

Chowan Grad Meets Long-time Pen Pal While on Tour of England

Meeting her pen pal for the first time was one of the bonuses enjoyed by Chowan College graduate Jenny Parker during a month-long visit to England.

Jenny is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Parker of Murfreesboro. Her father is professor of religion and philosophy at Chowan and her mother is a secretary in Chowan's Department of Development.

Jenny was one of 80 Wake Forest University students who boarded a chartered jet Dec. 30 in Greensboro. In all, 230 students representing Wake Forest, Elon, Wofford, and Salem participated.

The plane landed at Ivanhoe airport near London. The students wasted little time sampling London life. By 9 p.m. Dec. 31, Jenny and most of the other students were in Trafalgar Square to observe the traditional New Year's eve celebration

rivaling New York City's Times Square. Jenny reported she felt she was in a dream when she heard Big Ben strike midnight.

This was just the beginning of a month of sightseeing and educational opportunities. Jenny's group consisted of 12 Wake Forest students under the guidance of one of her professors. The tour provided the students with four credit hours.

During their stay, Jenny said she and the other students visited museums, landmark buildings, universities, and other attractions. They ate their meals in different restaurants and stayed in a London hotel. She said they had a good opportunity to rub shoulders with the English people, and learn of their way of life. Jenny said it was fascinating to see the differences, as well as the similarities, between the English and Americans.

One of the highlights of her trip was a visit to Cambridge, where her father studied and received his Ph.D.

Jenny also experienced the thrill of meeting her pen pal of five years, Sandra Munro. She traveled by train to Glasgow, Scotland to meet Sandra. Jenny said they had traded pictures, but still had a little difficulty recognizing each other.

Jenny spent several days at Sandra's home and enjoyed meeting and getting to know her parents and 12-year-old brother.

Jenny said she found the family and the English people in general, to be friendly and very open. "When they accept you, they accept you, without reservation. When you gain their trust, they are very loyal and friendly," she added.

Among her memories are the thatch-roof cottages of the villages and small towns, "just like you see on the post cards." Jenny was also impressed with the cleanliness of London and the green English countryside. "The roses were still in bloom," she recalled.



Jenny Parker, right, visits with her pen pal, Sandra Munro of Glasgow, Scotland.

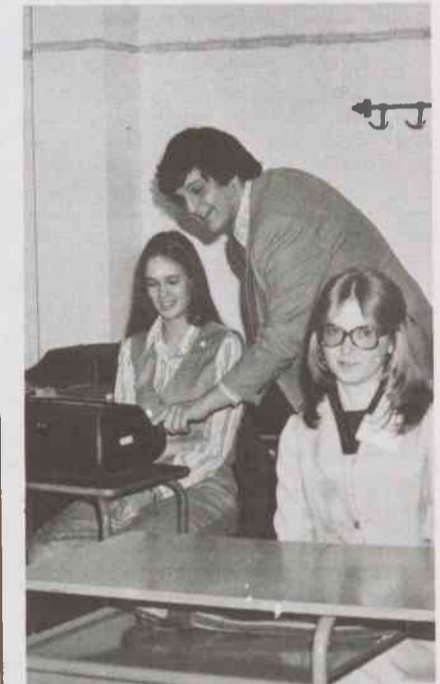
Jenny discovered that dollars, when exchanged for English pounds, don't go as far as they do in the United States. "Except for a few things, everything is a lot more expensive in England," she noted.

But she liked the emphasis on culture. "There are many opportunities for the arts and to attend the theatre," Jenny said. She attended several plays and visited a number of museums. Jenny was also impressed that traditions from olden times had been preserved.

Would she like to return to England? "Definitely," Jenny replied. But for now, she is completing her final semester at Wake Forest. An honor student, as she had been at Chowan, Jenny has accepted a scholarship for graduate studies at Wake Forest.



Anthony Turner of Warrenton and Rochelle Randolph were among Chowan Department of Business students who served as hosts for the Future Business Leaders of America District 3 Meeting Skill Events Competition at Chowan in February.



Sophomore Chris Nicholas of Annapolis, Md. served as a guide for the Skill Events Competition held at Chowan.



