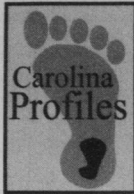


Mann Closes J-School Chapter

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Of the many impressions Professor Raleigh Mann has left at the University, one seems to be a little deeper than the others. His sincere interest in students has been noted from administrators to colleagues to students themselves.



Mann retired from teaching in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication on June 22 after 22 years at the University. His retirement leaves the University with one less genuinely interested and dedicated teacher, yet allows him to pursue his variety of outside interests.

Some said Mann's journalism knowledge was part of what made him such an excellent teacher.

"He knows his subject in and out," said fellow journalism professor Jim Shumaker. "He's an expert in news-ed, page design, headline writing, copy editing and basically anything else in the field."

Mann's rise to expertise began in Florida where he worked for several different publications including The Miami Herald. He moved to Chapel Hill in 1977 to become Assistant Director for Medical Center Public Affairs, then joined the journalism school one year later.

Mann's role at the journalism school proved to be an integral one, helping to shape the school into what is consistently considered among the country's best. "The curriculum has changed to reflect what's going on in the information world, so I try and balance my teaching to best prepare my students," Mann said.

This "balance" has certainly worked said Tom Bowers, associate dean of the journalism school.

"I've had more than one graduate say that Raleigh Mann's course was one of the most challenging and most helpful to their career; and these are former students who have gone on to do great things," Bowers said.

But many said Mann is more than just an excellent teacher. He served as adviser for the Society of Professional Journalists since 1986. He also received the David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1996 and was named one of the University's Favorite Faculty in 1997. These accolades are a result of what Bowers described as Mann's high standards and sincere concern over students and what they learn. Mann's passion and dedication are not solely reserved for the classroom. He is extremely active in his church, the United Church of Chapel Hill. Reverend Richard Edens called Mann a highly involved member.

An active participant in several professional and community theatre groups, Mann also loves music. Coming from what he describes as a "blue-collar family from Baltimore," Mann's parents helped develop these passions by "always finding a way to expose us to great music, theatre, live performances and having a piano in the house," he said.

Music has played a key role in Mann's life. Psychology Professor Joe Lowman, a long-time friend of Mann's, describes him as "a musician, singer, actor and lover of fine music." In 1978, Mann founded a barbershop quartet

titled "Carolina Blue" that lasted for 20 years. He was also founder and director of the United Church of Chapel Hill's Chamber Choir from 1989 to 1997 and an active member of United Voices of Praise, a biracial gospel choir.

"United Voices of Praise taught me a lot about knowing and loving people," said Mann. This theme has permeated his life and has been a motivating factor for several years.

In 1997, Mann underwent major heart surgery.

"Something like that changes you, you start being grateful for every new day and you truly begin to cherish and value experiences," he said.

Mann likened his new lifestyle to the idea of showing St. Peter a videotape of his life upon reaching the Pearly Gates. He wants to look at his actions and be proud of the person he was.

"You start behaving as though time were limited," he said. "You start loving people in spite of things. I really am grateful for every day and I make the most of it."

Mann plans to make the most of retirement by "turning off the alarm clock and not grading papers," he said.

Mann will spend some of his free time helping edit a friend's book. He said he might also try his hand at fiction writing.

