

Jordan establishes scholarship in memory of W.W. Mitchell

John R. Jordan, Jr., of Raleigh, has established the William Watson Mitchell Scholarship at Chowan College in memory of Mr. Mitchell who was one of the founders



John R. Jordan

of the college in 1848. Jordan, the great-grandson of W.W. Mitchell, is originally from Winton and is a long-time supporter of Chowan College. The scholarship is being funded initially in excess of \$10,000 with additional contributions planned.

William Watson Mitchell, generous Baptist benefactor, planter, and civic leader, was the largest benefactor of Chowan College during its early history. He was one of the group that gathered at Mulberry Grove, the home of Dr. Godwin C. Moore in Hertford County in 1848. That group of leaders set in motion the organization of the Baptist Female Institute in Murfreesboro which became Chowan College.

Following organization, Mitchell served on the Board of Trustees for 28 years. He followed Moore as the second individual to be chosen chairman of the trustees, a responsibility Mitchell held for 19 years, the longest tenure in the school's history.

The survival of Chowan College during the Civil War years and immediately thereafter is Mitchell's memorial. Baptist historian C.W. Scarborough and Dr. Charles B. Williams both credit him with keeping the school open and operating with his personal gifts.

John R. Jordan, Jr. is a practicing attorney with the firm Jordan, Price,

Wall, Gray and Jones in Raleigh, where he and his wife Brenda reside. He attended Chowan College, receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1983. He received the B.A. and LL.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is the past-chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and past-chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education. He also served in the North Carolina Senate. Jordan has served four terms on the Chowan College Board of Trustees.

Jordan has also made significant contributions in health affairs through the years. He has served as president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society, state chairman of both the American Red Cross and the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and president of the North Carolina Arthritis Foundation. He received the Gold Medal Award from the American Cancer Society some years ago.

Jordan has received numerous honors and awards in recognition of his service in legal, educational and civic areas. He also supports many cultural and educational organizations in Hertford County. In 1980, he and his sister, Elsie Winnifred Jordan, from Winton, presented a portrait of W. W. Mitchell to the college.

The W.W. Mitchell Scholarship is designated to be presented to deserving students at Chowan as determined by the Scholarship Committee of the college. In making the gift, Mr. Jordan said, "My great-grandfather was a strong supporter of education and he

loved children. He built and maintained a school on the grounds of his plantation and invited all of the neighboring children to attend. In later years, Chowan College became his favorite activity. I know that he would be pleased that this scholarship will bear his name."



William W. Mitchell

Dr. Marilyn Channell-Purdy remembered through gift

A gift has been presented to Chowan College in memory of Dr. Marilyn Channell-Purdy by members of the family of the English professor who died at Chowan last year.



Dr. Marilyn Channell-Purdy

Dr. Channell-Purdy came to Chowan College in 1989 as a professor in the department of language and literature from Canada where she had served as a lecturer in English at the University of Alberta. She also served as an instructor at Humber College, Toronto.

Chairman of the department of language and literature, Dr. Kenneth Wolfskill, remembered Dr. Channell-Purdy, "Marilyn was a genuine scholar with a Ph.D. from an outstanding university. She was noted for having written a long dissertation on one of the most difficult and famous works of modern fiction, James Joyce's Ulysses. She was working on an article for publication when she died."

Dr. Wolfskill recalls the professor

Development Notes

You can make a gift to Chowan College and still remain in control of your money.

Currently, Chowan guarantees an interest rate of 7 percent, or all interest earned, whichever is greater. The minimum investment \$10,000.

Advantages of a living revocable trust: (1) The income can be paid out over one or two lives. (2) The individual can take back part or all the money in the trust (revoke it) and not pay a penalty. (3) Money in any amount can be added to the trust at any time. (4) The trust provides year end tax information. (5) The trust avoids probate. (6) If the trust has not been revoked, at death, the trustee will pay out the principal to the individual and/or charities named.

The only requirements for establishing this type of trust is that the college be named one of the beneficiaries.

If you would like more about this type of trust and how it would work in your specific case, please write or call the development office at Chowan.

as one who worked hard at trying to keep up her academic, scholarly activities in addition to a heavy teaching load at college.

"She was a gentle and fragile soul, and she will be missed by all of us," he concluded.

Dr. Channell-Purdy had a distinguished career of undergraduate and graduate studies in Canada. She held the Ph.D. in English literature, M.A. in English literature, and B.A. in English from the University of Toronto in Canada. She was granted four teaching assistantships while pursuing her graduate studies.

She also received the bachelor's degree with honors and was the recipient of the Ontario Graduate Scholarships from 1982-85.

The gift to Chowan in her memory is made by family members including her sister, Claire Hess, of Raleigh, N.C., who said in presenting the gift, "The family appreciates the kindness shown to Marilyn by the Chowan College community. Marilyn was a persistent and diligent student who worked long and hard to accomplish her educational goals."

Titmus Foundation gives grant

The Titmus Foundation, Inc. of Sutherland, Va. has endowed a scholarship of \$10,000 at Chowan College which will be named later, according to Clayton Lewis, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the college. Edward B. Titmus, president of the foundation recently presented a check to Lewis from the Titmus Foundation.

The Titmus Foundation was incorporated in Virginia in 1945 by Edward Hutson Titmus, Sr. It is an independent foundation which places emphasis on Baptist church support and religious organizations, higher education, health, cancer research, and welfare in North Carolina and Virginia. Thirty-six percent of Chowan students are from Virginia.

Planned Giving

To assist you with your planned giving (estate planning), the Chowan College Development Office would be pleased to send you information on:

- How to make a gift to Chowan College and also receive income for your lifetime;
- How to give and still remain in control of your money;
- How to give real estate to Chowan College;
- How to give securities (stock) to Chowan College;
- How to give an insurance policy that will benefit both you and Chowan College;
- How to include Chowan College in your will.

Requested by:

(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss, Dr., Rev.) (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)

(Address-If Box Number, please give street address also)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: Home () Business ()

Enclose this clipping in an envelope and mail to: Development Office, Chowan College, P.O. Box 1848, Murfreesboro, NC 27855, or call 919/398-4101.