

Development

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dance at Chamber of Commerce and other community functions to promote knowledge of the transition.

The second annual Chowan Classic Golf Tournament was held at Beechwood Country Club with a complement of 88 golfers from North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia. The tournament benefitted the General Endowed Scholarship Fund. A new feature added to the '93 Classic was a putting contest sponsored by Art Jones Travel, of Franklin, and USAir. Charles H. Jenkins and Co. provided five hole-in-one prizes.

The second annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner was held in May in the President's Dining Room. One hundred guests attended the gala celebration in recognition of those alumni and friends whose consistent and exceptional generosity undergirds the college's life and work with young people. Individuals receiving the Golden Crown Award give a minimum of \$100,000 during their lifetime or pledge by will an estate gift of at least \$100,000. Individuals receiving the Gold Circle Award give a minimum of \$50,000 during their lifetime or pledge by will an estate gift of at least \$50,000.

Individuals receiving the Silver Circle Award give a minimum of \$25,000 during their lifetime or pledge by will an estate gift of at least \$25,000. Individuals receiving the Founders Club Award give a minimum of \$2,500 during the fiscal year (June 1 to May 31).

A new club was recognized at the 1993 Awards and Appreciation Dinner. Members of the Codicil Club were given a distinguished pin because they have made arrangements for a deferred gift to come to Chowan by will, life insurance, or planned gift instrument such as a trust or annuity. There are currently 30 members of the Codicil Club.

The development program during the fiscal 1992-93 was marked by a discernible enthusiasm for Chowan's future as a four-year college. Chowan is blessed by her many alumni and friends who have always been for the institution a source of strength and pride. As an institution of Christian higher education affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the college family remains most grateful for the support of North Carolina Baptists.

Faculty Focus

An article written by Dr. Carl Garrott, professor of languages and literature, was published in July by the Center for Applied Linguistics. Entitled "Understanding the Haitian Student: Resources for the French Instructor", the article will also be included in *Resources in Education* after completion of the abstract and microfilming.

Dr. David Gowler, professor of religion, has been chosen as the external examiner for a thesis submitted by a student at the University of Melbourne. Another volume edited by Gowler in the *Emory Studies in Christianity* series has been published and he is scheduled to review four additional books later this year.

A paper by Dr. Ken Craig, assistant professor of religion, entitled "Esther Reconsidered: A Case for the Literary Carnavalesque", has been accepted to be read in the Semiotics and Exegesis section at the National Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Washington, DC.

Betty Batchelor, associate professor of English, participated in the program, "Religion and Politics in England from Henry VII to Oliver Cromwell" at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

A prayer . . . as Chowan re-opens a chapter in history

Lord, we begin this new academic and fiscal year perhaps more fortunate, more favored, more blessed than we may acknowledge.

We thank thee for these our chosen circumstances in which we delight:

For the institution called Chowan which provides us fulfilling work and meaningful relationships;

For the adults called Chowan, all of whom are called to labor unselfishly, with the best of intentions, to further this noble cause established October 11, 1848, with 47 students registered;

For the students called Chowan without whom we could not exist and for whom we are to give ourselves unreservedly, unconditionally, passionately,

We thank thee . . .

For the promise, the expectation which comes from beginnings;

For the chance to call forth from within us, whatever the hue of our individual histories, a renewed commitment to collegiality and mutual respect exercised both in work and deed;

For the once in a lifetime opportunity, in the administration of our sacred trust, in the teaching of our every class, in the performance of our various tasks, and in each decision made, to give the first senior class at Chowan in 57 years a season class members will neither merely remember nor endure but cherish.

We pray, then, Lord, with hearts and minds desiring for ourselves and willing to do unto others the work of Christ, which is: peace, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, understanding, compassion, dignity, respect, honesty, healing, affirmation, trust.

Grant us in these demanding days spirits determined to do what is just and fair by one another and for the larger good of the institution.

As we begin today to reopen a chapter closed in 1937, we pray . . .

For new students who may be intimidated by Chowan and who may find campus an awkward challenge; remind us of such moments in our own lives, and prompt us to provide newcomers friendly guidance even when our patience may wear thin;

We also remember members of the senior class who may be intimidated at the prospect of leaving Chowan; may our reassurance prepare them for that adjustment from college to marketplace;

And we pray for all those returning students "in between" these transitions that we, who find ourselves on occasion "in between" in life, may help them with a particular empathy.

With thankful hearts, we pray your sustaining grace and abiding strength:

Upon faculty in whose trust resides the very essence of the college;

Upon staff members who conscientiously and routinely perform miracles;

Upon administrators called to supportive service and long hours and without whom there would be less for all;

Upon the president to whom the Trustees of the college expect a vested interest in the long range well-being and effectiveness of the institution necessitating hard choices and difficult decisions;

Upon members of the cafeteria, housekeeping and maintenance staffs who feed us well and maintain for us a campus admired by all and the envy of many;

Upon alumni and friends, far and wide, for whom Chowan has always been a source of pride and joy.

Upon us all, O Lord, bring an awareness of the resurrection call to each of us as members of an enterprise purposed as "Christian" to lift up.

Lord, we pray your grace upon our personal lives as we acknowledge our individual needs.

When I am discouraged, renew my spirit, for my contribution is appreciated by many in ways I would never imagine;

If I am tired, renew my strength in the knowledge that I spend myself in a worthy cause when so many in the world never know such sweet exhaustion;

Where I have victories, where I rejoice in my labors and over the fruits thereof, remind me that Chowan is a place more suited to such satisfaction and accomplishment than to strife and discord;

When I may be impulsive, restrain me to measured thought;

If I am judgmental, at least deliver me from cant and hypocrisy that my yea may be yea and my nay nay;

Where I feel disenfranchised, bring your comfort to bear on my feelings and spare my being consumed inwardly by circumstances beyond my control;

Free me from pride that makes acknowledgement of wrong difficult;

Give me the grace to back away from earlier positions with the coming of fresh light;

Teach me, Lord, the lessons, the opportunities, the advantages of collegiality.

and, finally . . .

Let thy love so prevail in my life and in the life and ministry of this academic community THAT EACH MAY COUNT THE OTHER PRECIOUS and all of us together erect within this campus, and beyond, a testimony to the Chowan motto LUX ET VERITAS—truth and light—which sets us free to begin anew and start afresh in spirit, in attitude, in word and deed.

May this be our prayer, O Lord.

AMEN.

(The above prayer was offered by E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, at the faculty/staff picnic dinner at the beginning of the fall semester.)

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