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## Recruiting: Alumni Can Help

Recruiting new students for Gardner-Webb is one great way that nearly all alumni can assist their alma mater. Opportunities to do so often arise within the course of daily work and community activities, as the experience of one interested alumnus shows.

The Rev. Mark W. Stone '55, pastor of London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va., has played a role in several students' choice of Gardner-Webb as the college to meet their needs.

The Rev. Mr. Stone can "tell the Gardner-Webb" story to prospective students from the unique perspective of one who attended the college—as all alumni can. In addition, he has welcomed opportunities within his church and community to have college representatives visit and further publicize GWC's purpose and educational offerings. In the recent past, his church has hosted a concert by the college's choral ensemble and has given admission counselor Wayne Smith an opportunity to speak about Gardner-Webb. Also, The Rev. Buddy Freeman, coordinator of denominational affairs, conducted a revival at the church.

The Rev. Mr. Stone is a member of Gardner-Webb's Board of Advisors and is president of the Baptist Pastors Conference of Virginia. A graduate of Baylor University who attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he is on the board of trustees of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the Tidewater area and is vice president of the Virginia Beach Drug Focus Committee. He and his wife, the former Nancy M. Giles, are the parents of a daughter and son.

He recommends Gardner-Webb to students because of the college's Christian witness, and because he knows of few other colleges with its "extra dimension."

Other alumni are encouraged to assist in the recruiting effort, too—to match the needs of seeking students with a college prepared to meet them. Here's how to help:

- (1) Tell the high school students you know or come in contact with about the Gardner-Webb you attended.
- (2) Knowledge community visits by Gardner-Webb representatives and ask prospective students to hear their remarks or programs.
- (3) Bring prospective students to the college for a visit, or send their names and addresses to the college admissions or alumni office so they can be contacted by the college.

## T. R. Hendrix Dies

# New Vice Chairman Named



TRULA R.  
HENDRIX

Trula Rutherford Hendrix of Trinity, vice chairman of Gardner-Webb College's Board of Trustees and a longtime friend of the institution, died Feb. 9.

Mae Giza (Mrs. Rush) Stroup, another who has meant much to the college's progress, has been named to succeed Mr. Hendrix in the vice chairman's post.

An Asheville native, Mr. Hendrix, 68, was president of Hendrix Heating Company and was associated with Bouldin's, Inc. and Hendrix Realty Co. in High Point. He was serving his third term as a college trustee, having been elected vice chairman last November.

He and his wife, the former Erlene Welborn, both have lent interest and support to Gardner-Webb for many years. Their gifts made possible the president's office in the Webb Administration Building, the college master's area and the BSU conference room in the Dover Chapel. Both were faithful supporters of the Bulldog Club and made several trips with college teams to foreign countries.

Mrs. Hendrix survives, along with their two sons, T. R. Hendrix, Jr., of High Point and Kenneth Lee Hendrix of Trinity, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Trinity Baptist Church, which Mr. Hendrix had served as chairman of the board of directors.

Mrs. Stroup, a Shelby resident and former businesswoman, was first named to the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees in 1954. She has served almost continuously since then except for periods of rotation in accordance with the policies of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. She was chairman of the board during the years 1960-63, and also has served as vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. She is the only woman in North Carolina to have served as a trustee of three colleges—Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wake Forest. Her contributions have encompassed financial support, leadership and guidance.

A member of Shelby's First Baptist Church, Mrs. Stroup was a co-founder with her late husband of Eagle Stores Company. Upon his death in 1960, she assumed operation of the 26-store chain and guided it successfully until selling its controlling interest several years later. She remains a director of the company, which now has stores in nine Southern states.



MRS. RUSH  
STROUP



MARK W. STONE

## Spring Sports

Gardner-Webb was not in March for busy—but strong—seasons in spring sports.

The baseball team under Coach Jerry Bryson planned a 36-game schedule against such opponents as Slippery Rock State, New York State, Furman, and the always challenging Carolina Conference teams High Point, Lenoir Rhyne and Catawba. Twenty of the games were slated for Nannay Field on the GWC campus.

Coach Garland Allen's golfers were scheduled to enter 12 matches and several invitational tournaments as they began competition March 7. Contests were to include matches with Elon, UNC-Charlotte and Lenoir Rhyne teams, and participation in the Red Fox Invitational and the Furman Invitational tournaments.

