

# FACULTY HAPPENINGS



The new members of Lux et Veritas are (left to right) Marie Landing, Julia Boone, Margie Stephenson, Dorothy Wallace, Hattie Jones, and Robert Mulder.

## Five join Lux et Veritas for 25 years of service

Five members of the Chowan College faculty and staff were honored recently for joining the ranks of the prestigious Lux et Veritas by each having served the college for 25 years of continuous service.

The newest members are Marie Landing, executive secretary to the president of the college; Julia Futrell Boone and Margie Stephenson, cooks in Chowan College Food Services, Dorothy Wallace, chair of the Department of Business, Hattie Jones, professor of business, and Robert G. Mulder, professor of English.

Gifts of specially designed and engraved wristwatches and membership certificates were presented upon induction into the Order of Lux et Veritas by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which established the means of honoring employees of the college in 1987. The new inductees join 29 other Chowan faculty and staff previously inducted into the Order.

In making the presentation to Mrs. Landing, President Jackson remarked the executive secretary has served as the 'right hand' of the college president for 25 years, and is the one person on campus everyone turns to for the 'right' information.

"She is a dedicated and efficient lady with whom I am honored to work and appreciate very much in the office," stated Dr. Jackson.

Mrs. Landing is married to Felton Landing, and they reside in Eure, in Gates County.

Vice president for business administration, Ben Sutton, presented gifts to both Julia Boone and Margie Stephenson, remarking on each one's capabilities and service.

"Mrs. Boone has primary responsibilities for salads and desserts, and we feel it is safe to estimate that she has cut her way through a train car-load of lettuce and sliced enough pies and cakes to make Sara Lee envious," Sutton stated. "She is an employee who is friendly, ready to smile and always greets you in a way you know is sincere."

Mrs. Boone is married to William "Peter" Boone. They reside in Murfreesboro and are the parents of two children.

Regarding Mrs. Margie Stephenson, Sutton estimated 'she has cooked more than 20,000 meals since coming to work at Chowan

in 1964.' He remarked the college is proud of her important service and contributions throughout the years. She is married to Ernestine Stephenson and they live in Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Dorothy Wallace was honored by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, vice president for academic affairs, as an outstanding educator at the college. Last year she was named to fill the Colgate W. Darden, Jr. Professorship of Business at Chowan.

"In her 25 years at Chowan College, she has proved to be an outstanding teacher, and in recent years she has also proved to be a competent and efficient chairperson of the Department of Business," stated Lowe.

Mrs. Wallace is the sponsor of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda and served as chairperson of the steering committee for Chowan's renewal of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1988. Among her honors, she is named to Personalities of the South, and World Who's Who of Women in Education. Mrs. Wallace is married to L.M. Wallace who is also a professor of business at Chowan since 1958, and they reside in Woodland.

In presenting the honorary gift to Hattie Jones, professor of business since 1965, Mrs. Wallace commented, "Mrs. Jones brings a 'humanizing element to computer instruction'.

"No one knows as much about computers and how they work as Mrs. Jones," stated Wallace.

Jones is the founder and sponsor of the Data Processing Management Association on campus, and she is always a favorite with students, according to Mrs. Wallace. She is married to Robert N. Jones, and they live in Murfreesboro.

Dr. Kenneth Wolfskill, chairman of the department of language and literature, honored Robert G. Mulder is a Chowan alumnus who has published four books of poetry, won the Eva Berry Harris Poetry Award and the National Observer's 'Sheer Genius Writing Award'. He is founder and editor of New Earth Publications, a poetry quarterly. He also an official consultant to the Southern Baptist Music Publication Board.

## Faculty Focus

Dr. James Chamblee, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at Chowan College, presented "On the Trail of Yankee Doodle Dandy," a presentation on early American music in April for the Forum/Lyceum series of educational lectures at Chowan College.

Susan Fecho, professor of art, is exhibiting work in collaboration with artist, Gail Hunt, entitled "Abstruse Anomie" dealing with the alienation often felt by individuals separated in some manner from society. The exhibit began May 1 at the new Ayden Art Center in Ayden.

Robert Mulder, professor of English, has published articles in recent issues of *The Church Musician*, *Glory Songs*, and *Christian Single* magazines. Mr. Mulder was recently inducted into the Order of Lux et Veritas for 25 years of continuous service to Chowan College.

## Dr. Earl Parker — a model professor

If a movie director ever wanted to cast a true Southern gentleman, he would need to look no further than Dr. Earl H. Parker, professor of religion and philosophy at Chowan College.

A soft-spoken, kindly Christian man, Dr. Parker fits the mold of a Southern gentleman perfectly. He also is the 'model professor' in the opinion of students at Chowan, who dedicated the 1990 Chowanoka annual to Dr. Parker.

There were few dry eyes on Awards Day when the annual was dedicated. Everyone in the gymnasium rose in one accord to acclaim this man who has served as a professor at Chowan since 1969.

"I will say just three words. I am humbled, honored and I love you all," he told the student body.

The annual dedication reads in part: "The 1990 Chowanoka is dedicated to a man who has spent his life in search for truth and in an attempt to live the truth and expound the truth, as he understands it. At the same time,

he is able to take the most complex issues from philosophy and Biblical theology, and put them in terms that are understandable to freshman and sophomore students. . . He is a fighter. He stands firm on those issues in which he believes. He opposes those forces that would ravage the mind, the soul, or the body. . . In highest and best sense of the term, he is a Christian humanist, a Christian gentleman."

Dr. Parker recalls Awards Day, "This was so special to me because it was from the students and faculty. This indicates that I relate well with the students."

On graduation day, Dr. Parker was once again honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award, a coveted honor selected by the faculty of the college. Once again, the students rose in applause and gratitude to the professor.

In a moving acceptance speech, Dr. Parker told the audience, "I am honored by this award, and feel my peers, through their actions, have shown more love for me than critical judgment."

Earl H. Parker was raised with a 'sense of pride' in Rocky Mount, although his mother, Mary (Eunice) was originally from Harrellsville, near Chowan College, and his father, William Parker, was from Kelford, in Bertie County. Earl was the third youngest with four sisters and one brother in the family.

"They have all retired, except for me," he smiles.

His father was an auto mechanic when cars were new to the world of transportation. "My father had a lot of 'horse sense', and my mother was a good woman, straight-laced, as we all were. There was no dancing in the house," he remembers.

Dr. Parker came to Chowan from pastorships at Baptist churches including an 11-year stay at Halifax Baptist Church. He also served two years as an Air Force chaplain with the rank of Captain, and two years as



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