

A Notable Woman - Helen Heaton



Recalling her 24- year career at UWSP, Helen Heaton says she takes greatest pride in her work with student teachers.

While Heaton headed the program at UWSP, several of her trainees received the outstanding student teacher award from the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English. The professor herself was recognized by the council in 1987 when she received the Chisholm Award for meritorious service to her profession.

A member of the council for 16 years, she served the more

than 500- member group as district director, vice president and president.

During three summers in the 1980s, Heaton led a group of educators to the People's Republic of China to teach at Shen Yang University. As a couple, Helen and Jack also led the semester abroad study tour to Australia.

In addition, she was a charter member of the Women in Higher Education organization, a member of the Women's Studies faculty, and one of the co-leaders of the High School Writers Workshop.

A Missouri native, she earned her degrees in curriculum and instruction from University of Wisconsin Madison.