

Special program honors college's major benefactors

Special recognition and tributes were paid to major benefactors of Chowan College at the third annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner in May. With Dr. Jerry F. Jackson presiding, the festive banquet was held in the President's Dining Room of Thomas Cafeteria. More than 100 friends and guests attended.

Dr. Jackson expressed appreciation for the support of individuals, business, corporations, foundations and other benefactors of the "role you play in the life and progress of this college."

Dr. Thomas H. McGuire, Jr., executive director of the A. J. Fletcher Foundation of Raleigh, was the keynote speaker and noted that "support for education here at Chowan College represents all that is good and meaningful in philanthropy."

McGuire pointed out the "importance of our private colleges and our responsibility in maintaining their special place in higher education."

"We must continue," he said, "through scholarships and other institutional support, to make Chowan affordable and accessible to all who are qualified and desire what the college has to offer."

The Fletcher Foundation provides financial assistance for scholarships and institutional development to almost 50 institutions of higher learning.

Mrs. Elaine E. Myers, chair of the Board of Trustees, recognized the donors and expressed appreciation and gratitude in behalf of the governing board.

One of the new categories of donor support was introduced by Mrs. Kate M. Allen, an alumna of the Class of 1929 and a current member of the Board of Trustees. The "Distinguished Recognition for Philanthropy" honors friends of the college who give at least \$1,000,000 during their lifetime or pledge by will an estate gift of at least this amount.

Dr. Jackson announced the names of those benefactors receiving the "Godwin Cotton Moore Achievement Award" in recognition of their contribution of at least \$500,000 during a lifetime or an estate gift of at least this amount.

The chairman of the Board of Visitors, Charles H. Albritton, III, of Hookerton, presented the "Archibald McDowell Benevolence Award" to those friends of the college who have given a minimum of \$250,000 during their lifetime or pledged by will an estate gift of this amount.

New members of the Golden Crown group, who have given at least \$100,000 or pledged an estate gift of this amount, were recognized and presented engraved gifts by James W. Mason, a member of the Board of Trustees and vice chairman of the executive committee.

Robert B. Spivey, mayor of Windsor and a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented gifts to new members of the Gold Circle. William Meekins, Jr., chairman of the Board of Visitors' executive committee, recognized new members of the Silver Circle.

New members of the Bronze Circle were



Mrs. Kate Allen, a trustee, left, and Otis Vaughan, both of Weldon, speak with Mrs. Elaine E. Myers, chair of the Board of Trustees, following the appreciation banquet.

recognized and presented gifts by Mrs. Jenny T. Eakin, assistant professor of mathematics, while R. Clayton Lewis, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, recognized new members of the Founders Club.

Gifts and recognition was also given to new members of the Legacy Society by Braxton Britt, a member of the Board of Visitors. Britt explained that the Legacy Society is made up of "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."

E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, said that friends of the college in each of the categories may select from many options the way their gifts are used.

"Annual Fund gifts are not designated for a specific purpose," he noted, "and the college

may direct them to areas of the highest priority.

"Annual Fund gifts are used, in part, to reduce costs to students and defray daily operational expenses and also to purchase books for the library," he continued.

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

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

Fecho gets '94 Excellence in Teaching Award; to serve as Faculty Marshal

Mrs. Susan B. Fecho, associate professor of art, was awarded the 1994 Excellence in Teaching Award during graduation exercises in May. The announcement of the recipient, made by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, vice president for academic affairs, is one of the highlights of the annual ceremonies.

Mrs. Fecho's identical twin sister, Mary Barbe, also received an excellence in teaching award from Temple University in Philadelphia on the same day.

Fecho and her sister, however, teach in different fields. Mary Barbe attended the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine in Winston-

Salem, and teaches physical therapy at Temple University.

In making the presentation, Lowe noted that the recipient of the teaching award is chosen by the faculty of the college. "Selection is based on such factors as dedication to the profession and to students," he said, "as well as effectiveness as a teacher, continued professional growth and availability to students during and beyond regular office hours."

"Mrs. Fecho has certainly exemplified the qualities and characteristics for the teaching excellence award," Lowe continued.

The recipient of the award serves as Faculty Marshal for the subsequent year and delivers the devotional at commencement exercises. The marshal also leads the faculty processions for convocations and other special occasions.

Fecho, who serves as head of the Division of Art, joined the Chowan faculty in 1987. Her husband currently serves on the college's Board of visitors.

She was awarded her undergraduate degree and the Master's of Fine Arts by East Carolina University, and she has completed further study at East Tennessee State University and Western Carolina University.

The Chowan teaching award was inaugurated in 1986. Past recipients include William Sowell, printing technology; Mrs. Betty Batchelor, English; Mrs. Phyllis Dewar, science; Mrs. Esther Whitaker, religion; Dr. Earl Parker, religion; Dr. Carl Garrott, language and literature; Dr. Kenneth Wolfskill, English; and Mrs. Sissy Eakin, mathematics.



William Baber, center, and Harry Coker, both of Silver Spring, MD, chat with Tommy Davis of Ahoskie.

Identical twin sister wins similar award on same day at another institution