

## "Sharing makes great achievements possible"

Chowan College paid special tribute to major benefactors of the college at the second annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner in late May in the President's Dining Room of Thomas Cafeteria. More than a hundred friends and guests attended the program which recognized the role they provide in the life and progress of the college.



**Dr. M. Scott White**  
... an alumnus who participated on appreciation dinner program

Dr. Jerry Jackson, president, presided, and expressed his "genuine and sincere gratitude for the financial resources" provided by the individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations being honored.

"We simply could not maintain our high quality educational program and continue Chowan's return to four-year status were it not for friends such as you," he said.

The Rev. Thomas H. Caulkins, pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist Church, the keynote speaker, told the group of benefactors that "the task of funding this beloved institution would be far more difficult without your loyal support."

Caulkins pointed out the impact of "the educational and cultural contributions Chowan College has made to this area, North Carolina, Virginia, and even beyond." He mentioned the categories of financial support and said "your willingness to share makes possible great achievements" and the progress of Chowan "is testimony to what happens when people share" their resources.

Robert B. Spivey, chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed appreciation to the donors and said "the principal benefit of giving to Chowan College is the satisfaction inherent in supporting the institution in its quest for quality education."

Spivey also recognized individuals and corporations named for the first time in the Gold Circle category, which includes donors of \$50,000 and those who have pledged by an estate gift of

this amount.

Dr. Jackson welcomed new members in the Golden Crown category and presented each a crystal serving tray etched with a drawing of historic McDowell Columns building. Dr. Jackson said the Golden Crown, the highest level of recognition, is given to those "friends who give a minimum of \$100,000 in their lifetime, or pledge by will an estate gift of at least this amount."

Gifts and recognition were also given to new members of the Silver Circle category by O. S. Suiter, Jr., chairman of the college's Board of Visitors. E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, recognized individuals and corporations joining the Founders Club for the first time.

Dr. Andrea Eason, director of academic computing at Chowan, explained the Codicil Club, and recognized 31 individuals giving this level of support to the college. Dr. Eason, who is also a new member of the group, stated that the Codicil Club comprises "those friends of the college who are providing a deferred gift

to Chowan by will, life insurance, or planned gift instrument such as a trust or annuity."

Tilson pointed out that friends of the college in each of the five categories may select from many options the way their gifts are used. He said gifts to the "Annual Fund are not designated for a specific purpose, and the college can direct them to areas of the highest priority.

"Annual Funds gifts are used, in part, to reduce costs to students and defray daily operational expenses and also to purchase books for Whitaker Library," he said.

"Restricted gifts are usually designed to enhance programs of special interest to donors," Tilson noted. "Such gifts may be specified for a scholarship, the general endowment, any academic department, a professorship or chair, and faculty/staff development."

It was also pointed out that restricted gifts may be made to the Friends of the Library, the Braves Club, the Chowan Graphic Arts Foundation, the Chowan College Fine Arts Foundation, or any other funded program associated with the institution.

### Major benefactors honored at Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner



**Dr. Joseph Harkey** receives a gift in recognition of becoming a member of the Codicil Club.

**Dr. Harkey, a professor of English at Virginia Wesleyan College, is a graduate of Chowan, Class of 1955.**

## Grant enables biotechnology experiments in science labs

Through the efforts of James B. Dewar, Jr., associate professor of science, Chowan College has received a grant of \$17,595 to be used for the purchase of equipment in the department of science.

The grant, from North Carolina Biotechnology Center, will be used to acquire equipment for incorporating biotechnology laboratory experiments into five courses. Three colleges, five universities, a school system and a science museum have received grants from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center totaling \$357,565.

The awards were made through the center's education enhancement grants program, which supports curriculum design and implementation, course design, development of instructional materials, faculty education and training, student recruitment, purchase of equipment for education and training and activities that strengthen resources, courses or programs in biotechnology education and training.

The center is a private, non-profit corporation funded by the General Assembly. Its mission is to promote long-term economic development by supporting biotechnology research, business and education through the state.

Biotechnology is a collection of new scientific techniques that use living cells, or parts of living cells, to make products or solve problems.

It has commercial applications in plant and animal agriculture, food processing, pharmaceuticals and diagnostics, environmental cleanup, the chemical industry and many other industries.



**Mrs. Louise Duke, one of the new member of the Codicil Club, receives her gift and recognition from Robert Spivey, chairman of the Board of Trustees.**