

## Cal Bryant, Class of '73, wins three awards for newspaper work

Calvin Bryant, Class of 1973, was the recipient of three prestigious awards in three separate categories at the 1995 North Carolina Press Association's News-Editorial and Photojournalism Contest.

Bryant and other winners in the contest were honored at a special editorial awards ceremony in Chapel Hill in late January. North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., made the presentations at the William & Ida Friday Continuing Education Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina. A reception honoring the winners followed the presentation ceremonies.

Currently the sports editor and photographer for Park Newspapers of northeastern North Carolina, Bryant won first place honors in both feature photography and sports writing, as well as a third place award in sports columns.

Working out of the offices of *The News-Herald* in Ahoskie, Bryant is a frequent contributor to *Chowan Today* with feature articles on Chowan's athletic programs.

Park General Manager Joe Vaughan said, "Cal is an outstanding photographer and writer and he is a real asset to this newspaper company. He was long overdue in receiving recognition for his ability."

CAL BRYANT

... sports editor of local newspaper



Vaughan continued, "Unfortunately, no plaque can truly reflect a person's commitment to his community or service to his fellowman. Cal often goes beyond his professional responsibilities to make a difference in the lives of young people living in the Roanoke-Chowan area. There is no award that honors such dedication, but he certainly has my gratitude."

The award-winning photograph was one Bryant made of a tug-of-war contest during a

local high school field day. His sports story was a preview of the Hertford versus Bertie High School football game. The sports column award was for three entries culled from a large collection of Bryant's weekly "Cal's Corner."

Bryant maintained that his recognition came with help and assistance from many of his friends and associates.

"The awards were due to the team concept used at *The News-Herald*," the award winner said, "and also for the outstanding athletic talent and great leadership of area coaches."

Bryant has been associated with newspaper work since 1973, except for a two-year stint with the North Carolina Forest Service.

He is a 1971 graduate of Northampton County High School and a 1973 graduate of Chowan College with an associate's degree in graphic arts. Bryant was named sports editor of *The News-Herald* in 1989 after working in pre-production areas for a number of years.

After receiving the three awards, Bryant said, "It is the understanding of a proverbial sports widow, my wife Deborah, that has allowed me to spend countless hours away from my family in order to fulfill the demands placed upon me to cover the athletic events in our area."

**Captures two first place awards and one third place in state newspaper contest**

## Alumni notes ...

### CLASS OF 1959

Elton Manning Roberson is teaching at East Wake High School in Wendell, NC, where he also has served as varsity football coach for 30 years and coached golf for 26 years. His first wife passed away in 1993 and he re-married in 1995. Roberson, who plans to retire in June, and his wife, Patricia Griswold Roberson, have four married sons and two grandchildren.

### CLASS OF 1963

Jimmy Thad Hodges has completed 30 years with Beaufort County Schools (NC) and plans to retire in June, 1996.

Charles Lee Edwards is now principal of Coleridge Elementary School in Coleridge, NC.

### CLASS OF 1967

Benjamin C. Herndon, Jr., is athletic director at Chancellor High School in Spotsylvania County, VA. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for 26 years and they have one daughter, Erin, age 14.

### CLASS OF 1969

Tom Ballance is teaching at Norfolk (VA) Christian High School. He is also a member of the five year planning committee for the school and president-elect of the Chowan Alumni Association.

### CLASS OF 1970

Harold Babb is professor and chairman of the department of marketing at the University of Richmond. He is a former Fulbright-Hayes Scholar to Asia and was named the Tiller Distinguished Professor in Business at Richmond. Babb has authored several papers on international marketing and is a partner/owner of Matrix Capital Markets Group, Inc. He and his wife, June (Slater) ('70), reside in Richmond.

### CLASS OF 1972

Herb Hirzel is now president of City Window Cleaning, Inc., and APEX Pressure Cleaning Systems in Wilmington, DE. After graduating from Chowan, Hirzel received a BS in marketing from the University of Delaware in 1977 and an MBA from Wilmington College in 1985. He served as the 1992 president of the Interna-

tional Window Cleaning Association that represents over 300 member companies in 12 countries. The association promotes a better understanding and professional image of the window cleaning industry with government agencies, standards, writing committees, insurance companies, building owners and managers. Hirzel lives in Wilmington with his wife and four children.



Herb Hirzel

### CLASS OF 1975

Frank Nucaro is assistant football coach of Valhalla High School where his 1995 squad was the first undefeated team in the school's history. Nucaro also serves as head coach of the varsity wrestling team and won "Coach of the Year" honors for wrestling last year.

### CLASS OF 1982

Mary Lou Drake was married to Eddie N. Bulls III on February 14, 1996 and they currently live in Courtland, VA. Mary is employed in Chowan College's Office of Development as secretary to the director of alumni services, and Eddie is associated with Franklin Equipment Company of Franklin, VA.

### CLASS OF 1984

Bill Waters and Laura Crum were married in July 1987 and moved to Lawrenceville, GA, the following year. Bill has been working for Rohrer Corporation, a package printing firm that employs several other Chowan alumni. Laura returned to school to become a licensed practical nurse and is now completing the requirements for a bachelor's degree in nursing. Laura has worked in home health services for the past five years. The couple lives in Suwanee, GA.

### CLASS OF 1985

Michelle Shaver-Payne, and her husband, Joseph, are the proud parents of a son, Cian Marshall Ahrens, born on Feb. 6, 1996. They currently live in Sparks, Nevada.

## Death claims Chowan's first male student

Walter R. Dudley, the first male to enroll as a student at Chowan College, died at his home in Raleigh, NC, in December.

A native of Portsmouth, VA, Dudley graduated from Chowan with the Class of 1937, the last class to receive baccalaureate degrees until the college resumed four-year status several years ago.

The son of the late Charles Wesley Dudley and Clara Mae Worrell Dudley, he was born on March 24, 1914. Following his graduation from Chowan, he studied law at Wake Forest University and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received both his master's and doctoral degrees.

Beginning his career as teacher and coach in Moncure, VA, Dudley served as principal in Bonlee and superintendent of schools in Red Spring and Chatham County. At his retirement, he was director of the division of superintendents of the NCAE.

Dudley was an active member of Raleigh's Hayes-Barton Baptist Church and the Trinity Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Taylor Dudley; a daughter, Jean Dudley Bower; a son, Walter Rae Dudley, Jr.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Hayes-Barton Baptist Church with burial in Raleigh Memorial Park.

## In Memoriam

Helen Rountree Aswell

Class of 1931

Suffolk, Virginia

November 13, 1995

**Graduated with Class of 1937—the last class to receive baccalaureate degrees before 1994**