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Four inducted into Alpha Beta Gamma

The Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma inducted four new members during a Candlelight Ceremony in Marks Hall on Tuesday, March 26. Conducting the service was Greg Rollins, president; Amy Underwood, secretary-treasurer; and Jill Overton, projects chairperson.

New initiates are Stacey Rae Curry, from Staunton, Va.; Amy Rebecca Duncan, Franklin, Va.; Tracey Lynn Francis, Murfreesboro, N.C.; and Michael Scott Moore, Colonial Heights, Va.

Following the candlelight ceremony, old and new members along with the sponsors of the organization,

enjoyed a buffet dinner at the Pizza Inn in Murfreesboro.

Alpha Beta Gamma is a national business honor society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among college students in business curricula. To achieve this goal, Alpha Beta Gamma provides an opportunity for the development of leadership and service, an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas, lively fellowship for scholarship and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

Renee Drake and Patricia Edwards, professors of business, serve as sponsors for the organization.



Jennifer Bradshaw

Sophomore killed in car accident

Jennifer Bradshaw, sophomore was killed in a one-car accident on April 11, 1991.

From Franklin, Va., she was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, ACES, and the Student Organization Staff (SOS). She was a member of Sedley Baptist Church.

Jennifer will be missed by students, faculty, staff and all who knew her. The following is a tribute to Jennifer by her close friends:

Lost Treasure

Today I lost a treasure, a treasure that had not been admired for a

while. The chances of losing this prized possession I thought were slim, but the Almighty decided that my possession was too great for me and he took it for himself.

I was shocked at losing my treasure and wept at my loss. I felt cheated, abandoned and angry. First, because I had not admired it for a while; second, because I couldn't stop it from leaving. It was like sand slipping through my fingers and the end result only being a memory.

My loss was a very good friend,

Jennifer Lynn Bradshaw. She left my life as quickly as she came in, but she left me a memory of good times and special times we spent together. The memories will never fade, as I will cherish the happy times spent together, and I will rest assured that she is in the Great Creator's hands.

I will miss my treasure, but the loss has made me appreciate the slew of gems I still have. My treasures are my friends and they are all so precious.

Delia Topps
John S. Falls

Dr. G. William Whitehurst to address class of 1991

By Ricky Gibson

Dr. G. William Whitehurst will address the 1991 graduating class on May 18 at 10:30 a.m.

"Chowan College is very honored to have Dr. Whitehurst to deliver the graduation address," said Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Whitehurst is a native of Norfolk, Virginia and was graduated from Maury High School in 1942. He earned the B.A. from Washington and Lee University and received the M.A. from the University of Virginia. He was awarded the Ph.D. in American Diplomatic History from West Virginia University. He served in the U.S. Navy as a combat aircrewman in World War II.

He served as a member of Congress from the Second District of Virginia from 1969 until 1982 and was a member of the House Armed Services Committee during his terms in Congress.

The background and accomplishments of Dr. Whitehurst are beyond interesting. He has written two books: *Diary of a Congressman, Volume I and Diary of a Congressman, Abscam and Beyond*. He has also been a news analyst at WTAR TV in Norfolk and currently is news analyst at WVEC TV. He also is a university lecturer in public affairs at Old Dominion University.

Whitehurst was co-founder of the Congressional Military Reform Caucus and served as a Con-

gressional delegate to the North Atlantic Assembly (the parliamentary arm of NATO) from 1976 until 1986. He served for three one-year terms as a member of the board of visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Approximately 150 candidates for graduation are expected to receive degrees during graduation exercises which will be held on the Campus Green with a luncheon on the campus green following the exercises. Graduation candidates and their families will be invited to a continental breakfast the morning of graduation at the home of President and Mrs. Jackson.

The sophomore class will make a presentation during graduation exercises of a specially designed



Dr. G. William Whitehurst

flag. The flag will be presented to the wife of the late Dr. Earl Parker, professor of religion and philosophy, who died last year.

NEWS NOTES

Businesswoman visits Phi Beta Lambda

Ruth Whitley, owner and manager of Whitley's Barbeque in Murfreesboro, spoke to about 50 students in Marks Hall Auditorium on April 17.

