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New Campus Minister

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The coming of 1990 brought several new faces to Gardner-Webb College. Among these is the new campus minister, Burdette Robinson.

Originally from Sanford, N.C., Burdette grew up in the atmosphere of the Baptist church. Robinson graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in psychology and attended Southeastern Seminary, where he earned a degree in religious education. He has served as the minister of education at First Baptist in Sylva, and came to us from First Baptist of Wilson, N.C.

"At Wilson, I worked closely with the campus minister at Atlantic Christian," Robinson said. "I had never really considered campus ministry a calling in which I should serve."

"About a year and a half ago, I realized that I enjoyed working with students even more than the church work I was doing. So,

I began to pray about it, and I felt that the Lord led me to the campus ministry."

Robinson admits that it is difficult to get a position as a campus minister.

"Gardner-Webb was the first place I applied to. Getting this job is a confirmation that this is what the Lord wants me to do."

Even though the campus minister's position has a lot of responsibilities, Burdette stresses the importance of being in touch with the students.

"Someone asked if I was the pastor of the college. I thought about it and realized that's what I want to be. I want to be in touch with the students' lives and needs as well as with the various religious groups on campus."

"My greatest desire for students as they are improving their minds in college is that they not neglect their spiritual life. There are lots of opportunities to grow at G-W. Remember: 'In pursuit of the sheepskin, keep the shepherd in sight.'"



Communications Majors Mary Metcalf and Quinn Howard admire the new equipment.

TV Studio a Reality

By Kathy Henson
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After several weeks' delay, Gardner-Webb's state-of-the-art TV studio finally opened on January 23.

The delay was due to construction hold-ups and machine compatibility problems, according to Dr. William B. Stowe, chairman of the Communications Studies department.

The facility's equipment, 3/4 inch broadcast quality, consists of three "Mercedes" VCRs for editing; one state-of-the-art three chip camera (and access to a borrowed camera); a character generator; mixer; control board; and 3 new monitors. The studio has full editing capability and some animation capability. "In terms of each individual piece of equipment, there's no studio anywhere that has anything better," Stowe said.

The creation of the Communications major five years ago also created the need for such equipment in order to remain viable.

"Of course it's not as fully equipped... as I like to see it. We can build on it. It's a wonderful base."

Stowe also said that the number one purpose of the studio is teaching communications majors. There is also a possibility of broadcasting at a later date, and the studio will be used for on-campus production such as promotional films. However, Stowe added, "One of our limits right now is staffing in production."

Stowe continued to say that the administration's support in buying the studio helps prove that Communications Studies is here to stay. "We've realized a dream," he said. "This is a place where G-W can be proud of itself."

Student Leaders Meet

By Kathy Henson
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17 student leaders met with Dean Franklin January 11, 1990 to discuss campus issues. The students voted on the top five issues, which were then discussed in detail.

The number one issue was Residence Hall visitation. The students unanimously wanted longer visitation hours, preferably Thursday through Saturday 6-12 p.m.

Not surprisingly the number two issue dealt with the cafeteria food. The vote to improve this was also unanimous. The student leaders felt that the problem lay with poor equipment and lack of training for some employees. They also complained that workers were slow about keeping utensils and beverages in good supply. Finally, the students expressed concern about the high semester costs for food they do not eat.

Next on the agenda was Convocation programming and requirements. The students seemed to be in agreement that convocation should be continued, but with better quality speakers. The poor acoustics of the arena (site of most programs) were also discussed.

Parking was the fourth-ranked issue. The students decided that there should be more paved parking spaces. Dean Franklin added that plans were being made to create more parking in several places on campus.

Finally, the students dealt with the topic of school spirit. The students concluded that GWC's poor school spirit is a result of other problems, such as visitation and the cafeteria. They also stressed that recruited students need to be told that Gardner-Webb is a Baptist-affiliated college with certain rules (limited visitation, no alcohol, etc.) and requirements (convocation) to prevent students from being shocked when they arrive and disobey rules.

Dean Franklin seemed hopeful that many of these problems can be resolved or improved. However, he told the student leaders that not only does the college have to think about what the students want, but also the parents and trustees of the institution.

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