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If you've been anywhere close to Gardner-Webb this week, you've probably heard the synchronous sounds of Carolina Crown, the world-class marching drum and bugle corps based out of Fort Mill, S.C. The University is proud to host the Crown's spring training for the fifth consecutive summer.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Comprised of two drum majors, brass players, a pit ensemble, drum line, and dozens of instructors and marching specialists, the band's members hail from colleges and universities all over the country. This spring, they are diligently preparing their dynamic 2011 show, "Rach Star." From stage diving to piano concertos and lighting truss to drum sets, "Rach Star" will take drum corps entertainment in a whole new direction. With musical selections from Queen, Rolling Stones, Rachmaninof, and ELP, and iconic quotes from Jimi Hendrix, Guns & Roses, Deep Purple, Rihanna, and Ben Folds, the talented young men and women of Crown 2011 will explore the look, lifestyle, experience, and showmanship of being a "Rach Star." Their national summer tour will begin once spring training concludes on June 14.

In addition to their training, Carolina Crown opens up its rehearsals for specially designed CrownLEARNING educational camps to offer band directors and high school students a behind-the-scenes look at Crown's preparation for the 2011 national tour. CrownLEARNING camps empower directors and students with the expert techniques and training they need to enhance their high school bands' performance. Crown will host two CrownLEARNING events at Gardner-Webb this summer:

- Percussion Camp – June 3-5
- Drum Major/Leadership Camp – June 10-12

The community is welcome to enjoy the sounds of Carolina Crown on campus this summer. Band practice is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information about Carolina Crown, visit the band's website at www.carolinacrown.org.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University was founded in 1905 and is home to over 4,300 students from 37 states and 21 foreign countries. Gardner-Webb seeks a higher ground in higher education – one that embraces faith and intellectual freedom, balances conviction with compassion, and inspires in students a love of learning, service, and leadership.