

Chowan is a family affair for Sowell

Bill Sowell has made Chowan a family affair.

In the late 1950s and shortly after Sowell began his teaching career, one of the students in the School of Graphic Arts was June Tucker of Moyock, who had enrolled as a teletypesetter major.

As the months passed, a relationship developed and the couple was married on Sept. 1, 1955.

The Sowells are now the parents of three children and they also have three grandchildren.

William B. Sowell, Jr., ("Berry") is a graduate with the Class of 1977. He is now a hospital administrator in Dothan, Alabama.

Wanda Jean Rawlin was a member of the Class of 1982 and she will be making her home in Hawaii for the next several years where he husband is in the Navy.

Richard J. Sowell ("Ricky") received his associate degree from Chowan with the Class of 1990. After the college resumed four-year status, Ricky returned to complete the four-year printing program with the Class of 1995. He is currently employed with a major printing firm in Springfield, Virginia.

The three grandchildren are not yet old enough for college — but don't be surprised if they, too, continue the Sowell tradition and become Chowan College alumni.

Teaching career one of distinction

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Today, the School of Graphic Communications is one of the best equipped schools of printing and located in a modern 20,000 sq. ft. structure which was designed and constructed for the teaching of printing technology.

Sowell's 40-year career as a printing instructor has been one of distinction. In 1986, he was recognized for his outstanding contribution to the teaching profession and was awarded Chowan's first Excellence in Teaching Award during the annual commencement exercises.

The students of the college dedicated *The Chowanoka*, the college yearbook, to Sowell in 1967 and said "he gives unselfishly of his talents and time to his students and to his alma mater."

When asked what he most enjoyed about teaching, Sowell said "my greatest reward was being able to prepare young men and women for employment and help them become successful in the business world and good citizens in their communities."

Sowell has been listed in a number of national publications in recognition of his teaching achievements including "Outstanding Young Men of the South" and "Who's Who in Education in the South."

He has been a very actively involved in the Murfreesboro community since his student days at Chowan. He has served as a Boy Scoutmaster, Little League coach and has served twice as president of the Murfreesboro Exchange Club. In 1967 he was the recipient of the "Exchange of the Year Award" and he was honored by the local newspaper as "Citizen of the Week."

In other community activities, Sowell is a life-time honorary member of the Murfreesboro Rescue Squad in recognition of his 10 years of faithful service which included a term as president. He is a Mason, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

An active member of the Murfreesboro Methodist Church, Sowell has served as a Sunday School teacher, a lay leader and a member of the adult choir.

Throughout his four decades of teaching printing technology, Sowell has participated in professional organizations. He is a member of the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation, the Printing Industry of the Carolinas, the North Carolina Press Association and the N. C. Press Association's Production Conference.

Sowell quickly admits that he has "very mixed emotions" about his forthcoming retirement. "But I'm going to enjoy catching up on my fishing and golf," he says.

Faculty/Staff Focus

Susan B. Fecho, assistant professor of art and head of the division of art, has been granted a leave of absence for the 1995-96 academic year.

Dr. David Gowler, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, has been awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the seminar, "Bible and Literature in Bakhtinian Perspective: The Sacred, The Profane, and the Secular," which will be held at Yale University during the summer.

Dr. Joyce Elliott, professor of speech, and Dr. Garth D. Faile, professor of science, participated in the Quiz Bowl activities held earlier this year at Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Ahoskie.

The Department of Science will host the third annual Youth Scholars Program July 9-28. This program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Anita Gaskins, of New Bern, will join the staff in August as Assistant in Printing Production. A member of the Class of 1995, she received the bachelor's degree in printing production and imaging technology on May 13 and was also recognized as the "Best All Around" student on Awards Day.

Mrs. Camle Nicholson, assistant professor of music, was a judge for the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival for students at East Carolina University, Greenville, in February.

Dr. Ken Wolfskill, chairman of the Department of Languages and Literature, has been chosen to review *A Common Sense Handbook* and *Guide for Writers* for Harper/Collins Publishers.

The Department of Music and the Roanoke-Chowan Piano Teachers Association co-sponsored the Annual Piano Festival Honors Recital in Daniel Hall earlier this semester.

Dr. Brenda Gordon, assistant professor of language and literature, delivered a paper at the Comparative Drama Conference at the University of Florida in late March.

Krueger School receives computer software gift

New computer software for color calibration and exposure has been donated to the Krueger School of Graphic Communications. Washington Printing Supplies of Greensboro, was instrumental in coordinating the donation from the Graphic Systems Division of Fuji Film U.S.A., Inc.

Dean Gilbert, associate professor, said the "Tweak software allows the user to adjust a PostScript-based imagesetting system for accurate color reproduction."

"We are very grateful to Fuji and Washington Printing Supplies for supporting our program," he said. "It is this type of support that keeps our students current with the technology that prospective employers are most interested."

The Department of Printing Production and Imaging Technology serves approximately 100 students in all major areas of printing production.

Faculty, staff members participate in various activities

Software will be used in courses related to color calibration



LEADERS OF ACTIVE CAMPUS GROUP—The Chowan Ambassadors, one of the most active service organizations on campus, installed officers for the 1995-96 academic year at a festive banquet just prior to the spring semester. Elected to serve are, left to right: Jeremy Funk of Baltimore, MD, vice president; Teri Bodine of Felton, DE, secretary and treasurer; and Greg English of Portsmouth, VA, president. Other officers will be elected or appointed following the opening of the fall term in late August.