

University of NC Asheville Teaching Fellows

Under the Apple Tree

Winter 2003

"A teacher affects eternity." —Henry Brooks Adams

January Trip Explores the South

Thirty-four students, faculty and administrators headed south to Memphis and Atlanta for the annual Teaching Fellows January Trip to visit schools, learn about civil rights and experience southern culture. The participants of this week-long adventure left Asheville on the morning of January 8 and arrived in Memphis that evening in time to taste the musical flavor of the Beale Street District and attend "Some Like It Hot" with Tony Curtis at The Orpheum. Just walking into the recently restored architectural masterpiece, built in 1928, was like stepping back into time. The

show was fabulous, with grand sets, a wonderful orchestra and fine voices.

The morning of day two was spent at Middle College High School, located on the campus of South West Tennessee Community College. This set-up encourages collaboration between college and high school faculty, and allows students the opportunity to take college classes while still in high school. The group toured the school, visited classrooms, and spoke with administrators, teachers and students. Informal learning continued as the principal and several students joined the Fellows

for a BBQ lunch at Corky's Restaurant. The cultural/historical highlight of the day was the visit to the national Civil Rights Museum. Built in the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot, the museum featured many hands-on exhibits that made the visitors feel like they were taking part in history. Sitting on the bus with Rosa Parks and standing in the room where MLKing Jr. stayed brought the past to life.

School visits the next day included Snowden and KIPP Diamond Academy, two exemplary schools in the Memphis School District. Snowden Middle, recently named one of the nation's top 1,000 schools by Target, serves students with a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds with excellent results. KIPP Diamond Academy, an academically rigorous college preparatory program, draws

students from all over the city due to its successful programs and innovative approach to learning. After these school visits, a tour of Elvis' Graceland and more southern food rounded out the day.

The next day's destination was Atlanta, where the group toured the Carter Presidential Center to learn about the nation's many presidents through films and exhibits. The most popular display featured Jimmy Carter's recently won Nobel Peace Prize. The Broadway production of *Stomp* at The Fox Theatre that night rounded out the day's cultural activities. Before heading back to Asheville on January 12, the group toured the High Museum of Art, which featured special exhibits of African-American Art and works of the French Impressionists. (For more photos, see p. 5)



Group photo in front of the High Museum of Art in Atlanta



Nicole Carroll, Amanda Barnes and Jennifer Rogers at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta

Fellows Make Chancellor's and Dean's List

The following Teaching Fellows were named to the Chancellor's List for Fall 2002. The Chancellor's List is made up of full-time students who have achieved a 4.0 GPA.

Charlotte Ann Chastain, Rebecca Rose Schuyler, Krystle Lynn Short, and Keli Punch Shuford.

Congratulations on your hard work!

These Teaching Fellows were named to the Dean's List for Fall 2002. The Dean's List is made up of full-time students who have achieved a 3.5—3.99 GPA.

Amanda Dawn Arwe, Adam Walter Aultowski, Melissa Beth Beaver, Ashley Brooke Bowman, Karen Diane Bradshaw, Dennis Michael Burns, Routh Allison Cooper, Amy Elizabeth DeGiralamo, Lauren Paige Deal, Elizabeth Dallas Duquette, Michael Gin-nane, Evan Peter Guyer, Stephanie Hope Henderson, Jeannette Lesley Holmes, Jamie Eva Jambon, Ashley Elizabeth Lusk, Mary Frances McA-voy, Joshua Peery Mullins, Jacquelyn Paige Naylor, Amy Lee Quesinberry, Jennifer Michelle Rogers, and Laina Marguerite Stapleton.

Congratulation on your success!

Yount Hosts Science Olympiad

Porscha Yount, Junior Teaching Fellow, helped host the third annual regional Science Olympiad Tournament at UNCA on Saturday, February 15, where young scientists from 11 middle schools and seven high schools in Western NC tested their talents. Yount, with advising from Education Faculty member Jim McGlenn, wrote the test for the "Road Scholar/Map Reading" event for middle school students.

"I realized how much work is involved in writing a test. I had a lot of fun doing it. The work I did for this Olympiad is good preparation for the classroom," said Yount. The winners of the regional tournament will move on to the statewide tournament later this year.

January Workshop and Luncheon a Success—Brings Together UNCA TF Alumni and Future Fellows

Twenty-one Teaching Fellow Finalists and their parents attended the 13th annual January Workshop and Luncheon. The visitors were welcomed to campus by current Teaching Fellows who were on hand to greet them at registration. An "Interview Skills Workshop" was given by current Teaching Fellows and a session on "Issues in Education" was presented by Education Department Chair Mark Sidelnick and Teaching fellow Alumni Al Donaldson, Charisma Arbogast and Nikki Costello to

help prepare the Finalists for their last interviews.

Parents learned about the Scholarship Program from Danny Bland, Coordinator of Special Programs for the NC Teaching Fellows Program. They also attended a session on "Admissions, Financial Aid, Campus Services and Programs" given by Tom Cochran, Senior Advisor and Special Assistant to the Chancellor; Scot Schaeffer, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid; and Doug Jones, Asst. Director of the Honors Program.

