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William A. Krueger School of Graphic Communications dedicated to pioneer printer

The William A. Krueger School of Graphic Communications at Chowan College was dedicated on Saturday, November 10, in the graphic communications building on campus. At the dedication ceremonies, attended by faculty, alumni, and students, Mr. Krueger unveiled a plaque which will hang inside the building in his honor.

Chowan College received the largest cash gift in the history of college from William A. Krueger, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to endow the School of Graphic Communications. The Chowan Board of Trustees announced last year the naming of the W. A. Krueger School of Graphic Communications in honor of the donor, who headed one of the nation's largest printing companies before his retirement in 1970. A new sign announcing the Krueger School was constructed in front of the graphic communications building on campus.

Joseph Piemont, president of Bluestone Management Corporation in Charlotte, N. C., and long time

friend of William Krueger, was the dedication speaker for the ceremonies. Joseph Parker, of Ahoskie, whose family assisted in beginning the school of graphics in the fifties, thanked Mr. Krueger, on behalf of the Chowan College Graphics Foundation. Frank Edwards, a printer from Rocky Mount, expressed his appreciation for the gift, saying it will help prepare students to enter the business of printing.

Steve Laney, a 1981 graduate of Chowan's school of graphic communications, who is the materials manager in the Kansas City office of the printing company once owned by Mr. Krueger, made inspiring remarks. He urged all printing technology students to work hard to achieve their dreams, saying he had been "fortunate" to study at Chowan and to work for Mr. Krueger. It was through Laney that Chowan's printing school became known to Mr. Krueger.

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William A. Krueger unveils dedicatory plaque assisted by his two sons, Lyle and William J. Krueger. Other members of the family to attend were Krueger's wife, Evelyn, and daughter-in-law Candy Krueger.

Founder's Day honors Susan Parker Kerr

The annual Founder's Day Convocation at Chowan College was held on Thursday, October 11. Founder's Day ceremonies centered around the Susan Parker Kerr gazebo, located to the west of the McDowell Columns building on the Alumni Green.

The convocation included a tribute to Mrs. Kerr and her family for varied contributions they have made to Chowan College. The college bell sounded the hour for the dedicatory ceremonies to begin. Dr. R. Hargus Taylor, assistant to the president, delivered the Founder's Day message, "What's in a Name." A Litany of Dedication was presented by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president emeritus of the college and long-time friend of Susan Parker Kerr. The dedication was followed by a reception honoring Mrs. Kerr in the main parlor of the Columns Building.

The gazebo, which holds the original Chowan College bell, is used on a daily basis by students and serves as a centerpiece of the campus for events including musical performances, parents' receptions and other social affairs.

J. Guy Revelle, Jr., senior partner with Revelle, Burleson, Lee and Revelle, attorneys in Murfreesboro,



delivered the keynote address on the Parker legacy. He noted that the daughter of the late Elwood Whitaker and Elizabeth (Sewell) Parker, the honoree—Susan Parker Kerr—continues to foster and promote the

spirit of philanthropy which characterized her late parents. A partner in the founding of Riverside Manufacturing Company (now the Murfreesboro plant for Georgia-Pacific Corporation), Elwood Parker and

his wife were instrumental in the reopening of Chowan College in 1949, following the suspension of operations at the end of the 1942-43 academic year.

He influenced later campus projects and lent financial support for: construction of the initial campus housing units for male students, promotion of and participation in the several capital campaigns which were conducted during President Emeritus Whitaker's administration, endowment programs, and the undergirding of the annual operating budget through a long-term loan of personal funds. Parker Hall, a residence hall for men, stands as a monument to Parker's memory.

Mrs. Kerr, whose father and mother died in 1984 and 1990 respectively, is an alumna of Chowan, class of 1953. She has continued the tradition of support for the college initiated by her parents, making the largest single financial commitment in the history of the college.

In her honor, the Susan Parker Kerr gazebo was constructed on the alumni green as a monument to her long-term commitment to the development of the educational programs at Chowan College.