

Winners of Contest

Roommates Nancy Elizabeth Davenport, left, and Christine O'Hara Allen, both Hampton High School graduates, recently received recognition from Dean of Students Clayton Lewis as winners of the best decorated room contest among residents in Belk Hall. Awards were also given to the residents of the best

decorated rooms in other residence halls. Davenport is studying in the pre-law curriculum. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nancy D. Ennis of Hampton. Allen is studying in the pre-education curriculum and is the daughter of Mrs. Lindy A. Leake of Hampton.

George E. Gibbs succumbs; strong supporter of college

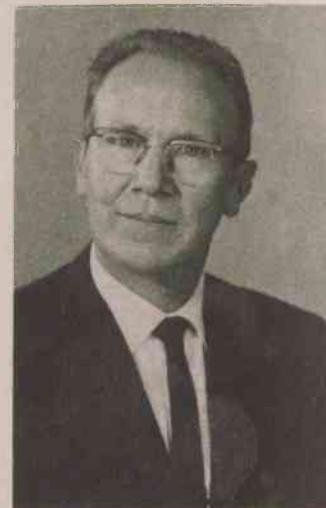
George Elbert Gibbs, 79, who served Chowan College for over four decades as a volunteer leader and supporter, died July 20, 1987, in a Greenville hospital.

Gibbs was a native of Polk County. He attended Mars Hill College and graduated from Western Carolina University, where he was a member of the Board of Visitors. He did post graduate studies at Wofford College.

Long Education Career

Gibbs began his career in education in 1933, the year he married the former Norma Burnette of Cullowhee. He served as teacher and coach at Dana Dan High School, Henderson County, until 1936, when he became principal of Sunny View High School, Mill Spring. In 1940, he became principal of Murfreesboro High School, serving until 1947. He operated a Western Auto store in Murfreesboro until he retired in 1971.

Gibbs was active in community affairs. He served as a member of the Hertford County Board of Education for 23 years including ten years as chairman. He was a deacon of Murfreesboro Baptist Church. He was a charter member of Roanoke-Chowan Technical



GEORGE E. GIBBS

College and a past president of the Murfreesboro Rotary Club.

Community Leadership

He was one of the organizers and first presidents of the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce. He was also president of the Murfreesboro Industrial Development Corporation. Gibbs was on the board of directors of the Tarheel Bank.

Gibbs was a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

His leadership and influence extended to regional and state-wide interests. He served as governor of Rotary District 771. He was appointed to a five-year term on the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind by Gov. Dan K. Moore. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Governor Moorehead School for the Blind.

He received a number of awards in appreciation for his service. He was chosen Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Murfreesboro Exchange Club in 1963. He received Western Carolina University's Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

"George Gibbs was a faithful and dedicated leader in behalf of the program, progress and service of Chowan College," noted President Bruce E. Whitaker, a close friend of Gibbs.

He served as a member of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Executive Committee.

Key Leader

Gibbs was a "key volunteer leader," according to Whitaker, in campaigns that provided Chowan with a new library, fine arts center, men's dormitory (Parker Hall), science-engineering facility, and gymnasium-physical education center. Noted Whitaker, "In many different ways, in civic, educational and religious endeavors, he made his mark for the betterment of mankind and advancement of many worthwhile causes. For many reasons and on many levels George Gibbs will be missed."

Graduate of photography finds aviation niche

Although he is a photography graduate of Chowan and has won awards for his photographs, David Asher Richards, Class of 1977, has found his niche in the field of aviation.

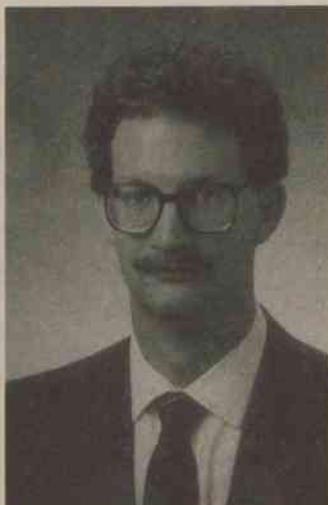
Richards is senior contract administrator for McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company, in Mesa, Arizona. Previously, he served for almost five years with Hughes Helicopters, Inc., and Hughes Aircraft Company, progressing from buyer with the helicopter company to contract administrator and senior contract administrator with the aircraft company.

In his position with McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company, he secures contracts in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Worked as Photographer

After graduating from Chowan, Richards worked for two years as a photographer with Olan Mills Inc., of Virginia. He left to return to college, and received his B.S. degree from Arizona State University.

After graduating from Arizona State, Richards began his employment with Hughes Helicopter, Inc.,



DAVID ASHER RICHARDS

where he received a number of Dedicated to Excellence awards for helping the company achieve cost, schedule and quality goals. He, and one other employee, were featured in a prominent first page picture in the Sept. 20, 1982, issue of the Hughes company magazine, *The Observer*.

Richards began his employment with the Hughes Aircraft Company in August, 1983. He won awards for both his black and white and color photographs in competition sponsored by the company magazine, *Hughesnews*. He received first place and third place in black and white in the portrait/people competition. In color action/drama, he placed fourth. All of these pictures were taken while he was a student at Chowan.

Continues Education

Richards continued his professional education by completion of the eight required courses for the Professional Designation in Government Contract Management offered by the University of California, Los Angeles, University Extension in cooperation with the National Contract Management Association (NCMA).

He was also designated by the NCMA as a Certified Professional Contracts Manager after successfully completing the Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM) Examination. "You should feel justly proud for passing a very difficult and comprehensive examination of your professional knowledge," wrote David V. Lamm, chairman of the CPCM Examination Board.

While at Hughes Aircraft Company, Richards received the praise in writing of a company executive who applauded him for his "outstanding" service to the company to include his dedication, initiative, and contractual and business expertise."

In a letter to Dean of Students Clayton Lewis, Richards wrote of his appreciation for Chowan College. "With most students you have two years to change their lives; the Chowan experience does do that and it lasts forever," he stated. "I'm proud that I went to Chowan!" he added.

Chowan Classmates

Continued Richards, "I've lost touch with so many of my classmates. Please list their

names so that I may correspond with them."

Candidates for Degrees, Associate in Photography, Class of 1977: Barry Alan Bowe, Garry Randall Boyter, Donna Faye Campbell, John Kemper Cline, Edwin Thomas Conner, Melanie Dawn Deitsch, Robert Bruce Edwards, Steve John Faccenda, Colleen Ann Ferguson, Richard James Green, Jr., John Barry Hawkins, David Lee Hodges, Jr., Brian Keith Marr, John Wayne Parker, David Asher Richards, Kent Lamar Roberts, David Eugene Shuford, Joel Rand Stokes, Rex Clifton Stone. The following is David Richards' address:

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Students provided free admission to community concerts

The Chowan Mutual Concert Association is offering three attractions in Turner Auditorium for the 1987-88 school year, and admission is free to all Chowan students.

Scheduled for December is Fascination' Rhythm. In February, recitalist and soloist Linda Maxey will perform live in concert. She is one of the few concert marimba virtuosos left in the music world.

In April, John Gary will perform. His captivating voice has captured the attention of many and he has record 24 best selling albums.

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