REV. WILLIAM E. CARTER

Rev. Bill Carter, Alumnus, Dies

Chowan College alumnus, the Rev. William E. (Bill) Carter, pastor of Surry Street Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va., died April 9, 1978.

While at Chowan, he was interim pastor of Christian Harbor Baptist Church in the West Chowan Association. Carter started the Horton's Baptist Church and served the following North Carolina Baptist churches: St. Johns, Brantley's Grove, Capeharts, and Warrick Swamp. In Virginia, he served as associate pastor of Western Branch Baptist Church of Portsmouth and pastor of West Norfolk Baptist Church.

Carter is survived by his wife, Inez Smithson Carter, and two children, Mrs. Gloria Jean Ricks of Rich Square and Donald Martin Carter of the home. Mrs. Carter an Elizabeth City native like her husband, also attended Chowan when the Rev. Mr. Carter did. They graduated from Chowan in 1954.

The family has requested that memorial gifts be sent to Chowan College for a ministerial scholarship and Surry Street Baptist Church.

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In Memorium

In memory of Miss Sadie Futrell who departed this life on December 9, 1977.

Through her daily living she set an example of the true Christian. Miss Sadie, as she was affectionately called, in her gentle manner was a most dedicated, faithful, loyal, and self-sacrificing person in her devotion to her mother and family, to her church, to her community, and to Chowan College. She helped and inspired many young people. Her heart was filled with compassion, kindness, and love as she reached out to minister to those with spiritual as well as material needs. Miss Sadie will be missed by all, both young and old. What a beautiful memory everyone will have of her dedicated service to God and her fellowman. "She did what she could for as long as she could."

Book Proceeds to Aid Youngster

Proceeds from the sale of a new book of poetry by Professor of English Robert G. Mulder is benefitting the Heather Nelson Trust Fund, established to aid a 3 and a half year old Murfreesboro girl who has acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The book, entitled *Backyard Cowboy*, features "poems of a father's love for his son," according to Mulder. The book includes several photographs of the Backyard Cowboy, Micky Mulder, by Hugh Lewis, Chowan graduate and former photography instructor in the School of Graphic Arts and Photography. Lewis is now studying photography at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mulder said the book may be purchased by sending \$2 per copy to New Earth Publications, Box 83, Murfreesboro, N.C., 27855. All proceeds will go to the fund.

Mulder explained he had already completed the manuscript when he learned of the condition of Heather, daughter of director of student activities and wrestling coach, Steve Nelson, and his wife, Zenith.

Mulder said it struck him that a "perfect

use" of the book, about a child, would be to aid another child. This motivated him to get the manuscript and photographs together in final form for the printer. He said the book has been printed and he is now ready to fill orders.

Concerning the book, Mulder explained the poetry is "not children's poetry, but poetry about children." The English professor, who has authored three other books, said the poetry "is about my relationship to Micky and being a father rearing a child."

Nelson said the hematologist expressed that today leukemia patients have a 50-50 chance of remission enough to live a prolonged life. But when dealing with cancer each patient reacts differently and statistics are meaningless unless Heather is capable of responding to treatment, he added.

Continued Nelson, "The doctors feel she has a lot going in her favor. But there are no certainties." He said Heather has returned home after her initial hospital treatment, which lasted almost two weeks.

Heather had treatment as an outpatient one day per week for a month and then re-entered the hospital for several weeks of radiation therapy. Nelson said his daughter has responded "well" to treatment, and is cheerful and in good spirits.

For best treatment results, the doctors are urging the parents to treat Heather as normally as possible. The doctors said Heather should not be pampered and thus are discouraging individuals from sending gifts to her.

But Nelson said many people have expressed an interest in helping, and this has led to the establishment of the Heather Nelson Trust Fund. He said contributions to the fund will be useful to Heather throughout her treatment period. Gifts may be made to the fund and mailed to Mr. Steve Nelson, 210 Spring Avenue, Murfreesboro, N.C. 27855.

"For us, Heather has been a gift from God," stated Nelson. He thanked Mulder for his support "and all the members of the Chowan family and others who have reached out to us in our time of need."

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