Her topic of discussion was business ownership and she explored those qualities that an entrepreneur needs to have to succeed in his or her own business.

The program was sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda, honors organization for business students. Professor Dorothy Wallace is the organization's sponsor.

Environmentalist comes to Chowan

Dr. Oris Blackwell, an environmental studies expert, presented an informal lecture/discussion in Marks Hall on April 15. He discussed various career options in environmental health.

The discussion was sponsored by the department of religion and philosophy and the Environmental Club on campus. Dr. Ken Craig, professor of religion and philosophy, is the organizational sponsor for the club.

Summer camp for lawyers available

National LawCamp, the first and only summer camp for aspiring lawyers, announced that preparation for its second season is in full swing. This year, there will be two locations for the camp. In addition to the original Barry University, located in Miami Shores, Florida, college students can now experience National LawCamp's "pre-law" program in the nation's capital at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Each location will offer an introduction to law, law school and the legal profession. Each two week program offers law school study and stimulation without intimidation. Actual law school courses are taught by a renowned and dedicated staff of law professors from law schools across the country. Hands-on experience is offered.

Last year, 30 high school and college students attended the nation's first summer camp for future lawyers. More than 60 students are expected to attend this year, according to the camp's director, Chris Salamone.

"I have seen a large number of college students leaving law school because it wasn't what they expected it to be," explains Salamone. "They end up dropping out after spending a lot of time and money. I thought it would be fun for students to get the opportunity to see what law school is all about and find out what kinds of careers are out there."

"This is not a Yuppies' dream. What I want it to be for students who want to educate themselves."

For more information about National LawCamp, call 407-276-7577 or write to the camp at P. O. Box 811086 Boca Raton, FL 33481-1086.

Loans available for summer school

Educational loans from College Foundation Inc. (CFI) are available for summer school attendance as well as for the academic year.

CFI's loans are for North Carolina residents attending colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools in or out of state and for nonresidents attending postsecondary institutions in North Carolina. The loans are for both undergraduate and graduate students. Parents of dependent students may qualify for one of the types of educational loans.

For more information, contact College Foundation, Inc., 2100 Yonkers Road, P. O. Box 12100, Raleigh, N. C. 27605-2100 or call 919-821-4771.

A personal tribute

Thanks for the memories

By Ricky Gibson, Editor

When I wondered of what I could write on in this edition of "Smoke Signals," I thought to myself, "why not let some very special (young) men know how thankful I am of their services here at Chowan." Well, I knew exactly what I wanted to say, but how could I say it to truly express the appreciation of the whole student body?

To all three of you wonderfully, friendly, and inspiring men: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Wil-

liams thank you so very, very much for the time, effort and warm conversation you have so obligingly given us students here at Chowan. You all have made the student center a "den of memories" and a rendezvous of meaningful conversations. Conversations from what to look out for in our lives and what to work toward—happiness. We will never forget you and always remember that you three have been a great inspiration.

THANK YOU!!!

Heavy use of alcohol

By Jessica Carver

Remember that "insignificant" drug and alcohol abuse survey? It came in the form of a white sheet of paper stuffed in your mail box. Most of us probably threw it away, chalking it up to more junk mail. It was only a dumb survey, wasn't it? When you read the following percentages, you'll realize just how "dumb" it really was.

The survey indicates:
• 94% of students and 83% of employees have been exposed to the presence/use of alcohol; 93% have been offered alcohol

• 75% of students and 52% of employees first tried alcohol be-

tween the ages of 12-20 years, (junior high years-college undergraduate)

• 35% of students and 13% of employees use alcohol on a weekly basis, with 71% of students and 36% of employees revealing they become "high"

• 42% of students and 21% of employees have driven a car while they were under the influence of alcohol, and 19% of students have attended class after drinking.

• 27% of students reveal they have been criticized, and 11% have had friendships damaged, and 26% have missed classes because of their drinking

• 73% of students and 28% of employees have been offered marijuana with figures on cocaine being 32% (students) and 71% (employees)

• 47% of students and 7% of employees first used marijuana between the ages of 12-20 years; respective figures for cocaine are 13% and 0% (this may be a sign of the generations)

• 65% of students and 96% of employees never use marijuana with 89% students and 98% employees never using cocaine

Surprisingly, student respondents say, as a motivation factor, that peer pressure accounts for only

49% for alcohol, 4% for marijuana and 1% for cocaine; with "fun" being the major factor of motivation.

