

The best possible product

Science internship agreement established with Union Camp; promoting environmental education

"Union Camp initially contacted me in September to learn more about our environment biology program." Emily Deaver's voice is excited as she talks about the internship partnership between Chowan and the Union Camp Corporation in Franklin, Va.

The project was first discussed over lunch with Frank Harris, community affairs coordinator, and Harold Burkett, aquatic biologist. They toured Chowan's science department, listened as Deaver talked about the new environmental biology program, proposed the establishment of a summer institute at Chowan for teachers, administrators and other school personnel regarding the relationships between man and his environment and talked of internships. A tour of the Union Camp facility in October soon followed.

Working with Sheryl Raulston, group leader for environmental engineering, Deaver, assistant professor of biology, arranged for an internship during the spring semester. "They really are interested in promoting environmental education and that is what the internship really does," says Deaver. She continues, "Already set up to do a fair number of internships with other schools, a supervisor in the area assigns our student with projects or tasks on a regular work schedule during a one-semester program where the student works 150 hours and receives three credits."

The student must apply to Union Camp with an application and resume stating qualifications and interests and go through a three-interview process for a fit. Union Camp then has the option of turning a student down.

Jeremy Funk '97, Baltimore, Md., was selected

as the first intern. "Jeremy was very much a chemistry person, whereas other students might be more biology oriented. So he was set up on the water team in the environmental division where their prime concern is preservation and quality of waterways," explains Deaver.

"He had numerous projects, beginning with incorrect data entry spreadsheets that he had to put in order. He worked some in the toxicity-testing section on biology projects, but eventually was given a project that was right up his alley for chemistry, analyzing effluent disposal in a method's comparison between 'standard methods' and the process they were using to see if there were any differences in the values of the two. He had to design how he would test it, come up with procedures and get all that approved. Jeremy learned many techniques and could practice what he had learned in Chowan's chemistry lab. He had just taken aquatic chemistry in the fall."

Funk felt comfortable with what he had learned at Chowan and appreciated the fact that he could apply his knowledge at Union Camp. Evaluating the overall experience positively, Funk wrote, "The lessons I learned not only about the science field but the corporate world in general will be invaluable to me in the future. I feel anyone who can experience an internship program would benefit from it greatly. In fact, I would go so far as to say it should be a requirement for any graduate in science."

Deaver visited the site at the beginning of the semester and again toward the end to evaluate the progress. "I let the student show

me everything they have been doing and talk to their supervisor. The host institution completes an evaluation form on the student during the internship and the student must complete both a written paper and oral presentation."

Deaver believes strongly in internships. "I think it's something that should be strongly suggested for a student to do. It also needs to be something that students are willing to work toward so that they can say 'hey, yes, I really can do this kind of thing and I can prove to you that I'm a good candidate for a position.'"

She continues, "The companies are taking a chance. They have to put time and money and effort into working with these students. If they, in fact, have good students, then it's helping the company because they've got someone with good job qualifications for a potential employee. It's a give and take on both parts."

Deaver appreciates working with Union Camp. As a large corporation they have ability to handle a variety of student backgrounds. "When I first talked to Sheryl about it, she had a laundry list of 25-30 projects, so they always have lots of things going on. I was very impressed with her preparation."

"Union Camp has the attitude that they want to be good environmental citizens and from everything I've seen visiting their site, they try their best to meet or exceed environmental regulations. They have certainly worked hard at community outreach and education of the public, because teaching the public good science is one of the best ways for them to be able to understand industry's role in the environment and realize that industry is not the bad guy."

Internships cover one semester; student completes 150 hours on a regular work schedule

Chowan welcomes Greeks to student life program

With significant interest from students and approval from the board of trustees, Chowan will add the option of Greek involvement to its student life program during the 1997-98 academic year.

"We feel that a Greek community at Chowan will enhance the undergraduate experience as well as provide additional opportunities that the students would not otherwise receive," states Lisa Blockus, director of student involvement and future administrative advisor to the Greek-letter organizations.

Based on a student and faculty survey distributed earlier this semester, respondents overwhelmingly felt that fraternities and sororities would increase a sense of community, provide additional leadership opportunities and furnish a vehicle for more community service and social activities on campus. The department of student life passed their findings along to Chowan's board of trustees and to several national fraternities and sororities. The end result: the development of a Greek community at Chowan.

During the next year, two fraternities and two sororities will begin their colonization process by recruiting members and developing the new chapters. The fraternities, Phi Kappa Tau and Kappa Sigma, will begin this process during the Fall semester, while the women's organizations will colonize in the Spring.

Both the national Greek organizations and the Chowan administration stress the fact that Chowan will create a Greek community that will be strongly connected to the founding ideals of Greek organizations: scholarship, leadership, service, personal development, and lifelong friendship.

"Hazing, alcohol abuse, and scholastic apathy have no place in these organizations and in the overall vision of Greek life. We plan to establish a community that will complement the academic mission of Chowan and respect the dignity of each individual," says Edward Dadez, vice president for

student life. Together, the college, the students and the respective organizations will ensure that this vision be met.

Fraternities and sororities have a strong tradition on many of our nation's campuses and strive to build better leaders, students and citizens

through the bonds of friendship and personal excellence. Chowan will now have the opportunity to share this tradition with its students and serve as a prominent and successful model for other colleges and universities across the country.

Holding performance enhances inauguration celebration

Pianist Ella Ann Holding, an Artist-In-Residence at Campbell University, executed her musical magic April 13 in Turner Auditorium. Sponsored by the Roanoke-Chowan Community Concert Series, the outstanding performance was included as part of the week-long inauguration celebration.

Opening the program with Allegro, Scherzo, Menuetto, and Presto con fuoco from Beethoven's Sonata Opus 31, No. 3, Holding continued to enchant the audience with Etude Opus 25, No. 1 and Polonaise Opus 53 by Frederic Chopin. The Serpent's Kiss, a Rag Fantasy by William Bolcom, Movement by Claude Debussy, Ondine by Maurice Ravel and Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante by Chopin completed her repertoire.

A native of Smithfield, Va., Holding earned a bachelor of music degree Cum Laude from Salem College where she recently received the 1996 Distinguished Alumnae Award. As a student of Bruce Simond, she acquired a master's of music in piano performance at Yale University School of Music, twice winning the concerto competition. With additional study at the Juilliard School on a scholarship program and at the Royal Academy of Music in London as a Fulbright Scholar, she studied with both Hilda Dederich and Katherine Bacon.

Holding has performed with the Yale University Orchestra, North Carolina Symphony, South Carolina Philharmonic, as a part of the Salem College Artist Series and at the Spoleto Festival.

Currently engaged in recitals in Virginia and the Carolinas, she frequently joins Professor John Adams of the University of South Carolina in duo-piano concerts and as a chamber music performer with the Leros Trio. In addition to concerts, Holding performs on Albany Records' Chamber Music of

Hunter Johnson.

Audience members joined the artist for a reception immediately following the performance in the President's Dining Room.



Pianist Ella Ann Holding
Artist-in-Residence at Campbell University