

Commemoration services highlight renovation, refurbishing of Daniel Hall

The memories and many contributions to Chowan College of Jeannette Snead Daniel and her husband, Walter Eugene Daniel, were celebrated April 25 when commemoration services were held in the recently renovated and refurbished Daniel Hall.

The building—named in honor of Jeannette Snead Daniel who was a member of the 1885-86 Chowan College faculty — was refurbished through the generosity of the couple's descendants.

Currently housing the Department of Fine Arts and its Division of Music, Daniel Hall was dedicated September 12, 1968. Its construction was made possible largely by gifts of the late Dr. Donald Snead Daniel, of Richmond, on behalf of himself and his brothers and sisters, to honor the memory of his mother.

The refurbishing of the facility was made possible by contributions of the Daniel descendants following a family reunion held on campus in March 1993.

E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, said "we are, indeed, delighted and so very grateful to the Daniel family for their most significant contribution to improve the structure which carries their family name."

Improvements to Daniel Hall include the renovation of a practice room for choral groups, an energy-saving entrance, a redecorated and refurbished lobby, refurbished classrooms for students, an electronic music studio, an expanded music library, freshly painted and retiled hallways, classrooms and offices and carpeted stair landings.

Structural improvements were new heating and air-conditioning systems and extensive repairs to the roof.

Landscaping around Daniel Hall was also provided by funds gifted during the campaign.



Mrs. Ella Ann Holding, left, is greeted and congratulated by Dr. Jackson following her recital in Daniel Hall. Mrs. Holding was accompanied to the reception at the Ella Cobb Camp President's Home by Mrs. Shirley Brown, center.

Emily Fisher and Narcissa Titman, co-chairs of the Daniel campaign, said "this is our way to give back to the region which has given us support and our roots. This is a way of paying you back."

The commemoration services began at noon when family members and their spouses gathered for a reception in Ward Parlor and then were guests at a luncheon in the President's Dining Room of Thomas Cafeteria.

Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president of the college, presided at the afternoon's commemoration services. E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, recognized the Daniel family members and other special guests after a prayer was given by Mrs. Charles R. Daniel, Sr.

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Chair, Board of Trustees

Trustees, told the Daniel family "you have given us a lot of hope . . . you have accomplished much. We are indebted to your generosity and kindness."

"This is a good day for the arts," said Dr. James M. Chamblee, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts. "The visual arts have survived because of a few courageous persons and we have been twice blessed by the Daniel family."

Words of appreciation were also brought by James Eason, vice chairman of the Board of Visitors.

Charles R. Daniel, Jr., an editorial cartoonist with *The Knoxville News Sentinel*, responded on behalf of the Daniel family.

The unveiling of the commemorative plaque was by Mrs. Emily Fisher and Dr. Donald S. Daniel, Jr. Dr. Jackson presented both Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Hargroves miniature reproductions of the commemorative plaque and an engraved paperweight.

Following an open house which concluded the commemoration services, Mrs. Ella Ann Holding, a renowned pianist and the first artist-in-residence of Campbell University, presented a concert in the recital hall.

A featured performer on the Albany Records' recording of chamber works of North Carolina composer laureate Hunter Johnson, Mrs.



Dr. Jerry Jackson, left, proudly views the commemorative plaque which was unveiled by Mrs. Emily Fisher and Dr. Donald S. Daniel, Jr.



Mrs. Charles R. Daniel, Sr., (left) of Weldon and a daughter-in-law of the late Jeannette Snead Daniel, delivered the prayer at the commemorative luncheon.

Holding has performed as a soloist at the Spoleto Festival and with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry F. Jackson hosted the Daniel family members and friends of the college at a reception and dinner at the Ella Cobb Camp President's Home. The day's formal activities concluded with the annual Spring Concert of Chowan's band and choir in Turner Auditorium following the reception.



Members of the Daniel family and other guests packed the recital hall for the commemoration services.