

Faculty/Staff Changes

Dr. John W. Gosnell, associate professor of sociology and psychology, has been named the new chairman of the Social Science Department.

Working on his 22nd year at Chowan, Gosnell was appointed at the resignation of Mr. Warren Sexton as acting chairman.

With an array of education behind him, Gosnell is well-qualified for the position. He has two master's degrees, one in education from DePaul University in Chicago, and one in theology from Boston University. He received his doctorate in social foundations from UNC-Chapel Hill and has done post-graduate work in psychology at East Carolina University. His undergraduate work was in psychology at Bridgewater College in Virginia.

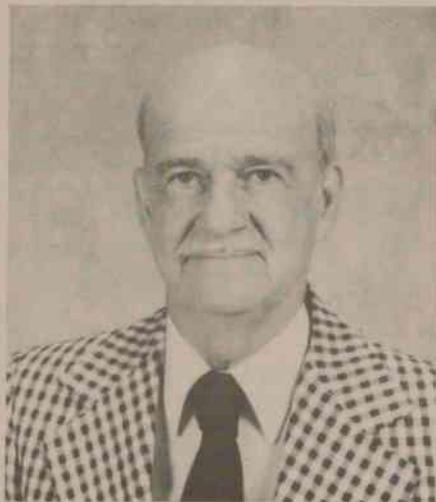
Originally from Mt. Airy, Maryland, Gosnell spent fifteen years in pastoral ministries prior to his teaching career, serving churches in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Gosnell has been married 42 years to the former Barbara Lee Dove, secretary to Dr. Jerry F. Jackson.

The couple met while attending Bridgewater College where Barbara's father was psychology professor. They have two daughters, Linda Renner of Edenton and Pamela Cox of Conway; and three grandchildren.

Gosnell is a member of the North Carolina Sociology Association and the Southern Sociological Society. He is also vice-president and program chairman for the local rotary club.

A veteran to the department, Gosnell hopes to eventually establish a four-year degree in social science.



Gosnell

Antwyne Tyson has been named director of special programs at Chowan. In his second year with Chowan, Tyson has been and still is assistant resident director of Dunn Hall.

He also is supervisor in the Braves Den. Originally from Murfreesboro, he attended school in Pennsylvania where he began working on his degree.

As director of special programs, he will be the liaison between the college and special groups coming onto campus, such as camps, conventions and special events. He will recruit groups and facilitate their needs while on campus.



Tyson

For Jon Olson, this has been a year of changes. He began at Chowan as residence director in August of 1991. This August, he married the former Megan Smith, whom he met while working on his B.S. degree in history at East Carolina University.

Megan has a degree in Spanish and teaches in Bertie County. This year he became part-time director of student activities in the student center. He continues to be a residence director, living in Mixon Hall with his wife.



Olson

Diana K. Freshour has been named assistant dean of students at Chowan. Originally from Holden Beach, Freshour has been with the college since January 1991 as residence director of Belk Hall.

She holds a B.A. in business administration from the University of Central Florida and is currently working toward her master's degree in counselor education at East Carolina University.

Prior to coming to Chowan, Freshour worked as an associate producer for a CBS affiliated television station and was an area manager for a mobile communications company.

Her husband, Patrick, is a student at Chowan and works part-time in security.



Freshour



Texie Camp Marks Computer Center is now in operation as of the fall semester. The center was made possible by generous gifts from the Camp family foundations and the Fletcher Foundation. With 50 new computers, the facility is the center for academic computing on campus.

Wallace Named Advisor of the Year

Dorothy A. Wallace, chair-person and associate professor in the Department of Business, was named Advisor of the Year for the 1991-1992 school year at the end of last semester.

Wallace, in her 28th year of teaching at Chowan, is the second recipient of the two-year old award.

A bit amazed at the honor, Wallace says, "My reaction was surprise because there are a lot of good advisors. The faculty and administration at Chowan spend a lot of time with the students."

Last year students filled out a survey evaluating their advisors. They were asked if they wanted to elect their advisor for the honor and state the reason if they did.

At a recent faculty staff meeting when Wallace received the award, some comments her students wrote were read aloud. "It touched me," says Wallace. "I knew which students wrote them."

She does not consider herself more special than anyone else. "This does not mean that one person is the best advisor," she says. "I was selected as one of many good advisors."

Originally Virginia, she lives in Woodland with her husband, L.M., professor of business at Chowan since 1958.

Wallace is glad to know she can help. "When people thank you, you feel you are making a difference in their lives," she says. "You feel what you do is worthwhile—because there are many times you wonder if you've helped."

Wallace makes it a point to find answers for her students. "If I don't know the answer to a question—I'll find it or put you in touch with someone who knows," she says.

She helps new students realize it is normal to have a lot of questions. "I try to show them making career decisions is not a life or death situation," she says.

When her students fail to make the grade she knows they are capable of, she



asks why. "I try to find out what is really going on," she says.

She not only cares about her student's grades, but the students themselves. "I try to show that I care enough to go the extra mile with them," she says. Her students know they can call on her outside the hours of eight and five. "We do a little extra to show we care about them," she says. "It means a great deal to the students."

Wallace holds the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Professorship of Business at Chowan. She earned her B.S. in business education from Radford College and received her M.S. in business education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. She has done additional graduate study at the University of Maryland, University of Missouri, University of South Alabama and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

At Chowan, she is sponsor of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Pi Beta Lambda.

In Woodland she is secretary-treasurer of the Civic Club and Community Club, a member of the North Hampton County Historical Society, and a member of the Woodland Baptist Church where she teaches an adult women's Sunday school class and is mission study chair-person for Baptist Women.