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Teaching award winners announced

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The students win, even though the teachers get the awards.

The winners of the 1992 Students' Undergraduate Teaching Awards were announced Tuesday, and on April 14, three University professors and five teaching assistants will carry home plaques and some extra cash.

The 1992 winning professors are Paul Ferguson, professor of speech communication; Loren Muse Smith, professor of Japanese; and Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism.

Teaching assistant winners are Deborah Austin, speech; Wesley Boyd, religion; Daniel Humphries, Russian; Robert Porter, African-American studies; and Michele Ware, English.

The recipients will be honored at the April 14 Chancellor's Award Cer-

emony.

The professors each will receive a \$5,000 cash award, and the TAs will receive \$1,000 each. All winners receive plaques.

The award signaled to Ferguson that his goal to be a great teacher has come a little closer to reality, he said.

"I'm committed to being an excellent teacher," Ferguson said. "And, since this award comes from the students, it reinforces what I do each day in the classroom."

Ferguson has spent six of his 10 years as a teacher at UNC. He teaches "Introduction to the Performance of Literature," and introductory and advanced group performance, among other performance classes.

"Teaching means so much to me, and I have more passion now for my subject than ever, and I think this comes through in the classroom," he said.

Valerie Halmond, a junior from Montreal, Quebec, nominated Ferguson for the award.

"Paul definitely impacts on his students," Halmond said. "Not only by his teaching method, but by his example, his enthusiasm and dedication. It really is contagious."

Smith has taught Japanese at the University for four years. She credits her high energy and enthusiasm for winning the award. The correct mix of work and play in the classroom help keep her students excited about learning, she said.

"We cover a lot of material in class, but we have a lot of fun too," Smith said.

During her first semester as a teaching assistant, Smith realized that she was meant to teach.

"I got such a kick out of seeing the kids learn what I was teaching them that

I decided that's what I want to do," Smith said.

Stone gives all the credit for his award to his students.

"We like to say we make students," Stone said. "But they make us."

"We're like conduits of knowledge, virtue and truth. Students sharpen our skills."

Although he has taught here for only one year, his love for the University shows through his actions.

He will share his award with the James Shumaker Scholarship fund, Davis Library and the journalism school library.

"I always believed we should share our blessings, and that's how I feel, like I've been blessed."

Stone teaches "Newswriting" and "Censorship" at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Campus Calendar

THURSDAY
10 a.m. CAA will be having registrations for the Tar Heel 10,000 Road Race until 2 p.m. in the Pit. The Tar Heel 10,000 is a 2-mile, 5K and 10K road race.
NOON: Black Interdenominational Student Association will have a noonday prayer & devotion service in 225 Union.

3:30 p.m. Du! Wie heißt "oberraffententurbogel"? Weißt Du nicht? Then come to KaffeeKlatsch in the Reading Room on the fourth floor of Dey until 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Association of International Students will meet in 208-9 Union.

Korean American Student Association will meet in 205 Union.

6 p.m. Black Business Student Alliance will host a Minority Business Forum in T-2 Carroll until 7:30 p.m.

"Brothers" discussion group for and about African-American male students will meet in the first-floor lounge of Hinton James.

7:30 p.m. CGLA presents The Medical/Legal System and Gay & Lesbian Survivors of Sexual Assault in 202 Dey.

8 p.m. Spanish House: Ven a charlemos para

practicar to espanol. Vamos a hablar sobre el castigo capital.

Chimera will host a gaming sampler in 208 Union. Habitat for Humanity Fund-raiser until 10 p.m. at Daniel Boone Ice Rink in Hillsborough. Admission: \$3.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Sophomores and Juniors: Deadline for applying for academic credit for summer and fall 1992 internships is March 31. Information available in 211 Hanes.

Yackety Yack is taking yearbook portraits from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until April 16 in 213 Union. Come to 213 Union to schedule an appointment.

UNC Squash Club championships will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. Sign up for men's and women's championships at Fetzer Squash Courts.

ARTS
UNC Dance Theater — Modern/Extension presents an evening of dance choreographed by faculty and students at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Memorial Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.

Tar Heel Voices — Concert at 8 p.m. March 28 in Playmakers Theatre. Tickets: \$4. Call 933-0925.

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cial consideration of the needs of students of African-American ancestry.

"A lot of students worship in the traditional black way and come here and lack the same things," McNeill said.

Most black students do not involve themselves in their denominations' campus ministries, Watson said. Bob Phillips, the Baptist campus minister and the adviser of the Baptist Student Union, confirmed that these campus ministries were predominantly white.

"I would assume that it does make black students feel uncomfortable and that there is probably a feeling that these ministries do not meet their needs at this point," Phillips said.

BISA provides an environment where black students feel comfortable while encouraging them to visit other ministries. "We work in conjunction with other campus ministries," McLeod said. "We don't want to take away from others, but the fact that we're basically black appeals to black students."

Watson said, "We offer students and friends of BISA the latest of Christian worship while encouraging them to hold their traditional worship."

"We work cooperatively with other fellowships so that, for example, BISA members who are Baptist will feel comfortable going over to the Baptist Student Union. We see this as an effort to improve race relations between Christians on campus."

Watson stressed that although BISA is predominantly black, students from every race and ethnic group are invited to be members of the group. In addition, people from any Christian denomination can join BISA.

The denominations represented by BISA's approximately 45 members include African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Baptist, Catholic, Holiness, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Seventh-Day Adventist.

"BISA's an alternative to fundamentalism. It's for people who feel very comfortable worshipping without the same denomination," Watson said. "We

are building bridges between denominations."

Specifically, BISA offers Christian services and information on current happenings in the faith.

BISA's Bible study, held every Monday, does not consist of just studying scripture. Often, guest speakers make presentations on topics such as homosexuality and the church, the Christian response to AIDS and the history of black campus ministry.

"We're trying to establish a ministry that deals not only with one's relationship with God, but also issues that help one live better on this campus," Watson said.

Another of BISA's weekly activities, a day of fasting and prayer, helps develop the moral aspect of student leadership, which will aid them in their future leadership roles, Watson said.

"What BISA does is to develop church leaders, because most of the leaders of the African-American community emerge out of the black church."

BISA's officers also participate in leading Friday evening vespers, a prayer service. After the service, members of BISA and their invited guests hold a Feast and Fellowship program. This potluck dinner is meant to foster a sense of fellowship and community among the students, faculty and staff who attend.

In addition, they are organizing a service for Martin Luther King in April with the involvement of the Anglican Student Center, Baptist Student Union, Hillel Foundation and United Methodist Campus Ministry.

BISA member Kim Kegler is the representative for CROP Walk, sponsored by the Church World Service to aid the hungry.

Both McLeod and Watson said BISA tried to be a vehicle for students' spiritual needs on a college level. "We're interested in the total well-being of the student," Watson said.

McLeod said, "We stress that if you graduate with a 4.0 but do not keep up with your Bible study, you more or less graduate with a 2.0."

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