

Chowan opens doors for 144th year

Chowan College opened its doors for the 144th year to new and returning students on August 28 when classes begin following four days of orientation, meetings with faculty advisors, and registration.

Student enrollment at Chowan this fall is 738 students, according to Winslow Carter, vice president for student enrollment. The admissions staff recruited 450 freshmen for the academic year. The office experienced a 13% decrease in applications for the year which was expected because of the "demographics crunch" most colleges are facing with lower numbers of graduating high school seniors during the early 1990's.

Freshmen and transfer students arrived Saturday, August 24 with class registration beginning on Tuesday, August 27. The three days of orientation included a social orientation called "Life Outside the Classroom" on Saturday evening for new students. Small group sessions of new students and resident advisors took place on Saturday afternoon to orient freshmen to Chowan.

On Sunday, students met in Turner Auditorium in the afternoon to meet their faculty advisors. That evening all students were invited to dance in the Braves Den Student Center featuring the band "Power Play."

Academic advisement continued on Monday with entertainment by Kyle Davis in the afternoon at the new snack bar in the Braves Den. A President's Reception for new and transfer students was hosted by President and Mrs. Jackson at the Ella Cobb Camp President's Home at 8:00 p.m. that evening. Entertainment continued each day at the gazebo on Tuesday and Wednesday as students complete registration and began classes for the year.

Faculty and staff prepare for the fall semester opening with a workshop in Marks Hall Auditorium on August 22 and 23. The workshop was led this year by consultant Patti Crane of Communicorp, Atlanta, Ga., who discussed motivating students, developing positive relationships between faculty/staff and students; recruitment and retention of students. Dr. B. Franklin Lowe Jr., vice president for academic affairs, conducted a session on faculty ranking and proposed new procedures for awarding tenure and faculty rank. On Friday morning, Dr. Jack Allen, associate executive director, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, discussed with faculty/staff the requirements for transition from two-year to four-year status.

A number of special events are

planned for the fall semester this year.

Founder's Day will be observed on October 10; Campus Evangelism Week is scheduled for November 11-15. Parents' Day will take place on November 2. The Chowan athletic department's annual Hall of Fame banquet will be held on October 26. The annual Day for Chowan when

volunteers support the college will take place on November 7. Mid-term break will be October 18-23, and Thanksgiving Holidays will be November 27-December 2. Final exams will be given December 14-19, and Christmas Convocation will be held on December 10. Christmas holidays begin at the end of examination schedule on December 19.



Dr. Jack Allen, (left) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, outlines plans for four-year status with Dr. Frank Lowe, vice president for academic affairs.

McGinniss elected SGA President

Ken McGinniss, a rising sophomore, was elected president of the Student Government Association for 1991-92 last semester and was in training for the job throughout the summer.



activities for the fall semester. He also worked in the office of the president of the college, attended board meetings to see how the college is governed, and met with new students and parents to orient them to the campus.

Ken, who was a peer counselor in high school, said the experience has been "lots of fun" and that he learned a lot about how the college is governed. He is also a resident assistance director at Chowan and a member of the Baptist Student Union. He is majoring in printing technology.

Working as a student intern in the department of student development, Ken, from Wilmington, Delaware, assisted Director of Student Activities Elizabeth Genshaw in planning student

Wolfskill named outstanding college academic advisor

Dr. G. Kenneth Wolfskill, chairman of the department of language and literature at Chowan, has been selected as an outstanding college academic advisor by the National Recognition Program for Academic Advising of the American College Testing (ACT) in Iowa City, Iowa.



selection committee.

"I am very appreciative of this recognition," states Dr. Wolfskill. "I believe it is important for teachers to be recognized for academic advising because it is something extra that we do. Because I enjoy working with students, I especially enjoy my role as an academic advisor at Chowan."

Dr. Wolfskill received the B.A. from Samford University, the M.A. from the University of Kentucky and the Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As an English professor at Chowan, he is a favorite among students, according to Austine Evans, director of academic advisement for the college.

Wolfskill, who was instrumental in starting the new freshman experience program at Chowan, which orients new students to college life, is teaching one of those courses in the fall semester.

He is married to Jayne Wolfskill, has two children, and resides in Murfreesboro.

He was named a Certificate of Merit recipient in recognition of his demonstrated abilities as an advisor in nationwide competition, according to the NACADA selection committee.

Dr. Wolfskill was nominated by his students and advisees at Chowan for his dedication to them as their advisor.

"In the judgment of the Committee, Dr. Wolfskill has consistently evidenced the qualities associated with the outstanding advising of students," stated David Goldenberg, a member of the

Taylor's initiate funding for Heritage Lectures

Funding for Chowan's first endowed lecture series has been initiated through the commitment of gifts over a three-year period by Dr. & Mrs. R. Hargus Taylor, veteran members of the college's faculty/staff since the 1960s.

To be known as the Heritage Lectures, the series — according to mutual agreement between the college and the Taylors — is to be inaugurated once funding has reached a minimum of \$5,000.

The primary objective of the Heritage Lectures is to celebrate and promote the relationships between faith and learning. Lecturers and/or other programs in the series are to be selected and sponsored by the college's department of religion and philosophy, with a focus upon personalities and movements as contributors to an understanding of our Judaeo-Christian heritage. Frequent emphasis is to be given to the contributions of Baptists.

Dr. Taylor served as chaplain to the College, 1963-90; assistant to the president and denominational relations representative, 1990-91. He currently serves as chairman, department of religion and philosophy, and director of denominational relations. Mrs. Taylor has been employed as acquisitions assistant in Whitaker Library since 1969. Both have been enthusiastic supporters of every facet of the educational program throughout their careers.



Dr. and Mrs. Taylor

"Doris and I wanted to focus our primary support of the college's educational program on perpetuating the opportunity for fostering greater acquaintance with that religious heritage which informs and influences genuinely Christian higher education," noted Dr. Taylor. "Given the long history of Christian sponsorship of the education enterprise, it seems particularly appropriate that a lecture series be devoted to an exploration of themes, issues, or principles of mutual concern to persons seeking to relate the ventures of faith and learning — especially among Baptists."

Friends, former students, and others who are interested in the Heritage Lectures are encouraged to participate in the funding by contacting the Office of Development.