

Professor Profile

# Mrs. Undine Barnhill Very Popular Teacher

By STEPHEN BOWMAN  
One of our more colorful characters on campus today is English professor, Mrs. Undine Barnhill, and she is quite a character. She tries to be a Christian teacher—she knows that to be the most successful and rewarding way.

Mrs. Undine Weeks Barnhill was born at Dawson Cross Roads in the first quarter of the twentieth century. She was reared on a farm with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Weeks, three brothers, and two sisters, she being the oldest child. Her mother was a school teacher and her father a farmer. Mrs. Barnhill has loved the farm ever since she can remember and presently lives in the same area in which she was born and reared. During her high school days and after graduating from Scotland Neck High School in 1934 she worked part time in a Scotland Neck clothing store in addition to working down on the farm. After graduation from high school she took one year of business courses at Scotland Neck High which later helped in working her way through college.

In the fall of 1935 Mrs. Barnhill began classes at Meredith College, a girls school in Raleigh, where she majored in English and history. She says that she took those subjects because two of her best high school teachers inspired her to take them. She graduated from Meredith in 1939 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history. Mrs. Barnhill was married in 1939 to Mr. Lemuel Wesley Barnhill. They had two children, a daughter, now Mrs. Geneva Ashley of Whiteville, N.C., and a son, Larry Barnhill, who is employed in Raleigh. Mr. Wesley Barnhill was then proprietor of "Capt'n Wesley's Store," where Mrs. Barnhill and her husband worked for the next thirteen years.

Following Mr. Barnhill's death, Mrs. Barnhill then went to East Carolina University, renewed her teaching certificate, and continued attending classes there year round until she earned her Masters degree in English and history, and graduated in 1951. She says that she has received much education through her travels during and after college. She has been to the Middle East (Egypt, Palestine), South America, Mexico, Canada, Europe, and throughout the United States. Just this past summer she spent six weeks at the University of London in England for courses in English. Mrs. Barnhill has attended classes at Harvard University, Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, the North Carolina University of Raleigh, and she has engaged in additional study at East Carolina University.

Starting in 1950, after renewing her certificate, she taught at Scotland Neck High School for fifteen years. After that, she came to Chowan and has been teaching here since. Mrs. Barnhill teaches five classes of English including English 101, 102, 201, 202, and at times American Literature, 203 and 204. She serves on the Graduation Committee and the Hospitality Committee here at the college. Concerning the work she does, Mrs. Barnhill has this to say, "I don't sponsor anything except goodwill. I like every minute of teaching at Chowan. I hope that I am doing a service to the students that I teach." She says that she has always wanted to teach, she believes, because her mother was a teacher.

She loves to paint, sew, read, and work in her garden. She says, "I like to be with and deal with young people since I was once a youngun myself. I love everything."

Mrs. Barnhill's community work is mainly centered around her church, where she teaches a Sunday school class. She is interested in the BSU and occasionally attends the prayer breakfast and prayer meeting.

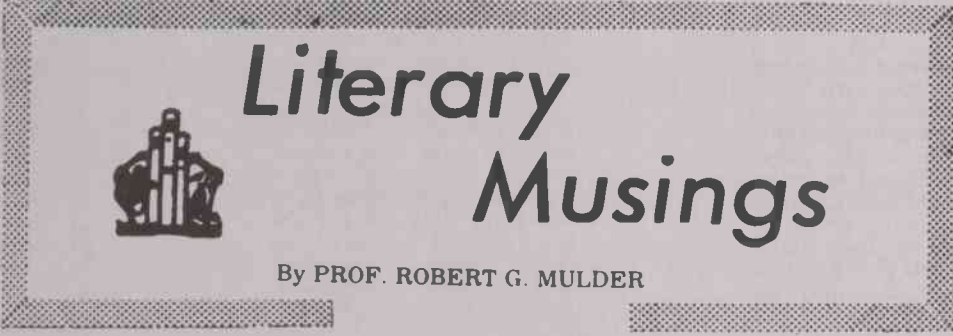
A motto above her desk reads, "Smile. If you see someone today without a smile—Try giving him one of yours." This motto fits well with her opinion of Chowan. "I like Chowan College very much. I feel a part of it and it hurts my feelings when people say ugly remarks about it." She believes that Chowan is a great service to people in this part of the state and elsewhere.