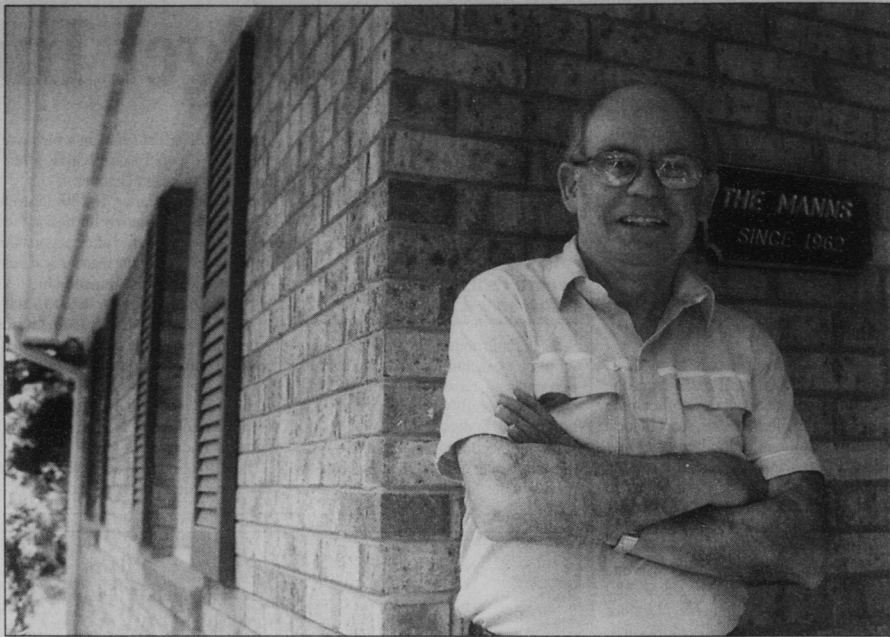
He plans to stay involved with the journalism school, possibly teaching part-time or speaking at workshops.

When Mann retired, the University lost not only a stellar teacher, but a man with a genuine reverence for life.

"Give as much as you can and don't be afraid to love people," Mann advised students. "Keeping your guard up, feeling vulnerable and thinking about your own personal agenda makes you lose track of what life's about. Life is about making yourself a better person."

A cardinal rule in the journalism school is to write with perfect grammar. In this case, when a news-editing specialist is the subject of the story, a writer feels a special desire to abide by this rule. With any luck, Mann's retirement story (and its editing) will reflect the dedication to perfection he showed throughout his career.

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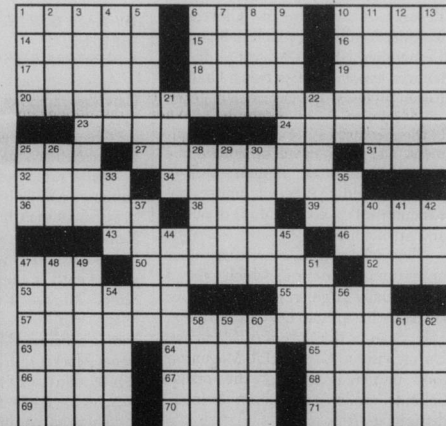
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 - 18 Find fault
 - 19 Waikiki feast
 - 20 Start of a Carnegie title
 - 23 First-class
 - 24 Set upon
 - 25 G. A. Nasser's short-lived nation
 - 27 Sockeye and chinook
 - 31 Utter
 - 32 Crazes
 - 34 Data presentation
 - 36 Desert stopover
 - 38 Part 2 of Carnegie title
 - 39 Field Marshal Rommel
 - 43 In a zigzag course
 - 46 Time gone by
 - 47 Castor or olive follower
 - 50 Gold nugget examiner
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Choir voice
 - 3 Ocean liner employees
 - 4 Muse of poetry
 - 5 Beauty parlors
 - 6 Focal points
 - 7 Bates or Greenspan
 - 8 Medieval peon
 - 9 La Scala voice
 - 10 Ends of the Earth?
 - 11 Finnish baths
 - 12 Wrigley & Shea Like so
 - 21 Gradual diminution
 - 22 Point in question
 - 25 Sci-fi craft
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- ACROSS**
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 - 53 Inhales audibly
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 - 65 Aviator
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 - 71 Singer Della
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 - 29 Excessive enthusiasm
 - 30 Peculiarly
 - 33 Bro's sibling
 - 35 Attempt
 - 37 Muddled situation
 - 40 Stacked fuel
 - 41 Levin or Gershwin
 - 42 Bottom line
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