The track team, coached by Dr. William Freeman, scheduled participation in 12 meets, including the Atlantic Coast Conference Relays, the Davidson Relays, and the North Carolina AAU Meet. Meets also were slated with Lenoir Rhyne, Guilford, Presbyterian and Western Carolina.

The Bulldog tennis team faced a 17-match schedule, with Coach Jim Taylor's setters going against Wofford, Lenoir Rhyne, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Charlotte and others.

## G-W Campus Hosts Association Meet

About 65 persons from across the state gathered at Gardner-Webb March 6 for meeting of the North Carolina Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. G-W's security chief, Gordon Washburn, is president of the group.

The association heard James F. Buttkline, supervisor of training and education of the N.C. Division of Civil Preparedness, who discussed the formulation of national disaster plans for campuses; James F. Petty, president of Cleveland Technical Institute, who discussed security on the technical institution campus; and Ken Kiser, state safety coordinator, who discussed "Safety and OSHA." The group also heard greetings by Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, and an opening prayer by the Rev. Charles W. Freeman.

## With The Alumni

Robert E. Fells '31 has been a North Carolina state representative since 1965, serving the 40th state house district of Rutherford, Cleveland and Polk counties. A Shelby resident, he recently was appointed chairman of the 19-member House Committee on Agriculture.

Col. James E. Daniel Jr. '50 was awarded the Legion of Merit, one of the nation's highest decorations, for outstanding service in the U.S. Air Force. He currently is chief of the testbed analysis division for the Seventh Air Force at a Thailand base.

The Rev. Ernest Calvin Poston, Jr. '34 is pastor of Oak Island Baptist Church in Long Beach, N.C. He is moderator of the Brunswick Baptist Association.

Ronald S. Noblett '60 has been named vice president of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company of South Carolina. He is assigned to the Great Falls, S.C., office.

## Spartanburg Area Alumni Gather

Gardner-Webb alumni, prospective students, and friends of the Spartanburg County, S.C., area gathered Feb. 20 for a dinner meeting at the YMCA. They heard a challenge from President E. Eugene Poston to assist the college in these major activities: prayer for its program, student recruitment, and contributions for student financial aid.

Trey Belkides '53, a chemistry teacher at Spartanburg High School, presided at the meeting, attended by about 60. Entertainment was provided by The Sun Company, a GWC group advised by the Rev. Reg Alexander, campus minister. Beautiful flower arrangements were provided by J. P. Carlinus '13, who was named "Alumnus of the Year" in 1934, and John Castelli '25 of Boiling Springs, S.C.

Carolyn Sue Meese Norris '62 teaches kindergarten at West Yadkin Elementary School in Hamptonville. She and her husband, Douglas D. Norris, Jr., live in State Road and have one son, Scott Norris.

Martha McAllister '62 of Route 1, Blaine, is working as a nurse in Asheville as she prepares to serve as a missionary nurse in Mbeke, Tanzania. She served two years as a missionary journeyman in Ghana, West Africa, and worked in an Atlanta, Ga., hospital after her return to the states.

Carolyn Ann King '69 and Paul Monroe Wootley were married in February in Asheville, where they are making their home.

John Frederick Pritts '72 is sixth and seventh grade language arts and social studies teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High School. He also is an assistant wrestling and football coach, and is faculty adviser for student publications. He and his wife are the parents of a son, Shawn, 1½.

Tommy Bell '71 is personnel director for Wehadow Yarn Mills in Tallapoosa, Ala., where he makes his home with his wife of last September, the former Glenda Vaughan of Nashville. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

Gerald Gittig '71 is Employment Security Commission coordinator for Cleveland, Rutherford and McDowell counties. Beginning in January, he and his wife, Rita, also became resident directors of the new Cleveland County Girls Home, a facility for girls 13-16 years old with behavioral problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Albright '72 (Judy Haynes '70 live in Lincolnston with their son, born last Nov. 8. His name is Stanley Vernon Michael Albright III—they call him "Vern" for short.

Amanda Jean Cook '74 was married recently to Fred Eugene Laffin, Jr. of Kings Mountain. They're living at 315½ A West Allen Street in Hendersonville, where he is a student at Franklin Bible Institute.