A hometown honors its land-loving poet

It’s Dr. Howard McCord’s love of the land that has gotten him where he is today. The creative writing professor has a knack for describing it in a way that makes landscapes suddenly sweep before you.

With the world’s terrain as his passionate subject matter, McCord thinks it takes more than just looking at it to write about it. He does more than view the landscape; he feels it through his travels.

McCord’s first poem evolved from his love of mountain climbing, and eventually he found the words flowed easier after he took long walks across deserts and felt the earth beneath his feet. Born and raised in El Paso. McCord left the navy at the age of 18 and eventually he returned to attend Texas Tech, where he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He received his doctoral degree in English and philosophy. He received his master’s and doctorate from the University of Utah.

But a teaching career did not end his travels, in fact it promoted them. In 1965 he studied at the University of Mysore in India on a Fulbright Scholarship. In 1968, he was appointed an E.O. Holland Faculty Fellow, and in 1971, he was named a D.H. Lawrence Fellow at the University of New Mexico.

Howard McCord displays one of his books of poetry. His work was recognized this spring when he was inducted into the Authors of the Pass: El Paso Hearld-Post Writers Hall of Fame.

Since arriving at Bowling Green in 1971, McCord has managed to spend time teaching at other campuses such as the University of Alaska, Navaho Community College and California State University. “I like to get to areas with mountains because that’s where I really belong,” McCord said. He admits he has poked fun at the Ohio landscape in some of his writings.

Mott is featured in autobiography

An autobiographical essay by Michael Mott, creative writing, is among those appearing in the newly published seventh edition of Contemporary Authors Autobiography Series edited by Mark Zadrozny. The series, published by Gale Research Inc. of Detroit, presents an original collection of autobiographical essays written by noted writers. Each volume in the series offers roughly two dozen essays by writers in all genres whose work is being read today.

Gale Research Inc. publishes a number of reference books, including the Dictionary of Literary Biography, Contemporary Literary Criticism and the bio-bibliographical series Contemporary Authors, to which the Autobiography Series is a companion. About half of the 16 writers featured in Volume 7 of the series are poets. The remainder are novelists, literary critics and dramatists. But most of the writers do not work exclusively in one genre.

Mott is a poet who is also the author of the critically acclaimed authorized biography of Thomas Merton, entitled The Seven Mountains of Thomas Merton, and four novels, including Master Entrecht and The Blind Cross for juvenile readers. His most recent book of poetry, published by Beacham Publishing in 1986, is entitled Corday.
Datebook

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Photography Exhibit, "Reclaming Paradise: American West on Photo Slide Land," Gallery, Fine Arts Building, through Thursday (Aug. 11). Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 2-5 p.m. on Sunday. Free

Wednesday, Aug. 10

UAO Sweet Wednesday, free popscicles or watermelon, 11:30 a.m., Off-Campus Student Center courtyard (or inside if it rains).

Monday, Aug. 15

Graduate Student Orientation Program, runs through Aug. 19. Opening address by Dr. Sharon Rubin, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury State University, 1 p.m., Eva Marie Saint Theatre, University Hall.

Classified Employment Opportunities

The following classified positions are available:

New vacancies

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12. (*) indicates that employee(s) from within the department were being considered for the position.

B-1-2-1  Account Clerk 3  Pay Range 27  Academic Affairs Area Budgets  * Clerk 2  Pay Range 3  Undergraduate Admissions  B-1-2-3  Food Service Manager  Pay Range 27  Food Operations  B-1-2-4  Typist 1  Pay Range 3  Romance Languages  Academic Year Part-Time  B-1-2-5  Secretary 1  Pay Range 26  Firelands/Lake Erie Regional Studies Program  Permanent Part-Time  B-1-2-6  Telephone Operator  Pay Range 3  Firelands/General Administration  Academic Year Part-Time

Faculty/staff positions

The following faculty positions are available:


Education and Administration: Supervisor: Chair, and associate professor. Contact Phil Akure (2-9981). Deadline: Oct. 15.


School of Mass Communication: Director (re-opened). Contact Ray Laakosninen (2-2076). Deadline: Oct. 1 or until position is filled.

The following administrative positions are available:


Graduate College: Assistant to the dean of the Graduate College. Contact Anmnare Held (2-2558). Deadline: August 15.