

# FACULTY HAPPENINGS

## Craig appointed to the Fagan Chair of Religion

Dr. Kenneth M. Craig, Jr., interim chairman of the department of religion and philosophy, has been elected to the E. Lee Oliver Fagan Chair of Bible and Religion at Chowan.

The chair is the first established at the college and was funded with an initial gift of \$130,000 by the late Lee O. Fagan of Stanardsville, Va. in memory of his mother who graduated from Chowan in 1893. Fagan served as a member of Chowan's Board of Advisors until his death in March of 1977. The Fagan Chair was previously held by Dr. Earl H. Parker, professor of religion, who died last year.

Dr. Craig, who previously served as a Hebrew instructor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, received the B.A. from Wake Forest University, which included a semester of study at Worrell House, London, England. He received the Master of Divinity and the Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the academic year of 1987-88, he conducted research and participated in seminars at the Porter Institute and Department of Poetics and Comparative Literature at Tel Aviv University in Israel.

He is co-founder and former managing editor of *Paradigms*, a religious studies journal, and currently serves as book review editor for *Pulpit Digest*, a journal for clergy published by Harper Collins.

He has just completed a book manuscript, "The Poetics of Jonah: Art in the Service of Ideology," and an article entitled "The Deuteronomistic Historian in Question Land: the Rhetoric of Rhetorical and Other Questions."

Dr. Craig has served as professor of religion and philosophy at Chowan since 1989, and as interim chairman of the department since the fall of 1990. His professional experience also includes Garrett Fellow, Southern Baptist



Dr. Ken Craig caught in action in the classroom, is one of Chowan's most popular professors.

theological Seminary and Hebrew instructor, Simmons Bible College.

During recent years, Dr. Craig has presented papers at regional and national Society of Biblical Literature meetings. His articles have appeared in journals such as *The Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, and *College Music Symposium*. He also writes book

reviews for *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Christian Century*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

While at Chowan, Dr. Craig has started the new Environmental Club on campus. He is currently serving as an interim pastor in Seaboard, N.C. He is married to Niki Craig and they reside in Murfreesboro and have one daughter, Alexandra.

## New faculty, staff assume positions on campus

### Director of Freshman Experience

Austine Odom Evans, of Ahoskie, has joined the staff of Chowan College as the Director of Academic Advisement and the Freshman Year Experience Program.

Evans received the B.S. degree in biology and the M.A.Ed. in counseling from Wake Forest University with the certificate of advanced studies in counseling from East Carolina University.

She previously served as the director of admissions for Peace College in Raleigh and as a guidance counselor with Hertford County Schools. She has been named an Outstanding Young Educator in America.

She has served a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of Peace College and a four-year term on the Wake Forest University Board of Trustees. Her college career activities included membership in the S.O.P.H. Society, College Union, cheerleading, graduation marshal, Who's Who Among American College Students, and Phi Delta Kappa—Honorary Education.

Evans is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Ahoskie. She is married to Ernest L. Evans of Ahoskie and they have two children, Tina, a senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, and Brad, a freshman at Hertford County High School.

### Business Department

Patsy Woodard Taylor, of Conway, is the new professor of merchandise management in the department of business. Taylor received the bachelor's of science in home economics (clothing and textiles) and the master's of arts in education (marketing education) from East Carolina University in Greenville. She has nine years of merchandising experience with Belk stores in Murfreesboro,



Austine Evans



Patsy Taylor



Martha Stockstill



Janice Spivey

Ahoskie, and Goldsboro in such capacities as sales associate, systems coordinator, management trainee, and division manager/buyer.

She is married to Stacy Taylor and they have one daughter, Kaitlyn Rae. She is a member of Ashley's Grove Baptist Church in Conway.

### New English Professor

Also joining the Chowan Faculty this spring is Martha S. Stockstill filling a temporary appointment as professor of English. Professor Stockstill comes to Chowan from Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi.

She received the bachelor's of science and the master's degree in English from the University of Alabama. She completed graduate studies at the University of Florida and the University of Southern Mississippi with extensive experience in teaching English as a second language to students. She was actively involved as a member of the First Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. She was married to the

late Eugene H. Stockstill and has two sons, Eugene, Jr. and Lee Stockstill of Jackson, Miss.

### New Librarian

A new school librarian has joined the staff of Whitaker Library at Chowan. Janice Tucker Spivey, of Aulander, comes to Chowan from the Bertie County Schools where she served as a teacher and librarian. She received the bachelor's of science in early childhood, reading and language

and the master's of library science from East Carolina University. She is the past president of International Reading Association in Bertie County, and holds memberships in the North Carolina Association of Educators, North Carolina Library Association, and N.C. Educational Media Association.

A member of Connaritsa Baptist Church, she is married and has two children.

## Faculty Focus

Carole Nicholson, professor of music, was invited by Wake Forest University to serve as a judge for the Giles-Harris Competitions in musical performance held at the university on February 23. Professor Nicholson also is serving as a judge at the piano festival at N. C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount in March.

David Parker, chairman of the art department, and Doug Eubank, professor of art, have a two-artist show of new works on exhibit at Arlington Hall Gallery in Greenville. Parker also recently served as a juror at the Suffolk Student Art Exhibit.

The photographs of Frank Stephenson, Jr., director of the Upward Bound Program, were featured in a photographic essay on The Herring Fisherman at the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, N.C. Stephenson also received a certificate of appreciation from the Choanoke Area Development Association for three years of service as chairman of the board of directors for that organization from 1988-1990. CADA serves Hertford, Bertie, Halifax and Northampton Counties providing services for area residents.

Dr. David Gowler, professor of religion and philosophy, has been asked to edit the book, *Recruitment, Conquest and Conflict in Judaism, Early Christianity and the Greco-Roman World*, as part of the Emory Studies in Early Christianity series.

The works of art professor, Susan Fecho, were featured in the Christmas Show of the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Dr. Carl Garrott has been invited by the College Division of Harper Collins Publishers to evaluate and review VOILA, Second Edition.

John Virkler, professor of economics, a major in the U.S. Army Ready Reserves, was called into active duty on February 22. He is serving as chaplain at Fort Bragg, N.C.