

Parks and recreation majors receive scholarships

Three UNCW parks and recreation management majors have been awarded scholarships by the North Carolina Recreators Foundation, Inc. The foundation awards six annual scholarships in North Carolina, and the receipt of three scholarships by UNCW students says a lot for the UNCW program.

Scholarship recipients are Carol Allen Robertson of Wilmington, Celeste Michelle Brooks and Dawn DeeAnn Merritt, both of Raleigh.

The \$600 scholarships for tuition recognize academic achievement, professional promise, student involvement and leadership. Recipients must be a rising junior or senior, have a "B" average, and demonstrate financial need.

This is the second time the North Carolina Recreators have awarded a scholarship to Carol Robertson. A non-traditional student, Robertson will graduate in August 1989 and hopes for a career in military recreation.

"All military bases, both foreign and domestic, have recreation programs and 70 percent of these programs are run by civilians. By the year 2000, the military hopes to have all of their recreational programs run by civilians. Therefore the job potential is a good one," Robertson said.

She hopes to have an internship next year at the naval base in Charleston, S.C.,

which may open some doors to her career dream. In the meantime, she is gaining experience as a certified aerobics instructor.

"Recreation is becoming such an important part of many people's lives. It will be wonderful to get paid to do something that I enjoy so much," Robertson noted.

Fellow recipient Dawn Merritt said that this is her first scholarship, the result of some hard work and stiff competition.

"I'm pleased that all three of us at UNCW were chosen. We were pulling for one another, and it is a big accomplishment for UNCW that we all were chosen," Merritt said.

Both Merritt and Brooks want careers in municipal recreation. Brooks would like to return to Raleigh and possibly work with the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department.

"I was thrilled at receiving the scholarship. I applied for the scholarship as a tribute to my father who died last year," Brooks said.

The N.C. Recreators Foundation was established in 1973 by the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society to promote the education of North Carolina students for employment in the field of recreation and parks.

— Renee Brantley

Chancellor's Message



Chancellor
William H. Wagoner



For the first time at UNCW, more than 1,000 graduates received their diplomas in May. And previously you have learned about the building of Cameron Hall, the largest academic building on campus, now open for classes. The new track, baseball stadium, and gazebo and recreation area in the student residence complex all are obvious evidences of our growth.

Less obvious, but even more fundamental, is the evolution of our graduate program and the establishment of a Graduate School with its new dean, Dr. Eric G. Bolen. The Graduate School is a sure sign of maturity in an institution of higher learning. Implementing established policies, such a school administers the academic experience of graduate students.

Elsewhere in this issue, you can read about six new graduate programs in biology, chemistry, history, English, mathematics, and a Master of Arts degree in teaching. The

addition of these programs is wholly consistent with UNCW's commitment to fostering the study of the liberal arts. The opportunities for higher level study and research enrich the whole curriculum and provide new challenges to faculty and students alike.

And these programs are also wholly consistent with the necessity for all institutions of higher learning to provide opportunities for the preparation of teachers in all disciplines at all levels of education.

Campus road named for Adrian Hurst

A campus street has a new name to honor a professor who has been instrumental in the growth of this campus and interested in issues that affect coastal North Carolina. Adrian Hurst Drive was named by the UNCW Board of Trustees to honor Hurst who was the first instructor hired at then Wilmington College in 1947. The street, previously known as New Riegel Road, is located on the south side of campus between South College Road and Street H.

When Dean Dale K. Spencer hired Hurst to teach math at Wilmington College in 1947, classes were taught from 4:30 to 11:00 p.m. when the New Hanover High School could be used for college classes. Hurst had previously been teaching at the North Carolina Shipyard under the direction of N.C. State University.

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in ed-

ucation from Wake Forest University and Master of Arts degree in education from Columbia University, Hurst served as mathematics professor and chairman of the department until his retirement in 1968. In addition to his teaching duties, he was the faculty advisor and prime organizer of the annual faculty, staff and student banquet hosted each spring by the college and noted as the social event of the year.

His interest in the campus and his love for coastal North Carolina did not cease with his retirement. In 1982 he donated \$1,000 to UNCW to establish the Adrian D. Hurst Award, presented annually to the mathematics major with the highest grade point average within the department. In 1984 he was instrumental in the transfer to UNCW of 15 acres of lease bottom sites in Masonboro Sound for use by marine biology students in

research projects.

Hurst's childhood was spent on the shores of Hurst Beach, about seven miles north of the Sneed's Ferry Bridge in Onslow County. His home is on Masonboro Sound, and he maintains an interest in marine science issues that affect our coastal environment. Since 1968 he has been active in the N.C. Marine Science Council, having been appointed and reappointed by five North Carolina governors. The council deals with broad issues that concern our state's coast.

When asked how he felt about having a campus street named for him, Hurst said, "Certainly I'm very grateful to be remembered in this fine way. I feel highly honored."

— Ray Cockrell
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Adrian Hurst (1) takes an interest in a UNCW marine biology student's research project. Hurst, who retired in 1968 as mathematics professor and chairman of the department, was honored by the university's naming a campus street, Adrian Hurst Drive.