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Message from the Chairman

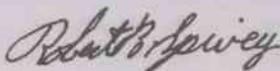
Chowan College is well on its way in the transition to a four-year institution. I take great pride in our accomplishments thus far in this difficult and tedious task of developing baccalaureate curriculum and making policy and personnel changes that are necessary for our institution to return to four-year status.

I especially take great pride in the commitment of the dedicated Chowan Board of Trustees and the support of the Board of Visitors in this time of transition and change. I join with other trustees in being pleased with the progress we have made, and share their diligence in seeing that we accomplish future goals.

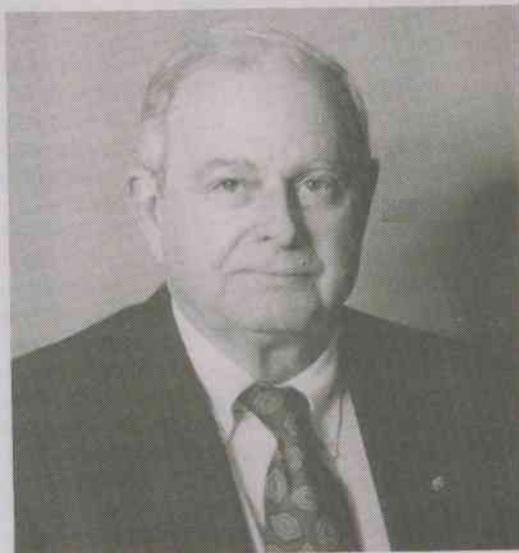
The Committee on Institutional Transition is doing an outstanding job of studying and recommending academic policies, personnel policies, institutional goals and curricula. They are to be commended for the amount of work they have done in such a short time. Already, many policies and procedures are in place and the faculty/staff and board of trustees have approved a core curriculum for Chowan — The Four-Year College.

We are on schedule to begin offering the first courses in the four-year curricula in the fall of 1992, and yet in this busy time of transition, new departments, facilities and other necessary changes, we must remember the reason for change in the first place: the students of Chowan College. They are our first priority on this campus and the ones we have in mind during each and every policy and curriculum consideration. The Chowan students' needs, future, and well-being come first with the administration of this college and with the board of trustees.

I am excited about the transition, proud of the Chowan trustees, visitors, students, faculty and staff, alumni and parents and look forward to the future of Chowan — The Four-Year College with great anticipation.



ROBERT B. SPIVEY, Chairman
Board of Trustees



Robert (Bob) Spivey

Message from the President

There have been many changes in my two years as president of Chowan College. In fact, more changes have been made than I ever expected to implement. Changes have not been made for the sake of making changes, but have been made to help all of us to better carry out the mission of the institution and serve the students who enter our doors.

We have had a successful year in academics. The return to four-year status is on schedule thanks to the diligence of Dr. Frank Lowe, vice president for academic affairs, and the institutional transition committee.

This past summer, a special two-week program was offered for students who did not meet the academic standards for fall admission. Students were admitted to the college following this program and have entered the academic support program on campus in which they will be followed closely.

The freshman year experience program has begun this fall with over twenty courses of College 101 being

offered to our freshmen. I am excited about this program assisting us with retention of students, an area we have studied and planned for this past year.

The new chairman of the department of education is at work developing curricula and a library of instructional materials which will be needed to offer a baccalaureate degree in education. A new horsemanship program has been added to the physical education curriculum.

In an effort to recruit new juniors for next fall, Chowan is negotiating transfer agreements with community colleges. Plans for the coming year in academic affairs include the possible implementation of twelve-hour teaching loads beginning with the 1992 fall semester; a committee on planning to function as recommended by the Southern Association of Accreditation; the naming of a person to the Knight Professorship; development of a one-semester course on Christianity in the department of religion and philosophy; and the renovation of McSweeney Hall next summer to house the Texie Camp Marks Computer Center.

In nine major sports last year, we finished with a cumulative record of 143 wins and 102 losses or a winning percentage of 59%. A better balance has been achieved between academics and athletics. My deepest regret in this area is the lack of attention the administration has given to our women's basketball program. More attention will be given to that area this year.

We have had one meeting with officials of the Dixie Conference as we prepare to enter NCAA Division III in 1993. The Athletic Committee will be continuing to make plans for this transition. In the fall of 1992, we plan to employ coaches in women's soccer, men's soccer, and women's tennis.

All freshmen entering Chowan for the fall 1991 semester will have taken the SAT. It is my recommendation to the admissions committee that for the 1992-93 academic year, we raise the minimum SAT score to 620 for automatic acceptance of students, if all other criteria are met.

Student development continues to be a priority as we work to provide a good academic atmosphere for our students. A parents' handbook and an alcohol/drug publication for both students and faculty/staff were developed this year.

New rules and regulations were implemented at mid-semester. Some of these changes created dissatisfaction among students and some faculty, and for this, I take complete responsibility. Also we employed full-time

and part-time resident directors in our dormitories which created a healthier atmosphere and one that was more conducive to study.

In the area of development this past year we saw an increase of 364 donors which expanded our donor base in a positive direction necessary as we move to four-year status. In November, the Hertford County Day for Chowan raised over \$54,000 in one day when 170 volunteers called on friends and neighbors to ask for support for Chowan.

One of our development goals for the coming year is to further expand our donor base. Among other gifting goals, \$150,000 must be raised for an instructional materials library.

Projects over the summer included refurbishing of the cafeteria and president's dining room, and the creation of new laboratories and offices for the academic support program. The bookstore and snack bar were relocated to provide more centralization of student activity near and around the Braves Den Student Center. The Trading Post Book Store, in its new location, is one of the busiest places on campus.

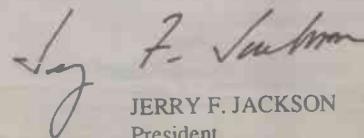
A new budget reporting process has been developed with the assistance of our auditors. Faculty and staff will have more participation in the budget process. Department heads will have responsibility for fiscal and budget matters in their areas.

Future projects for campus development include the possibility of an indoor tennis facility and a small chapel which would be erected where the snack bar used to be located.

It is my belief that "human kindness ought to be in generous supply among the humane personnel of the learning community. Such will also prove to reduce attrition and to be good for the institution."

It is my dream that all of us would put our students first. Chowan is a good place where students can achieve and excel. We need to tell them this and that they "can do" at Chowan. This is the kind of college for which I strive. We can come close to this goal if each of our decisions can be made in the context of "what is best for the students".

Join with me in this exciting time of change and transition for Chowan — The Four Year College.



JERRY F. JACKSON
President



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