



Tammy Joyner '92.

Joyners make Chowan a family tradition

By Jessica Kiser

At a time when undergraduates at college are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with large universities, Susan Harmon and Tammy Joyner are two sisters who are attending a smaller college and loving it!

These two sisters from Ahoskie represent two major categories of the population on college campuses today: the recent high school graduate and the student who is coming back to school in later life.

Susan, the oldest of six children in the Joyner family, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Joyner) is married and has two daughters of her own, ages 8 and 11 years. She has gone back to school to get her elementary education degree and has found that going back to school later in life is challenging and rewarding.

"It is totally different. I had to relearn how to study, to budget our time, and to make everything fit together, but I knew I wanted to go back to school and get my degree. I quit my job and that is what I did -- what I wanted to do. I went back to school," says Susan.

"My girls think it's great and they look up to me, she continued. "My husband is proud and encourages me to stick with it. My entire family supports me." Tammy, the youngest of the Joyner children, graduated from Hertford County High School in 1990. She

enrolled at Chowan and plans to get her degree in elementary education.

"When I graduated from high school, I had made plans to attend Chowan. That was where I wanted to go. It has worked out for the best all the way around," she relates. "The first thing that attracted me to Chowan was the quality of the professors, but after I began attending here, I really began to appreciate the fact that I could talk to them. I am not just a number like I would be at a larger school."

Including Susan and Tammy, four of the Joyner children have attended Chowan College. As a matter of fact, there will be four of the Joyner siblings at Chowan this fall when brother David returns to Chowan and younger brother Steven enrolls.

Peggy Joyner, who teaches at Hertford County Middle School, remarks that if Chowan had been a school when she was there, she would have stayed to get her baccalaureate degree there.

"The department of mathematics provided the mathematics foundation necessary for me to be an academic success at Chapel Hill. If Chowan ever starts a graduate program, I'll be the first to sign up."

Since their siblings have fared so well since their Chowan days, Susan and

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