

CAMPUS NEWS

Chowan opens 143rd year, welcomes 874 students

Chowan College opened its 143rd year August 29 when students attended classes for the first time following three days of orientation, meetings with faculty advisors, and registration.

Freshmen and transfer students arrived Saturday, August 25 and were welcomed by Bruce Moore, vice president for student development in the Helms Center. The three days of orientation included a social orientation on Saturday evening for students, meetings with faculty advisors, dinner on the Campus Green with entertainment by Steve Trash, magician, musical entertainment at the Alumni Gazebo, and a President's reception for new and transfer students at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jackson.

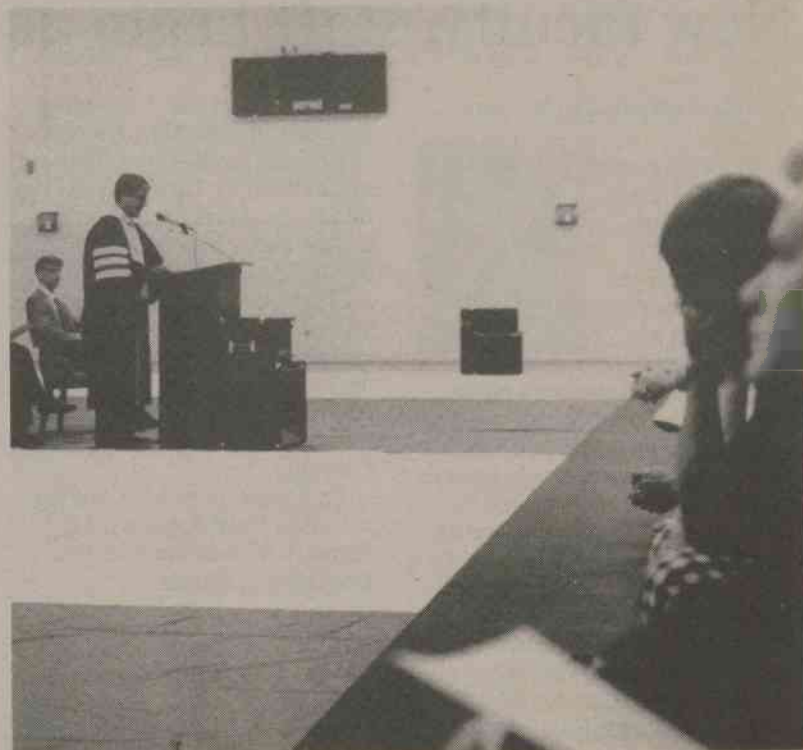
A faculty/staff family picnic was held at Lakeside Student Center on August 22. Faculty and staff prepared for the fall opening with a workshop in Marks Hall Auditorium on August 23 and 24. The workshop was led by President Jackson and Dr. B Franklin Lowe, Jr. vice president for academic affairs. The faculty and staff also attended a workshop on the evening of August 23 focusing on the 'Freshman Year Experience'.

A number of special events are planned for the fall semester this year. Founder's Day will be observed on October 11 with the dedication of the Susan Parker Kerr Gazebo.

Homecoming is set for October 13, with the class of 1965 planning a big reunion on October 12. The Chowanian Society will also meet on Homecoming Day, and the Hall of Fame Banquet for athletics will be held. The dedication of the men's residence formerly called West Hall as Dunn Hall in honor of Charles Kelly Dunn, Jr. and in memory of Laura Jane Hardison and Charles Kelly Dunn, Sr. will take place on Homecoming Day.

Campus Evangelism Week is scheduled for October 29 through November 2. Parent's Day will be held on November 10 and the dedication of the Krueger School of Graphic Communications will take place that day.

Mid-term break will be October 12 - 24, and Thanksgiving Holidays will be November 21 - 26. Final exams will be given December 15 - 21, and Christmas Convocation will be held on December 5. Christmas holidays begin at the end of examination schedule on December 21.



Opening convocation was held for the academic year 1990-91 on September 5 in the Helms Center.

Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president of the college, welcomed the crowded gymnasium full of returning students and freshmen to Chowan College. Joel McMahan, president of the Student Government Association, from King George, Virginia, urged all students to "get involved" in campus activities.

Dr. Hargus Taylor, assistant to the president, delivered the convocation address entitled, "If I Sat Where You Sat," and led the student body in a standing silent tribute in remembrance of two college professors who have died recently, Dr. Earl H. Parker, professor of religion and philosophy, and Dr. Marilyn Channell-Purdy, professor of English.

Phonathon changes to fall: Oct. 1 - 25

The annual Chowan College Phonathon is being held in the fall this year, a change from past years when it has taken place in the spring.

Students and alumni volunteers are calling alumni, parents and friends and asking for gifts and pledges to the Annual Fund. Pledges made this fall are payable until May 31, 1991.

According to Sven VanBaars, Director of Annual Gifts and Alumni Services, this is the one time during the year alumni and parents will be telephoned to contribute to the Alumni Loyalty Fund, and Parents' Fund.

"Due to alumni demand, we have changed the time during the year to hold the phonathon. By seeking pledges in the fall we hope to give those making gifts more time to fulfill their commitments. Many alumni had suggested we call them in the fall rather than in the spring to avoid income tax season," states VanBaars.

"We are confident the fall phonathon will be a success, and hope many alumni, and friends will respond positively to our new schedule."

Four-year curricula to begin fall of 1992

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A Four-Year Study Committee, established a year ago, presented a report to Thomas M. McCrary, trustee board chairman, of Raleigh, and recommended to the board that Chowan resume four-year institutional status.

Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president of the college, told the board, "I recommend that the trustees approve the four-year institution beginning with the fall semester of 1992. There is a need for a four-year Baptist college in eastern North Carolina, because the closest private four-year college is over 65 miles away."

"Another part of the college family needs to be considered in this decision, and that is the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, because Chowan is one of six institutions associated with the convention."

According to Dr. Jackson, the

Convention desires to be a part of the process, and the Council on Christian Higher Education will appoint a committee to visit the campus and study the request for a change in status. The Council will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and General Board of the Baptist State Convention of N.C. Their approval is expected to be given in early 1991.

Chowan College, which was founded in 1848, operated as a four-year college until 1937.

Students who are currently enrolled at Chowan may have the option of enrolling as juniors in the fall of 1992 to pursue a bachelor's degree. After beginning four-year status, the college will continue to offer a number of associate degree programs, as well as new four-year degree programs.

A transitional committee will be appointed to study and oversee plans for the four-year change.