

Annie letters recall early days at Chowan

A lifetime of letters chronicling the life of one Chowan alumna from 1856 until 1928 has been collected and published in a new book entitled **Annie**. Those original letters, many written by Annie Slade Brett, class of 1873, to various people while she was a student at Chowan are now in the permanent collection in the antiquities room of Whitaker Library.

Franklin Camp Bacon, a distant relative of Annie is the editor of the book of letters and visited the campus of Chowan recently to present a copy of the book and the original letters to Chowan. John Council Camp, Annie's grandson of Florida, accompanied Bacon to make the presentation to Chowan.

The life of Annie Slade Brett is told through letters to and from her during the turbulent Civil War years and during her days at Chowan College.

My own dear Annie:

Yesterday my heart was made glad by the reception of your most welcome letter and as your father will go to town tomorrow I cannot

let the opportunity pass to send you a letter.

Annie grew up in Hertford County north of Murfreesboro in the Maney's Neck area. Her mother was member of the prominent Slade family of Williamston. Her father was George Brett, headmaster at Buckhorn Academy in Como, N.C.

She attended Chowan, graduating in 1873, and later married a county doctor, Benjamin Franklin Camp, who had established a practice in the Como area. Annie traveled with her husband to central Florida in 1880 when he gave up his medical practice and joined his brothers in the lumber manufacturing business.

Annie and her husband had a family of four boys and four girls, to which they added two nephews and one niece when their parents died in 1902. The boys attended Stetson University and the University of Virginia; the girls attended Hollins College in Virginia.

You must try hard to improve as much as

you can, and be always kind and gentle, and ready to wait on anyone.

The letters which Annie and the members of her family wrote to each other span 72 years and tell of their growing up, the Civil War, their school days, their courtship and marriage days, the births and deaths, the joys and sorrows in good times and bad. There are letters from Annie while she was at Chowan and letters to her from her mother.

Your little sisters are often talking about you and want to see you and your Mother's heart is often with her absent child, hoping she is trying to be a very good girl. Lizzie has written to you and you must write to her soon. We are all well and send much love to you all.

Your Mother

My pen is very poor.

These letters have survived the years in the hands of the various family members and have been collected and published in a 265-page book. A narrative connects the letters which include two sketches, one of Maney's Neck, N.C. and one about the northeast quadrant of Florida where Annie lived.

Annie can be acquired by sending a check for \$22.50 (postage included) for each copy to: Frank Bacon Publishing, 299 W. Lakeview Drive, N.E., Milledgeville, Georgia 31061.



Carol Sexton, (left) and Geraldine Harris, (right), accept a copy of book **Annie** from Frank Bacon and John Council Camp.

Byrd named vice president, Carter is dean of student development

Mary Jo Byrd has been named vice president for student enrollment at Chowan College effective January 13, announced President Jerry Jackson. He announced that Winslow Carter, who has served in that position since 1984 will move to the position of dean of students in the office of student development.



Mary Jo Byrd

"I am delighted to welcome Mary Jo Byrd to the administrative position of vice president at Chowan. She brings to the position many fresh ideas and much experience and insight into the changing field of college student enrollment," said Dr. Jackson.

"This is also a positive move for Winslow Carter who has

served as an outstanding administrator of student enrollment at Chowan since 1983," said the president. "With his counseling background and affection for working with students, he will make an excellent dean of students at Chowan."

Byrd has served as dean of students since August 1, 1990, when she came to Chowan from the administrative staff of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is from Lillington, N. C. and holds the B. S. degree in psychology (summa cum laude), minor in French, from Gardner-Webb College. She holds the master's degree in student personnel services from the University of South Carolina.

She previously served as director of housing at Mars Hill College, assistant to the director of admissions at Campbell University, and as dean of admissions at Tift College in Georgia.

As dean of students at Chowan, Byrd supervised all residence halls and their staffs, stressing the educational nature of residence hall living.

She is married to Dick Rose and they reside in Hertford County.

history and the master's degree in education/guidance and counseling. He served for two years in the Southern Baptist Journeyman program in Kenya, Africa. There he taught African history, geography and English at Mombasa Baptist High School for two years.

At both Chowan and Campbell, Carter was president of the Baptist Student Union and

named to Who's Who lists for outstanding college students. He was a member of the Men's Council and Spanish Club at Chowan, and won the Merit Award and the Silver Feather for service to the campus.

He is married to Harriet Rosser Carter and they reside in Roanoke Rapids and have two children, Emily and Andrew.

On Campus in Brief

Trustees and Visitors enjoyed a joint meeting of those two boards in December. The meeting concluded with buffet dinner at the Ella Cobb Camp President's Home.

Local photographer **Jimmy Belch** displayed wildlife photography in Green Hall Art Gallery in December; **the Tarboro Artist Guild** exhibited a collection of art works which are the "essence of North Carolina in January; and **W6**, a group of artists in Greenville, N.C. displayed works of art throughout the month of February.

The Linden Woodwind Quintet performed in Columns on January 24 as one in a series of outstanding performances held each year at Chowan through the Roanoke-Chowan Community Concert Series.

A Birthday Bash for Mozart was held on January 27 in Daniel Hall featuring pianist **Daniel Hannemann** and flutist **Akal Dev Sharonne**. Students, faculty and community

members enjoyed the performance of artists dressed in period costume and then ate birthday cake for Mozart.

A fast-paced seminar on taking better pictures filled up Marks Hall Auditorium with area photographers on January 29. The event was sponsored by the Krueger School of Graphic Communications and **Kodak**.

The well-known reggae band **AAE** performed in the Braves Den on January 31 for over 200 student lovers of reggae.

A musical journey back to the sounds of the Big Band era was provided by the **U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Command Jazz Ensemble** on February 13.

Students were recognized for academic excellence and presented pins for their achievements at the January 21st **Honors Convocation**. Twelve honorees attained the highest level of President's List with 80 students honored as Dean's List students.



Winslow Carter

Carter is an alumnus of Chowan and Campbell University where he received the B.A. in

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