

THE OLIVER MAX GARDNER AWARD

Governor Gardner's will provides that the "Board of Trustees of the Consolidated University of North Carolina *"shall pay annually the net income from a trust fund to "that member of the faculty of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race. As used in this Article of my will, the term 'faculty' shall embrace all persons, including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service of the Consolidated University of North Carolina."*

In January 1973, the Attorney General of North Carolina rendered an opinion that the "coverage of the Gardner Award may be extended to include faculty members at any one of the sixteen campuses which now constitute The University of North Carolina."

1. In the fall of each year the Board of Governors will name, or authorize the Chairman to name, a Committee on the Gardner Award. The committee will invite the institutions to submit nominations and will prescribe procedures to be followed.
2. Selection of a nominee for the Gardner Award generally is accomplished by a committee of the institutional faculty. The written nomination to the Committee should be made by the Chancellor. The nominee's contributions to the welfare of the human race, however technical the field, should be described in terms a layman can understand.
3. The will provides that the award shall go to the faculty member "...who ...has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." The majority of previous recipients have been persons who made notable contributions of national or international scale, or persons whose contributions, although local, served as models nationally or internationally.
4. Through the years the committees of the Board have recognized that the selection procedure, which must begin in the fall, makes it difficult to adhere strictly to that provision of the will, which states that the award shall recognize a contribution made "during the current scholastic year." In order to give as much weight to this clause as is feasible, the committees usually look for nominees who recently made contributions or whose work and service recently culminated in a major contribution.
5. Campuses are encouraged to review award-winning nominations from previous years.

For the nominee selected by the local awards committee, the nominator will be contacted and may be asked for additional information about the awardee or suggestions for people to contact for additional letters of support.