

# Atwood shows his versatility inside the classroom and out

By NICHOLAS C. WILLIAMSON

You amaze and are amazed, all things to all people;  
Fluid, affable; concern more than just a furrowed brow.  
A hasty promise, or hollow rhetoric. You give time, and Yourself, the latter more precious than mere minutes.  
You command respect without demanding, and give us back  
Threefold all that we entrust with you. You are a prince  
Without scepter, and your fiefdom is of the mind.

What you have given to us we can never repay; your claims  
Are of loyalty and not of money; your endeavors a lantern  
Which lights our way.

The above poem, written by John Oliver, a former UNC MBA student and past Executive Vice-President of the MBA Student Association, is about Calvin Atwood, Assistant Dean in charge of placement for the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University.

Much of the time, you can find this man in Carroll Hall, assisting MBA students in finding either permanent jobs after graduation or summer jobs in between the first and second years of the MBA program.

You can also find this man on stage playing the starring role in the *The World of Carl Sandburg* at the Theater in the Park in Goldsboro.

Thirty years ago you could have found him on Iwo Jima, single-handedly defending the colors of his Marine company, even though he was temporarily blinded by hand-grenade shrapnel. The heroism he displayed then caused the commanding general of his division to track him down over two decades later and to again commend Atwood for his actions at Iwo Jima.

If you have an interest in poetry and North Carolina poets, you will find him presiding over the North Carolina Poetry Society. Some of his poetry can be found in past issues of the *New York Times*, the *Southern Poetry Review*, and the *Texas Quarterly*.

In addition, you may find Calvin Atwood on the tennis courts in the spring and summer time, defending his title as doubles tennis champion of the students and faculty members of the graduate school of business administration.

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—Calvin Atwood



One question that comes up almost immediately in viewing Atwood's qualifications is: What is a published poet doing functioning as Assistant Dean in the graduate school of business administration?

"I guess that you could say that I am here due to my constant curiosity about human experience, and, perhaps maybe an instinct to be at the right place at the right time for me to get the most out of experience for whatever reason, like the instinct and the fortune to be at the UNC graduate school of business just as it is beginning to achieve the national recognition that it has deserved.

"I am extremely comfortable here because many of the faculty members and many of the students are creative, changing, challenged and challenging people who know that the business world is going to require complicated and creative leaders for tomorrow. It has been my good fortune to help find and work with many of those individuals who will be the leaders in the huge management games of tomorrow."

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## notes

There will be a meeting of the **Executive Board of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation** on Monday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Carolina Union.

The **Outing Club** will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Battle Park. If it rains, a room will be available and announced at the Student Union Desk.

**Triangle Area Lesbian Feminists** will have their annual picnic and talent show Sat. Aug. 6, 3 p.m. Call 942-7098 or 933-0036 for rides and info. All lesbians welcome.

A **Governor's School Alumni Day** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, in Winston-Salem at Salem College.



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