

Death claims W. A. Krueger, benefactor

William A. Krueger, Sr., in whose honor the Krueger School of Graphic Communications was named, died at his home in Ft. Lauderdale, FLA, on Sept. 10, 1993.

Possessing a life-long interest in furthering the careers of young people through a college education, Krueger made the largest single contribution in the history of the college to endow the printing program at Chowan.

Krueger was the father of four children: Donald Krueger of Milwaukee; Maryann Hartman of Dallas; Lyle Krueger of Chicago; and William A. Krueger, of Saratoga Springs, New York. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Krueger started his company during the Depression years in Milwaukee, with a \$7,000 investment.

A true pioneer in color printing, his company was one of the first to own a four-color press. He started a "micro color" division and was awarded the contract to print *Arizona Highways*, which gained a reputation of being one of the most beautiful color magazines in the west.

By the time of his retirement in 1970, Krueger had a total of eight printing plants and owned the largest web press west of the Mississippi. One of his plants was devoted to printing paperback books. Half of the Mississippi plant was reserved for the printing of the prestigious *National Geographic*.

He demonstrated on numerous occasions his interest in helping to train young men and women for careers in printing.

Krueger expressed the belief that "printing is a great career for young people" and he wanted to "help them find the joy and satisfaction" he had found in printing.

At the dedication services in November, 1990, to name Chowan's printing school in his honor, Krueger stated that he was "happy to help Chowan College," which he said was "doing a good job in helping young people prepare for careers in printing."

Chowan's Class of 1962

Alumnus named National Art Educator of the Year

George V. "Bucky" Wise, educational specialist for art in Henrico County (VA) Public Schools, has been named the National Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

Wise, a native of Murfreesboro, received an associate of arts degree from Chowan in 1962. He was awarded a bachelor of fine arts degree in art education by Virginia Commonwealth University in 1966.

The NAEA's choice as Regional Art Educator of the Year in 1993 and State Art Educator of the Year in 1992, Wise was honored at the association's national conference in Baltimore. The award recognizes exemplary contributions, service and achievements in the field.

Following his graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University, Wise taught art at Highland Springs High School for 20 years before moving to the school division's central office in 1986.

He coordinates the art programs in all 53 Henrico schools, supervising curriculum development and classroom instruction and coordinating community art displays.

Wise is currently serving as president of the Virginia Art Education Association (VAEA).

As an artist, Wise received an award of merit



George V.
"Bucky"
Wise

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in the 1992 NAEA Electronic Gallery exhibition, and has earned a best-of-show and two first-place awards in the Virginia Art Education Association exhibits since 1989.

Wise said his mother's influence was the deciding factor in his choosing art education as a career.

"My mother was very concerned that I had exposure to the arts," he said. "She made sure that my brother and I had voice and art lessons. We both played football, but had a background in the arts."

When he began coordinating the arts program in Henrico schools, Wise said his biggest problem was "rallying teachers around the idea of teaching the arts in away that would be fun for the students."

As a result, the arts are now a central part of the elementary education program in Henrico schools.

Wise gives much credit to the individual teachers in the arts program who develop their own curricula. "That way," he said, "they have some ownership in the program and they believe in it."

Under his leadership, several Henrico teachers have won state awards at different levels. One of the most recent was the Art Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Art Education Association.

One of Wise's teachers described him as "extremely positive and supportive." Another art teacher testified that "he is the best art supervisor I have ever worked under and he works just as hard as his staff does."

Wise, and his wife, Jane, are the parents of two children: George V. "Trip", III, 27, and Joye, 21.

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