



Graduation exercises were held in Jesse Helms Center.

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Jordan gets Distinguished Alumni Award

Raleigh attorney, John Richard Jordan, Jr., received the Distinguished Alumni Award during graduation services held in May in the Jesse Helms Center.

The award is presented to alumni for their contribution to Chowan and religious, educational and civic causes. President Bruce E. Whitaker made the presentation.

A Winton native, Jordan graduated from Ahoskie High School, Chowan College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill which granted him the B.A. and LL.D. degrees.

He is serving as chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and is a past chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education. He served in the North Carolina Senate.

Whitaker said Jordan has made a "significant contribution" in health affairs. He has served as president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society, state chairman of both the American Red Cross and the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and president of the North Carolina Arthritis Foundation. He received the Gold Medal Award from the American Cancer Society.

Jordan has served in many other civic activities including president of the Wake County Historical Society, chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Social Services, and in numerous leadership roles within the Democratic Party.

Dr. Whitaker noted, "Mr. Jordan



John Richard Jordan, Jr., and his wife proudly look at the Distinguished Alumni Award plaque presented at the conclusion of the 1983 graduation ceremonies in Helms Center. Mrs. Jordan is the former Brenda Moore Harlow of Roanoke Rapids.

has rendered outstanding service to Chowan College, serving on the Board of Trustees, as a class chairman, and in numerous other ways." He is a great-grandson of

William Watson Mitchell, who played a leading role in the founding of the college and served as chairman of Chowan's Board of Trustees for 19 years.

209 receive degrees; Fisher, Phillips graduation speakers

Diplomas and degrees were awarded to 209 Chowan College students on May 15 in the Jesse Helms Center.

The Baccalaureate Service included invocation by Professor Gilbert A. Tripp, Jr.; scripture and prayer by Dr. Hargus Taylor, chaplain; and benediction by Professor Ann Waring. Baccalaureate music was presented by the commencement ensemble, directed by Bob Brown.

Dr. Benjamin C. Fisher, of Murfreesboro, delivered the morning address. He is executive director/treasurer emeritus of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Served as Chief Executive

Fisher served for nine years as chief executive of the Education Commission before retiring in 1978. He is a member of the Board of Advisors, and is presently adjunct professor of religion and education consultant to the Campbell University president.

Fisher received the 1981 Award for Outstanding Service to America's Small Independent Colleges from The Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, in Washington, D. C.

Clifton Collins, director of financial aid, brought the invocation to open the graduation program in the afternoon before one of the largest audiences ever witnessed for the year-end ceremonies. The commencement chorale, directed by Dr. James Chamblee, sang "Praise We Sing to Thee."

Dr. John David Phillips, a Portland, Ore., native and Phi Beta Kappa member, presented the commencement address. Phillips received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Stanford University, and presently serves as president of the National Association of Independent Junior Colleges. The organization is comprised of approximately 850 in-

dependent, non-profit institutions, including Chowan College.

Served with HEW

Phillips served for six years with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, U. S. Office of Education, in Washington, D. C., rising to the post of deputy commissioner for post-secondary education.

Darrell Nicholson, registrar; Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college; and President Bruce E. Whitaker participated in the awarding of diplomas and degrees.

Award Presented

Raleigh attorney, John Richard Jordan, Jr., a 1938 Chowan graduate, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for his service to his church, community and alma mater.

The award was presented at the conclusion of the graduation exercises.

IN MEMORIAM

1916

Mrs. Minnie Eloise
Harton Harmon

1917

Mrs. Lucille Britton Coggins

1926

Mrs. Maella Askew Powell

1932

Mrs. Alma Belch Bryant

1976

Glenn Steven Jenkins