



Dr. James Rogers, left, is presented the plaque as the recipient of the 1996 Excellence in Teaching Award by Dr. Herman E. Collier Jr., president.

To serve as faculty marshal

Excellence in Teaching Award presented to music professor

Dr. James Rogers, associate professor of music, received Chowan College's 1996 Excellence in Teaching Award during the annual commencement exercises May 11.

The announcement was made by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe Jr., vice president for academic affairs, and was a highlight of the college's 148th graduation ceremonies held in front of the historic McDowell Columns building. Rogers, who was selected for the honor by vote of the faculty, was presented a framed certificate and a monetary gift. By receiving the honor, he will also serve as faculty marshal for the 1996-97 academic session.

In making the presentation, Lowe said that selection for the teaching award was based on "effectiveness as a teacher, continued professional growth and availability to students during and beyond the normal class and office hours." Rogers was also cited for his participation and leadership in college programs and extracurricular events.

Joining the faculty in the fall of 1990, Rogers received his undergraduate degree at Jacksonville State University and the master's degree in music from Georgia State University. He earned his doctoral degree at the University of Alabama.

In his service as faculty marshal, Rogers will lead all academic processions during the coming academic term and carry the ceremonial college mace.

Degrees awarded in front of McDowell Columns

Commencement exercises close Chowan's 148th year

More than 100 graduates were awarded degrees in beautiful spring weather on Saturday, May 11, as Chowan closed the 148th academic session.

The impressive ceremonies were held in front of the historic McDowell Columns building before a large crowd of family, friends, faculty and staff members.

The Class of 1996 was the third class to receive baccalaureate degrees since the college resumed four year status. A total of 71 seniors were presented their bachelor's degrees and 30 students were awarded associate degrees.

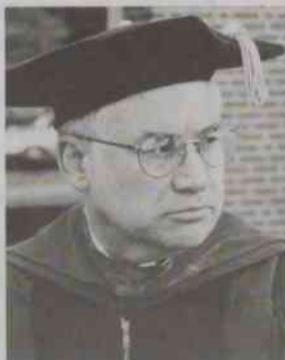
Dr. Herman E. Collier Jr., president, presided at the annual commencement exercises and conferred the degrees, which were individually framed. He was assisted by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe Jr., vice president for academic affairs, and Darrell Nicholson, registrar.

The traditional commencement addresses were presented by Florence Warren, an elementary education major from Salisbury, and Dr. John H. Davis, professor in the department of languages and literature.

Dr. Davis told the graduates that as they leave Chowan "you carry part of this college and its people with you."

He reminded the class "your degree is worth what is put into it and gains worth as efforts continue. Give it meaning in

and with you life. Like Jesus' fishes and loaves, education is the meal that keeps giving, but you must participate or you go hungry."



DR. JOHN DAVIS
Professor of English



FLORENCE WARREN
Senior, Class of 1996

Dr. Joyce Elliott, professor in the department of languages and literature and faculty marshal, opened the exercises with a devotional period and special music was provided by the Potecasi Philharmonic, under the direction of Dr. James M. Chamblee.

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In making the presentation which is one of the highlights of the commencement exercises, Dr. Lowe commended Rogers for his "commitment to the teaching profession and genuine interest in students."

Dr. Lowe also presented plaques to Chistina Jean Jump, a graduating elementary education major from Portsmouth, Va., and Eric Lynn Spencer of Grandy, who received his degree in mathematics, in recognition of their achieving the highest academic averages in the Class of 1996.

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