

Seahawk Sets Sail for Science

The *Lady Ellen*, an 80-foot shrimp trawler seized for drug smuggling on its first run in 1978, has been rehabilitated. The boat is now the *R/V Seahawk*, a scientific research vessel acquired by UNCW in 1979.

The university received a one-million-dollar grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 1980 and immediately began to refit the boat for underwater research. Her christening in May, 1982, marked the completion of the \$630,000 renovation. The *Seahawk* is now in the more respectable profession of underwater scientific research for UNCW's SURF program (Southeastern Underwater Research Facility).

After a shakedown cruise in July, the *Seahawk* has begun a series of scientific research expeditions along the East Coast of the United States. The crew will work on projects dealing with fisheries, marine pollution, sea floor processes, diving physiology and safety, ocean dumping, and dredge spoil disposal.

The *Seahawk* is fully equipped with electronic communications and navigational equipment, as well as modern professional diving gear and underwater support systems, including an open diving bell. With its own air supply, the diving bell can serve as a temporary "home" for divers while they work on the ocean floor 165 feet below the surface.

From the beginning, SURF was meant to involve the entire Southeastern region of the United States, according to Dr. Gilbert W. Bane, UNCW professor of marine sciences and project administrator. To do this, the SURF program operates under the direction of the Southeastern Consortium for Underwater Research (SECURE). Besides UNCW, other SECURE members are Duke University, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the Research Triangle Institute, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources, the

North Carolina State Ports Authority, Cape Fear Technical Institute, National Marine Fisheries Service, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, Old Dominion University, Harbor Branch Foundation, and Florida Sea Grant.

SURF and other regional programs of NOAA in the Virgin Islands, Southern California, and Hawaii are part of a national effort that supports various submersible vessels. Last year, NOAA scientists in a submersible vessel discovered valuable underwater deposits of strategic and precious metals.

With a little luck and plenty of skill, the *Seahawk* can make its own mark in the world of underwater research.



Crew members make last-minute preparations to the *Seahawk*, making her ready for her first trip in July.

Eaton Receives Honorary Degree

Dr. Hubert Eaton, chairman of the board of trustees of UNCW for 1981-82, received an honorary doctor of science degree from his alma mater, Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, last spring. This honorary doctorate recognizes outstanding accomplishments in contemporary society. The award was presented during commencement ceremonies in May.

Hunter Enjoys New Role in Development

In December, 1981, Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, vice chancellor for business affairs at UNCW, was named vice chancellor for business affairs and development. Since then, Hunter and Tyrone Rowell, director of development services, have directed the development office's fund raising, public relations, alumni affairs, publications, community service, and communications activities.



Just what is development? According to Hunter, "It promotes the University's programs, services and mission in whatever way it can. Public relations is an aspect of development. So is fund raising—collecting private funds and seeking any type of support for the University."

Under the direction of Hunter and Rowell, last year UNCW mounted a campaign to raise \$400,000 to air condition Trask Coliseum. "We have had strong support from the community thus far," said Hunter. "As of mid-July, we have raised about 80 percent of what we need to complete the job. We'll continue our campaign until we have all we need." Construction is expected to be completed in plenty of time for the 1983 Azalea Festival in Wilmington and other events scheduled for next summer.

Hunter has been UNCW's chief business officer for the past four years. He is a member of the faculty in the School of Business Administration and serves as treasurer of the UNCW Foundation, Inc. and the Endowment Board.

Bowen Takes Charge as Alumni Affairs Officer

UNCW now has a full-time alumni affairs officer. W. Frank Bowen, a six-year member of the Alumni Association's board of directors, took over the job July 1.

Many alumni probably already know Frank. Since his graduation from UNCW in 1974, he has been active in the Alumni Association and its contributions to the university.



He has been a member of the association's board of directors since 1976, and has been treasurer twice. Frank also has been chairman of the membership committee as well as a member of the scholarship committee and various social committees of the Alumni Association.

"My enrollment at UNCW fostered a commitment to the school," said Frank. "I was proud to be a student and I'm proud to be an alumnus. I'm also proud to be able to give back to the university some part of what I experienced here as a student."

Tyrone Rowell, director of development services and Frank's new boss, explained that the university needs to better cultivate its more than 5,500 alumni of record. "Alumni are very valuable ambassadors of good will, as evidenced by the growing numbers of students coming here from states other than North Carolina," said Rowell. "Establishing this full-time position is a service our alumni deserve, and Frank Bowen can certainly do the job."

As alumni affairs officer, Frank will act as executive director of the Alumni Association

board of directors and coordinate volunteer efforts of the association. He also will direct the alumni annual fund; plan, develop and implement new and existing alumni programs; and expand the statewide network of UNCW alumni support through development of local chapters and other activities.

"Up to now, we've been a fledgling Alumni Association," said Frank. "And it takes time to learn to fly. However, as the university grows we have greater alumni resources to draw on."

Frank knows the ins and outs of the UNCW campus. He's been an employee of the university since 1974, first in continuing education and, for the last five years, as an admissions counselor. But his interests have always been with the alumni.

"UNCW doesn't forget its alumni just because they've received their diplomas," he said. "And we want them to remember us as well. The university is proud of its alumni. They can show their pride in UNCW through their support of and active participation in the Alumni Association. Our success depends on their support."

"It's my job to make sure more alumni realize that."