Editor-in-chief

With just weeks until the end of the school semester, college students all over the country are frantically trying to finish projects and papers, while stressing out about internships and jobs. With so much to do, many students struggle to find time to eat three meals a day, let alone spend several hours a day working.

Maricara Knox is not your regular student.

Knox, a senior psychology major from Shelby, feels the same pressure that every other student does, but she has amassed over 300 service hours this year, all of them with the Shelby Girl's Club. This is not just a push for hours by a senior either; this is the second year in a row that Knox has reached this milestone.

Working with anywhere from five to 20 girls a day, Knox helps the girls with their homework, snacks, a devotion time and also fun time. The girls are any age from 5 to 13, and Knox will work with the whole group, but will also work with an individual girl if need be.

"If there is a girl that is struggling, I might take her to the side and help her with homework," said Knox. "Some girl's just can't work in groups."

According to Knox, the girls come from all sorts of backgrounds, and the Girl's Club serves as an after school program for them.

Though not needing any attention for her work, the NC-ACTS! Member Spotlight honored Knox by awarding her a \$1000 educational scholarship for her hard work.

"It's an honor," said Knox. "Out of all the people in North Carolina, I was chosen for April."

Even with the scholarship and the recognition she has received, Knox still says that it is all about the girls.

"My main this is this: if they are in a bad mood, I'll take them to the side and try to cheer them up," said Knox. "If you were to come by and see me, I'm just a big kid. I have my times when I'm serious, but I'm a big kid."

"My main goals are to help them with their academics, to help them build their self-esteem and to make every girl smile. Just making them smile or laugh could change their whole outlook."

Anyone wishing to get involved with the Girl's Club can visit the Cleveland County YMCA website, and click on the Girl's Club link. You can also visit the Girl's Club on 821 West Warren Street in Shelby, or call the program's director, Annette Toms, at 704-482-8431.

## Springs Alive hits GWU campus



GWU mascot "Lulu" posing for a picture at Springs Alive.

Photo by Tyler Kucifer

by Jordan Love  
Pilot Staff Writer

On a day set out for food, fun and more, Gardner-Webb celebrated its annual Spring's Alive event last Saturday. People from the entire Shelby and Boiling Springs community came out to enjoy the afternoon that featured vendors, arts, crafts and games among other events.

Students from Gardner-Webb and other area schools as well as local businesses set up booths across areas between Lake Hollifield and Bost Gymnasium in order to bring recognition and raise money for each particular organization.

One of Gardner-Webb's own first year nursing students, Abigail Jenkins, enjoyed the event and what it meant.

"It was a fun time to give back to the community that has been so kind to us," said Jenkins.

Gardner-Webb and the town of Boiling Springs come together to fund this event each year. It seeks to provide fun for all age groups and provides families with an inexpensive and enjoyable day at little cost. Along with the Tour de Springs

## GWU baseball redeems themselves

by Kevin Kassakatis  
Pilot Staff Writer

After two weekends of dismal performances against Virginia Military Institute and #8 Coastal Carolina, the Gardner-Webb baseball team redeemed itself winning two of three games against Charleston Southern.

Gardner-Webb (19-20, 7-8) played host to the nationally ranked Coastal Carolina Chanticleers last weekend.

Coastal (34-5, 12-0) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning in the first game against GWU and would not trail the whole weekend. GWU was able to come back with two runs in the home half of the 4th on Kurt Fulginitti's 6th homer of the year. Daniel Bowman also launched a homerun to lead off the top of the ninth for the final run, ending the game 8-2 CCU.

Saturday, the pitching woes continued

as freshman Michael Hanzlik gave up 10 runs in 2 2/3 innings. Coastal finished with 24 runs on 18 hits with three errors while Gardner-Webb finished with 10 runs, 13 hits and three errors.

Trying to avoid the sweep, Gardner-Webb sent freshman Emilio Pagan to the mound. Coastal rattled him for eight runs in 1 1/3 innings as Coastal completed the sweep with a 13-0 victory.

After a quick 10-8 victory to Wofford, Gardner-Webb took on conference rivals Charleston Southern Buccaneers. Ace, Brett Stackhouse, gave up eight runs in 4.2 innings and took the loss. The struggling offense finally broke through in the top of the eighth when John Harris drove in Jake Watts. Watts led the way 3-for-4 on the day while Benji Jackson went 2-for-4.

Saturday Gardner-Webb was finally able to compete, winning two close games.

In the first game, Aaron Miller drove in the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth. Charleston Southern took the lead in the third inning on a solo homerun from Jesse Cadenhead. The Dawgs rebounded with a three-run burst in the seventh. Zeke Blanton scored on a wild pitch. Daniel Merck doubled to bring in the second run and Miller drove in the third with a sacrifice fly. Gardner-Webb took the game 9-8.

In the rubber match, Gardner-Webb jumped out to a 2-0 lead as Fulginitti brought in Merck on a single. Freshman Brad Collins hit his first collegiate homerun to left center to tie the game in the top of the sixth. Merck led off the 10th with a walk and stole home to give Gardner-Webb the dramatic come-from-behind win, 5-4.

The Diamond Dawgs take on Wofford at Forest City at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

## Gardner-Webb acknowledges need for better health care

by Kevin Kassakatis  
Pilot Staff Writer

On April 12th, Gardner-Webb's Student Government Association tackled a long-standing hot-button issue on campus: student health care. A report prepared by GWU students Christoph Hutschalik, a junior, and Justus Hawks, a senior, exposed a widespread student concern with nearby

Boiling Springs Medical Center.

Present at the SGA meeting was Bruce Moore, former Dean of Student Development. Moore acknowledged the need for better health care on campus but neglected to fully discuss the matter with SGA representatives.

According to Moore, students were the priority at BSMC prior to selling out to Caromont, a local health care provider.

Moore responded to students' issues with the poor quality of health care at BSMC by stating that the University is trying to "craft a partnership with another medical center in Boiling Springs, even the children's clinic."

"Unfortunately, it didn't turn out the way we'd hoped," said Hutschalik, commenting on the inconclusiveness of the meeting.