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Gullickson honored

By Marla Hardee

At graduation services last May, Dr. Gerald Gullickson was named outstanding faculty member. "It was a total surprise," replied Gullickson when asked about the award. "I didn't know that I had gotten it until they called my name at graduation." Dr. Gullickson is assistant professor of literature and language.

Gullickson is very modest about the award, but it appears obvious why he received it. His enthusiastic attitude toward teaching and genuine concern for his students is recognized by faculty and students associated with him.

In student letters nominating Gullickson, he is described as "the epitome of the outstanding teacher regardless of one's measuring scale," and that he "is dedicated to his students and his love of teaching and education."

Gullickson grew up in a family of teachers in the midwest. He taught in South Dakota for two years until he was drafted. While in service, Gullickson decided that he did not want to teach at that time. He was interested in journalism and worked on a newspaper for ten months.

Gullickson returned to college to get

a degree in journalism, but instead turned to literature.

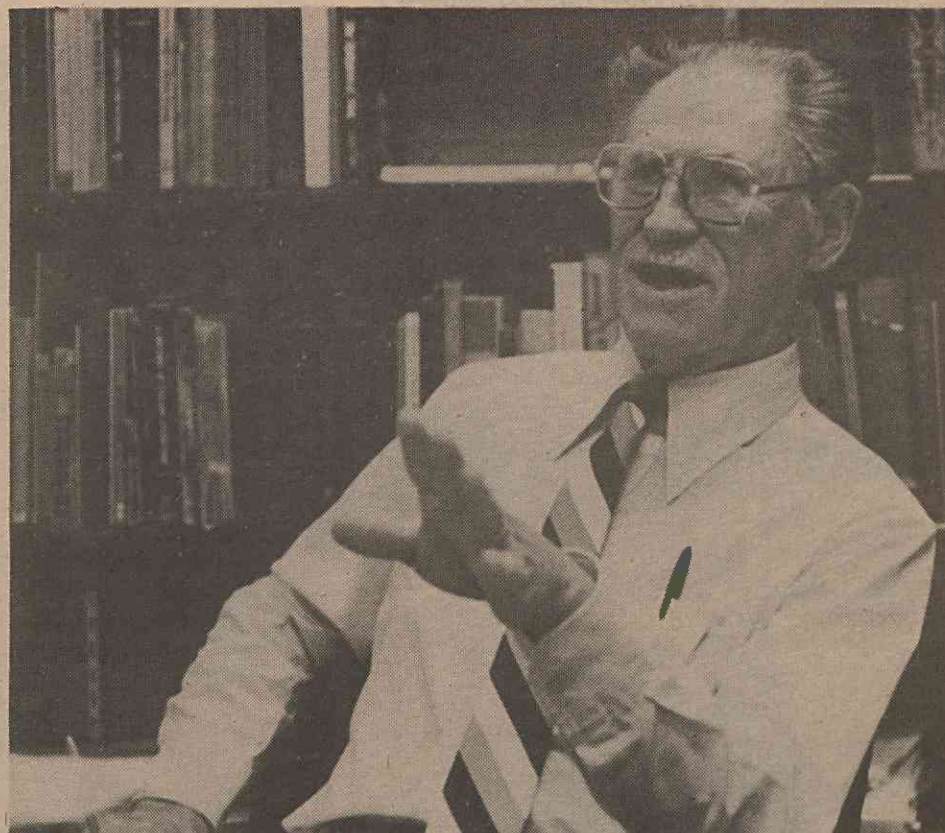
Gullickson had to work to put himself through school. He recalled working all night at a newspaper office and going straight to class at 8:00. "I can sympathize with what working students are going through," said Gullickson.

Following graduate school, Gullickson taught at several small liberal arts colleges until he came to UNCA in 1965. "I have watched the campus grow," said Gullickson.

He reminisced about the campus in 1965 saying that the library had not been built, and the English department met in Chancellor Highsmith's conference room.

Gullickson said, "Students are not machines that we feed information to, but people who have feelings and potential for growth." His ideal of teaching is to help the student achieve the goals he has set for himself and realize his potential. "I think teachers have to make themselves available to students to help them," said Gullickson.

The outstanding teacher award is awarded annually by a selection committee. Each year the committee members change. According to



Dr. Gerald Gullickson, pictured, received the Outstanding Teacher award last year at the graduation ceremonies. Photo by David Pickett

Dr. Jeff Rackham, department chairman of literature and language and committee member, the nominations for the award are received from students, faculty, and alumni.

The committee researches each faculty member nominated and narrows the nominations to five. The five are then interviewed and the committee makes a decision.

The senate resolution defines the

award winner in terms of creative and innovative teaching, as well as a dedicated commitment to teaching which inspires and motivates students.

Gullickson feels that students want a well prepared teacher who is willing to work. He said that there should be a similar award for students, who are the nucleus of the school.

Infirmary services available

Dr. Leonard H. Roach is the Medical Director for the infirmary this year. His co-workers are Mrs. Marjorie Shorb and Mrs. Flora Taylor. Dr. Roach is available to all UNCA and Western Carolina University students during the following hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tues., Thurs. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The hours of the infirmary are 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of lunch.

Students are asked to bring their ID cards on their first visit to the infirmary.

There is no nursing service after

10 p.m. during the week, and the infirmary is closed on the weekends and student holidays. In case of emergency the campus police can be reached in Vance Hall for assistance.

There is no charge for treatment or medication dispensed at the infirmary, because of the student health fee. The health fee does not cover food expenses while staying in the infirmary.

Appointments may be made with area physicians by the nurse on duty at student request. The infirmary is also available to the university employees and community members for a small fee.

New computer?

By Carol Whitener

The computer science department of UNCA projects the installment of a new academic computer in the fall of 1983.

"We [the computer advisory committee] are moving forward toward putting together the necessary documents so UNCA can obtain an extensive new computer system," says Dr. Wayne Lang, head of the computer science department. If the state does not cut spending, the dream of a new system could easily become a reality.

The academic computer system now in use is a DEC [digital equipment company] PDP 11-40. If 20 people use the DEC, a time sharing system, it slows down considerably.

The new system, also a time sharing system, is capable of serving 64

users and still work 20 times faster than the DEC.

This super mini-computer for academic use will have 12 times as much main memory as the current system and 30 times as much disc storage," says Lang.

The plan for a new academic computer system is still in the beginning stages. No one is positive the new system will ever reach the UNCA campus.

However, Lang says, "This addition would greatly modernize computing on the UNCA campus."

The DEC is running very well so far this fall. During the summer it was shut down about once every two weeks because additional units were added.

The DEC is doing the job, but a new system could do it much more efficiently.

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