

UNCW Alumna and Professor Receives Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Anne Bowden McCrary, associate professor of biology at UNCW, has received the 1984 Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award. The board honored McCrary at its July 11 meeting.

In addition to the distinction, the award includes \$1,000 cash.

McCrary is the first UNCW graduate to receive this award, and only the second woman. Dr. Betty Jo Welch was last year's recipient.

McCrary's specialty is invertebrate zoology. She teaches classes in marine invertebrate zoology, planktonology, and intertidal organisms. She joined the UNCW faculty in 1969.

McCrary received her associate of arts degree from Wilmington College in 1956. She then went to UNC-Chapel Hill for her bachelors, masters and Ph.D. in zoology. At Chapel Hill, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, both honorary societies. McCrary received all her degrees *after* she had started her family and after the birth of *all* her children.

McCrary has mastered and is still enthusiastic about the subjects she teaches, which is one reason she received this prestigious award. Her excellence extends beyond the UNCW campus: She is an adjunct professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, maintains close ties there, and serves on Ph.D. and masters theses committees.

The biology professor has served as a review panelist for the National Science Foundation, has been a consultant to various engineering firms, and is a resource person for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agency.

McCrary is active in the Sierra Club and the Society to Preserve Masonboro Island, as well as professional associations related to her fields of biology and zoology.

The department of biological sciences—students and faculty—was more than enthusiastic in its recommendation of McCrary for the award. Part of the nomination reads: "She is an enthusiastic leader, teacher and person, and whether students are being led on a field trip to the exotic tropical beaches of Ecuador (as she did in the middle 70s) or to the more familiar intertidal mud-flats of Harbor Island, they are made aware that they are in the company of one who is a master at her craft and one to which enthusiastic teaching comes naturally."

Chairman of the board of trustees John Birney asked McCrary if she had plans for the \$1,000 that came as part of the award. She said she would buy a \$110 book that she has been wanting for her children; the rest she will probably use to help publish a book she is now preparing.

Prior recipients of the UNCW Teaching Excellence Award are B. Frank Hall, 1978; Frank Allen, 1979; Steve Harper, 1980; Gerald Shinn, 1981; William F. Adcock (posthumously), 1982; and Betty Jo Welch, 1983.

Business Professor Teaches Reading and Writing In His Spare Time

Most of us who live here probably aren't aware of the fact that 7,500 people in New Hanover County can't read or write. They are illiterate. A few, however, are more than aware. They are trying to do something to help.

Jack Morgan, assistant professor of economics and finance in UNCW's Cameron School of Business Administration, is one of those trying to help. He is on the Wilmington Literacy Council, a group trying to encompass a five- or six-county region in southeastern North Carolina.

Morgan is a tutor, teaching people to read and write in a one-to-one situation. "It's a great opportunity for me to help," said Morgan recently, "but we need volunteers. After all, there are 7,500 illiterate people, and just a handful of tutors. We need all the help we can get."

While he tutors, Morgan is now learning how to teach tutors, so that when the number of volunteers begins to increase, he will be able to teach them how to teach. "It's not something you can just do," he said. "We all have to be taught how to teach people to read and write."

The Wilmington Literacy Council members use a method using pictures that look like letters to teach reading. For an example, Morgan said he uses a "b" which looks like a bird with a long tail, just so the person can become familiar with the "b" sound. More pictures are introduced, looking less like a bird and more like a "b", until the person can recognize the letter.

At a community college in South Carolina, Morgan taught a retired tractor-trailer driver to read and write. How had the man driven all those years without being able to? "He would find out where he was to go, and have someone show him the word on the map. On the highway," said Morgan, "he'd look for a sign with similar letters. Once he found the exit, he'd drive to a truck stop and ask the drivers how to get to such-and-such a company. Then he'd have the directions."

"I always teach my students how to use the dictionary," continued the business professor. "They need to know the practical things in life. Many can read a newspaper after just one year of tutoring. It's amazing how quickly they learn."

If anyone is interested in being a tutor or learning more about the Wilmington Literacy Council, Morgan suggested they call Marsha Cook at the Wilmington Baptist Association (799-1160).



Photo by Mimi Cunningham

Hubert Eaton Publishes Book

Every Man Should Try is the memoirs of Dr. Hubert A. Eaton, Wilmington physician and member and former chairman of the board of trustees at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Eaton initiated the lawsuits that resulted in the desegregation of the New Hanover County Schools and the James Walker Memorial Hospital. He was also instrumental in the desegregation of UNCW when it was Wilmington College—after the black Williston branch of the college was closed and merged with the main campus.

Every Man Should Try is an account of Eaton's struggles in Wilmington as a black doctor seeking equal health care for his black patients and staff privileges for black doctors at the county hospital. The book recounts his mentoring and teaching of Wimbledon tennis star Althea Gibson, the first black to play in the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association Championships at Forest Hills.

The incident that triggered Eaton's fight against discrimination occurred in 1947 as he was being sworn in at the New Hanover County Courthouse to testify in court on behalf of a patient. When the bailiff directed him to swear on the Bible, Eaton reached on the shelf to get a Bible. He saw two Bibles.

"Each was wrapped shut with a strip of dirty adhesive tape. One was labeled 'COLORED,' the other 'WHITE,'" recounts Eaton in the chapter entitled "Detonation." "Segregated Bibles? I was stunned . . .

"That my children should grow up in a community that required them to swear in court on a segregated Bible was unconscionable," thought Eaton, and he vowed to change things. In his book, Eaton says, "There were measly black schools, segregated hospitals, segregated tennis courts, all-white government, segregated libraries, and segregated Bibles . . . In the years that followed . . . I changed my life and, I believe, my town."

Every Man Should Try is available for \$9.95, paperback, or \$17.95, hardback. You can buy the 392-page book at the UNCW bookstore, the Bookery at the Cotton Exchange, and Belks Department Store at Independence Mall. To order by mail, write Bonaparte Press, P.O. Box 517, Wilmington, N.C. 28402, and add \$3.00 for shipping and handling.



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Why are these men smiling? Two are UNCW faculty members who recently received their doctoral degrees after completing the UNC Faculty Doctoral Study Assignment Program. Initiated five years ago by the UNC Board of Governors, this program is unique in higher education in the United States. From left to right are Dr. Ravija Badarinathi, assistant professor of management and marketing in UNCW's Cameron School of Business Administration; Dr. Arnold King, assistant to UNC President William Friday (and the person in whose honor King Hall was named); and Dr. John Haley, assistant professor of history in UNCW's College of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations!

UNCW Officials Go to Camp

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps has been at UNCW for three years. Enrollment in the program has grown from 27 the first year to 105 in 1983-84. So far, through two commissioning classes, 39 second lieutenants have been commissioned from UNCW.

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