

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Mary E. Rogers and Gary Wyatt-Morris were married on October 27, 1990. Mary is employed with Sutton Photo Lab in Lynchburg, Va.

Bill and April Dilday Lassiter have a son, William Keith, born August 10, 1990

Michelle Bennett and Ira Wayne Sprouse were wed on September 22, 1990. Mechelle is employed with Burroughs Wellcome Company in Greenville, N.C.

Susan Renee Ricks has wed Sidney Hite Camden (Class of 1986) on May 29, 1990. She is attending East Carolina University.

Lance Cpl. Kevin Gardner and his father Chief Warrant Officer Thurman Gardner are members of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774, which received its call to duty in Operation Desert Shield in November. Kevin attended Virginia Commonwealth University and has been in the reserves for three years.

Class of 1988

Terence Alan Dunavan and Melissa Russ Herrington were married on July 26, 1990. The couple reside in Rocky Mount.

James Dale Ryals is employed with the North Carolina National Guard. James is married to Mirenda Wodwine, also from the class of 1988.

Ernest Boyce graduated in May with a bachelor's in accounting from East Carolina University. He is currently working as an accountant with Pittard, Perry, Crone of Ahoskie, N.C.

Class of 1989

Ina Tishea Briscoe and Daron E. Heggie were married on August 24, 1990. Ina is a sales assistant at the News and Observer in Raleigh, N.C.

Robert M. Choate is engaged to be married to Kelly Lynne Edwards of Spring Hope., Robert is currently a camera operator for the News and Observer Publishing Company, in Raleigh, N.C.

Edna K. Ruffin has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa at Campbell University where she is a senior trust management major. She is currently applying to law schools.

Class of 1990

Jennifer Towell, a former volleyball star at Chowan, has signed a scholarship to play volleyball at Mars Hill College.

Alumni Association Officers & Directors for 1991

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President—Dr. Allen J. Casey '62, Hampton, Va.

Vice-President—Jefferson E. Howie '57, Norfolk, Va.

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1990 Distinguished Alumni named — Elton C. Parker

Elton Claxton Parker, of Raleigh, N.C., was recognized as the 1990 Distinguished Alumnus of Chowan College at the annual alumni business meeting on homecoming day, October 13.

Jeff Howie, of Norfolk, Va., vice president of the Chowan Alumni Association, introduced President Jackson, who made the presentation to Parker.

"We honor Elton Claxton Parker today as the 1990 Distinguished Alumni for his contributions throughout the years and as a man who deserves much respect for his accomplishments," stated Dr. Jackson.

Originally from Murfreesboro, Elton Parker is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parker. His mother was a graduate of Chowan College, class of 1901. She was a well-known music and kindergarten teacher in Murfreesboro.

Parker graduated from Murfreesboro High School as valedictorian of his class in 1937. He received the associate degree with honors from Chowan, and the bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1941.

Parker began his career as a high school English teacher in the North Carolina public school system, and became associated with the N.C. Employment Security commission in 1943 where he served in a number of positions.

He began his career with Nationwide Insurance in 1952 serving as the first personnel-public relations manager for the southeastern region. He was instru-



Dr. Jackson presents award to Elton C. Parker.

mental in bringing approximately 11,473 employees and agents into Nationwide Insurance during his career.

He has held many offices and served on numerous boards of directors, including past president of the Raleigh chapter of the Administrative Management Society and of the Raleigh-Wake Personnel Association. Because of his contributions and in honor of his retirement, the governor of the state of North Carolina named him to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 1983.

He was honored by the city of Raleigh for outstanding community service, and currently is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels in Raleigh. Married to Louise Schmidt, they have two adopted children and five grandchildren living in Raleigh and Ohio. He also has a twin brother, Dr. Alton W. Parker, retired optometrist, who lives in Murfreesboro.

Phonathon nets over \$20,000

This year's phonathon raised over \$20,000 in pledges. Students and alumni volunteers spent many evenings in McSweeney Hall telephoning for Chowan College and the Alumni Loyalty Fund. After 19 nights of calling from October 2 through November 6, \$21,837 in pledges from 558 individuals was raised.

Director of Alumni Services and Annual Giving, Sven VanBaars, reports callers reached almost half of the alumni for whom the college has phone numbers.

"Almost everyone we talked with was interested in hearing about Dr. Jackson, the new president of the college, and other developments at the school," he said.

Pledges to the phonathon support student scholarships and work study opportunities. The goal of the Alumni Loyalty Fund this year is \$45,000. Serving as more than a fund raiser, the phonathon is an important vehicle for updating alumni home addresses for use by Chowan and by alumni wishing to contact former classmates.

VanBaars expressed his appreciation for volunteer callers and supporters of the phonathon.

"It was a great effort by all those involved. We wanted to talk with as many Chowan alumni as possible and getting this level of support is very satisfying."

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Distinguished Alumni 1991 Nominations

If you would like to suggest someone to the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee, please complete and mail the form below to:

Director of Alumni Services
CHOWAN COLLEGE
P.O. Box 1848
Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Nominee: _____

Class year: _____

Briefly explain your reason for this nomination:

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____