Dr. Hunt Promoted to Interim Vice President and Dean of Student Development

Dr. Dee Hunt has been appointed as Interim Vice President and Dean of Student Development at Gardner-Webb University for this academic year. Dr. Hunt, who holds the position of Professor of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies, has served Gardner-Webb since 1978. She will forego her teaching responsibilities in the Department of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies while she serves in her new capacity, but she looks forward to returning in the Fall of 2011. Congratulations, Dr. Hunt!

Fall 2010 Calendar of Events

October 2—Rash Rush 5k. Contact jhartman@gardner-webb.edu for information!

October 22—NOEL Program Beepball Game

October 28—Octoberfest 2010. Contact srichey@gardner-webb.edu for information!

November 11—Capital Campaign Kick-Off featuring Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Tucker Student Center

November 13—Hopefest 2010 on the GWU Quad from 10 a.m.-4p.m.
Welcome Dr. Shonna Snyder, Assistant Professor

Dr. Snyder is a new Assistant Professor of Health and Wellness, beginning in the Fall of 2010. Dr. Snyder is a full-time faculty member and teaches various classes within the Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies Department. Dr. Snyder received her Bachelor of Science degree from Wilmington College, her Master of Education degree from the University of Cincinnati, and her Ph.D. from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Prior to arriving at Gardner-Webb, Dr. Snyder was Assistant Professor of Health Education at East Carolina University. Some of Dr. Snyder’s hobbies are hunting, fishing, gardening, bike-riding, and reading. When asked what she likes most about Gardner-Webb, Dr. Snyder said she enjoys being able to look out her office window every day and see the beautiful scenery of this campus. Also, she has enjoyed getting to know her officemates and developing some great friendships.

Welcome Dr. Jerry Gilsdorf, Assistant Professor

Dr. Gilsdorf is a new Assistant Professor of Sport Management, beginning in the Fall of 2010. Dr. Gilsdorf is a full-time faculty member and teaches various classes within the Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies Department. Dr. Gilsdorf received his Bachelor of Science degree from Judson College, his Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his Ed.D. from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama. Prior to arriving at Gardner-Webb, Dr. Gilsdorf was Assistant Professor of Sport Management at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee. Some of Dr. Gilsdorf’s hobbies are reading, bike-riding, hiking, gymnastics, and family activities. When asked what he likes most about Gardner-Webb, Dr. Gilsdorf said he enjoys working in a Christian environment and the working climate at Gardner-Webb is distinctly Christian. He also said that the administrative leadership and his colleagues have all been supportive in his transition.

Sara McNeely Promoted to Full-Time Instructor

Sara McNeely has been promoted to the position of full-time Instructor of Health and Physical Education. Previously, Ms. McNeely worked as a part-time instructor for the Department of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Gardner-Webb University. She also holds an Ed.S. degree from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Ms. McNeely is retired from the North Carolina Public Schools. Some of Ms. McNeely’s hobbies are reading (especially history), crafts, traveling, water-sports, and spending time with her grandchildren. When asked what she likes most about Gardner-Webb, Ms. McNeely says she likes the close-knit community between faculty, staff, and students.
Sports Management Club News
The Gardner-Webb University Sports Management Club is in a rebuilding stage for the 2010-2011 academic year. There are many wonderful things planned! Several club members will be assisting with the Rash Rush 5K run during the Ron Rash Festival on October 2nd.
We are planning many spirit nights throughout the year to support our bulldog athletes in all sports. The possibility also exists to have speakers from various sports come in and talk to the club. The Club is also planning to have another black light dance like the one they held last Spring. It was a great success. Proceeds were donated to the Abuse Prevention Council of Cleveland County. More details on this fundraiser will be forthcoming. Updates can be found on our Facebook page, “sports management club 2009-“ (be sure to include the hyphen!) On the group page, we send out messages regarding when the meetings are. As of now, they are every other Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in Stroup lobby. The time of the meeting could change. Join the group and come to the meetings and you will be plugged in. We look forward to a great year.

HeWe Club News
The HeWe Majors Club is looking forward to another year of challenges and accomplishments. Elected officers who will be serving this year include Brandon Tipton as treasurer, Jamie Bowen as corresponding secretary, Johnathan Rucker as recording secretary, Marcesa Pace as vice president, and Lia Hudak as president. Club members are preparing for Octoberfest, where they will provide safe and fun games, along with healthy treats, for children in the community. The club continues to sponsor Nayeli from Boliva, through Compassion International, and anticipates involvement in other service, social, and spirit activities, while modeling and promoting healthy lifestyles and living.
Dr. Shonna Snyder Publishes Paper

Dr. Shonna Snyder, new Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies, recently had an article to appear in the *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*. The article is entitled “The Effects of Sport Participation on Student-Athletes’ and Non-Athlete Students’ Social Life and Identity.” The article can be found online at http://csrijiia.org/documents/publications/research_articles/2010/JIIA_2010_3_10_176_193_Athletic%20Identity.pdf. Congratulations, Dr. Snyder!

ATS Club News

The Athletic Training Student Club appointed new Executive Board members for the 2010-2011 school year. Pictured from left to right are Hannah Harris, Secretary, Katey Wright, Chaplain, Jennifer Young, Treasurer, Maggie Lindsey, President, and Hannah Davis, Vice President.

Erin Tench Alley Receives C.H.E.S. Certification

Congratulations are in order for Erin Tench Alley (B.S. ’10). Erin took the C.H.E.S. Exam in April and is now a Certified Health Education Specialist. The HeWe Majors Club sponsored Erin for this exam.

Gardner-Webb University admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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