Mrs. Barnhill says, "I would like to see a change in student attitude in that they would feel more a part of the college instead of being discriminated against." She believes that the students should take pride in their own



college. Without the students it would not be here. Mrs. Barnhill says, in all truth and honesty, "I think Chowan students are the finest I have ever been associated with. All that I know, I like. I think students should be more interested in the Christian way of life and more of the students should be involved in the Christian work on this campus." Mrs. Barnhill told one of the

many unusual experiences she has had since coming to Chowan. She says that once, she was holding class in the Marks Hall auditorium and one student came in late from the weekend. "He marched down the aisle with the most beautiful bouquet of tulips I had ever seen, using it as a sort of peace offering. He said that a lady let him pick them out of her garden."



By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

Saintliness is rarely associated with politics—all too rarely. I intend, nevertheless, to make a kind of connection in this column. It will certainly prove nothing, but it may interest the politically inclined, hagiologists and run-of-the-mine statisticians.

Although my library is not fully stocked with reference works on hagiology, I do have the four-volume complete edition of Butler's "Lives of the Saints" (edited by Thurston and Attwater) and the fourth edition of "The Book of Saints." The latter is a biographical dictionary compiled by the Benedictine monks of St. Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate (England).

So for several evenings when the Yuppies were yapping, I just turned off the boob tube and pulled down from my shelves the works cited above to find out how many of the beautified and the sanctified as officially recognized by the Catholic Church were named Richard or George or Hubert. The Church, of course, does not "make saints." Saints make themselves and only after a long and complicated process does the Church acknowledge them.

Well, for the Statisticians who may want to program my figures for a computer, the results came out like this:

"Book of Saints": Richard (17 beautified, four sanctified); George (three beautified, 10 santified). The score may have changed since these references were published, because beautification is only a step on the way to sanctification.

If I had enough space, I could easily get carried away and write pages about the holy men who bore these names; but I shall have to limit myself to brief discussions to only one of each Christian name. Let the computers make of it what they will.

Blessed Richard Rolle of Hampole was a 14th century mystic who tried valiantly to tread the way of truth and illumination. The professional theologians have long argued as to whether the stages of his ascent correspond to the classical pattern of "dulcor," "canor" and "fervor." This controversy does not keep me sleepless o' nights.

He had a rough time of it. Of his early difficulties he says: "Rotten rags hardly covered me, and in my nakedness I was annoyed with the bites of flies which no comfortable covering prevented from walking over me, and my skin became rough with ingrained dirt; and yet in warm weather I was tormented by the heat, among men who were enjoying all the shade that they desired; and my teeth chattered with the cold while they were indulging in rich adornments and rejoicing in superfluities—although nevertheless they loved not the Giver of these things."

# A Look at the Business World

By JOHN CUNIFF  
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NEW YORK (AP) — American workers now have at least \$137 billion in private pension assets. Of at least 30 million workers covered, 4.7 million are receiving annual benefits that exceed \$7.4 billion a year.

These figures all are minimums, because they were compiled in 1970. Growth since then has been swift in many respects, and assets by 1980 are projected to exceed \$250 billion. In 1940 they totaled \$2.4 billion.

## Women's Leader Asks Accuracy

NEW YORK (AP) — Gloria Steinem, the feminist and editor, says women do not expect sympathy or empathy in news coverage, but she says, "We want accuracy."

Speaking to the 87th annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers Association on Wednesday, Ms. Steinem criticized stories that described women by dress or physical attributes but did not treat them the same way.

A Washington newspaper account of her testifying before a congressional committee on equal rights described her as "blonde, miniskirted Gloria Steinem, but did not report on the head of the committee as 'brunet, vested Birch Bayh,'" she said.

The consequences grow too, not only for workers covered but for the entire economy of the nation. Even in a trillion-dollar economy, a sum in the billions carries great power.

