

Feature

Have You Met Reg Alexander

Reginald Alexander, the Assistant College Minister, is another one of Gardner-Webb's former students. He attended Gardner-Webb during the years 1967-1971 and was in the first graduating class of Gardner-Webb after it had become a senior college.

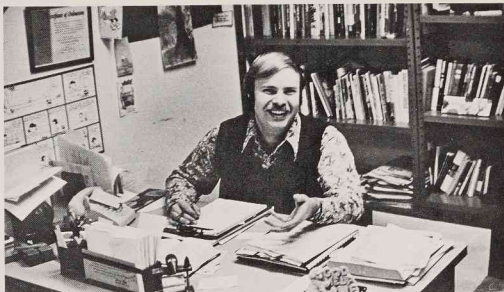
Reg, a man of many interests, was quite involved in student activities when he was a student. He was Editor of *The Pilot* his sophomore year, President of the B.S.U. for two years (his sophomore and senior years), a member of "Joyful Noise," which was Gardner-Webb's first student-organized folk group, and he was Editor of a magazine called *Reveille*, which was the state B.S.U. magazine. Reg was also a member of the Brush and Scroll Literary Society and is Who's Who in American Junior Colleges during his sophomore year. Even though he was actively involved in student activities, Reg maintained a "B" average in his school work.

Reg, originally from Kings Mountain, N.C., was also accepted at the University of North Carolina. However, he had decided to attend Gardner-Webb for his first two years of college. This way he felt he could get

his background courses out of the way and at the same time, he would be near to home since he was involved in activities there. So Reg came to Gardner-Webb planning in art with plans to transfer to a university branch after his sophomore year.

Reg received his A.A. degree in liberal arts at the end of his sophomore year. But during his sophomore year, Rev. Buddy, the College Minister, and others began questioning Reg concerning his major. This caused Reg to think. He made a commitment of his life to Christ at the end of his sophomore year because God had become real to him in a way he had never experienced before.

This recommitment caused Reg to stay on at Gardner-Webb to complete his remaining two years of college. He changed his major to Psychology and graduated from Gardner-Webb in the spring of 1971 with his B.S. degree. He then attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his M.R.E. degree. His emphasis in seminary was in campus ministry. As a student at Gardner-Webb, he had become



Mr. Alexander behind his usually messy desk.

impressed with the volunteer student work available on campus and consequently, this influenced him toward campus ministry as his emphasis in seminary.

Reg recalls a delightful happening when he was a junior at Gardner-Webb. During that year, he met the former Dianne Copeland, who is now his wife. She was a freshman then planning to major in Secretarial Science.

Reg is now fulfilling God's will here at Gardner-Webb in the capacity of Assistant College Minister. He feels he can identify with many of the students here who find themselves changing their majors in the middle of their college career. And it is his desire that he will be able to help those having these difficulties as well as others.

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Student Recruited On Mission Field

Sophia Gomez, a student from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is one of Gardner-Webb's foreign students. She was recruited to Gardner-Webb by Mr. Edwin Bullock, the President of the Baptist Brotherhood of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

In 1972, Mr. Bullock,

along with the Baptist Brotherhood, had gone to Rio to visit the mission field. They were to meet a missionary there, but did not find him. One member of the group knew Sophia's father, Mr. David Gomez. So they proceeded to call Mr. Gomez and ask him if he would show them the city of Rio.

Mr. Gomez agreed and also invited the group to attend church with him at Hope Baptist Church, the only Baptist church in downtown Rio. Later the group invited the whole Gomez family to dinner. Mr. Bullock noticed Sophia, who at that time was a junior in high school. He talked to Sophia at length about going to college in North Carolina and told her that the Baptist Brotherhood would provide her with a scholarship. After talking it over with her parents and praying about it, she finally agreed to come to North Carolina. The Baptist Brotherhood decided that Gardner-Webb was the best Christian college for Sophia. So after finishing high school, Sophia came to Gardner-Webb in January of 1974.

While in high school, Sophia attended the Instituto de Educacao. She received her degree in elementary education there and had also served as an elementary teacher for the first through the fourth grades. In Rio, approximately 50% of the people are younger than 20 years of age, so there is a great need for elementary teachers.



SOPHIA GOMEZ

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