

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Tradition lives on — alumni return to campus

A tradition of Kings

From father to son, the tradition of Kings at Chowan College is continuing.

Robert C. King, Jr., class of '70, attended Chowan College when men lived in the upper floors of the Columns Building. His son, Todd, has just completed his freshman year at Chowan.

"Yeah, Todd asked me if we had electric lights when I was a student here," laughs the elder King. "He thinks the '70's were pre-historic times."

King, who is vice president of Richmond Motor Co., Inc. in Richmond, Va., and his wife, Bonnie, serves as the chairmen of the Parent's Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors at Chowan College, and chairs the committee on business and finance.

Bob King has fond memories of Chowan. He had a room on the second floor of Columns, and he remembers when Clifton

Collins, Director of Financial Planning, was 'Dean' Collins.

"When we didn't want to disturb Dean Collins, we stepped out of the window of our room and walked down the porch. On a warm day, we could sunbathe on the deck of the Columns building."

Bob King, (who looks like he pulled a few over on Dean Collins back in those days) says he 'got into a little mischief'. He laughingly recalls that living in the Columns was like having your own 'private club'. There were only 7 or 8 men on the floor, with two baths.

"I was lucky to get on that floor! If I waited to sneak out, I could get back in by the fire escape. The security guard was 'Deputy Dog' back then."

Chowan was a little different in the 1970's than it is in the 1990's for son Todd, who graduated from Fork Union Military Academy as a Cadet Captain, and Commander of the Honor Guard. He is a member of the Chowan ACES (Achieving Chowan's Ex-

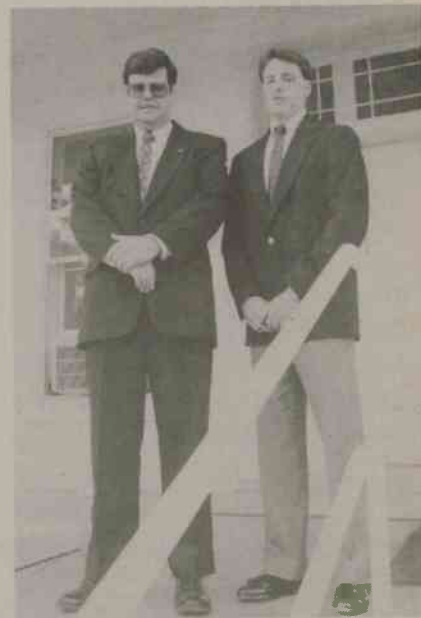
cellence through Service) Club, and active in intramural sports. He will return to Chowan as a sophomore majoring in business.

Bob King points out the 1970's were a difficult time because of the Viet Nam war. He served in Viet Nam as a hospital corpsman in the Navy. After Chowan, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University. Todd is his only son, and the family now lives in Richmond, where Bob is involved in civic activities. He has been a volunteer on a rescue squad since 1968, is president-elect of the Kiwanis Club in Richmond, and vice president for membership of the Alumni Association of Fork Union, where he is a graduate, like his son.

"I enjoyed my class reunion at Chowan last fall," Bob remembers.

Giving Todd a mischievous grin, he jokingly warns his son, "Better not do what I did when I was here."

But anyone who knows Bob King, (even 'Dean' Collins) will admit, Todd should do just fine following in his father's footsteps!



Robert C. King, Jr. and son Todd.

Baker speaks about Federal Reserve

Kemper Baker, Jr., class of '66, was the keynote speaker for a Business Forum sponsored by the department of business this spring.

Kemper, who is vice president in charge of education and public relations for the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va., spoke to about 175 students about the role of the Federal Reserve Bank in regulating the money supply.

He impressed faculty and staff members by passing out tiny bags of shredded money (what the Federal Reserve does to excess printed bills). As he handed a little bag to one staff member, he commented, "Oh, that's about 80 dollars, just a little gift to you!"

In his speech, Kemper criticized the Federal Reserve Board's performance in the 1929 Stock Crash, but he gave the board high marks for its recent performance. Baker said that increasing the money supply in October, 1987, helped to prevent a stock market correction from becoming a major stock market crash.



Kemper Baker, Jr.

After leaving Chowan, Kemper graduated from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va. He received the master's degree in banking from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

He remarked it's nice to return to his alma mater, Chowan, and he would like to return to speak to students about matters of money in the future.

Lobbyist Ken Wright talks about government

Professor John Virckler's government students learned about the high-pressure, exciting world of a lobbyist when Ken Wright, class of '70, a lobbyist with Southern Strategies in Raleigh, returned to Chowan to speak about that aspect of the United States government.

Ken lobbies for a number of the medical professions, such as the N. C. Association of Family Physicians in the North Carolina General Assembly. He told the students that life as a lobbyist can be a stressful one with long hours, but good reimbursement.

"Politics is so different today from years past," stated Ken. "I think you as voters need to know, just about anyone with a million dollars can get elected to an office in our country. So much of politics today is advertisement and 'who looks good'."

After graduating from Chowan, he received the B.A. in history from Wake Forest University, and now lives in Wake Forest.

At a luncheon with several professors and president emeritus, Bruce E. Whitaker, Ken recalled his time at Chowan.

"There are so many of the same professors

here that I remember. It's good to come back for a visit."



Ken Wright

Janelle Green has a 'can do' attitude in alumni association

Although Janelle Green is one of the busiest banking executives and volunteer citizens of Rocky Mount, she is never too busy to help her alma mater, Chowan College.

A "can do" attitude characterizes her involvement in business and community service.

Janelle is always ready to help Chowan College, the needy, and young people interested in banking careers.

A 1961 graduate, she is president of the Chowan Alumni Association after serving as vice president and a member of the Board of Directors for many years.

In July, 1989, she was elected a director of Pilot International, an organization whose goals are to help the handicapped and build community spirit. Her term as the district



representative for Arkansas and Oklahoma is for two years.

The attractive, vivacious Chowan alumna is a charter member of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Rocky Mount, organized in 1975. She has held a number of offices and is currently treasurer.

Members do volunteer work and provide Lifeline emergency medical support for the elderly. With 200 units, the two Rocky Mount clubs are the largest sponsoring Lifeline operation in the state "and almost anywhere," Janelle explained.

As a national Pilot board member, Janelle will attend the Arkansas and Oklahoma state conventions and the international convention in Nashville, Tenn., in July. She said nine countries will be represented.

Janelle started at the ground floor in banking in Rocky Mount after earning her associate degree at Chowan and pursuing additional studies at East Carolina University.

Combining enthusiasm and creativity with a positive outlook, she has steadily climbed the ladder to her present position of senior vice president and manager of Pioneer Capital Investments in Rocky Mount.

She recently told business students to be eager to perform any job given them. "Never say no to opportunities," she declared.

Janelle said she greatly valued her Chowan education which had prepared her for a career in banking and sharpened her vision of serving others.

"When you leave this college you will say you're proud you came to Chowan."