

BCC Presents Its Annual Employee Service Awards

Brunswick Community College presented its employee service awards at the college foundation annual recognition dinner Saturday.

Bob Hill of Long Beach received the Teacher of the Year Award and Charlie Thompson was selected as the Employee of the Year. Joyce Hewett, director of business programs, received the Leadership Award and Ann Harrison of Long Beach received the Outstanding Support Staff Award. A special award was given to Paula Devine as outstanding member of the part-time faculty.

Hill has been an instructor in the business computer program since 1984. Although he retired from BCC this summer, he continues to teach Cobol, Data Communications and other courses on a part-time basis. He holds a master's degree in

engineering from N.C. State University.

Hired as a business instructor at the college in 1985, Thompson has been active in the Foundation's Campus Fund Drive each year and had served as its co-chairman. Thompson also headed the student recruitment campaign in area grocery stores which attributed to the record-breaking enrollment during the past academic year.

Ms. Hewett is the college's Faculty Senate chairperson. She joined BCC in 1984 and is responsible for the annual high school business contest which serves as a recruitment vehicle for BCC's business programs. Ms. Hewett is also a leader in Delta Sigma sorority and is a member of the N.C. Business Educators Association.

A 1986 graduate of the college's business computer program, Ms.



RECEIVING AWARDS Saturday at the Brunswick Community College Foundation dinner are, from left, Paula Devine, outstanding part-time instructor; Charlie Thompson, Employee of the Year; Joyce Hewett, Leadership Award; Bob Hill, Teacher of the Year; and Ann Harrison, Outstanding Support Staff Award.

Harrison has been a part-time instructor and now serves as a technical assistant. In the past year, she has served as acting prime administrator and acting public information officer.

A \$200 cash award was also given to Ms. Devine, a part-time psychology/sociology instructor. She

has also worked with the annual "Spring In" activity day for the county's senior adults. A volunteer advocate for abused women and children, she presented a "Brown Bag Lecture" on child abuse last Spring.

The awards were presented by Foundation President Shelia Mc-

Lamb, college President W. Michael Reaves and Foundation Immediate Past President Bruce Caldwell. The recipients are nominated by their peers. The awards program began in 1988 to honor individuals as models of achievement.

At the awards dinner, Dean of Students Beth McLean introduced

several students who told how the foundation has helped them pursue their educational goals. Wayne Community College visiting artist Nenna Freelon, who was BCC's 1989-90 visiting artist, provided entertainment. An invocation was given by General Education Instructor Jean Pelletier.

New BCC Trustee Gets Meeting Started

BY SUSAN USHER

Donna Baxter played an important role at her first meeting as a trustee of Brunswick Community College. Without her, the meeting couldn't have begun on time.

Chairman Dave Kelly asked that the Boiling Spring Lakes resident be sworn in immediately before the meeting was called to order, so that a quorum would be present.

Present along with Ms. Baxter and Kelly were Lewis Stanley, Shirley Babson, Charles Lanier Jr., James R. Rabon and Eugene Hewett, with Kelly Holden arriving late. Absent were Cora Green, Benny Ludlum and Jerry Munn. Gov. Jim Martin has still not filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Tommy Bradsher in May.

Ms. Baxter was appointed by the college board by the Brunswick County Board of Education, of which she is a member.

At her first meeting the board learned good news about enrollment and discouraging news about the budget.

Enrollment Holds Steady

Fall quarter enrollment at the campus is comparable to that of a year ago, according to Beth McLean, dean of students, with 746 students enrolled as of the 11th day of classes.

That compares to 747 as of Oct. 9 a year ago.

Mrs. McLean said that 313, or 43 percent of the enrollees are first-time students, about the same as last year.

Of the total enrollment, 276 are taking courses out of personal interest while 469 are in degree programs.

The greatest growth in enrollment is occurring in general education, the college's liberal arts program. "We have 169 students in that program alone," said Mrs. McLean.

Several students were referred to BCC this year from Cape Fear Community College when programs there were filled.

Funds May Be Cut

Ben DeBlois, vice president for administrative affairs, advised last



TRUSTEE DONNA BAXTER (right) takes the oath of office from BCC development officer Vicki Spencer.

Wednesday that the college may be asked to reduce its budget this year.

Its allocation from the N.C. Department of Community Colleges was cut three percent before it was ever received, he said, reflecting cuts by the General Assembly.

Now BCC has been advised that community colleges can expect to revert at least another one percent in funds before the end of the school year.

For BCC, that 1 percent represents about \$25,000 to \$30,000, DeBlois said. "That means a lot to us with our budget as tight as it is."

Prior year enrollment is a major factor in the department's funding formula. Last year BCC and other schools had to revert one percent of

their funds to help meet the state budget.

BCC operated on an extremely tight budget during the 1989-90 year, as its student population had grown considerably while funding reflected enrollment of the previous year.

Contract Amended

Trustees voted to amend BCC's contract with Boney & Associates Architects to allow a one-month extension on its design schedule for the Odell Williamson Auditorium, which will put the project ready to bid around March 1991.

The firm fell behind several weeks in its work after trustees failed to have a quorum for a meeting and a document was not ap-

proved on schedule, explained Ben DeBlois, vice president for administrative affairs.

