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Trophies, plaques, awards were presented to outstanding students at the annual Awards Day ceremonies at the conclusion of the 1993-94 academic session.

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Chowan Fine Arts Foundation completes a very successful inaugural year; Kenneth Christison installed as president for coming year.

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Ward Parlor, in McDowell Columns and recently renovated and furnished with antique and reproduction pieces of furniture, is dedicated in honor of Kirk and Julie Ward.

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Chowan College loses one of its "best friends" when Mrs. Texie Camp Marks is claimed by death. She was the first woman outside of North Carolina to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

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Dr. Garth Faile, chairman of the Department of Science, receives the "Book of Golden Deeds," presented annually by the Murfreesboro Exchange Club.

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A record number of golfers participate in third annual Chowan Golf Classic at Beechwood Country Club. Jim Garrison and a trio of former players win top honors.

Graduation '94 is historic day; 54 four year degrees awarded

A historical milestone in the life and progress of Chowan College was reached on Saturday, May 14, when the first graduates in 57 years were awarded baccalaureate degrees and the college completed the return to four-year status.

The 54 seniors who received bachelor's degrees comprised the first class since 1937 to be awarded such degrees.

Charles H. Greiner, Jr., an executive with Union Camp Corporation, Franklin, VA, delivered the commencement address for the exercises held in front of McDowell Columns in beautiful, sunny, spring weather. He was introduced by Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president, who presided at the program.

The processional, with seniors robed in the traditional black robes and associate degree candidates in robes of whisper gray, proceeded through the tree-lined center walk to the McDowell Columns Building. Honor graduates wore the gold tassel on their mortar boards and gold cords on their shoulders.

128 Receive Degrees

Comprising the historic Class of 1994 were 48 seniors who received the bachelor of science degree and 6 seniors being awarded the bachelor of arts degree. There were 70 graduates awarded associate degrees.

Founded in 1848 as four-year college for women, Chowan began enrolling men in 1931. The school became a two-year residential college in 1937 due to financial difficulties from the depression years.

A short of students occasioned by World War



II forced Chowan to close in 1943 and was reopened in 1949 as a private, two-year co-educational institution.

On September 8, 1990, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously for Chowan to return to four-year status and in December 1991 the college was granted candidacy for senior college accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mrs. Sissy Eakin, assistant professor of Mathematics and the 1993-94 faculty marshal, delivered the devotional address to begin the commencement exercises. The Chowan College Band, under the direction of Dr. James Rogers, provided music.

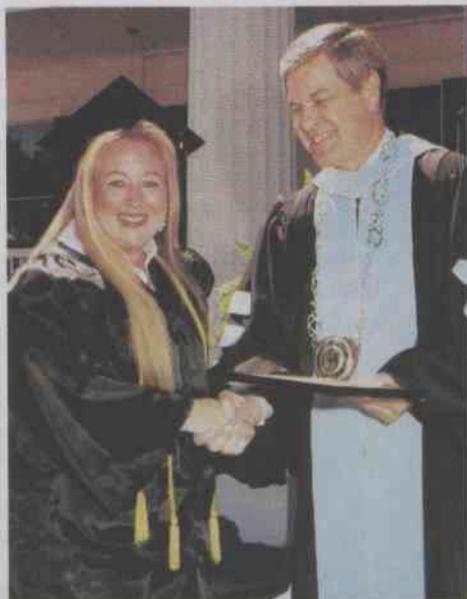
Special Guests

Members of the Class of 1937, the last group to be awarded bachelor degrees before Chowan became a two-year institution, were special guests and recognized during the program.

Chowan's oldest living alumna, 102-year-old Mrs. O. C. Turner of Gatesville, was presented a bouquet of a dozen red roses in a renewal of a tradition at Mrs. Turner's graduation in 1912.

Greiner saluted the members of the Class of 1937 by saying "aside from the parents of today's graduates, you, the Class of '37, may be the proudest people here. We salute you and share in the pride you must be feeling for your

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Kaye Beasley of Woodland, was the first person awarded a bachelor's degree in 57 years as Chowan resumed senior college status.