

class acts

1920s

Hilton Jones Crow '28, Tuscon, AZ, recalls entering Chowan at age 14 and graduating before she turned 18. Her mother, who already held a B.S. from UVA, was teaching at Chowan and working on a B.A. They walked down the aisle together to receive their degrees. **Jean Craddock Lewis '29**, York, PA, just celebrated her 92nd birthday. She writes that she always enjoys receiving news from Chowan and reads everything from cover to cover.

1930s

Jemmie Benton Guyot '32, Noble, IL, retired in 1965 after serving many years as a social worker and community volunteer. She and her husband have one great-grandchild. **Merlee Asbell McDonald '36**, Sanford, NC, taught English and French for 18 years and special education for 10 years. She and her late husband, parented two sons and a daughter. **Curtis L. Jones Norman '37**, Norfolk, VA, retired after teaching elementary classes in the Norfolk City Schools. **Virginia Gardner Becker '38**, Martinsville, VA, writes, that at age 78, she is still employed as a part-time bookkeeper for a Presbyterian Church. A former WAVE officer in the Navy Supply Corps, she and her husband have three children and seven grandchildren.

1950s

Nancy Rawls Barden '56, New Bern, NC, retired in January from CP&L in New Bern after 38 years of service. **Sarah V. Parker '57**, Manila, Philippines, is serving a foreign service tour as secretary to the U.S. Ambassador. **Carlton R. Debnam '59**, Asheville, NC, is a controller and finance manager. He volunteers time to Lions and Elks organizations and has three children and three grandchildren. **Elton M. Roberson '59**, Zebulon, NC, retired after teaching and coaching for more than 30 years. **Elaine S. Robertson '59**, Nashville, NC, owns Robertson Realty in Nashville with her husband, Macon. The couple has a daughter, a son and one grandchild.

1960s

Dwight E. Compton '60, Cedar Grove, NC, is a self-employed farmer. He and his wife, Betty, have two sons. **J. Ray Gardner '61**, Hamlet, NC, retired from CSX Railroad after more than 33 years of service. **Bonnie White Johnson '61**, Dover, DE, writes, "all is well." She would love to hear from classmates via e-mail at ButchJ108@AOL.COM. **Brenda Taylor Perry '61**, Gatesville, NC, teaches accounting and keyboarding at Gates County High School. The grandmother of five, enjoys cruises. **Terry H. Jones '62**, Plymouth, NC, is a senior minister with Plymouth First Baptist Church.

Jones first served the same church in the early 70s. The father of three was named Washington County Humanitarian of the Year.

Butch Gibson '63, Lexington, NC, is a retired captain of the Lexington Police Dept. and a former NC Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Gibson is a member of the Optimist Club of Lexington. He led the Lexington Middle School football team to eight championships and five undefeated seasons before retiring. He and his wife, Judy, have one daughter.

L. Berkley Lucas '63, Roanoke, VA, is the director of personnel for Roanoke County Public Schools. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children and one grandson.

Molly Russell Parker '63, Selma, NC, was named the 1998 Outstanding Chamber Board Member of Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce. She was also named the 1997 Woman of the Year in the Johnston Chapter of American Business Women Association. She has served 24 years as Executive Director of United Way of Johnston County, Smithfield, N.C.

Bob Ryan '63, Richmond, VA, taught high school for 32 years, officiated football for 18 years, and hopes to retire in June 1998 as athletic director. Ryan and his wife, Raye, have two children.

John P. Upton '63, Hillsborough, NC, is working on a degree at Duke Divinity School. He looks forward to working as a minister during his retirement years. **Michael Jeffers '64**, Newport

News, VA, earned a B.S. in business management with a minor in computer science at Christopher Newport Univ. He is employed as a business systems consultant. Jeffers and his wife, Renée, have a son, daughter and one grandchild. He enjoys golf in his spare time.