Banks depend upon it, the ree); dl; rzbeds it, corporations rely on it as a source of capital financing. Thousands of bankers, lawyers trustees and other professionals, and many times that number of ancillary workers, earn their living from it.

And there is still another great consequence, perhaps more potential than real. That is the possibility of fraud, conspiracy or other misuse of funds by those who manage them.

In a comprehensive pension study just released, Bankers Trust describes how "the man on Main Street probably imagines a perpetual series of conspiracies for the control of corporations."

The ingredients of the "plot" are that billions of dollars of stock are held by pension funds, which are managed by banks. Other institutions, like investment trusts and insurers, hold billions more.

Now add to this recipe the fact that "the directors of these institutions know one another and work within the narrow radius of the lower end of Manhattan" and you have the makings of problems.

Despite these majozhv rnjw r13considerations it is the personal stake in pensions that concerns most workers and their families. And yet many workers know very little of their rights and expectation.

It is for reasons such as these

that various congressional committees are studying many proposals to set standards for fiduciary responsibilities, vesting, disclosure of information and funding.

While the complexity of the subject matter and the many varieties of pension plans is slowing action, prospects are bright that Congress will be able to reach agreement on provisions this year and probably pass a bill in 1974.

So far the focus of three main proposals is on vesting.

## Prince Charles Promoted By Royal Navy

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, will be promoted to acting lieutenant in the Royal Navy on May 1, the Ministry of Defense announced today.

With the promotion from sub-lieutenant, the 24-year-old prince's navy pay will go up from \$5,250 to \$6,625. But Charles, who reportedly gets half a million dollars a year as Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, has been giving his navy pay to navy charities.

The defense ministry said the promotion was routine since he will complete 18 months on duty on May 1. He is serving as assistant navigation officer on the survey ship Fox in the West Indies.

## Premier Meir To Run Again

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Premier Golda Meir has decided to run again in October, the newspaper Haaretz reported today. Mrs. Meir's office had no immediate comment.

For the past two years the 74-year-old premier has been saying she would like to retire. But other leaders of the ruling Labor party fear no generally acceptable successor can be found.

Haaretz published a public opinion poll in which 74.1 per cent of those questioned said they wanted Mrs. Meir to remain on the job.

## Casino Owner Seeks Divorce

RENO, Nev. (AP) — William Harrah, owner of Reno and Lake Tahoe casinos, has filed for divorce from his fourth wife, former model Roxene Carlson.

Harrah asked Washoe District Court Wednesday for a divorce on grounds of incompatibility. He said the couple had no community property.

Miss Carlson, 32, and Harrah, 61, were married last Oct. 15 at Harrah's home at Tahoe. It was his fourth marriage and her second.

## Gets Parole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert T. Carson, a former aide to Sen. Hiram L. Fong, R-Hawaii, has been granted parole by the U.S. Board of Parole.

Carson had been sentenced to 18 months in prison on conspiracy and perjury charges. He was convicted of being the prime mover in a conspiracy to bribe then-Deputy Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst and was sentenced on Nov. 14, 1972.

The board denied parole to Collie Leroy Wilkins and Eugene Thomas, Klu Klux Klan members from Alabama who were convicted on civil rights charges in the gunshot slaying of civil rights worker Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in March 1965.



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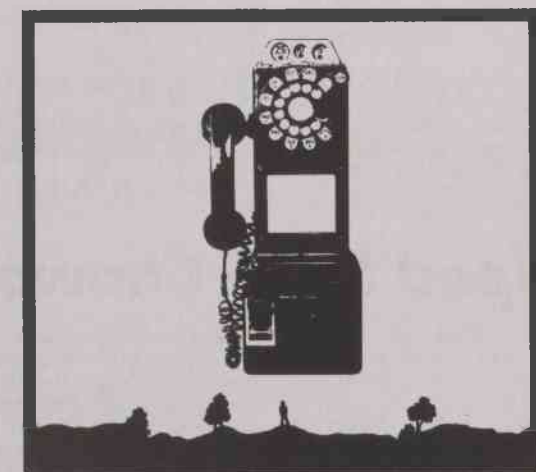
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