

Classmates renew friendships formed while students

Jeneil Vance Parker, a native of Murfreesboro, attended Chowan College as a day student in the summer of 1965. On the fourth of July, a car accident put her in Southampton Memorial Hospital in nearby Franklin, Virginia, and made her return to Saint Mary's Junior College in Raleigh out of the question.

Educational speaking Chowan helped to save Jeneil's life. A productive year at Chowan helped Jeneil get on the academic Dean's List and to stay there in subsequent semesters.

Also Chowan provided Jeneil an avenue for expression with creative writing conducted by Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris and to continue an interest in drama with backstage work with Mrs. Edith Larson and the Chowan drama department.

From Chowan, Jeneil transferred to North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount where she continued her interests in creative writing by co-editing THE MUSE. She worked backstage with the drama department and made the Dean's List while pursuing her undergraduate degree.

Jeneil declared English as her major area of study and in the fall of 1967 she moved out of the freshman dormitory (where all transfer students were placed at the time) and moved into the senior dormitory with a Rotary International Exchange Student from Goteborg, Sweden, Elisabeth Warrby, who was equally thrilled to be getting out of the freshman dorm.

In July of 1995, Jeneil and Elisabeth had their fourth reunion since 1967, when the reunited in Murfreesboro. Nearly all welcoming gifts Jeneil presented to Elisabeth were inspired by Jeneil's connection with Chowan, both past and present.

Jeneil gave Elisabeth an autographed copy of Suzanne Britt's college of essays called Show and Tell. Suzanne was formerly a great lecturer at Marks Hall and held writing workshops with students for the English department at Chowan. She was then a feature writer with *The News and Observer* in Raleigh. She is currently a member of the English faculty at Meredith College in Raleigh.

The inaugural recipient of the Mary Frances Hobson Prize at Chowan was the well-known writer from Rocky Mount, Kaye Gibbons. Jeneil, also, presented Elisabeth with an

Jeneil Parker, right, and her college roommate from Sweden, Elisabeth Warrby, are pictured with Miss Barbara Hird, noted actress, when they visited Manteo to see "The Lost Colony."



autographed copy of Gibbons' Charms for the Easy Life.

Also in 1995 at Chowan College, Jeneil had seen the popular, one-woman drama Elizabeth R, which was written, produced and directed by Lebame Houston. When Elisabeth was making plans to come to the United States for the first two weeks in July, she expressed her desire to again see *The Lost Colony* on Roanoke Island in Manteo, NC. She remembered a wonderful trip to the Outer Banks in 1967 and wanted to return. Jeneil contacted Miss Hird, who plays Queen Elizabeth in the outdoor drama, and arranged for a backstage tour for Elisabeth and herself prior to the performance. Dr. Jim Chamblee, chairman of the Department of

Music at Chowan, and a former cast member in *The Lost Colony*, provided complimentary tickets for some of the best sets in the theatre.

While in Murfreesboro, Jeneil arranged a riding tour of historic Murfreesboro with Edna Hammell. Elisabeth loved the college, the history and stories of the architects and design of the campus and McDowell Columns building. While still being a resident of Murfreesboro, Jeneil learned things about the campus she had never known before that just enhance the Chowan College experience for her. Elisabeth, an international media consultant, Warrby and Partners AB of Goteborg, Sweden, received gifts and many wonderful stories and experiences inspired by Chowan College.

Leeman Lamb, Class of 1965

Alumnus promoted to Senior Inspector by N. C. State's Public Safety group

Leeman D. Lamb ('65) has been promoted to the position of Senior Inspector by the Public Safety Fire Protection Division of North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

In his new position, Lamb will be responsible for supervising three full-time inspectors, 12 part-time housing inspectors, two office assistants and 25 student volunteers.

The Fire Protection Division is responsible for emergency response on the NCSU campus to fires, fire alarm activations, hazardous material incidents, injured and sick persons. The division is also responsible for teaching classes on public safety to students, faculty, staff and other interested persons.

Lamb has received several awards at NCSU including "Employee of the Month," "110%

Employment Performance Award, "Employee Spotlight," "Chancellor's Commendation," and the "Public Safety Life Saving Award." He also received recognition for distinguished performance to the university and the department of public safety.



Leeman Lamb

A former resident of Murfreesboro, Lamb swerved on both the Murfreesboro Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He is a certified CPR instructor and is also qualified to teach infectious disease control.

Lamb is married to the former Jean Newsome, who graduated with the Class of 1966, who teaches at Fuquay Varina

Elementary School. The couple has one son, Lee, who is employed by Wake medical Center and is a paramedic student at Wake Technical Community College.

Responsible for emergency response to NCSU campus safety alarms

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