Jeanette Duncan Meekins '64, Virginia Beach, VA, is a former flight attendant for Piedmont Airlines. She married a retired U.S. Air pilot, Sonny, and is the mother of two sons (16, 13). Meekins sings in a barbershop chorus and quartet.

Don Matthews '64, Forrest City, AR, received his master's from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently working on his doctor of ministry degree. Matthews recently participated in the first Russian Baptist Pastors Conference in St. Petersburg, Russia and has served churches in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Arkansas. He and his wife, Mary Ann Crabb Matthews '65, are the parents of two children.

Thomas E. St.Clair '64, Taylorsville, NC, has been employed by M&M/Mars for 22 years. The account manager was named the Mid-Atlantic States Territory Sales Supervisor of the Year. He and his wife, Dottie, have two children. A Sunday School teacher, chair of his pastor/parrish committee and administrative board council member, St. Clair is also a 32nd degree Mason.

Michael S. Pintz '65, Wakefield, VA, is employed by Virginia Real Estate and Development, Inc. of Ashland, VA.

John W. Dunn '66, Gloucester, VA, retired in October 1996. He and his wife, Jean, enjoy tennis and travel. They celebrated their 30th anniversary last year.

Ron Hicks '66, Fredericksburg, VA, received his J.D. from University of Richmond Law School. He and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of three children.

Lawrence L. Edwards '67, Spring Hope, NC, has taught with the Rocky Mount school district since 1969. Twice, he



Alumni Association board members gathered at Chowan for their first 1998 meeting. Pictured are (first row) Ellen White '69, Linda Moore '90, Greg English '97; (second row) Jeremy Funk '97, Richard Zeitz '69, President John Settle '83, Raymond Warren '66; (third row) Secretary Jeff Grant '94, Director of Alumni Services Charlie Aycok, Vice President Michael Moore '92 and Richard Turner '66.

beyond the green

faculty news

Chowan faculty members nominated for inclusion in the 1998 (Fifth Edition) of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* include Emily Deaver, biology, Phyllis Dewar, chemistry, David Fillingim, religion, Becky McLawhorn, math, Danny Moore, history, Bonnie Revelle, biology, Patsy Taylor, business, and Peggy Yates, education. Entry in the publication is strictly by nomination of students. Those nominated hold the common characteristic of having

made a positive difference in the education and life of a student.

business

Mike Tarn successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "Exploring the Impact of Geographic Dispersion on Information System Requirements," in January and received his Ph.D. in information systems at Virginia Commonwealth University May 16.

Patsy Taylor participated as a presider in the Fifteenth Annual Atlantic Coast Business and Marketing Education Conference in Raleigh.

education

Charles Bentley and **Joette Abeyounis**, in cooperation with

information technology specialists **Tim Walters** and **William Edwards**, have begun a series of technology training sessions for the science, math and English teachers at Hertford County High School. The training sessions are one part of a Rural Technology Challenge Partnership funded by the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant Program. Hertford County is one of three school systems in the state receiving funding through the five-year grant, which is renewable annually.

Peggy Yates conducted a two-day workshop in reading instruction for teachers at Willis Hare Elementary School during April.

health & physical education

Jane Markert was named District A Network Chair for the North Carolina HIV/AIDS Network. One of six districts, District A is comprised of nine counties in northeastern North Carolina.

languages & literature

John Davis presented his paper, "A Note about a Number: Mark Twain's No. 44," at the 22nd annual conference of Philological Association of the Carolinas in March at Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C. The paper addressed the name of the title character in Mark Twain's last novel, *No. 44, The Mysterious Stranger*, unpublished until 1969.

Joyce Elliott attended the executive council meeting of the Carolinas Communication Association in Charlotte during March. Elliott is the North Carolina at-large member to the executive committee and was named chair for the 1998 Mary E. Jarrard Prize for undergraduate papers in communication studies.

Hayden Jones successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and received his Ph.D. in romance languages and literatures from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill during May.

mathematics

"Generalized LCM Based Counting Functions," by **Temba Showhiwa**, was accepted for