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Jackson inauguration scheduled for April 24

Trumpet voluntaries from the second balcony of McDowell Columns building will summons the procession of robed faculty and visiting dignitaries down the tree-lined walk through the heart of the campus for the official inauguration of Dr. Jerry Francis Jackson as Chowan's twentieth president on April 24. This important day in the history of the college will conclude with discussion and debate about the future of education in a symposium chaired by Dixie Goswami of Clemson University, who also directs the nationally known Bread Loaf School of Writing at Middlebury College, Vermont. Goswami is the recipient of Clemson's Faculty Award for Excellence in Research Teaching and Service, 1989, and recipient of SAMLA's Award for Excellence in College Teaching, 1987. She recently co-edited *Reclaiming the Classroom; Word Processing in a Community of Writers; Writing in Non-Academic Settings*.

Jerry and Carolyn Jackson will begin the day by greeting delegates, dignitaries, visitors, faculty, and students in the President's Dining Room. From there participants will robe and process to the front of McDowell Columns Building for the inaugural convocation. Dr. Thomas E. Corts, president of Samford University, will be the keynote speaker.

As president of Samford, Dr. Corts heads Alabama's largest privately-supported institution of higher learning, one of the nation's largest Southern Baptist universities. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and holds the master's and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University. An author of numerous journal articles who is in high demand as a speaker, Dr. Corts has served as president of the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators and member of the Executive Committee, Foundation for Independent Higher Education.

Dr. Corts came to Samford from Wingate College, where he attracted regional and national attention for a unique international program which he conceived and implemented.

The inaugural ceremonies will begin at 10:30 a.m., and will include Dr. Corts's keynote address. A musical highlight of the ceremonies will be trumpet voluntaries performed by Barry Baugess of New Bern and his five-piece brass ensemble. Baugess is one of the top three classical baroque trumpeters in the nation, and his ensemble has garnered many awards.

Dr. Jackson will deliver his inaugural address following greetings from the state of North Carolina and the town of Murfreesboro; from the students, faculty, alumni, Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the college; and from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Following luncheon on the Campus Green, a symposium entitled, "Educating for the Twenty-first Century," chaired by Dixie Goswami of Clemson University,



DR. THOMAS E. CORTS
Keynote Speaker

will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Turner Auditorium of McDowell Columns building. The symposium will consider such topics as directions in education, how to get students working at college level,

Also participating in the symposium will be Jack Murrah, president of the Lyndhurst Foundation and member of the Board of the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. Murrah has been on numerous national educational committees, including the Review Panel for the Department of Education's proposal for

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Former Chowan trustee makes good deeds his life

By KEVIN KNIGHT

In his wallet, E.L. Hollowell keeps a copy of his philosophy, an anonymous piece that reads, in part, "Did I help or hurt today, Lord? Is any soul happier because I passed this way?" After devoting his life to public service, Hollowell can answer those questions "Help" and "Yes".

"I've just been re-elected as chairman of the board of the Salvation Army. I've been on the board for nine years," he said. He added that he was the first Chowan County native to serve on the regional board.

Hollowell also participates in the annual cookout at the skilled nursing center at Chowan Hospital. "The cookout is for the people there. We bring them all outside to eat. If they can't use a wheelchair, we'll bring the whole bed out," he said.

Currently, Hollowell is also a member of the Chowan County chapter of the Cancer Society and the Edenton Lions Club, where he serves on the committee for the blind and is chairman of the annual bell ringing project. "The Edenton Lions have gotten the top award (in the nine-county region) for the last seven years," he comments.

Born in Chowan County on February 2, 1918, Hollowell is a life-long Chowan county resident. He was a center for the Edenton Holmes Aces on the 1934 state championship football team. The team was not scored on all year, the only time that has happened in the state, Hollowell said.

In 1940, Hollowell entered the military and spent 28 months in New Guinea. He had risen to the rank of sergeant by the time of his discharge in 1945, and he was awarded two bronze Campaign Stars.

"When I came out of the army, I went

President's Viewpoint

Most colleges in North Carolina are having to deal with serving many students who are not adequately prepared to undertake college work. These students need additional help in one, two or all three of the following areas — reading, writing, and mathematics.

To deal properly with this situation, I appointed a faculty committee in September to study the issue and to prepare a report on its findings including recommendations.

The committee submitted its report in December and I am pleased to report that plans are being made to implement a number of their recommendations.

One recommendation was to create a Department of Developmental Studies and employ a chairperson who is trained in this field. Currently, the search is underway. It will be the responsibility of this chairperson, working with the Dean of the College, to set up this program.

It is my desire that Chowan College continue to give students a chance to continue their education after high school if they desire to do so. Therefore, it is imperative that we establish programs that will help them to succeed in their goals. This is why the Department of Developmental Studies was created.

It will take students who are admitted to this program longer to graduate (approximately one year), but their chances of successfully completing college work will be greater.

This is another example of the commitment from the Chowan College faculty to put the students first and do all we can to make their college experience a successful and positive one.

JERRY F. JACKSON
President



E. L. Hollowell of Edenton serves as chairman of the board for the regional Salvation Army. It is only one of many positions that Hollowell has held in a lifetime of public service.

right to work for Chowan Veneer," he said. He eventually became president of the company and held that title for 34 years, retiring in 1980.

"Since I've retired, I've been busier than ever," Hollowell said.

He has worked in politics, however, as Chowan County campaign manager once for Governor Dan K. Moore and for Robert Morgan in his bid for a Senate seat. He served as Senior Advisor to Insurance Commissioner Jim Long's campaign.

Hollowell was the first chairman of the Edenton Planning Board and the first chairman of the Chowan County Medical Authority. He served for 21 years on the Chowan College Board of Trustees and retired from that position in 1989.

"I'm particularly proud of two awards I got from Governor Dan Moore," Hollowell said. The first in 1965, was for employing the most handicapped people in the state in an industry with less than 200

employees. The second in 1966, was for employing the most senior citizens in the same category.

"I came up during the depression. Things were tight. We couldn't go to college," he said. "After having the hardship that I did and spending 28 months in New Guinea I married a Christian woman and made up my mind that the good Lord had been good to me in these trying times. I decided to do what good I could," Hollowell says.

He has been recognized for doing good numerous times. Among his many honors, Hollowell received the Chowan College Distinguished Service Award in 1976.

Having retired from business, Hollowell has even more time to do volunteer work. "I've enjoyed my life so far and will continue so long as I'm able to do it, he said.

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