

# Marion Gooding Makes Nursing Programs Successful

By Donald Alderman

For most of Dr. Marion F. Gooding's professional career, she has labored to make struggling college nursing programs successful. She offers consultation services, development of long-term plans for program implementation and conducts faculty workshops. Her work usually leads to higher performance by nursing program graduates on state licensure exams.

Because she produces results, Dr. Gooding is the Distinguished Scholar at North Carolina Central University for the 1981-82 second semester.

Chancellor Albert N. Whiting gave the Distinguished Scholar position to the Nursing Department to help strengthen the program.

In the one semester she will be here, Dr. Gooding is expected to spark more life into a program that some say is struggling for survival.

Dr. Johna Kelley, the program's director, said the program's students are fortunate to have Dr. Gooding to learn from.

Since 1977, the nursing program operated under a mandate from the UNC Board of Governors to improve its students' performances on the state licensure exam, or be axed. The program has now survived that threat, according to officials, but Dr. Gooding hopes to help steer it to new horizons.

NCCU's nursing program was reaccredited in 1981 by the National League for Nursing and approved by the N.C. Board of Nursing.

Dr. Gooding has developed a plan of supportive activities that includes involving faculty and students in the legislative process and making the nursing program more viable and visible in the Durham community and throughout the state.

"Our objectives are based on the department's needs and set within reasonable time frames," Dr. Gooding commented. "Our goal is to improve every aspect that leads to effective student outcome."

Administration officials have approved an eight-point plan developed by Dr. Gooding which includes the following objectives:

- Improving learning and teaching strategies.
- Conducting workshops to improve and enhance faculty skills.
- Increase the visibility of the NCCU Nursing Department.
- Preparing graduates for the nursing licensure exam.
- Providing consultation services to the nursing program chairman.



DR. MARION F. GOODING, Dean of the School of Nursing, Tennessee State University, was awarded the Distinguished Scholar position at North Carolina Central University. For this semester, she will assist Nursing Department administrators in strengthening the program.

- Promoting a viable continuing education program.
- Formulating an active alumni association.
- Promoting faculty and student participation in the political and legislative process.

Dr. Gooding is confident of success partly because of the Competency Based Education program which the nursing program began planning in 1977. Aimed at teaching students by individual learning styles, the CBE program is based largely on a test called the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, which indicates how students process information.

Student profiles will be prepared based on test results. These profiles, Dr. Gooding said, will enable faculty to teach based on learning styles which will improve student achievement and performance.

Dr. Gooding envisions many positive improvements for the nursing program including expanding faculty roles in scholarly endeavors such as conducting workshops and making public speeches

which is expected to increase the program's visibility and increasing the passing rate on licensure exams to the national average of 85 per cent; establish a summer nursing program by May.

Dr. Gooding completely revised the nursing department at Essex County College of Newark, New Jersey in 1972 which, within two years, led to a reversal of graduates' performance on the licensure exam from 35 per cent to 98 per cent.

She pioneered the first college nursing program at the College of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, which was fully accredited in two years.

Dr. Gooding was also responsible for developing programs in Nursing, Physical Therapy, Medical Lab Technician and Respiratory Therapist at Brookdale Community College of Lincroft, New Jersey in 1975.

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#### Hornet Boys

(Continued from Page 5) the Hornets to a 45-38 margin. Senior forward Antwain Smith played a brilliant second half for the Hornets. He con-

nected on eight points, while finishing the game with 14. John Davis netted 13 points in the Hornet win. Coach Al Eubanks' Hornet JV cagers slipped past Person 72-48. Hillside's junior varsity team leads the Big Six Conference at 7-1, and they are 17-2 overall. Four Hornet players scored in double figures against Roxboro. Demorris Tucker led with 16, while Fred Young added 14. Charles Bumpass and David Johnson contributed 10 each in the 72-48 victory over Roxboro.

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