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GC PRESIDENTS
HAVE A NEW

Home

Greensboro College President Lawrence Czarda and his wife, Dr. Carolyn Chappell, painted the dining room themselves. Czarda wanted to paint it GC green, but a designer talked him into a subtle blue shade that accents the antique Oriental rugs.

The Czardas moved into new digs over the summer. They lived in a rented house in Westerwood for several years and are now comfortably settled in GC's newly purchased president's house on West Bessemer Avenue in Fisher Park.

"While we enjoyed the Westerwood neighborhood, we have quickly come to appreciate the Fisher Park neighborhood," Czarda says. "Many years ago, the GC president's house was in Fisher Park, and a number of GC trustees as well as faculty and staff have roots in the neighborhood. Greensboro is blessed to have so many distinct and unique neighborhoods."

The 3,000-square-foot home is budget-neutral for the college, with the mortgage payment approximately equivalent to the rent for the Woodlawn house. The new house was furnished almost wholly with antiques and other furniture already owned by the college.

"This house is now our asset," says Anne Jones Hurd '81, the college's vice president and chief advancement officer. "And we were able to furnish it beautifully without buying a single piece of furniture."



The house, which was move-in-ready, is modest but perfect for entertaining, with a large screened-in porch, Hurd says. Most of the furnishings in the house were snagged from Main Building. Greensboro interior designer Marta Mitchell, whose services were an in-kind gift to the college, handpicked pieces from GC's large collection of antiques.

Tommie Arnold '64 contributed a grand piano. The Bryan Foundation donated a dining-room suite. And the Oriental carpets in the living and dining rooms? Those once belonged to the parents of longtime college champion and trustee Walter Newton.

A large toy lion guards the stairway, and statuary lions stand at alert outside. Future plans call for the entry hall to host a rotating display of student artwork, giving the house an additional Greensboro College touch.

"Our first events in the house for GC have indeed had the ambience and tone that GC is a historic institution with a rich history right in downtown Greensboro," Czarda says. "And GC artifacts on display clearly brand the house as GC. While the future is always hard to imagine or predict, the Fisher Park GC president's house may serve its purpose well for generations to come."

The Czardas have personally done quite a bit of work to help finish the house and get it ready for events. And Czarda has not given up on adding a touch of GC green to the décor.

"Later we will paint the entry foyer and hall GC green!" he says.

Vice President
Chief Advancement Officer



Dear Marta,

Thank you once again for providing your services to Greensboro College through your Rotary gift-in-kind!

The house turned out beautifully!

We mentioned you in the article on pg. 15.

Let's find a time for you and your assistants to see the finished product in person, very soon.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Anne

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