

Trustees authorize four-year status study

The Chowan College Board of Trustees adopted a record \$9,250,000 budget for 1989-90 and approved a study of the four-year versus two-year status for Chowan when the regular September meeting was held in Rocky Mount.

The trustees met at the Sheraton, with spouses as guests of the college.

The previous largest budget of \$8,660,000 was adopted last year.

Following a feasibility study completed in 1985 the Board of Trustees voted to maintain Chowan's two-year status. President Jerry F. Jackson said May, 1990 was the target date for a report from the committee.

Inauguration Scheduled

The trustees, headed by Thomas M. McCrary of Raleigh, approved the inauguration for new President Jerry F. Jackson for April, 1990.

In other action, trustees established a new scholarship for children of Southern Baptist Missionaries. The full scholarship will provide for all expenses except books. To qualify, missionary children must apply and be accepted for admission to Chowan and apply for available Southern Baptist Convention and government grants.

Trustees also increased scholarships from \$500 to \$1,000 a year for the children and spouses of ordained Southern Baptist ministers and dependents of full-time employees of North Carolina and Virginia Baptist State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. The scholarships will also be available to graduates of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the 1988-89 audit. McCrary noted that the college has operated in the black for the past 32 years

Development Plans

The Board endorsed a planned giving "deferred giving" program. They approved the writing of charitable gift annuities and working with the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Southern Baptist Foundation in Nashville, Tenn., and bank trust departments in the managing of trusts written by the Development Office.

Resolutions to the memory of Maggie Boone Bridgers of Jackson were adopted. At the time of her death on Sept. 3, 1989, Mrs. Bridgers was vice chairman and serving her fifth term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Dennis Bazemore of Wallace was elected vice chairman to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Bridgers.

A New Publication

*Hold on to this issue—
don't throw it away!*

This premier issue of the Chowan College newsmagazine for alumni, parents, and friends, is certain to become a collector's item!

The reason? Look at the flag again. You will notice the name has been changed to CHOWAN TODAY to better reflect the contents and goal of the newsmagazine to keep you informed of the happenings, activities, and changes on campus.

This is the prized Volume 1, Number 1 issue.

The former name, THE CHOWANIAN, will now grace the top of page one of the students' newspaper, formerly called SMOKE SIGNALS.

For the student paper, this is not a radical change. In fact, it is a return to its roots.

The student paper was formerly called THE CHOWANIAN. Then, when the paper was also prepared for and mailed to alumni, it lost its exclusive meaning and purpose to students. The name change to SMOKE SIGNALS followed.

With the return of the name THE CHOWANIAN to the student paper, the paper's name has gone full cycle and is back in its historical position.

What does all this mean? Just that there is a concerted effort to improve the communications role of each of the papers, to better inform the students with THE CHOWANIAN and the alumni, parents and friends with CHOWAN TODAY.

Enough said —now enjoy Vol. 1, No. 1 of

CHOWAN TODAY.

Students prepared for 21st Century

"We think we're headed into the 21st century," is the way a Chowan science professor assesses the department's new computer laboratory.

Located on the third floor of Camp Hall, science-engineering facility, the computer laboratory houses seven Macintoshes (commonly called Mac's), all linked to a printer.

Phyllis Dewar, chemistry professor, said the lab was opened last year with two Mac's and a laser printer. Five more

Mac's were added this year. She called the Macintosh the "top of the line, the Mercedes Benz of computers."

"Dr. Garth Faile, chairman of the Science Department, had the original idea to create a computer laboratory," Dewar explained. "He shared the idea with other members of the department and we were all enthusiastic.

Providing Many Benefits

"Dr. Faile suggested making the lab from two existing rooms on the third floor. The wall was removed between the rooms giving us ample room for the lab."

She said the lab provides many benefits to the students. She said as students become familiar with computers, they prepare for their transition to senior colleges, where computers are in wide use.

"At some colleges, science students are expected to do a lot of their work with the use of computers. They have to be familiar with them or they're at a disadvantage," she noted.

She said the lab also promotes teamwork among students. "On occasions, students will work together, sharing ideas to find solutions. A student from the United States may be working with a student from Japan. In this way, they get to know each other better."

Keeping Up-to-Date

She said the faculty is ever alert to locate and purchase the latest software. She said the department recently bought Wingz, that enables students to easily design professional-looking graphs, "like you see in TIME magazine or USA TODAY.

"Some students have remarked that

they save so much time doing their graphs on the computer that the only thing left is to think and that's the essential thing."

Dewar said the students love the computer laboratory and it is receiving wide use. The lab is open each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. "It is open to any student at Chowan. Our students will bring their friends with them to use the computers."

She said some professors require that their lab assignments be done on the computer. She said this helps both the professor and the student.

"In the computer lab, everyone essentially is a student. We all share with each other."

She believes the Science Department will be ready for the 21st century. "We have a foundation to build on. We don't expect to be outdated. We'll be adding the latest software and additional computers," she declared.

Dewar attends workshops and seminars to keep current on computers. She came to Chowan in 1966. Over the years, she has seen her students and other science and mathematics students transfer to senior institutions and then return as medical doctors, scientists, pharmacists, engineers, teachers, veterinarians, etc. She said a recent example is Dr. Darlene Jacquelyn Keene, a 1981 pre-med graduate from Ahoskie, who is serving her residency at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville.

After completing the two-year program at Chowan, she transferred to East Carolina University where she received her B.S., and M.D. from the School of Medicine.

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Students engrossed in their work is a common sight at the computer laboratory of the Department of Science. Dr. Garth Faile, chairman, who suggested the creation of the lab, helps a student as others work independently or with a partner.