In response to comments from state reviewers the auditorium plan has been modified to increase the size of the women's bathrooms and to move ticket booths closer to the entrances. Trustees suggested the architects also acquaint the state with available parking for the facility, since a question had been raised about it. Additional parking may be created later.

Trustees agreed to spend \$3,100 in project contingency funds for soil borings by Westinghouse to determine the type and size of foundation needed for the facility.

Other Business

In other business trustees:

—Learned that James Leutze, the new chancellor of UNC-Wilmington and a foreign affairs specialist, will moderate a forum on the Middle East to be held Oct. 15 at Brunswick Community College.

—After a brief executive session, hired Bobby Thomas Clemmons to fill a new groundskeeping position.

—Heard from Johnnie Simpson, vice president for curriculum programs, that fall quarter students may earn dual transcript credits with UNC-Wilmington for three courses. More courses will be eligible in winter quarter and the program should be fully in place by next year.

—Heard a report on campus security from DeBlois and authorized him to hire a consultant to develop a comprehensive security plan, at an expected cost of \$500 to \$1,000. The main purpose of the security project will be to increase protection of valuable electronic equipment.

—Heard from President Michael Reaves that the Department of Community Colleges to use a "business plan" approach in seeking \$35 million in additional funds from the General Assembly for the coming biennium. The funds are for needs outlined in a major study on the future of the community college system completed more than a year ago.

Drug Defendant Sentenced For 1983 Ocean Isle Case

BY TERRY POPE

A New Hampshire man involved in trafficking more than 10,000 pounds of marijuana into Brunswick County received a six-month active prison sentence in Brunswick County Superior Court last week.

Christopher James McCauley, 41, of Hillsborough, N.H., was also fined \$25,000 by Judge Henry L. Stevens. McCauley, who was sentenced to 35 years in prison, had his sentence suspended as part of an agreement with the state for his cooperation with an ongoing investigation.

McCauley was one of nine people indicted March 24, 1986 by a Brunswick County Grand Jury following a three-year investigation by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation on three alleged trafficking conspiracies involving increasingly larger amounts of contraband. Prior conspiracies are alleged to have included a June 1982 case involving 4,000 pounds of marijuana and a January 1983 conspiracy involving 8,000 pounds of marijuana.

On May 16, 1983, federal, state, county and Ocean Isle Beach police officers raided a mobile home at Lakewood Estates near Ocean Isle Beach. Inside was more than 10,000 pounds of marijuana with an esti-

mated retail value of \$1.1 million. The marijuana is believed to have been stored in the mobile home while enroute to distribution points at more northerly counties in North Carolina.

McCauley pleaded guilty on July 10, 1989 to one count of conspiracy to traffic in more than 10,000 pounds of marijuana. All other charges were dismissed. He was one of nine indicted in the case along with James Newkirk Rice, Eric William Kazan of Arizona, Christopher Glenn Ford, Robert Sumner Stowe of Greensboro, Harry Richardson Stowe, of Greensboro, Gail Elizabeth Wesson of California, Bailey Owen Cooper and John Richardson Clissold of Charlotte.

McCauley was one of five persons originally arrested in May 1983. A co-defendant who refused to cooperate with authorities pleaded guilty in August 1983 and was sentenced to 35 years in prison and fined \$250,000. Christopher Ford was given a 17-year active prison term and made not eligible for work release.

Two other defendants in the case, Clissold and Cooper, were also scheduled for sentencing last week in Superior Court, however, their cases were postponed. Both men have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to traffic marijuana.

County Records 522 Deeds

During July the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office collected revenues of \$35,558 and spent \$2,479 in expenses that excluded salaries.

During the month the office recorded 522 deeds, \$4,424; 361 deeds of trust, \$4,082; 767 irregular instruments such as filing of corporations, contracts, financial statements and cancellations of deeds of

trust, \$5,699; issued 26 marriage licenses, \$520; recorded 58 plats, \$1,191; collected \$17,107.50 in real estate excise tax; and handled \$2,535 in miscellaneous business.

Expenses for the month included \$245 per diem for the Register of Deeds Advisory Board; \$5571 in staff travel and training and board mileage; and \$1,663.75 in service maintenance contracts.

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Meeting Set At Shell Point On Request For County Water

Shell Point area residents will meet with a county official next month to discuss a petition for county water service.

On Sept. 10, a petition signed by individuals representing 168 lots in the Shell Point area was submitted to the Brunswick County Utility Operations Board requesting county water service.

Jerry Webb, the county public utilities director, will speak to residents Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Shell Point Baptist Church, said Robert S. Black, one of the residents involved in the petition drive.

Black said residents are concerned about the community's water situation. As noted in the petition, in some sections usable water cannot be drawn from the ground and in

other areas mineral content makes the water unpalatable and malodorous. He said many residents must obtain their drinking water from other sources.

Shell Point presently is not on the list of communities scheduled for S.A.D.s or special assessment districts. In S.A.D. projects, the county using a revolving fund to pay for installation of a water project, then assesses all property owners their prorated share of the cost.

Black said most of the Shell Point residents he has talked to are willing to invest in water distribution lines. "They've been told it would probably cost between \$600 and \$800 and most of them are willing to pay," he said. "We need water."

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