

## News

## Senior art work on display in Communications building

by Diana Palka  
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Take a study break this week and admire the works of some of Gardner-Webb's creative minds. GWU seniors Brad Lail, Kelly Learned and Jonathan Logan highlight this year's Senior Art Show, now on display in the Communications Study Hall. Presented by the GWU Department of Fine Arts, the exhibit is open to the public daily between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. until May 15th.

Art majors Lail, Learned and Logan all have fine arts pieces displayed throughout the hall. Visitors can find anything from pottery to sculptures to paintings to mosaics in the exhibit.

Lail, a standout from Cherryville, NC, is featuring some of his prized pottery. Lail's most successful large pot "Grand Finale" is showcased in the exhibit. According to Lail, "Grand Finale" uses locally mined manganese-ridden clay.

"I believe making the decision to use local, tradition-

al, and fundamental principles enable this piece to speak boldly of the land and culture in which it was created," said Lail.

Alongside the fine artwork in the exhibit, graphics artwork and public relations work will also be on display. Senior Communication Studies majors Mallory Baxter, Ashley Black, Jessica Jones and Cat McDonald have graphics artwork on display while Lynne Caponetti, Tyler Davis, Laura Garand, Mekina Saylor and Kimberly Ward have public relations work on display.

## Opinion

## 2009-2010 year to remember in athletics

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What a year. Think about it. I'm not saying this is the greatest year in Gardner-Webb history or anything, but we have had some pretty big things happen this year.

A year ago, I wrote an article complaining to Dr. Bonner about building a new student center and now? \$5 million gift. Am I taking the credit? Maybe. But if you want to thank me, by all means, please do.

Seriously though, getting a student center is great for the school and even better for the underclassmen that will get to enjoy it.

Besides the student center, there were tons of things that happened on campus, both good and bad, that I could discuss, but that is a completely different article.

I want to focus on what I love: sports. Again, I will not say this was the greatest year in Gardner-Webb athletic history (because I mean, it wasn't. Did you go to a men's basketball game?) But overall, we had some great milestones and achievements go down for our various teams, and now, I will dive into the top ten greatest sports happenings at Gardner-Webb this academic year.

### 10. Diamond Dawgs upset of Wake Forest

After a narrow loss to powerhouse Carolina, the Dawgs traveled to Winston Salem during spring break to take on the Demon Deacons. After Bret Stackhouse gave up just one run in six innings of work on the mound, Adam Izokovic went the rest of the way, kept Wake off the scoreboard in the extra inning affair. The Dawgs were paced by the offense of O.J. McFarland and Ty Boles.

### 9. Tennis wins first Big South Conference Tournament match

In just its second year in the league, the men's tennis team took down rival Liberty University in the first round of the Big South Conference tournament by a score of 4-2. After wins by the Evgeny Slesarev/Rafael Altmayer and Andrew Veeder/Jeremie Tardif duos, Slesarev and Altmayer, along with Adam Knutsson-Sundblad, won their singles matches to lock up the win for the Dawgs.

### 8. Swimming team has top GPA in the country for third

time

Showing that being competitive outside the pool is just as important as it is in it, the women's swim team combined to have a 3.52 GPA, ranking just ahead of Akron, Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, George Washington and Purdue. The Lady Dawgs also beat out the likes of Duke, Brown, Columbia and Dartmouth. This marks the third time the ladies find themselves on top of the list in only its eleventh year of eligibility.

### 7. The hiring of Chris Holtmann

Although he is yet to coach a game as head coach, Holtmann is a man who is committed to winning.

"We will play for championships and we will beat teams that people think are better than us."

That is what I call confidence. Holtmann will light a fire under the program that we have not seen in years, and he is the man that will turn the men's basketball team into a winner once again.

### 6. Evgeny Slesarev being named Big South Player of the Year

Slesarev is the first Gardner-Webb tennis player to be honored in this way, and he certainly deserved it. Going 18-3 overall and 5-1 in conference, he was a dominating force from start to finished. The Krasnoyarsk, Russia native was named Big South Player of the Week three times, and had victories over players on Radford and Virginia, both ranked nationally at the time.

### 5. Groundbreaking of new baseball facility

After years of playing on a field that only rivaled local middle schools for prestige, Gardner-Webb has finally begun building a new field for the team. Sparked by the donation from the late John Henry Moss, GWU raised the remaining \$25,000 and began building the field this semester.

### 4. Grayson Flittner hits nine three-pointers at Carolina

Not only is hitting that many threes in one game insane (even though Flittner has done it before), it is even crazier that he did it at Carolina, consistently one of the best teams in the country. Anyone trying to downplay Flittner's accomplishment by pointing out Carolina's rough season is a moron. When GWU played the Heels, they were ranked in the top-25, and still had everything to play for. This was simply one man taking over a game and not letting anything stop him.

laps, to measuring throws, to helping athletes check-in.

According to Dr. Deborah Ware, physical education professor and head of the games at GWU, there were three participants over 90 years old; the oldest being 97 years old.

Seniors participated in events such as the 1500m walk/run, the long jump, the shot put, badminton, shuffleboard and the football throw.

According to Ware, the seniors have favorite

### 3. Men's soccer upsets Clemson

So what if the Clemson team they beat went 6-12-1 on the season. Of those 12 losses by the Tigers, half of them were by one goal. The fact of the matter is this; GWU beat a team with two national championships under its belt, and a team that plays the likes of Carolina, Duke and Maryland on a regular basis. Lead by an incredible goal by freshman John Sargent and a fantastic save by Trent Kozman, the Dawgs held on despite a late push by the Tigers. The fact that they did it at Clemson makes it that much more impressive and my hat goes off to them.

### 2. The firing of Rick Scruggs

Does anyone really disagree with this? After going 199-218 over fifteen seasons, the school finally had the sense to let Scruggs go. How many Division I coaches do you think had a sub-500 record for over ten years and still was not fired? I can assure you that Scruggs is one of the few. Completely unable to relate to his players (or basketball for that matter) the clueless looking Scruggs who only got up during timeouts (and that's probably only because the refs made him) finally had the GWU basketball program taken out of his hands, which he had a death grip around. Hardly ever accessible to the student body, the firing of Scruggs is something that will prove to be a great decision in mere weeks.

### 1. Women's basketball unforgettable season

After consistently getting better year after year, the Lady Bulldogs finally broke loose. Going an unbelievable 28-5, GWU defeated the likes of Purdue and East Carolina, along with a tough battle against the Tar Heels of UNC. Lead by Big South Player of the Year Margret Roundtree, the Lady Dawgs won the Big South regular season conference title for the first time in school history before losing to Liberty in heartbreaking fashion in the Big South Conference tournament championship. Although having a good enough record and RPI, the ladies were not selected for the NCAA tournament, but did get picked for the WNIT. Oh, and their five losses? Four of them were to teams that played in the post season. Coach Rick Reeves and the whole team put on the most memorable season by any Gardner-Webb team since the schools move to the Division I level and set the bar for the future.

events- some more popular than others.

"The most popular events include the field events," said Ware, "[The] football throw, softball throw, shot put, discus, spin casting, badminton, shuffleboard and horseshoes."

Caroline Arledge, a sophomore physical education major volunteered at this year's games.

"It was great to see the seniors out there and still active," she said. "I hope I get to help out again next year."

## Gardner-Webb hosts Cleveland County Senior Games

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Last Monday, Gardner-Webb University was host to the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Cleveland County Senior Games. Eighty-seven senior citizens participated in the 2010 Cleveland County Senior Games and roughly 110 Gardner-Webb students helped facilitate this year's events, doing anything from counting

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