

Graduation completes return to senior college status

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alma mater and these students."

The degrees were conferred by President Jackson, with the assistance of Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, vice president for academic affairs, and Darrell H. Nicholson, registrar.

Mrs. Susan B. Fecho, associate professor of art, was awarded the 1994 Excellence in Teaching Award and will serve as faculty marshal for the coming academic year.

Strong Ties with Chowan

The close ties between Union Camp Corporation and Chowan were reviewed by Greiner in his address.

"The founder of our company, Paul D. Camp, began his service as a trustee of Chowan Baptist Female Institute in 1889, three years after the incorporation of Camp Manufacturing," he said.

He also mentioned Mrs. Texie Camp Marks, who recently passed away, and noted that she was a "generous lifetime supporter of the college."

The speaker made several observations to describe tomorrow's workplace which Chowan's graduates will experience.

"The information explosion will define work in the future" and the "world which will be yours will be smaller. The workplace you are entering is diverse and will become much more so."

He challenged the 1994 graduates "to excel and distinguish yourself and separate yourself from the rest."

"The pursuit of excellence and its rare achievement are a great source of joy in living. I urge you to set your sights no lower," he concluded.

Successful Career in Business

Greiner was born in San Diego, California, but has lived in the Tidewater area of Virginia for most of his life.

A veteran of military service, Greiner was awarded the bachelor of science degree by Old Dominion University in 1969 and the master's in business administration in 1974.

Greiner joined the staff of Union Camp Corporation in 1972 as a sales correspondent at the Franklin plant. He has spent his entire career with the company in the fine paper division.



Associate degree candidates, robed in caps and gowns of whisper gray, provided a picturesque scene as they marched in the processional along the center campus walk. Two-year degrees were awarded to seventy students at the historic ceremony.

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In 1982, he was assigned to the division's Eastover, South Carolina, plant as manager of administrative services and was actively involved in the start-up of that mill.

Greiner returned to Franklin in 1988 as manager of merchant sales and was promoted to General Manager of Sales and Marketing in July, 1990.

He was named General Manager of the Fine Paper Division in March 1991 to supervise operations in Franklin; Eastover and Sumter, South Carolina; and, Normal, Illinois.

Named Senior Vice President

Greiner was promoted to Vice President and General Manager in May 1991, and in November 1993 he became a Senior Vice President.

Greiner is immediate past chairman of the Bleached Bristols Section of the Printing and Writing Division of the American Forest and Paper Association and presently serves on the Executive Committee of that organization.

Active in community affairs, Greiner is vice president of the Franklin/Southampton Greater Area United Way, and a former director of the

James L. Camp, Jr., YMCA.

He is a member and a deacon of Franklin Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Franklin Rotary Club and the Cypress Cove Country Club.

Greiner is married to the former Sharon Holland of Portsmouth and they are the parents of three sons.

Seniors present president with unusual 'class gifts'

When Chowan's first seniors in 57 years received their baccalaureate degrees last Saturday many of them presented Dr. Jerry Jackson, president, a surprise gift.

The remembrances were not the traditional ones such as books for the library, benches for the center campus, or computers for the classroom.

But the gifts will share a place in the history of Chowan College and credit will be given that they were presented by the historic Class of 1994.

The gifts?

They were marbles . . . 25 of them!

As members of the senior class walked onto the stage to be awarded their bachelor degrees, many of them concealed small glass marbles in their right hand and transferred them to Dr. Jackson with the traditional handshake.

"I was really surprised at first," said the college president, "but after receiving several, I simply transferred them to Mr. Nicholson, our registrar, who was assisting me in presenting the degrees."

When asked what he plans to do with the "class gifts" Dr. Jackson proudly said, "Oh, I'm going to put them in the Antiquities Room of the library with a label indicating they were the gift of our Class of 1994 . . . our recommencement class."



There were many "cheers and tears" when the Class of 1994 became the first seniors since 1937 to be awarded the baccalaureate degree.