

# Members of Class of '71 Continue in Nursing Careers

Editor's note: Gail Melchiorre Parker and Julia Cole Lowe have prepared a newsletter for the Chowan College nursing class of 1971 and their instructors. The following information is reprinted from the newsletter. We would like to thank the co-editors for sharing the information with the readers of the CHOWANIAN.

## JENNIFER AMENT Poquoson, Virginia

Jennifer is presently living and working in Richmond. She worked on a medical-surgical unit at Rex Hospital in Raleigh from 1971 to 1973. She then moved to Hampton, Virginia and began working at Bayberry Hospital in the alcohol rehabilitation program. In 1974 and 1975, she attended the Johns Hopkins University regional training program for alcohol counselors in Baltimore. She also took mental health courses at the Community College of Baltimore. Following graduation from Johns Hopkins, she worked as an alcohol counselor for the state of Virginia at Norfolk Alcohol Services until 1978. She was then hired on the alcohol treatment unit at the Gulfport, Mississippi Veterans Administration and was recently transferred to the Richmond Veterans Administration. Jennifer plans to continue her studies and research in substance use and abuse and also plans to get her B.S.N. She is single and enjoys traveling and meeting people.

## PRISCILLA RENN BREWER Elm City, North Carolina

Priscilla and her family have recently moved from Goldsboro to Elm City, North Carolina. Her husband Douglas is an internist. They have two children: Katrina Carol, who was three in June, and Jonathan-Douglas, who was one in April.

## GAIL POLLOCK CARDEN Durham, North Carolina

Gail is unemployed now but plans to start back to work when the children are in school. Her husband Michael is a public safety sergeant. Their two children are: Matthew Scott, born May 17, 1974, and Laura Michelle, born November 25, 1975. They also have two foster children. They have been foster parents for three years and have had eighteen foster children. Gail and Mike built a new house in 1977 to 1978. They did most of the work themselves, with the help of the children.

## ELLEN MATTHEWS GLOVER Seaboard, North Carolina

Ellen is unemployed now but has worked as a general staff nurse in a hospital, and office nurse, and a public health nurse. She helps Jimmie with the farm and is active in church work. Ellen stays very busy with their three children: Benjamin Ray (Benjie), six, Melissa Diane, three-and-a-half, and Adam Scott who will soon be one.

## TERRY JOHNSON HARRINGTON Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Terry is a program coordinator at Guardian Corporation. She works in quality assurance as a consultant for all departments for nineteen Guardian nursing homes. Terry is also a senior in business administration at Wesleyan College. Her husband Benjamin is a special education teacher and teaches the mentally retarded. They have one son, Justin, who will be two years old on October 6.

## JUDY BOYD HOLLAND Washington, North Carolina

Judy and her family left Bermuda in March. She is now living in Washington, North Carolina while her husband Waverly is attending school in Alexandria, Virginia for a year. Then they will go to California for



## The Days at Chowan

The above photograph of the nursing class of 1971 was made for the college year-book. Pictured are, bottom row, left to right: Dunya Z. Barakey (Mrs. Andy Stefanick), Judy Boyd (Mrs. Waverly Holland), Terry Johnson (Mrs. Benjamin Harrington), Melba Fowler (Mrs. Sherrill), Betty Sowers (Mrs. E. J. Long), Jeanne Montgomery (Mrs. David Tarrasch). Second

row, Julia Cole (Mrs. Lowe), Gail Melchiorre (Mrs. Carey Parker), Ellen Glover (Mrs. Jimmie Matthews), Darlene Rondeau (Mrs. Lafferty), Priscilla Renn (Mrs. Douglas Brewer), Sydney Graves (Mrs. Kenneth Zuraw). Top row, Joan Clark (Mrs. Paul Sikes) and Jennifer Forrest. Not pictured is Gail Pollock (Mrs. Michael Carden).

three to five years. Waverly is a construction electrician in the Navy. Their first child, Amanda Kaya (Mandy), was one year old March 4. They are expecting another child September 4. Waffles, their four year old dog, is another loved member of their family.

## DARLENE (RONDEAU) LAFFERTY

## BETTY SOWERS LONG Winston Salem, North Carolina

Betty is an office nurse for Drs. Earningshardt, Sayers, and Rodgers, a group of pediatricians. She works with well and sick children from newborn babies to sixteen years old. Her nursing duties include immunizations and some lab work. Needlepoint and decapage fill some of Betty's free time. Her husband E. J. is a programmer in the systems department at Hanes Corporation. Their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, two years old, was born November 9, 1976.

## JULIA COLE LOWE Wakefield, Virginia

Julia is the Utilization Review Coordinator for Human Resources Institute. Her direct responsibilities include complete and accurate documentation for all charts in her facility. Prior to this promotion she had been the Charge Nurse for the Adolescent

Unit in the facility. She is still in Psychiatry and anticipates that she will remain in this field. She resides with her parents.

## JOCY ELLIS OVERBY Crozet, Virginia

Jocy is employed at the University of Virginia. She works as a staff nurse in the surgical intensive care unit. Jocy also spends time sewing and cross country skiing. Terry is an internist. They have two children: Michelle Lynn, seven, and Brian Ellis, four.

## MELBA FOWLER SHERRILL Durham, North Carolina

Melba is an office nurse for Drs. Miller, Buchanan, and Patterson, who specialize in cardiovascular diseases. Her duties include teaching diets, EKG's, some lab work, and also general office duties, including insurance. Melba is the secretary of Lutheran Women at St. Paul Lutheran Church and is on the church council. Her son, Jason Edwin, four years old, was born April 10, 1975.

## JOAN (CLARK) SIKES Durham, North Carolina

Joan is a clinical instructor of OB-GYN at Durham Technical Institute. She received a B.S.N. in May from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Her husband Paul is

a design draftsman at Troxler Electronics in the Research Triangle. Annette is fifteen, Cheryl is twelve, and Angie is ten.

## GAIL MELCHIORRE PARKER Virginia Beach, Virginia

Gail is presently employed as a part-time office nurse at Norfolk Diagnostic Clinic. It is a private clinic which includes nineteen internists, most with sub-specialties, and two nurse practitioners. Gail worked part-time with Dr. Eleanor Littlepage in OB-GYN from 1972 until Dr. Littlepage's retirement in February of this year. Her husband Carey is an assistant treasurer of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, where he works in the accounting and data processing departments. They have one daughter, Kimberly Dawn (Kim), who will be five years old November 8.

## MISS MARY CARPENTER Tacoma, Washington

Since the Chowan Program she has been teaching at Pacific Lutheran University School of Nursing at Tacoma, Washington (near Seattle). Primarily responsible for the maternity part of the curriculum. She purchased a tiny house in which she has just added a large room and is enjoying fixing it up.

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