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## Academics

Chowan College is fortunate to have an excellent, dedicated, and well-qualified faculty. In terms of academic credentials, our faculty is well in excess of the minimum requirements set by our accrediting agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, for a two-year institution.

As we move to four-year status, faculty credentials will need to be upgraded in some areas. However, the college currently has a good core of faculty members holding the earned doctorate (14) or other appropriate terminal degrees (2). Two other members of the administrative staff who teach on a part-time basis also hold the earned doctorate.

Faculty accomplishments during the year include nine professors who published articles in leading journals and publications across the country. Three professors of art exhibited their works at art galleries and museums along the East coast. Several professors were guest lecturers at forums, workshops, and conferences during the year. Many of our faculty continued to serve or were appointed to serve on various boards of advisors of associations and colleges. Two professors of science were awarded grants for the Burroughs Wellcome Science Faculty Program.

Dr. Ken Craig, acting chairman of the department of religion and philosophy, was formally awarded the doctorate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Dorothy Wallace, chairman of the department of business, was named to fill the Colgate W. Darden, Jr. Professorship of Business.

During the year, faculty approved a new student class

## Admissions

Admissions is the 'port of entry' to any college.

The 1989 fall semester opened with over 600 new students. With a sharp decline in the number of seniors graduating from high school in 1990, the goal of enrolling 600 new students for the fall of 1990 was unrealistic, and the goal was established to enroll 500 new students for this fall.

Academically, the new students enrolled have about the same level of preparedness as last year's students. About 75% took the SAT and about 35% will need remedial help of some form. All academic scholarships were awarded, so there are a good number of excellent students enrolled at Chowan. Many of these students have been active in leadership roles in high school and will be an asset to the college.

The students who have applied to Chowan come from a wide variety of areas. The two areas of highest concentration are Virginia and North Carolina. Presently, we have applications from 25 states and 15 countries. The Eastern seaboard states: Florida, South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York send us a good number of students. The Pacific rim countries send us most of our international students, although we are seeing an increase in students from



Dr. Earl H. Parker, professor of religion and philosophy, (who died in August) was awarded the prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. B. Franklin Lowe presented the award at graduation exercises in May.

attendance policy, and a new policy on cheating, both of which are effective this fall semester. The department chairmen also studied and reviewed the physical education activity requirement of the college. Upon their recommendation, and with the approval of the faculty, beginning with the 1990 fall semester, students will be allowed to take for credit only one physical education course per semester with a maximum of four credits allowed for two years.

As we move to four-year status, we will need to provide a stronger program of developmental studies for marginal students. The college currently offers developmental studies in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. This program has been expanded with the recent employment of a coordinator of developmental studies. This coordinator will assist the college in implementing a unified program and will supervise those who teach in the program.

The academic program at Chowan College is strong and sound. We must continue to add strength to strength in both programs and personnel as we work together to attain the mission of a four-year institution.

Latin South American countries.

Beginning in the fall of 1991, all students will be required to take the SAT and submit their scores before being granted admission to Chowan College. This requirement should help our academic image, especially with high school guidance counselors. Also, minimum TOEFL scores for international students have been raised.

The Office of Admissions mailed nearly 50 thousand pieces of mail to prospective students this year. We have received approximately 10,000 inquiries to date. These have converted to over 1,450 applications. Prospective students and parents visited our campus this year in greater numbers than in previous years. Three Preview Days averaged about 180 people. Many others visited the campus in between our Preview Days.

It is an exciting time for the office of admissions at the college. There are many challenges facing us, but they are opportunities in which to learn, grow and achieve a successful future for Chowan and its mission in Christian higher education.