Finalists and their parents then met with Education Faculty members from their chosen area: Karen Cole, Sandra Byrd and Mark Sidelnick. Afterwards everyone gathered for a buffet luncheon where Brenda Hopper welcomed the visitors and acknowledged special guests and administrators. Teaching Fellow Freshman Kim Gentry introduced Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Financial Affairs, who officially welcomed the Fi-

nalists and their parents to UNCA and spoke about the future of education and the teaching profession in our state.

Josh Ray, Junior Teaching Fellow, introduced the Keynote Speaker, Traci Barger, the Western Regional Teacher of the year from McDowell High School. Ms Barger's Keynote Address was both informative and inspiring. Current Teaching Fellows gave campus tours to Finalists and their parents at the end of the program.



Teaching Fellow Alumni, Charisma Arbogast, Nikki Costello and Al Donaldson present session at January Workshop



TFs Ashley Buchanan and Kristen Drum welcome Finalist and his parents to the January Workshop.

Chappel and Procita Present Session at Fall 2002 Carolinas Mathematics Conference

Teaching Fellow seniors Crystal Chappel and Holly Procita were members of a panel presentation on *Reflections of Pre-Service Teachers* at the 5th Annual Carolinas Mathematics Conference in Charlotte, sponsored by the North and South Carolina Councils of Teachers of Mathematics. Their session, facilitated by Brenda Hopper, presented discussion on their experiences while in the mathematics education programs at their respective schools. Over three hundred workshops and sessions were scheduled for the October 17-18, 2002 conference. Keynote speakers included Tim Kanold, Ron Larson, Miriam Leiva, Marilyn Burns,



Ed Dickey, Rudy Mancke, Janet Scheer, Lee Stiff, Ralph DeVane, and Carol Malloy.

In addition to workshops and sessions, over 100 exhibitors were on hand to demonstrate and share the latest in educational curriculum materials and technology. The Carolinas Mathematics Conference is one of the outstanding opportunities for teachers and other school personnel of the two Carolinas to continue their professional growth.

Fellows Attend Leadership Asheville Educ. Symposium

Fifteen Teaching Fellows attended an Education Symposium, "Education: A Life Long Learning System," sponsored by UNCA's Leadership Asheville on February 26, 2003. A Panel Discussion on "The Future of Education in Buncombe County" featured Chancellor James Mullen, AB Tech President K. Ray Bailey, and Superintendents Dodson and Logan from Buncombe County and Asheville City Schools, respectively. "Newspaper Coverage of Educational and Political Issues" was presented by Bob Gabordi, Exec. Dir. of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Teaching Fellows Raise Money for State Superintendent Ward's Student to Student Project

State Superintendent Mike Ward was elected in 1996 and re-elected in 2000. He has focused on closing achievement gaps, increasing involvement in education, promoting high standards for the profession and for students and improving the accountability system. In 2002, Ward traveled to Afghanistan to work with hunger relief efforts and visit schools. A few weeks later, he and student leaders in North Carolina launched a project to send school supplies to the children of Afghanistan. In support of this project, the North Carolina Public Schools organized a drive to collect

money to purchase/assemble school kits to send to school children in need in Afghanistan. The kits are bookbags filled with packs of paper, pencils, pens, crayons, a pencil sharpener, colored paper, watercolor paints, a clipboard, safety scissors, a ruler, and wiper soap, washcloth or tube socks. Two Teaching Fellows, Amanda McClellan and Charlotte Chastain, organized a collection of money from the campus community to purchase the items for these bags. Enough money to fill 14 bags was collected in three weeks.

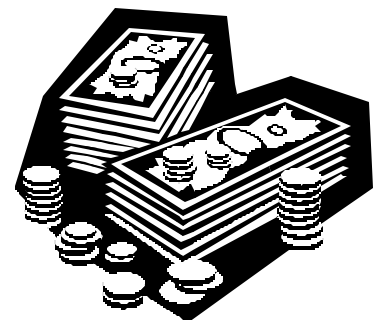
Amanda McClellan made beautiful cloth bags with handles to contain the school supplies. After she and Charlotte Chastain purchased the supplies and assembled the school kits, Charlotte delivered them to Lenoir, where they were warehoused and then sent to Afghanistan to needy children. This Student to Student Project supplied over 10,000 school kits to children in Afghanistan.

This was one of the Spring 2002 service projects in which the UNCA TFs participated. See the next article for one of the Fall 2003 service projects.

Fellows Raise Money for Children with Aids

As one of the Fall 2003 service projects, Teaching Fellows chose to collect money to be given to WNCHIV/AIDS Consortium to help their clients with AIDS. Junior TF Porscha Yount and Sophomore TFs Karen Bradshaw and Kim Gentry spearheaded the Drive for Change project. They organized other Teaching Fellows to make posters ad-

vertising the fundraiser and to staff the collection table outside the dining hall for three days during lunch time. Over \$50 was collected and donated to WNCA. "Drive for Change got a great response from the campus community. This charity project surely brought out the best in the character of UNCA," said Bradshaw.



