

Campus, Alumni Happenings

Doug Vinson, left, chairman of the Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award, presents an engraved plaque to Faile as the 1994 recipient, while Mrs. Faile holds the printed pages.



Faile receives 'Golden Deeds' citation

Dr. Garth D. Faile, chairman of the Department of Science, was accorded the highest honor given by the Murfreesboro Exchange Club in early April when he received the annual "Book of Golden Deeds" in an impressive ceremony.

Douglas Vinson, the Murfreesboro club chairman, presented the award to Faile as his wife, Erin, and his daughter, Yolanda and Leah, looked on.

A native of Coffeyville, Ala., Faile joined the faculty of Chowan in 1971 as professor and departmental chairman.

Faile has offered new opportunities for science students, both in middle and high schools. He helped organize three summer science programs for area high school students — Science Enrichment Week, Tech High and Young Scholars.

Science Enrichment Week has served middle school students for 14 years. Tech High, a one-week residential program sponsored in cooperation with North Carolina Power, was begun in 1989. Young Scholars, a three-week National Science Foundation residential program, has been operated for two years.

"His work in organizing and administering these programs is a labor of love," Vinson said. "In writing proposals to fund them, he had never added a salary for the administrator. He believes his often 12- to 16-hour day is needed, and therefore expected, as a service to our community and, most importantly, to our youth."

"His concern for deprived rural students who must compete caused him to initiate the formation of the Hertford County Alliance for Science and Engineering," Vinson went on. "This voluntary group of citizens offer time, effort and several thousand dollars of support to Hertford County math and science programs."

"(He) and his co-workers have volunteered uncounted hours to organize and conduct a Science Olympiad for hundreds of students representing 19 high schools," Vinson said.

"Many hours are spent judging science fairs and presenting science laboratories for local school groups," he noted.

Faile also has been active in the Hertford County Economic Development Commission, Roanoke-Chowan Community Concert Association, Murfreesboro Baptist Church and Murfreesboro Historical Association.

Faile married the former Erin Carroll in 1963. Their oldest daughter, Yolanda, is associated with NationsBank in Richmond, VA, and hopes to go to graduate school. Leah graduated from Ridgecroft School earlier this month and will enter college this fall.

Faile earned a bachelor of science degree in 1959 from the University of Alabama. He then obtained a master's degree in education from the University of Montevallo and a master's degree in science and a doctorate in physical chemistry from Auburn University.

The Murfreesboro Exchange Club began presenting the Book of Golden Deeds Award in 1953.

Gwen Sweat, '68, cited for outstanding service in health education

Gwen Tharrington Sweat, of Suffolk, VA, was the recipient of the 1993 Outstanding Service Award for Health Occupation Education, an American Vocation Association national award.

Sweat received an associate degree in nursing from Chowan in the Class of 1968. A native of Rocky Mount, she is the mother of two sons, Braxton and Martin.

After graduation from Chowan, she was awarded a bachelor's in nursing and a master's degree from Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

"I appreciate the awards I have received and realize that they represent not only myself, but others as well," says Mrs. Sweat. "I enjoy working with my colleagues in Health Occupations at the local, state and national levels as well as our state leadership."

She went on to say that "health care is constantly changing and nursing education is advancing and changing to meet the demands."

"It is exciting to be a part of the system and it is very rewarding. I am very proud to be a nurse."

Molly Parker, '63, receives "Woman of Year" award

Molly Russell Parker, Class of 1963, has been recognized by the Johnston Charter Chapter American Business Women's Association as Woman of the Year.

She has been a member of the chapter since 1989 and served as education chairman, secretary, vice president and is presently serving as president.

Parker is executive director of the United Way of Johnston County. She has been with the United Way for 20 years and has received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Administrators for Volunteer Organizations.

Parker and her husband, Dick Parker, live in Selma and they have three sons.

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In Memoriam

F. M. Dennis
Class of 1956
January 12, 1994

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