



Dr. Donald A. Henderson

Smallpox fighter receives Schweitzer Prize for Medicine

Dr. Donald Ainslie Henderson, the man who led the global campaign that successfully eradicated smallpox, will receive the 1985 Albert Schweitzer International Prize for Medicine.

Henderson is dean of The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and former director of the World Health Organization's smallpox eradication program.

This prize and those awarded in music and humanities will be presented in ceremonies on March 21 at UNCW.

The Schweitzer Prize for Medicine is funded by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, a private non-profit foundation supported by the

Burroughs Wellcome Company. Burroughs Wellcome discovers, researches, and manufactures pharmaceuticals for humans and animals.

Henderson joined Johns Hopkins in 1977 following 10 years as chief of the global smallpox eradication campaign. During Henderson's first year as director of the WHO program, an estimated 10 to 15 million smallpox cases occurred, causing two million deaths in 43 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Under Henderson's leadership, more than 700 advisors from 69 countries and 200,000 national health staff and volunteers worked to wipe out the disease.

In 1975 a Bangladesh girl experienced the last case of the most severe form of smallpox and in 1977 an African man's illness proved to be the last natural occurrence of the disease. In 1980 the World Health Assembly officially declared that smallpox had been eradicated.

Henderson received his A.B. degree from Oberlin College in 1950 and his M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1954. In 1960 he earned his Master of Public Health degree from The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, which he now directs. Henderson lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Schweitzer Prizes Week recognizes excellence, offers musical entertainment

UNCW will be celebrating the presentation of the third round of Albert Schweitzer International Prizes with a week highlighted by musical events performed in honor of Bach's 300 birthday. Bach was Schweitzer's favorite composer.

The Schweitzer Prizes recognize achievement in medicine, music and the humanities, the three areas in which Schweitzer excelled. The prizes will be presented in a ceremony on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in UNCW's Kenan Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Wilmington Symphony and Wilmington Choral Society, joined by the UNCW Concert Choir, will present Bach's St. Matthew Passion on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and free for UNCW students with a valid I.D.

A free Bach memorial concert will be held at St. James Episcopal Church on Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

The North Carolina Symphony will perform Bach Concerto in E major and Beethoven Symphony No. 5 in C minor on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and free for UNCW students with a valid I.D.

Tickets to performances at Kenan Auditorium will be available at the door.

Prize recipients are invited to attend all of these events. They will also meet informally with students and the general public on March 20 and 21. One of the major reasons for having the prizes at UNCW is to offer students the opportunity for one-on-one contact with such distinguished individuals.

The Schweitzer Prizes are presented every four years by the North Carolina Educational, Historical and Scientific Foundation, Inc., a non-profit foundation in Wilmington, N.C. Previous recipients include well known individuals such as Mother Teresa, one of the worlds most admired humanitarians, and music giants Andres Segovia and Gian Carlo Menotti. Equally impressive but less recognized recipients are distinguished physicians Larimer Mellon of Haiti, Theodor Binder of Peru, and humanitarian Sadhu Ittyavira of

India. Prize winners receive a medal, designed this year by a UNCW student, and a \$5,000 cash award.

The Schweitzer International Prizes have been associated with UNCW since the program's inception in 1975 and are the only international prizes of their kind in the world, and the first and only international prizes given in North Carolina.

Ambassadors serve as campus diplomats

The United Nations, foreign countries and UNCW all have something in common. All have ambassadors as special envoys to the public.

The UNCW Ambassadors serve as campus diplomats, acting as hosts and hostesses at various campus events, conducting tours of the UNCW campus, and participating in recruitment programs for the university's admissions and minority affairs office. Clad in

green blazers, the Ambassadors are easily identifiable at a formal university function.

Established in 1982 by the alumni association, the UNCW Ambassadors have 15 student volunteers. All are undergraduates and are selected on leadership capabilities, knowledge of the campus, and school spirit.

The Ambassadors program provides on-the-job training in public relations skills, and in things learned in the classroom.

"They get to polish their skills in dealing with a variety of people, while learning a little bit about business, communications, marketing, and so forth," said Frank Bowen, alumni affairs officer and advisor to the group.

The Ambassadors attend workshops at the beginning of each school year and hold meetings throughout the year. The program offers

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(Top to bottom) UNCW Ambassadors Ann Kindt, Laura Allen and Meg Robison.

ALUMNI CALENDAR

- March 17-23: Albert Schweitzer Prizes Week at UNCW
- March 26-28: Alumni Phonathon
- Apr. 2-4: Alumni Phonathon
- Apr. 11-14: North Carolina Azalea Festival, Wilmington, N.C.
- May 17: Alumni association's welcome reception for new graduates following commencement practice
- May 18: Commencement
Presentation of Alumni Achievement Award(s)

For more information, contact Frank Bowen, UNCW Alumni Affairs Office, 601 S. College Rd., Wilmington, N.C. 28403. Phone (919) 395-3616.