• 16% of students have gone to class after taking drugs with 8% stating that they missed class because of drug use.

Chowan College was not the only one to participate in this survey. It was conducted nation-wide on college campuses everywhere. The most abused substance turned out to be alcohol. It towers above all the others. Based on this survey, there is a need to educate students on the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

English professor inspires students, nominated for National Outstanding Advisor Award

Dr. Kenneth Wolfskill, chairman of the department of language and literature, has just been honored by being nominated for outstanding advisor of 1991. This is a nomination that very few advisors ever hear about, must less see within their grasp. No advisor in the history of Chowan College has ever been nominated, until now.

Dr. Wolfskill is an extraordinary individual, and everybody who knows him will say so. The letters of recommendation for Dr. Wolfskill which have been written by students and faculty are very impressive. The teachers commend him for his unending efforts to help his students in any way that he possibly can. The students proclaim that a better advisor couldn't have been designed to meet their needs and problems.

One particular student testifies that Dr. Wolfskill has actually changed her life. Amy Mannarino said in her letter that she entered Chowan with little motivation or self-esteem. Academic failure seemed unavoidable, until she met Dr. Wolfskill.

"The standards I now have concerning all aspects of my life, limit themselves at excellence alone, and I have only the highest academic and career expectations.

I directly credit these changes to Dr. Wolfskill's attentive advisement."

He was born in St. Louis, Missouri and grew up in Pompano Beach, Florida. As a teenager, he really didn't know that he was going to have a career in literature until he was a sophomore at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He always made good grades in English in high school, but never took it seriously.

After spending four years at Samford, he went to the University of Kentucky, where he earned his master's degree in English. From there, he went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received the doctorate in English. Even after all those years of college, there weren't many job openings. He sent out hundreds of applications and got only a handful of responses.

Many people wonder why Dr. Wolfskill chose Chowan College. First of all, his options were limited. Secondly, he walked through Squirrel Park (Campus Green) for the first time and experienced a few moments of the beautiful spring weather here and fell in love.

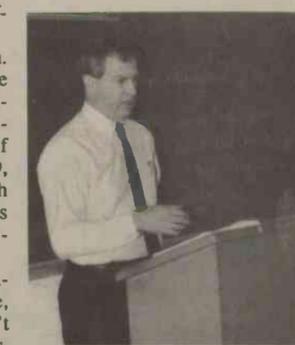
The offer of chairman of the English department combined with the allure of a small, southern town

made it impossible for Dr. Wolfskill to refuse.

He is married with two children. His wife, Jayne, teaches third grade at the elementary school in Franklin, Virginia, where she has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year. His son Jud, age 19, attends the University of South Carolina. His daughter, Phoebe, is 16 and in the 10th grade in Columbia, South Carolina.

With all of Dr. Wolfskill's experience in writing and literature, many people wonder why he hasn't tried to write a novel. The truth is, Dr. Wolfskill has tried his hand at becoming a best-selling author, but hasn't quite finished his novel yet. The story is a murder mystery set in a small, southern town with a small, junior college as the center of attention. The college is full of weird students, strange professors, and odd janitors (does this sound familiar to anybody?). He has written about 100 pages so far and doesn't really know if he will finish.

When teaching and literature get to be too much, Dr. Wolfskill likes to relieve his tension by playing racquetball or tennis. He plays racquetball often but hasn't picked up a tennis racket in over six years, until recently. Just the other



Dr. Kenneth Wolfskill

day, he decided to give it another try, so he called up Dr. Gowler and set up a game. Dr. Wolfskill really liked what he saw, so everyone can count on seeing him on the court in the future. In fact, he recently played student Dennis Dunlow in a challenging match during the faculty vs. tennis team fiasco on the courts.

Every once in a while, we are blessed with an individual like Dr. Wolfskill. He truly loves literature and helping people, which is obvious in everything he does. We all wish him the best of luck in attaining the advisor of the year award—he definitely deserves it.