MALCOLM OVERSTREET PARTIN

The teal Pontiac in the parking area between the library and Jackson Court at 7:30 a.m. would belong to only one person. As students with 8:30 a.m. classes curse their alarm clocks and roll over for forty more winks, the car's owner, already ensconced in his office on the third floor of Chambers, catches up on departmental business or looks over the notes for one of his justly famous lectures.

During his twenty-seven years at Davidson, this modest man with a charming eastern North Carolina accent has gained a sterling reputation as a classroom teacher. "His lectures are legendary for brilliance and wit," one former student commented. "He makes history as easy to understand as the most captivating novel," another noted with equal accuracy. Yet another exulted that "to leave his classroom is to walk through the halls of Chambers fervently absorbed and with a desire and longing to learn more." As a symbol of their admiration and affection, students some years ago placed signs around the campus to announce his classroom lecture on Catherine the Great.

Students are equally appreciative of the wise and gentle mentoring that occurs many times each week. "The atmosphere in his office is warm and inviting," one former student recalled.
a 1995 recipient of the Hunter-Hamilton love of Teaching Award. Salute today Professor Malcolm Overstreet Partin, and name him carrying mentor that this award was established to honor. We Davidsonians as a "students teacher," the epitome of the deeply Mecklenburg County. But he is best known to generations of school class and raising some of the most beautiful flowers in faculty and chair of his department to teaching an adult Sunday college and the community — from serving as Secretary of the This exemplary teacher has made many contributions to the former students long after they graduate. student," another observed. He counsels, helps, and encourages confident "always takes the time to know the person, not just the anything more important than his students." This "friend and never does he give the impression that he is in a hurry or has