A modern as tomorrow

In Memory of

Sibyl Jessup Grimes (1897 - 1993)

She was as modern as tomorrow with all the sweetness of kind thoughts and good deeds of many yesterdays. Christian, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, dormitory counselor, Dean of Women, nurse, friend, kind gentle lady. She was all of these, and more, and she filled each role exceedingly well.

Everyone who really knew her loved her. When she worked at Chowan College, the students adored her. Why? Because she communicated with them and let them know she had their best interests in her heart.

She was one of a kind. No doubt about it. And everyone who really knew her saw something extra-special in her. "You don't mean it!" and "Bless Pat!" were two of her favorite expressions.

Her life was filled with golden deeds. She helped here; she helped there; she helped everywhere she happened to be. She was truly a self-starter who enjoyed producing results. This was true, not only at work, but also in the kitchen. She never seemed to hurry; yet, she got things done. She kept on going when the going got rough. You did not hear her complain. She truly was tough.

Her enthusiasm, energy and confidence would rub off on those around her. I've often wondered, Did Norman Vincent Peale study her before he wrote his book about positive people? If he had done so he would have found the right role model.

> She had a little speech prepared for those who tried to blame others for their own troubles. "Don't try to make yourself look good by making others look bad. It usually backfires on you, and you're the one who looks bad."

She was not an all-work, no-play lady, and many times she did the unexpected. Like when the phone rang one Saturday night and her melodious voice said, "Guess what? Marian and I have checked in at the Thunderbird Motel at Virginia Beach with our purchases of the day for luggage. Come on over and join us."

And when bad news came her way, you can be sure she found a bright thought to give you, even though she hurt within. What a wonderful philosophy of life she had!

You could see that she rewarded herself as she helped others. She was cheerful and enthusiastic about life. When she retired from her position at Chowan College in 1966, the students gave her a diamond dinner ring as a big thank you for her numerous golden deeds. She treasured that ring as she looked at it, and reminisced about the days she spent at Chowan College.

> And even though she has passed away from our terrestrial plane, those of us who really knew her find she dwells amongst us still. For within our hearts, her memory lingers on and always will.

> > -L. M. Wallace Professor of Business

Notes of Alumni happenings

John J. Nicholson, Class of 1957, will retire from The Evening Telegram in Rocky Mount at the end of October. John, who resides in Pinetops, has been employed with the newspaper for thirty-four years.

Janelle Greene, Class of 1961, has been elected treasurer of Pilot International, a volunteer service organization of executive, business and professional members from six countries. Greene is vice-president of Pioneer Savings Bank in Rocky Mount and a member of the Luncheon Rocky Mount Pilot Club.

Linda Moore, Class of 1990, transferred to Longwood College and received her bachelor's in elementary education in 1992. She is now with the Henrico County (VA) School Systems as a kindergarten teacher.

Michael Sutton, Class of 1984, married Shelly Riggs of Pine Bluff, AR in August 1990, and they reside in Little Rock, AR, where Michael is employed by International Graphics, Inc., as account executive. Shelly is a teacher in the Little Rock school system and teaches eighth grade English.

James Thomas Fox, III, Class of 1983, and Dana Michelle Bridwell of Greer, SC, were married April 17 in Chapel Hill. The groom is employed by Sherwin Williams Co., Chapel Hill, and the bride is a sales representative of Primeir Designs.

Jill Simpson, Class of 1989, and

Ed Parrott were married August 14, in Salisbury, MD.

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Jeffery A. Perkins of Chatham, Class of 1986, and Yvonne Edwards of Portsmouth, were married earlier this month in Little Zion Baptist Church, Chesapeake. Both the bride and groom are employed by the Portsmouth Psychiatric Center.

Debrina Annette Hall of Murfreesboro, Class of 1982, married Terry Donnell Moses of Jackson, on July 4 at First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro. Both are employed by the N. C. Department of Transportation, Jackson.

Sidney A. Rader, Class of 1969, has been recognized as the Virginia Technology Education Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Technology Education Assocation. Rader has been a teacher of industrial arts and technology in the Virginia Beach Schools System for 19 years.

Stephanie Dawn Seward, Class of 1991, and Randy Jackson Rose, Jr., of Sedley, VA, were married on June 26 in the Sedley Methodist Church. Stephanie teaches in Southampton County and her husband is employed with Duke Oldsmobile in Suffolk.

John Taylor, Class of 1971, owner of Dockside Restaurant in Franklin, VA, was featured in "Mr. Robert's Neighborhood" column of the Suffolk (VA) Sun earlier this month.

ALUMNI NIGHT Lady Braves Power Volleyball

Friday, October 29, 1993, has been designated as "Alumni Night" in the Jesse Helms Physical Education Center.

The Lady Braves take on methodist College, a strong competitive volleyball program, and expect plenty of action!

The volleyball season, with 40 matches, will be a demanding challenge. Matches include senior colleges in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC. Our aim is to better last year's record, 33-8, Carolinas Junior College Conference, 3nd place; Region X, 2nd place; and to establish Chowan College as a competitive NCAA Division III volleyball program.

The Lady Braves play **Power Volleyball**. This is more than something you do at the beach to kill time while you wait for the hot dogs to roast. Lady Braves volleyball is zig-zagging floater serves, slicing-spinning spikes, overpowering blocks and exhausting dives. Volleyball for athletes and spectators alike is excitement and fun.

Alumni, who are receiving this edition of *Chowan Today*, are invited to clip the special General Admission tickets found below, complete the information requested and present them at the gate.Otherwise, regular admission rates will apply.

6:30 p.m. **Chowan College vs. Methodist College** 1 (3 of 5) match) -ADMITONE-General Admission **Chowan Lady Braves** VOLLEYBALL Bearer of this ticket to be admitted to Helms Center on the date below, courtesy of Coach Janet Collins and the Volleyball team. Name Years at Chowan 6:30 p.m. Chowan vs. Methodist College 1 (3of 5) match -ADMITONE-**General Admission Chowan Lady Braves** VOLLEYBALL Bearer of this ticket to be admitted to Helms Center on the date below, courtesy of Coach Janet Collins and the Volleyball team. Name Years at Chowan 6:30 p.m. Chowan vs Methodist College 1 (3of 5) match Make ALUMNI NIGHT a part of your plans!

Alumni keep in touch with alma mater; several receive awards, recognition

Lady Braves Volleyball squad competing in NCAA's Division III for the first time.

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