

## Criminal Justice joins Chowan's program lineup

Following months of extensive examination and discussion, Chowan faculty voted May 7 to add a criminal justice program to the ranks of its 4-year majors.

Criminal justice is an interdisciplinary, professionally-oriented program that is primarily concerned with understanding the nature and effects of criminal behavior and of social reactions to and prevention of crime.

As a wide-ranging, integrative program, criminal justice contributes positively to the college's mission and curriculum. It blends quality academic study with effective career preparation and has vital connections with other disciplines such as business, sociology, psychology, science, history, political science and information technology.

The criminal justice program at Chowan will concentrate on many aspects of the nature, causes, extent, consequences and prevention of crime, as well as the workings of the criminal justice system. This major will provide students with in-depth exposure to the justice system, including law

enforcement, detention, the judiciary, social services, corrections and probation and parole. It also will provide a solid background in the theory, issues and methodology comprising criminology.

A discipline that attracts more and more students, criminal justice graduates are increasingly in demand by employers. For example, the 1998 survey of the National Research Center for College and University Admissions indicates that law enforcement ranks 10th out of the top 65 top career choice preferences for incoming students, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there will be a 36% increase in job growth in the field through the year 2005.

Members of the department of social science report that interest has been high among their advisees for a criminal justice major. For several years, a growing number of students have been expressing interest in such fields as probation, correction, law enforcement and work with juvenile offenders.

Austine Evans, vice president for student enrollment, agrees. "Staff members who are in

frequent contact with prospective students have reported to me for the last several years that prospects have mentioned criminology/criminal justice frequently as the major that they wish to pursue in college. My strong sense is that criminology has been the most often mentioned major that is not among our offerings at Chowan."

David Gowler, assistant dean for academic affairs, notes that the new criminal justice program is a "quality academic program that will not only attract more students to the college, but will also provide its graduates with many employment opportunities."

Criminal justice helps to prepare students for a variety of career options in federal, state, local and private fields, as well as for further graduate or professional education (e.g., criminal justice, social work, law).

Like other social science majors, undergraduate criminal justice majors are also employed in non-crime sectors such as health and social services, community work and in federal, state, and local governments.

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## Ahoskie Woman's Club unveils new scholarship

Featuring a prison band from Raleigh, the Ahoskie Woman's Club held their first scholarship fundraiser for Chowan College during the late 1940s. Benefits from the modest concert began decades of saving for the organization.

From that humble beginning, club members began to donate monies to scholarship accounts through various fundraisers and memorials to loved ones.

At one time, the organization turned to publishing to raise money. Lillian "Miss Lil" Boyette, a charter member who served as chaplain of the club for many years, enjoyed utilizing poetry in her devotions. Through club sponsorship, "Miss Lil's" favorite sayings and poetry were published into a book that became a major fundraiser for the Lillian Boyette Scholarship.

Over the years, the Chowan College and Lillian Boyette accounts grew through investments. According to Gertrude Myers, club president, accumulated interest was allocated annually for two scholarship presentations to deserving students.

Recently, the club formed a special committee,

chaired by Becky Carter, to study the scholarship funds.

During special presentations to Chowan College May 21, the organization presented \$17,000 in the Chowan College Scholarship fund and \$12,000 in the Lil Boyette Scholarship fund to President Stan Lott, Jerry Holcomb, chairman of the board of trustees and E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development.

Carter praised Woman's Club members, "In every way we should thank ourselves, the club members, and those before us, for the decision to give our time and money to such a worthy cause."

Lott acknowledged that "the gift further binds the friendship between the Ahoskie Woman's Club and Chowan College."

The Ahoskie Woman's Club Scholarship will provide assistance to a Hertford County resident (preferably female) and the Ahoskie Woman's Club Lillian C. Boyette Scholarship will help a male or female resident of Hertford, Bertie, Gates or Northampton County who is preferably interested in teacher education.



President Stan Lott accepts \$30,000 in scholarship endowments from Becky Carter of the Ahoskie Woman's Club as Jerry Holcomb (left), president of the board of trustees, and club members look on.

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## FAF Branson trip SOLD-OUT!

Forty friends of Chowan College will begin the holiday season November 21 by attending nine fantastic shows in the "Live Show Capital of America," Branson, Missouri. The spirit of Christmas will come alive with a tour of holiday lights in the host city.

Andy Williams, Wayne Newton, Tony Orlando and Radio City Rockettes, among others, will entertain the group. Fabulous dining and great accommodations will be wrapped up into a wonderful Christmas package of outstanding entertainment.

Sponsored by the Fine Arts Foundation, President Stan Lott and his wife Johnnye Jo will serve as college hosts and Lawrence and Elaine Myers of Ahoskie will serve as tour hosts.

Following six days and five nights of fantastic shows, quality meals and first-class accommodations, the group will return to the Norfolk International Airport with memories of a holiday trip to remember on a video tape of trip highlights.

Stay in touch with, and in support of, the Chowan College Fine Arts Foundation throughout the year as other events are planned. If you have suggestions or ideas that you would like to pass along to the Fine Arts Foundation, please contact:

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President Stan Lott (center) unfurls one of three new flags donated to the college. On behalf of the Woodmen of the World, Ben Godwin (second from left) maintenance electrician, presents Chowan with the U. S. and N. C. flags. Mary Harris (right), administrative assistant to the vp for business affairs, represents her daughter, Pamela Harris Richardson '80, who donated the Christian flag. Dick Lefevre (left) vp for business affairs looks on.