

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Irby scholarship established

A scholarship fund has been established at Chowan College in memory of Mrs. Luther A. Irby, Jr. by a gift from Luther A. Irby, Jr. of Richmond, Va.

The Irbys were residents of Providence Forge, Va. for many years, and have one son, John Irby, an alumnus of Chowan, class of '62, who is now the assistant principal of the Harry Flood Byrd School in Henrico County.

"I am pleased to present this gift to Chowan College for all that the college did for our son. We have always been interested in Chowan and I am thankful for all the good things the college does for young people," states Irby.

The Mrs. Luther A. Irby, Jr. Scholarship is named for the late Johnnie Adams Irby who was a graduate of Westhampton College, a college within the University of Richmond. She taught English and Latin for three years in the Virginia school system. Her husband, Luther A. Irby, Jr. served as a U. S. Probation Officer for the eastern district of Virginia from 1940 until 1968. He is

a graduate of Richmond College.

Mrs. Irby was known for her extensive gardening, love for reading and for sharing her crafts skills with others. She was an active church worker at the Providence Forge Presbyterian Church and was a member of First Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. Dr. Hal Wallof, pastor of Providence Forge Presbyterian Church, recalls that Mrs. Irby was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

"We are especially grateful for the life of Mrs. Luther Irby and for her husband, Luther A. Irby, Jr. who has established this scholarship in memory of his remarkable wife," states E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development at Chowan. "Mrs. Irby's life, devoted to the service of others, will be an inspiration to our students in their pursuit of higher education at Chowan College."

Scholarship recipients of the Irby scholarship are selected by the Chowan College Scholarship Committee on the basis of merit.



Wachovia Bank of North Carolina has presented a \$5,000 gift to Chowan College for the Wachovia Bank Fund for Excellence, an endowed fund providing assistance with faculty / staff development at the college. Dallas Taylor, city executive with Wachovia in Ahoskie, presented the check to Clayton R. Lewis, director of corporate and foundation relations for Chowan. The fund is designated to provide support for the transition from two-year to four-year status as faculty members pursue additional studies for four-year accreditation.

Baber plans scholarship by will

William Davis Baber, of Silver Spring, Maryland, has pledged through his will to establish the Carl Maurice Baber, Sr. and Estelle Welch Baber Endowed Scholarship at Chowan in memory of his parents.

"I feel strongly in the educational kinds of principles that you find in Christian schools," said Baber.

"There are many kinds of students who need the nurturing that is found in a smaller school like Chowan. As Chowan moves toward four-year status, I can think of no greater tribute to my parents than to respond to the growing needs of Chowan and its diverse student body."

Baber, who grew up in Mount Airy, N.C. is a program manager with the Division of Children and

Youth in the Montgomery County Maryland Department of Family Resources. He has over 20 years of service in the "disability movement" serving as executive director of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Maryland; and in a similar position for the local ARC in Montgomery County and Danbury, Connecticut. He is a Past President of the National Conference of Executive Directors of the Association of Retarded Citizens and a former member of the ARC/US Board of Directors.

His mother, Estelle Welch Baber, from Tyner, N.C., who attended Chowan College and graduated from Carson-Newman College, taught school for over 30 years in North

Carolina. His father, Carl Maurice Baber was employed in state government for a number of years. For these reasons, Baber has designated that the future scholarship go to students who are either: children of public school teachers; children of N. C. state employees; or, in honor of Baber's extensive work with families with members with disabilities, to a student who has a disability or is a sibling of an individual with a disability.

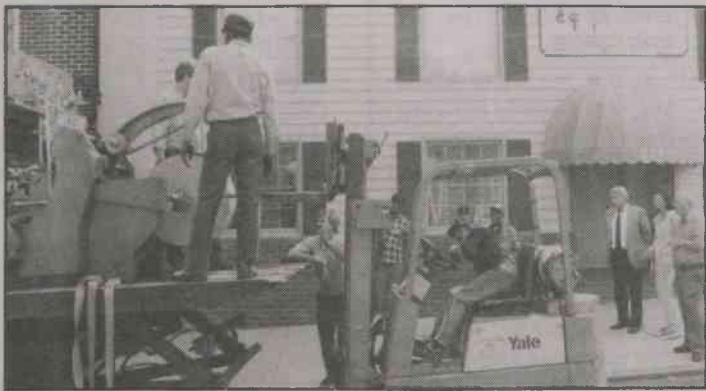
"I feel completely at ease and in comfort in knowing that I can recognize my parents in this way. In all my years of working with people in organizations and businesses, I have never met any two people I respect more than my parents,"

commented Baber.

A graduate of Mars Hill College, he received the master's degree from Springfield College in education with emphasis in community organizations. As a liaison between public and private providers of services to people with disabilities, Baber assists with and advocates for service needs. He staffs numerous interagency committees as well as the Montgomery County Commission on children and youth.

Baber's wife, Rebecca, is a department director for business education and computer science for a high school in the Montgomery County Public Schools. They have two children, Alyson, age 20, and Carlton, age 14 years.

Krueger School growing — new equipment and Forum



From main street to the William Krueger School — A web Forms Press was recently donated by Duffie Graphics of Danville, Va. to the Krueger School of Graphic Communications. This press will be used for instructional purposes in the four-year Printing Production Technology program. Looking on are (L to R) President Gerald Duffie, Vice President Phylliss Crews and production manager, Ray Robinson.

Twenty leading commercial printing industrialists from N.C. and Virginia came to Chowan May 20 for the initial meeting of the Krueger Forum a newly formed group to assist with resource development, enrollment and curriculum for the William A. Krueger School of Graphic Communications.

