

Chancellor's Message



Chancellor Wagoner

A university is a bastion for the free exchange of opinions and ideas. Indeed, the true measure of such a community is the extent to which it nurtures and respects such a free exchange.

An obvious extension of that principle is that a university also nurtures and respects diversity among the persons who share that community.

Our current catalog contains the following statement on diversity: "As an institution of higher learning, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington represents a rich diversity of human beings among its faculty, staff, and students and is committed to maintaining a campus environment that values that diversity.

Accordingly, the university supports policies, curricula and co-curricular activities that encourage understanding of and appreciation for all members of its community and will not tolerate any harassment or disrespect for persons because of age, sex, color, race, religion, creed, national origin, sexual preference, political belief or affiliation, handicap, veteran status, marital status, or membership or nonmembership in any organization."

Only by supporting such freedom of expression and respect for persons can we remain a university.

Construction Update

BEAR HALL - Renovation/addition in progress and expected to be completed by July 1989.

UNIVERSITY COMMONS & LANDMARK - Design underway.

ATHLETIC OFFICE BUILDING - Completion date Winter 1989.

400-STUDENT RESIDENCE SPACES - Interior and exterior work underway with a projected completion date of August 1989.

NEW CAFETERIA - Construction underway. Completion projected for October 1989.

UNIVERSITY UNION ANNEX - To be bid in August 1989. Projected completion is Spring 1990.

550 ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES - Completed.

PRICE DRIVE - Located east of University Union - Completed.



Scholarship recipients meet their donors

Kenan House was the site of the first reception of its kind honoring scholarship donors and recipients April 2. Chancellor and Mrs. William H. Wagoner opened their home to some 150 students, faculty, and scholarship providers, giving them an opportunity to meet and get to know one another. Among those participating in the elegant spring activity were, from left to right, Janice L. Bass, North Carolina Teaching Fellow; Demetria Joi Falana, Minority Achievement Scholarship Award recipient; Chancellor Wagoner; and Anesia Iszard, Minority Achievement Scholarship Award recipient.

Campus streets, building given new names

A UNCW building and five campus streets will be named after several individuals who have made significant contributions to the university. This action was taken at the April 12 meeting of the UNCW Board of Trustees.

The Student Support Center will be renamed the John J. Burney Student Support Center in honor of John J. Burney Jr. He is honored for his extensive and loyal service to UNCW. While serving as state senator, Burney was instrumental in obtaining the initial \$25,000 appropriation to be used for long-range planning that has resulted in the careful development of the campus' 650 acres. Burney has served two terms on the UNCW Board of Trustees, 1981-85 and 1985-89, including three years as chairman, 1983, 1984, 1985.

Dr. J. Marshall Crews, UNCW professor emeritus of mathematical sciences, will be honored with the naming of Crews Drive (formerly G Street). Crews began teaching at Wilmington College in 1948 when classes were held in New Hanover High School. He continued working at the college, later known as UNCW, for 33 years.

Hamilton Drive, otherwise known as H Street, will be renamed to honor T.T. Hamil-

ton, the first president of Wilmington College. Hamilton was a key player in the establishment of Wilmington College.

James A. Price, first vice chancellor of business affairs for UNCW, will be honored with the renaming of F Street to Price Drive. Price contributed significantly to organizing the Office of Business Affairs.

B Street will be renamed Wagoner Drive in honor of Chancellor William H. Wagoner for his long service to the institution. Wagoner was the last president of Wilmington College and has been the first and only chancellor at UNCW, serving since 1969. Under his leadership, the university has grown to a campus of 6,600 students, has added a graduate school, and has developed a highly respected academic reputation.

J. Paul Reynolds, first academic dean of Wilmington College, was largely responsible for preparing Wilmington College for accreditation and for its transition to a four-year institution. A new street on campus, Reynolds Drive, will be named in his honor.

Ceremonies to honor all of these individuals and to recognize their contributions to the university will be held at a later date.

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vice chancellor for academic affairs. This was before the university was organized into colleges or schools. All the professional programs were housed in the general college. After that, I became academic dean and was in that position for a number of years. When we reorganized into a college and professional schools, I became the first dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

You were extensively involved in developing the marine science program. How did that come about? When I came here, Wilmington College was governed by a local Board of Trustees. I learned that there was an enormous interest locally in the development of a marine science program on this campus and that the Board of Trustees had already made a commitment to establish one. Of course, the members of the biology faculty were very receptive to that kind of direction from the Board of Trustees. A few years after I arrived, Chancellor Wagoner came, and he immediately picked up on marine science as a priority. Since then, it has continued to be a major focus on the campus. It has provided us with much of our national and international visibility.

In looking back on your many years at this university and your many contributions, what is the accomplishment you are proudest of? I take the most pride in my direct involvement in the recruitment of the faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. The one characteristic that distinguishes a college or a university most is the stature of its faculty. I am proud to have played a key role

in assembling one of the finest I know of.

I also consider my role in the selection of key administrative appointments a significant accomplishment. For example, I was directly involved in the searches that led to the appointment of Provost Cahill, Director of Library Services Gene Huguélet, Director of Research Administration Jack Manock, and Director of Admissions Diane Zeeman. These individuals have played a key role in shaping the direction of the institution, and I'm proud of those choices we made.

You're young to be leaving a position at a time that some people might say is the peak of your career. I was fortunate to have begun a career at a young age with a very young institution. At most campuses, faculty don't move into administrative posts as early as I did. I came into administration at a young age; consequently, I had to leave some things in the areas of teaching and research undone that I want to go back to. I certainly don't view what I'm doing as a retirement.

What are your thoughts on hiring a new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences? It goes without saying that the new dean must be someone with a distinguished record of scholarship in one of the primary disciplines of the arts or sciences. The primary role of the search committee, however, will be to make sure that this qualification is matched by an unwavering commitment to liberal arts education and an uncommon ability to work well with other people.

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