

College recruiting gets the personal touch



Dr. Gerald Shinn addresses the audience at the Alumni Awards Banquet. Shinn received the Distinguished Citizen Award for his community service and achievements in education.

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Buchanan graduated from UNCW in 1972 and received the master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Gerald H. Shinn joined the UNCW faculty in 1967. His service and dedication to the campus and community range from serving as curator of UNCW's Museum of World Cultures to establishing in 1972 the Albert Schweitzer International Prizes, the first international prizes of its kind in the United States and held every four years at UNCW.

His excellence as a teacher has been recognized with the UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award in 1981, and his selection as a semi-finalist in the 1985 Professor of the Year competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Shinn was the only professor so honored within the 16-campus UNC system, and one of two semi-finalists chosen from North Carolina.

Shinn's genuine interest in the relationship between faculty and students is evident in his being named an associate of the Danforth Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of human relations in American higher education. He is the recipient of a Ford Fellowship, a Gurney H. Kearns Fellowship, and was included in the 1970 edition of *Outstanding Educators in America* and listed in the 1972 edition of *Two Thousand Men of Achievement*. In October Shinn was asked to serve as an advisor to the International John Steinbeck Society, a learned society that serves members and friends in 44 nations.

Shinn received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Duke University and also studied at Goethe Universitat at Frankfurt am Main, Germany. At UNCW he teaches philosophy and religion and Old Testament literature.

The nomination of Shinn as a distinguished citizen recognizes his exceptional service to the Wilmington community and his achievements as a leader in education.

The UNCW Alumni Association began the awards presentation in 1975.

College recruiting begins at home. At least it did for UNCW students Paige Bryan, Terry Cahill, Trey Walton and Robin Wagoner, all children of UNCW chief administrators. Paige is the daughter of Dr. William Bryan, vice chancellor for student affairs; Terry is the daughter of Dr. Charles Cahill, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Trey is the son of Robert Walton, vice chancellor for business affairs; and Robin is the son of Chancellor William H. Wagoner.

Being a student at the university where your father is employed has some advantages: lower long distance phone bills, close family ties, a shared commitment, and a sense of pride in the institution. The group was unanimous in saying that they are treated just like any other student by faculty and staff.

"Most of my professors don't recognize my name. If they do, they don't dwell on the fact that I'm the chancellor's son," said Robin Wagoner, 28, a student in the master of business administration program.

Trey Walton explained that some of the older professors recognize his name because of his father's association with the campus when it was smaller and more close-knit.

"I've had a few who say they remember me when I was so high. Nonetheless, they don't treat me any differently."

Because the name Bryan is so common, Paige remains unrecognized on campus as the child of a vice chancellor. Terry agreed that few know who she is.

"Only one person asked if I was related to the big man in the big building. I felt like the daughter of the president," said Terry.

All chose UNCW for its academic curriculum and its convenience. Three have been enrolled at other schools.

Robin received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from UNC-Chapel Hill and is the director of quality control for South Atlantic Services in Wilmington. UNCW's graduate program in business administration, geared for students with full time jobs, met his individual needs.

"The program and faculty are fantastic. The students are older and know what they want to gain from the program," said Robin.

Terry and Paige both went off to school first, but came back to

UNCW. Terry, 27, is majoring in environmental studies and plans to go to optometry school. Paige, 19, first attended East Carolina University but is now deciding on a major at UNCW. Neither felt pressured by family to attend UNCW but feel that there is a silent sense of pride felt by their fathers.

"UNCW has a good program of study in my major, and a brilliant and most impressive provost, even if he is my dad," said Terry.

Paige remarked that it can be nice to occasionally see her dad on campus and that the two have grown closer since her move back to Wilmington.

Trey, 20, grew up knowing UNCW was where he wanted to go to school. He is majoring in geology.



(L-R) Chancellor William H. Wagoner, son Robin, and family pet "Honey."

"I remember when the campus was only five buildings and basketball games were played in the old gym. I'm proud of the school's growth and its programs," Trey said.

Although accepted and treated as an ordinary student, a child of a vice chancellor or chancellor may be more sensitive to criticism of the campus.

"Although I may know the reason why a situation is a certain way, everyone has personal opinions and beliefs," Robin said.

Terry says that few students understand how hard the administrative team works to make UNCW a good school. Paige relays student complaints to her dad.

"If a student's complaint is justifiable, I tell Dad. He needs to

know student concerns," Paige said.

When asked what his dad does, Trey responds that his father is employed by the university.

"Students immediately think that my dad is a professor. I'm glad that he's a vice chancellor. Students gripe more about professors," Trey said.

Being the child of a UNCW employee doesn't constitute the inside track on professors. All agree that they may be more informed than some classmates about available campus services due to a keen interest in the university combined with their fathers' positions.

"I'll occasionally ask Dad if a certain professor is good. He always says if the professor wasn't good, he wouldn't be here," Terry said.

All say that they are happy as students at UNCW, and experience both the good and bad of college life.

"You could say that we're all just regular students who are super proud of what our fathers do and their accomplishments," Terry said.

Howell receives state award

Nationally known artist Claude Howell, founder and former chairman of the UNCW art department, received the prestigious North Carolina Award in Fine Arts for his leadership and support of arts and artists in the state. The North Carolina Awards, the highest honors given by the state, recognize accomplishments in literature, science, fine arts and public service. Howell received the award from Governor Jim Martin at a November ceremony in Raleigh.

A native of Wilmington, Howell began teaching art in 1953 at what was then Wilmington College and served as chairman of the art department for 25 years. In 1981, he was appointed associate professor of art emeritus by the UNCW Board of Trustees. He received an honorary doctorate from Wake Forest University in 1975, and from UNCW in 1983.

Since 1939 when Howell's work was chosen for display at the World's Fair, his paintings and drawings have been exhibited throughout the United States. A number of his works are in public collections at museums, businesses and galleries, including a mural at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, and a mosaic at the State Ports Authority office in Wilmington. His work is known for use of brilliant color and often reflects coastal North Carolina.

Howell was educated at the School of Art in Rockport, Mass., and the School of Painting and Sculpture in Ogunquit, Maine. He also studied in Europe, Latin America and the Far East.

North Carolina Awards were also presented to novelist Wilma Dykeman of Newport, Tenn. for literature; biochemist Irwin Fridovich of Durham for science; and corporate executive J. Gordon Hanes Jr. of Winston-Salem for public service.



(L-R) Paige Bryan and Dr. William Bryan, vice chancellor for student affairs; Terry Cahill and Dr. Charles Cahill, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Trey Walton and Robert Walton, vice chancellor for business affairs.