

FACULTY HAPPENINGS

Professor bearing books behind the Iron Curtain

Books, books, and more books. . . that is what the students in Poland wish for more than anything. And now they are getting hundreds of new and used American books thanks to Professor John Virkler and some local clubs in Murfreesboro.

Virkler, professor of social science, attended a conference in Olsztyn, Poland last summer of Christian university students, and met many students who told him how difficult it is to get new books to read. The libraries at universities in Poland stock a limited supply of up to date reading materials, and students must share, borrowing books from the library for only a short length of time.

When Professor Virkler returned to the United States, he decided to help the students by mailing textbooks and dictionaries back to Poland. The Murfreesboro Rotary Club and Murfreesboro Exchangettes assisted by donating \$414 to cover the cost of postage to Poland. The books were donated by members of the Chowan faculty and by the Chowan bookstore.

One student, in particular, Danuta Staniszewska, sent her thanks in a letter saying, "You cannot imagine my joy when I saw the books you sent me. It will be enough to tell you that there are only a few analogies of English poetry at our library. I decided to give some books to the library and divide them among my friends."

"Our library is very poor and most

books are gifts from private people from abroad," she writes.

Danuta is a 22-year-old university student working on a master's degree in English literature at the University of Gdansk. Gdansk is located on the Baltic Sea, and is where the Solidarity movement began in Poland. Danuta, who is the fifth of nine children and whose father is a farmer, writes of the problems of traveling from one country to another, and the expense involved in obtaining visas.

According to Virkler, she spoke perfect English, but was continually working on improving her usage of the English language. She asked for assistance with expressions in her letter.

"I gave her a dictionary to use last summer, and she told me how grateful she was because she would have had to save money for two months from her part-time job just to earn enough to purchase an English dictionary," states Virkler.

Professor Virkler mailed his second 'care package' of books to Poland on November 7, and hopes they will make a nice Christmas present for some lucky Polish students.



New chief of security Fitzwater enjoys job

Lee Fitzwater is the new chief of the campus safety and security department at Chowan College. He joined the staff in September and supervises a staff of ten security officers on the college campus.

From Como, Fitzwater is a graduate of Murfreesboro High School, and the Virginia Department of Corrections Basic Academy. He also graduated from Crater Criminal Justice Academy in Petersburg, Virginia. He is completing the associate degree in criminal justice.

Fitzwater previously served as a patrolman with the Franklin Police Department, and worked with the Virginia Department of Corrections for seven years. One part of his responsibilities at Chowan is the new

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information center at the main entrance to the campus.

"I am glad to be at Chowan College. We are attempting to make security more visible on campus with the new information center, and it is our goal to help meet the needs of the students at any time, night or day," states the new chief of campus safety and security.

He is married to Joan Fitzwater, who is a registered nurse at Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, and they have one son.

Other new members of the security office at Chowan College who will be greeting visitors to the campus in the information center are Barbara Davis and Ophelia Turner, both of Conway.

Faculty Focus

Dr. James Chamblee, chairman of the department of fine arts, has a review of the book *The Oratorio in the Classical Era* by Howard Smither appearing in the music section of *The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography*, published by AMS Press, 1990.

Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman, chairman of the department of academic support, presented at two conferences in Greenville, N.C.—"Update on Learning Disabilities, '90," on September 6-7; and at the 19th Annual Conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of North Carolina, October 12-13. Dr. Coleman also presented a seminar to the Wake County, N.C. school teachers on working with bright learning disabled students. She participated in the North Carolina Department of Education's Conference on Exceptional Children on November 15; and presented at the National Gifted Conference in Arkansas on November 17. Dr. Coleman is guest editing the next issue of the *Journal for the Education of the Gifted* on under-served gifted students with a focus on minorities, economically deprived students, and disabled.

Dr. Kenneth M. Craig, acting chairman, department of religion and philosophy, has an article entitled "The Corrections of the Scribes" in the Summer 1990 issue of *Perspectives in Religious Studies, Journal of the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion*.

Dr. John Davis, professor of English, has published "Still the Same Old Story: The Refusal of Time to Go By in Casablanca" in the *Literature/Film Quarterly*, Vol. 18, #2, 1990.

Sarah Davis, professor of English, read her paper "Glancing at the Past in Order to Look into the Future: The Ever/Never Changing Southern Woman" at the October 4-6 meeting of the Popular Culture Association in the South/American Culture Association in the South.

Andrea Eason, professor of business, presented "Design Guidelines in Desktop Publishing" at the N. C. Educational Technology Conference in Greensboro December 3-4.

Dr. Joyce Elliott, professor of speech, published an article "Creating Computer-Generated Visual Aids" in the textbook supplement to the publication, *Great Ideas for Teaching Speech*.

George Hazelton, professor of business, and Professor Eason made a presentation on "Using Word Perfect for Desktop Publishing". Andrea Eason, George Hazelton, and Renee Drake, professors in the department of business have published a book, *Introduction to Computers, Lab Software Manual*.

Susan Fecho, professor of art, displayed her work in the Chowan Art Center Gallery in Edenton, N.C. recently.

Dr. Carl Garrott, professor in the foreign languages division of the department of language and literature, published an article, "The Nature and Use of Management Information Systems in Modern Language Administration" in the July 1990 issue of *Center for Applied Linguistics*. Dr. Garrott has recently been named to Who's Who in American Education.

Dr. Kenneth Wolfskill, chairman of the department of language and literature, published an essay in the current *Journal of the Association of Community and Junior Colleges* on teaching at a small junior college in the south.

Jim Tribbett joins coaching staff

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Jim Tribbett is beginning his first year at Chowan as men's assistant basketball coach. Tribbett received the B.S. degree in Physical Education from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida; and the M.S. degree in Physical Education in Health from Depauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Tribbett began his coaching career as an assistant at Wabash College in Indiana moving onto Tiffin University in Ohio. After successful stints at both schools, Tribbett took the assistant

coach's position at UNC-Wilmington.

Leaving Wilmington, Tribbett took over a struggling Greensboro College program and in four years established a winning program. During his tenure as coach he set a record with the third highest winning season, and holds the second highest winning percentage in the school's history.

With 13 years of coaching experience, Tribbett will be a valued asset to Chowan's basketball program.