



(L-R) Reverend Ray Buchanan receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Ron Choate, alumni association chairman.

Alumni Association recognizes outstanding alumnus and citizen

A UNCW alumnus and a professor were recognized at the annual UNCW Alumni Awards dinner on November 16. The Reverend Ray A. Buchanan of Big Island, Va., co-director of the Society of Saint Andrew, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Dr. Gerald H. Shinn, professor of philosophy and religion at UNCW, received the Distinguished Citizen Award.

Working out of a sheep shed in the Blue Ridge section of Virginia, Buchanan and partner Ken Horne, both ministers, formed the Society of Saint Andrew in 1983 as a world hunger ministry of the United Methodist Church. The society began as a regional project to salvage non-marketable potatoes and distribute them to the hungry in Virginia. The regional project grew into a nationwide Potato Project to salvage and distribute misshaped but nutritious potatoes to thousands of hungry people through over 100 food agencies. In its first 18 months of operation, the Potato Project salvaged over 10 million pounds of potatoes and yams to help ease world hunger. Its first shipment overseas was in December 1984 to the Dominican Republic.

The project pays the growers' cost of bagging the potatoes and freight charges to the distribution center nearest the receiving food bank or soup kitchen. Growers receive a tax benefit for the charitable contribution in addition to knowing that crops once left as waste in the fields will help feed the hungry. The average cost of distributing the potatoes is less than four cents per pound. The project hopes to distribute 15 million pounds of potatoes in 1985.

"I'm just doing my job as a Christian. Hunger is a moral issue with over 20 million Americans going hungry," said Buchanan.

In addition to the Potato Project, Buchanan spearheaded the Harvest of Hope, a work study program for youth on the causes of and preventatives to hunger, and the Potato Project Partners program, where churches and other groups finance a minimum of one tractor trailer load of potatoes.

The society's efforts to help eliminate hunger have been recognized by national television news, and letters of support from President Reagan, governors and senators.

Buchanan and Horne practice what they preach. The two and their families share a home, farm, most possessions, and have a common budget and one checkbook.

"We're trying to develop a lifestyle that puts more emphasis on people than on things," said Buchanan. *continued on pg. 2*

More graduate courses planned

UNCW has begun the planning process for six new graduate programs at the master's degree level. The UNC Board of Governors granted UNCW authorization to plan new graduate programs at its October meeting.

UNCW has initiated the planning process for a master of science degree in biology, master of science degree in chemistry, master of arts degree in mathematics, master of arts degree in English, master of arts degree in history, and a master of arts in teaching degree for secondary school teachers.

"The UNC Board of Governors granted approval to permit us to plan, not to implement. Planning graduate programs is a lengthy process, and we want to do it seriously and well," Chancellor William H. Wagoner said.

Once planning is completed at the campus level, the new graduate programs will be submitted to the president of the UNC-system, the UNC-wide University Graduate Council, and to the Board of Governors for final approval.

"There is a thorough planning process within the institution, and a thorough review process beyond the institution. We hope to have completed planning for some of the programs by fall 1986 to submit to the UNC president," said Dr. James McGowan, associate vice chancellor and director of graduate studies.

It is not anticipated that any of these programs will be authorized to receive students by fall or spring 1986.

Plans to expand the graduate curriculum is consistent with UNCW's long range plan as a Comprehensive Level One university.

"The programs approved by the Board of Governors in the natural sciences and humanities are an

absolutely necessary component of a Comprehensive Level One university," Wagoner said. "During the whole planning process, our UNCW faculty planning committee, Board of Trustees, and the total university have worked diligently for a balanced program of master's level degree offerings."

UNCW offers the master of business administration degree; the master of education degree in elementary education, in special education, in reading education, and in educational administration and supervision; and the master of science degree in marine biology with three areas of specialization: marine biology, biological oceanography and coastal biology. A request for authorization to establish a master of science degree program in geology has been submitted to the general administration of The University of North Carolina.

Plans to expand the UNCW graduate curriculum will meet the growing need for more graduate level programs in Southeastern North Carolina. UNCW is the only senior public institution serving Southeastern North Carolina, with the nearest comparable institution offering graduate programs over 100 miles away.



Shack at Fred's

(L-R) Fred Graham receives a "Shack at Fred's" tee shirt from UNCW student Rob Lindsley following the dedication of Frederick B. Graham Residence Hall, named in Graham's honor. Graham was a member and chairman of the original board of trustees of Wilmington College. He was instrumental in locating the campus at its present site, and his leadership and financial support helped establish the Wilmington College Foundation. Graham Hall houses 200 students and was previously known as Dorm '79.

ALUMNI CALENDAR

- Jan. 4: Pre-game social before Navy basketball game (CAA) 6 p.m. until tipoff
- Jan. 18: Pre-game social before East Carolina basketball game (CAA) 6 p.m. until tipoff
- Jan. 25: Pre-game social before James Madison basketball game (CAA) 6 p.m. until tipoff
HOMECOMING (bonfire, coronation at half time, dance after game)
- Feb. 10: Pre-game social before Richmond basketball game (CAA) 6 p.m. until tipoff
- Mar. 1: First Round CAA Tournament, TBA
- Mar. 3-4: CAA Tournament in Fairfax, VA
- Apr. 4: Alumni Annual Social (pig pickin', entertainment)

All pre-game socials will be in the University Union, Room 100.

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