

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
1993
DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD**

MAURICE TUGWELL

Maurice Tugwell is renowned at his home university Acadia for the distinction he brings to the teaching of economics. His students comment on his firm grasp of his subject matter, his dedication, his ability to enrich a student's capacity for reasoning and understanding, his enthusiasm and his personalized approach. He is also known for probing why students find difficulty learning certain concepts and then making a determined effort to help them surmount these barriers. He quickly gets to know each student recognizing they have different needs and learning styles, and he is consistently available outside of class to help, encourage and advise students. He has won increasingly enthusiastic recognition as one of the best teachers at Acadia and was recognized in 1991 with the Associated Alumni of Acadia Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Maurice Tugwell's teaching excellence is noted not only by his students but also by his peers who have observed his classroom performance, talked to his students and seen his teaching evaluations. Indeed Maurice himself was instrumental in the establishment of a peer consultation program at Acadia. He has also been an innovator in distance education pioneering the development of teleconference extension courses. Regardless of the delivery method, his teaching objective is the same--to introduce his students to the world of scholarship and learning and to help them realize their full potential. As well Maurice Tugwell actively interacts with students, seeing for example his involvement with residence students as an opportunity for information exchange and the encouraging of a mentoring relationship.

The dedication and personalized approach he brings to teaching, sustained over many years, and the leadership he has brought to teaching enhancement at Acadia make Maurice Tugwell a most worthy winner of the 1993 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award.