

**The 1994 Thomas Jefferson Award Citation for
Dr. Harry Gooder**

Like Thomas Jefferson, Harry Gooder's home overlooks the university to which he is devoted. Like Jefferson, Harry Gooder follows closely the life of the University from his Monticello and, like Jefferson, Harry Gooder's vision for the University is both broad and deep. Like Jefferson, Harry Gooder sees the University as a community, and he has been a powerful force in bringing all elements of the academic community into harmony.

Harry Gooder graduated with honors in chemistry from Leeds University, where he also received a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Lured to North America, he spent four years in the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology at the Harvard Medical School before returning for six years to join the scientific staff of the Medical Research Council in London.

Lured back across the North Atlantic in 1961, Harry Gooder joined the faculty of the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology in the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has built the distinguished career that is recognized by this Thomas Jefferson Award.

Research, teaching, administration, and faculty leadership have distinguished Harry Gooder's academic career.

His research interest has centered on the bacterial cell wall, with special contributions to our understanding of the development and characteristics of bacterial types that lack cell walls.

Harry Gooder has been a distinguished teacher of graduate students, medical students, dental students, and students in many other health professions. For many years, he served as Director of the School of Medicine's course in cell biology.

The temporary assumption of major academic responsibility requires both devotion and great skill. Four times in the last 25 years (1971-72, 1979-81, 1986-87, and 1989-91), Harry Gooder has served with great distinction as Acting Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. On each occasion, under Harry Gooder's leadership, the Department of Microbiology and Immunology flourished. During his period of service as Acting Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Harry Gooder also served on the Administrative Board of the Graduate School, the Faculty Committee on University Governance, and the University Priorities Committee.

Harry Gooder has been a national leader in the field of microbiology, serving in many capacities for the American Society for Microbiology, including the important position of Chair of the Annual Program Committee of that organization.

Harry Gooder has been a leader in building international relations, having presented important work in Stockholm, Utrecht, London, Paris, Montpellier, Munich, and Alexandria. He served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Alexandria in Egypt.

Harry Gooder was elected Chair of the Faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1988, and he served until 1991. He assumed office at the same time as Chancellor Paul Hardin and thus was immensely helpful to the new Chancellor in building relations with the faculty. He wrestled with the classical problems of parking, purchasing, and personnel and with the perennial problem of the proper role of intercollegiate athletics in the University. Harry Gooder led faculty participation in the setting of priorities required by loss of financial resources during times of economic reversal and the first ever University-wide effort in long-range planning. Recognizing the need for greater faculty consultation with the University administration and the need for a small, representative group of faculty to address other important issues, he initiated plans that led to the creation of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council.

Most notably, as Chair of the Faculty, Harry Gooder systematically and effectively built bridges between the faculty and students, the faculty and staff, the faculty and administration, and the faculty and external agencies. His leadership was perhaps best characterized by these bridges, many of which persist and are now a part of the institution.

Harry Gooder's physical relationship to this University is Jeffersonian, and his contributions as a scholar and a leader are Jeffersonian also.