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Downes explains. small moments of recognition that bring tears to your eyes," assigned passage or a classroom discussion. "Those are the comes with knowing a student has grasped the point of an For the associate professor of literature, the joy of teaching

".sbnim to her success at "bringing little bits of light into people's "somewhat embarrassing," she considers the award a testament And while she admits that the public recognition was

UNCA. In addition to teaching a full load of literature and Downes has worked hard at it during her eight years at

advanced degree courses next semester. liberal studies program and will be teaching one of the first also been instrumental in planning UNCA's new master of acting chairman of the literature department for one. She has university's distinctive humanities program for 21/2 years and humanities courses, she has served as director of the

"She really made me want to go to class, because she's the gives me the opportunity to encourage students to learn." believe it's better to be in light than darkness, and teaching explains. "I don't necessarily have all the facts straight, but I "I'm absolutely convinced of the rightness of what I do," she

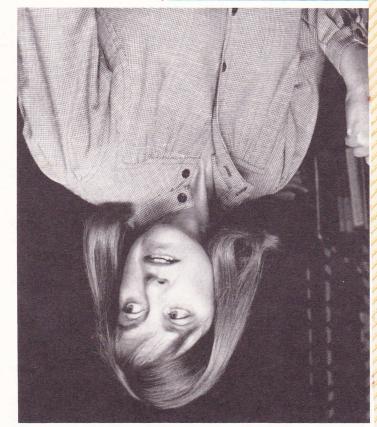
can't go to UNCA without being touched by Peg Downes. and is currently pursuing a master's degree in literature. "You UNCA grad Anne May, who had Downes for several courses she adds a touch of humor to whatever she's teaching," says kind of person who truly cares about what you're doing and

Joe, Sam and Max. husband Mike Peck work hard to keep up with young sons, In addition to her professional duties, Downes and her She's good stuff."

Her students and colleagues are glad she hasn't. doing the two things I love. That's why I don't run away." "Teaching and family wear me out," she admits, "but I'm

## Teacher of the Year Distinguished

thought, "Well, this is what I've worked for." of the Year Award during graduation ceremonies last May, she When Peg Downes received the 1988 Distinguished Teacher



Dr. Peg Downes: I believe my zeal can convince students to learn.

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