

New SGA President brings experience and ideas to job

Rich Gray is a man with a mission. The newly elected Student Government Association president says there is work to be done at Chowan and, listening to his plans for the coming year, you have to believe he is the one to do it.

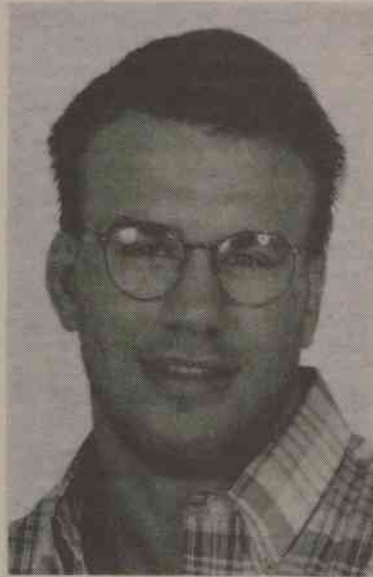
A wrestling scholarship recipient who won the SGA election this past semester in a landslide vote, Rich had been at Chowan for one year. From Douglasville, Georgia, he served in the Marines for four years, including time as a presidential guard at the White House. That's not the only thing impressive about this young man who has wrestled competitively all over the world in such places as Russia and Japan.

In 1989, he placed 6th in the World Cup wrestling competition in Tokyo. That same year he placed 4th in Sambo

(a Russian style of wrestling) in the National Pan Am games. In 1990, he won that event in the Pan Am games. Rich was the Amateur Athletic Union's Athlete of the Year in 1989. He was one of the five All-Americans out of the 15 members of the Chowan wrestling team this past season, and helped the team garner many of their wins.

Now turning his attention to student government, Rich is serving an internship this summer in Chowan administration working in various offices to see how things operate at the college.

"We need to change the overall student atmosphere at Chowan," he declares. "The student-college relationship has dissipated for a number of reasons. Not enough has been done for students while they are on campus during the week. With the four-year



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One proposal developed by Rich and being instigated this summer is for a Chowan beach to be built on Lake Vann behind the football field. This "beach" will have real sand, BBQ pits, picnic tables and be a place where students can lay out in the sun through the spring and summer months.

"The beach will probably be ready by mid-summer school and will provide a place for students to go on campus," says the new SGA president.

It's not surprising that when talking to Rich Gray you begin to feel he could have higher political aspirations than the president of Chowan's SGA. Students on campus are quick to tell you he is well-known, because of athletics and he is an impressive student leader. But he also follows through with what he says he's going to do and that's important to them.

So, what are we to look forward to in the coming year?

"It will be a year of experience and one of learning, probably some confusion," he laughs. "As a whole, we'll see things beginning to change with the junior class. Academics is on the rise on this campus, becoming more dominant over athletics because of the Division III decision. "We'll see a different kind of student body."

"If I'm still on top next year, I can get some things done."

From guarding the White House to leading the students of Chowan, this is an SGA president who is likely to get a lot of things done.

New four-year curriculum

Local professionals enter classrooms to teach

MURFREESBORO -- When local Chowan students sign up for the first four-year degree courses offered this fall, they will see some familiar faces in the classrooms.

Several local professionals have been recruited to teach courses in the new four-year curriculum at Chowan beginning this fall.

Bonnie Revelle, M.D., a practicing pediatrician, will teach in the department of science. She is a graduate of East Carolina University Medical School and recipient of the Phillip G. Nelson Award in Psychiatry and American Medical Women's Association Award. She received the B.S. degree in biology from Davidson College where she was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-medical Fraternity.

Dr. Revelle resides in Murfreesboro with her husband, attorney Chuck Revelle. They have two children, Thomas and Rachel.

Dr. Judy Thorne, the director of exceptional children's programs for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools, will teach courses in the department of education. She has extensive experience in the field of education in positions as facilitator, Summit on the Student in Elizabeth City schools, chairman of the school-based committee, mentor/teacher and designee of the A.G. Quality Evaluation Program, EMH teacher in the Camden Public Schools, instructor at College of the Albemarle.

Dr. Thorne holds the Ed.D. in education administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute; the M.Ed. in rehabilitation counseling and the A.B. in social studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds the G certificate in exceptional children; AGS certification by the State Department of Public Instruction as curriculum instruction specialist II and exceptional children program administrator.

Numerous honors and awards include service on the board of directors of

Children's Hospital in Greenville and "Serve our Schools Volunteer Program" honoree. She has professional affiliations with the N.C. Assoc. of Educators and Council for Administrators of Special Education, among others.

Dr. Thorne has published articles on classroom techniques and resources for LD students and "Integrated Multi-Sensory Approach for School Success."

Bob Lee, attorney at law with the firm of Revelle, Burleson and Lee in Murfreesboro, will teach business law in the department of business. He has been a partner with Revelle, Burleson and Lee since 1972. His primary areas of law practice are real property law, business organizations, and governmental law.

A graduate of Wake Forest University Law School with the Juris Doctor Degree, he was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. He graduated from Murfreesboro High School, received the bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, dean's list, member of Kappa Alpha Order.

He has previously taught courses at Chowan College and served on the board of advisors for the college. He is married to Ann J. Lee and they have two children, Ann Mariah and Robert E. Lee.

With the combined years of experience and practical expertise these professionals have to offer, Chowan students are sure to benefit!



transition, a lot of this will change."

"Having juniors on campus will be a big change. I met with 53 of the juniors returning to Chowan this fall and they are a motivated group of people. We will see a lot of participation from them this year."

Rich is already making plans to appeal to the college administration to grant these juniors some of their requests, including front-row parking and special parking stickers designating them as juniors.

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