Fellows Present Undergraduate Research

The Annual Fall Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creativity was held Thursday, November 21, 2002 in Karpen Hall. This day long event continues a long tradition of recognizing and celebrating student achievement at UNCA.

The following list records the Teaching Fellows who presented at the symposium, their research topics and faculty advisor:

Spencer Bolejack *100 years of Progressive Education in North Carolina* (Sandra Byrd, Education)

Melanie Currie *The Effects of Weekly Goal Setting on Third Graders' Reading Abilities* (Mark Sidelnick, Education)

Rebecca Guy Hunter *Parents and Teachers Working Together in and out of the Classroom* (Mark Sidelnick, Education)



Tutoring Integral Part of Teaching Fellows

To gain valuable time in the classroom, Teaching Fellows are involved in the outreach tutoring and mentoring programs at UNCA from their freshman year through their junior year. Fellows spend 1-3 hours per week each semester tutoring or mentoring through the AVID program or the Education Coalition in Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools. Through these outreach programs, Fellows receive experience working with students in elementary schools, middle schools

and high schools by the time they reach their professional semester of student teaching.

The AVID program at Asheville Middle School was awarded National Demonstration status, which means the program and school, as well as the tutors, will be visited by other schools interested in initiating an AVID program or sharpening an existing program. (See below for photos of Asheville Middle School AVID induction.)

Before students become mentors and tutors, they participate in several training workshops geared specifically toward the age group with which they will be working.

“Tutoring is very challenging, but a lot can be gained...like helping the students learn,” said Elizabeth Duquette. Another tutor, Kelly Corriher, thinks the tutoring program is giving her experience and understanding that will help her in the classroom in the future.



Elizabeth Duquette (left) and Kelly Corriher (right) with Asheville Middle School AVID student Mary Crawford (center).



Elizabeth Duquette, right, pinning Mary Crawford at AVID Induction.

January Trip Photo Gallery



Ashley Bowman with student at Snowden School in Memphis.



At the Peabody Hotel before boarding the bus for school visits in Memphis.



Tom Cochran, Senior Advisor and Special Advisor to the Chancellor, speaks with Joyce Mitchell, Principal of Middle College High.



Amy DeGiralamo with students at Snowden School.



Group photo at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta.



Jackie Naylor with student in Snowden Middle School in Memphis

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News from TF Alumni

Sarah Bradley, entering class of 1997, is in the counseling program at Wake Forest University where she working on a Masters in Counseling. She spends two days a week at Julian Gibson Elementary School, the site of her internship. "I really am enjoying it here," says Sarah. "It's a great school and it's free to all graduate students." Sarah lives in Winston-Salem and can be reached through email at bradsk2@wfu.edu.

Colleen McCarthy, entering class of 1996, is teaching at Asheville High School. Last year she was awarded several grants through Asheville City

Schools to fund hands-on, community-oriented student lessons. She was also recognized by the Asheville City School Board as being a recipient of a prestigious awards from the NC Center for International Understanding and the Beattie Foundation. This award is part of a program that allows for travel and implementation of acquired knowledge for the betterment of our Hispanic and Latino community. Colleen leaves for Mexico on July 9, and follows up at the NCAAT this fall by presenting "NC and Mexico: Issues for Educators Global Study Program." You can reach Colleen at colmac@charter.net.

Calendar of Events — Spring 2003 (Seminars also announce weekly via email)

Day and Date	Time	Event	Place
Monday, March 17	5:15-6:30pm	Chancellor's Reception	Chancellor's Residence
Wednesday, March 19	3:00pm	TF Advisory Council Meeting	KH 006
Thursday, April 3	5:30-7:30pm	Recruitment Forum	Laurel Forum
Saturday, April 5	8:00am-3:00pm	DISCOVERY Bus Fac. Mtg	Raleigh
Friday, April 11 — Sunday, April 20		Sr. Conf. Online Registration	Online
Monday, April 14 — Friday, April 25		Jr. Conf. Online Registration	Online
Wednesday, April 16	All Day	Undergraduate Res. Presentations	Karpen Hall (Seniors make presentations; all other Teaching Fellows must attend 2-3 presentations)
Wednesday, April 16	6:30-8:00pm	Teaching Fellows Spring Social	Glass House
Wednesday, April 16 — Sunday, April 27		DISCOVERY 2003 Registration Online	
Wednesday, April 16	Schedule on Door	Senior Exit Conference with Brenda	
Friday, May 9	7:00pm	Senior Celebration	Sandra Byrd's Home
Friday, May 9	Schedule on Door	Senior Exit Conference with Brenda	
Monday, May 12 — Friday, May 16		Finals Week	
Saturday, May 17	1:00pm	Commencement	UNCA Quadrangle
Saturday, May 17	1:00pm	DISCOVERY Facilitators and Student Leaders meet in Raleigh	
Sunday, May 18 — Saturday, May 24		DISCOVERY 2003	
Friday, July 18 — Sunday, July 20		Senior Conference	Elon University
Friday, July 25 — Sunday, July 27		Junior Conference	Elon University

