

Award-winning columnist addresses social change

On an overcast night in April, a standing room only crowd packed Cameron Hall auditorium at The University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The crowd, made up of students, faculty members, media personalities, and members of the community, came to hear *Boston Globe* columnist Ellen Goodman speak candidly and wittily about today's social issues.

The Pulitzer Prize winning columnist did not disappoint.

"A Matter of Values" was the topic of Goodman's talk in celebration of National Women's History Week at UNCW. The event was sponsored by the UNCW Faculty Women Network.

Among other topics, Goodman talked about the 1980s, the women's movement, and changing sex roles.



Ellen Goodman visits UNCW

The veteran columnist commented on the country's right-wing mood during the 80s. In what she called the "Prime Conservatism era", Goodman alluded to some politicians' views when making personal

decisions. "We all have choices, pretending to have a smorgasbord of options rather than a series of tough decisions," said Goodman.

Goodman described the women's movement as the movement of women from one life pattern to another. In general, women are making a transition from the traditional role of housewife to the contemporary image of "superwoman", Goodman observed, the latter being more media hype than reality.

Growing Pains

The sexual revolution of the late sixties and early seventies challenged many traditional social programs and issues. Now, with the increasing number of women in the work force, child care has become one area of major concern. "The work force must get more involved," said Goodman about childcare. Society must accommodate working women's needs, she added.

One of the most significant and heated issues facing women today is abortion. With the exception of the extreme right or left, Goodman said most people fall somewhere in the middle on their opinions of

abortion. "If you ask the public a question concerning the baby, two-thirds would be pro-life," she said. "If you ask them the question concerning the woman, two-thirds would be pro-choice."

The job market has changed for women, too, as a result of the women's movement. More and more women are entering careers that have been long dominated by men. But Goodman observed that the women have not made much progress in those careers. "Women have more success entering the male world than changing it," she said. "Women have more equal responsibilities than equal rights."

Although men have experienced problems during this era of change, Goodman believes they haven't done enough to help women. "Women have had greater success in male roles than getting men to succeed in female roles," she said. Goodman went on to say that one way to bring the two sexes together is through communication. They must drop the conspiracy of silence towards each other, Goodman noted.

Tim Kornegay
UNCW student intern

Teaching Fellows Study Coastal Ecology

Sophomore Teaching Fellows from seven North Carolina universities fulfilled their summer scholastic requirement by attending a program hosted by UNCW May 22-26. The theme was "The Everchanging Coastline."

The program focused on exploring and understanding the ecology of North Carolina's coast. It was one of several programs being offered statewide. "The program was designed to broaden their education and understanding of the state of North Carolina," said Lou Lanunziata, coordinator of the Teaching Fellows program at UNCW. "Students from all over the state attended - some of them had never seen the coast!"

Activities included spending a day at Bald Head Island studying the wildlife, exploring the Green Swamp in Columbus County as well as the area around Lake Waccamaw, studying the erosion and taking core samples at Wrightsville Beach, and touring the facilities of the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. The UNCW Science and Mathematics Education Center assisted in planning and implementing the activities.

"The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves," Lanunziata said. Evening social events included a cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway and ice skating. "We thought ice skating would be an interesting change of pace for being at the coast."

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows is a four-year scholarship program established by the state General Assembly in 1987. It was designed to attract students to the field of teaching and to generate more interest in teaching as a career. Over 2,500 high school students annually compete for the scholarships with only 400 being awarded each year. The qualifying students receive \$5,000 a year for four years to pay for their tuition. After graduation, these same students are required to teach four years in the state of North Carolina to repay the scholarships. "It's actually a loan from the state," Lanunziata revealed.

"Ours has been the most highly attended summer experience for Teaching Fellows," he continued. "Thirty-one men and women participated in our program."

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Plyler continued

You have an interesting collection of Irish setters displayed in the office. Do you raise setters as a hobby? I enjoy Irish setters, although I have confined myself right now to collecting the figurine varieties. I hope I will be able to have a real one again soon. The ceramic male setter you see on the top shelf over there is one my daughter brought me from West Germany a couple of years ago. The pewter one on the right, my wife brought from Italy. One of my favorites is this one on my desk molded from pecan shells, because it looks so much like a setter I once had. She had that same stately countenance about her.

You also have some very nice wildflower prints. I'm a wildflower enthusiast. These prints are by Sally Middleton, an artist from Asheville. I have several of her prints. In fact, I just recently obtained a set of four rare prints that I hope

to display in my new office. Another hobby of mine is gardening. I always have a spring vegetable garden and my wife and I have as many flower beds as our yard can accommodate.

I see you at concerts a lot. Yes. I enjoy the performing arts. That brings me back to an earlier thought about the satisfaction I have had in watching this university develop. In the area of cultural arts, the university has had an extremely positive effect on the community. I think the university has made a phenomenal contribution, and I have found it very satisfying to see the university come to the forefront in the arts. When I first came to Wilmington, weeks and even months would pass without opportunities to attend a concert or a play. Now it's not uncommon to have to choose among two or three events scheduled for the same evening. I am proud of the fact that the university has played a key role in bringing about this transition.

Davis continued

"Champ Davis was a dynamic leader in Wilmington for more than 30 years until his death in 1975," said Wagoner. "As president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from 1942 to 1957, he was the leader of the city's largest employer, as well as one of the nation's major railroads. He was a great influencer of things that went on in New Hanover County.

"I cannot think of a better opportunity to honor this outstanding individual who meant so much to the history of this region than a scholarship bearing his name," Wagoner continued. "And designating these funds to be used for merit scholarships will help the university . . . more vigorously recruit and retain academically superior students . . ."

Wagoner ended his remarks by thanking the foundation board for the gift, and said, "Champ was an individual who had a strong personality, and I think this event would please him very much because this scholarship is a living legacy."

Champion McDowell Davis was born July 1, 1879, in Catawba County, North Carolina, and moved to Wilmington when he was nine. At age 16, he went to work as a messenger boy at the freight office of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, earning \$10 a month.

Except for brief service in the Spanish American War where he attained the rank of captain, Davis continued to work for the railroad companies, which later became part of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. He was elected president of Atlantic Coast Line Oct. 15, 1942 and retired 15 years later. He died at the age of 95 on Jan. 28, 1975.

Davis was avidly interested in education. In 1958, shortly after Wilmington College became a part of the state community college system, Davis was named to the school's first board of trustees. (The school's first home was in the now-demolished Issac Bear Hall on Market Street.)

As the need for more classroom space in-

creased, Davis motioned the board to approve a resolution. It requested \$600,000 from the New Hanover County commissioners, through the issuance of bonds, for the college to acquire land and construct buildings for a new campus. The commissioners agreed and the public subsequently approved. The bond issue made possible the land purchase and original buildings of today's UNCW campus.

"The Davis Scholarships are an appropriate recognition of this individual who played dual roles as a key economic force in the years when Wilmington was a railroad center and as a leader in the development of Wilmington College," said Dr. F. Douglas Moore, vice chancellor for university advancement. "This is a significant day for UNC Wilmington."

In addition to President Brown, other members of the Foundation Board are Dr. John B. Codrington, Cyrus D. Hogue, Peter B. Ruffin, Emsley A. Laney, John R. Murchison II, and Dr. R.T. Sinclair.

Mimi Cunningham



John Hamilton, right, son of Wilmington College's first president T. T. Hamilton, reflects on memories of his father and the university with UNCW Vice Chancellor F. Douglas Moore. Hamilton presented the university with an oil painting of his father, seen in the background.