

1984 DEDICATION

Dr. Billie Wickliffe: Always An Open Door

What makes up the ideal professor? Pharmacy students would probably describe their ideal professor as enthusiastic, easy to talk with, dedicated to the profession, as well as skilled in the classroom. This year's seniors and any other student in the college of Pharmacy would agree that Dr. Billie W. Wickliffe is just this kind of professor.

Dr. Wickliffe was born an identical twin in Bowman, Georgia; however, she has lived in Athens all her life and considers herself an Athenian by nature.

In 1945, Dr. Wickliffe started as an undergraduate at The University of Georgia. Unsure of what she wanted to study, she decided on chemistry—a unique choice for a woman during a time in which women were expected to have more domestic interests. While at UGA she was a member of Kappa Delta social sorority. After graduating with a baccalaureate degree in chemistry, she went to Emory University in Atlanta to a training program in medical technology.

As a medical technologist, Dr. Wickliffe worked at Griffin-Spalding Hospital for one year and then came back to Athens to work for the Medical Center lab. After about seven years, Dr. Wickliffe decided to go back to school to face new challenges in the field of Pharmacy.

One of only nine women in her class, Dr. Wickliffe received her B.S. in pharmacy from UGA in 1959. While in pharmacy school, she was a member of Rho Chi and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies, Lambda Kappa Sigma Pharmaceutical Sorority and was awarded the LKS Outstanding Woman Pharmacy Student Award in 1959.

After receiving her Georgia license in 1960, Dr. Wickliffe enrolled as a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutics. During this time, she began to work part-time at Hodgson's Pharmacy in Athens, as well as being an instructor in the pharmacy school. Beginning in 1964, she proceeded to work on her Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. D.E. Cadwallader. The subject of her dissertation was "Radioisotope Analysis of *in vivo* Hemolysis Following Intravenous Injections," which received



national acclaim as she won the Parenteral Drug Association Research Award in 1967. Besides receiving the Merit Plaque, which hangs in the Dean's office, she was also awarded \$1,000 and a trip to New York. When she received her Ph.D. in 1967, she was hired as a full-time member of the faculty at The University of Georgia School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Wickliffe is an active member of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association and the Robert C. Wilson Pharmaceutical Association here in Athens. She is also a member of the recently organized Lambda Kappa Sigma Alumni Chapter at UGA.

Besides her interest in pharmacy, Dr. Wickliffe is involved in many community activities. She has been a member of the Athens Junior Assembly for women for more than 20 years and is now a standing member. It was with the Junior Assembly that she began work with the Boys' Club in Athens. Dr. Wickliffe became a member of the board at the Boys' Club in 1969 and has held the office of secretary, has chaired various committees, and is currently serving as treasurer. According to Tommy Harris, head of the Athens' Boys' Club, "She has been on the board for 13 years and is an excellent, dedicated person."

Dr. Wickliffe has also been active as a member of the YWCO board and the Athens General Hospital Authority. She is a member of the First Methodist Church in Athens and is an active Kappa Delta Alumna.

In the area of personal interests, she

is known for her love of golf and tennis. Her affinity for tennis began early as she grew up with a tennis court in her backyard. Soon, from the lack of a good partner, Dr. Wickliffe turned to the game of golf and has loved it ever since. In fact, many people have wondered why she has never considered turning professional. In 1966, she won the Georgia Womens Play Championship—one of the first Athenians to do so. By winning this tournament, Dr. Wickliffe increased enthusiasm among members of the Women's Golf Association of Athens. At the present time, Dr. Wickliffe plays golf at the Athens Country club, where she is a member of the Golf Association. To further promote golf in Athens, she is one of the organizers of an invitational golf tournament which occurs every summer in Athens. The tournament is held on The University of Georgia Golf Course and is open to anyone whether or not they are associated with a country club. Dr. Wickliffe also enjoys building furniture such as bookcases and working in the yard.

As for her work as a professor in the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Wickliffe's "job" goes much further than just teaching calculations and dosage forms to students. She doubles as the Assistant to the Dean which involves work with student scheduling and a wide variety of program organization. Dr. Wickliffe is also in charge of the annual pharmacy trips to Eli Lilly and Burroughs-Wellcome. She attends these trips in the capacity of chaperone, but if you ask any student you will find

that Dr. Wickcliffe is as much a student on these trips as anyone there.

This brings one to Dr. Wickcliffe's main interest at the College of Pharmacy: the students. She has always been the students' advocate; this is illustrated by the style of her office. There one will find a friendly word, the day's newspaper, the latest cartoon and a handful of other students there for the same reason—a moment of relaxation. Dr. Wickcliffe's easy going manner puts a student at ease and one feels at home in her office. However, she does expect a lot of her students as far as academics are concerned. Dr. Wickcliffe's high standards in the classroom can be met as students know they can go to her to receive as much help as needed to learn the material.

Because she is considered to be an ideal educator dedicated to the profession of pharmacy, and more importantly, to the students in the College of Pharmacy, it is with great pride and appreciation that we, the staff and the senior class of 1984, dedicate this year's edition of the GEORGIA PHARMACIST Magazine to Dr. Billie W. Wickcliffe.

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