

# Campus News

## Chowan Freshman Receives National FFA Degree

Chowan College freshman Christian Overton of Shiloh has received the highest honor awarded by the National Future Farmers of America Organization, the American FFA Degree.

Overton was one of the 1,161 members receiving the degree at the 65th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO. November 12-14.

This honor is based on outstanding achievements in agricultural production, processing and service programs and on demonstrated leadership abilities.

Only one in 345 of the 400,746 FFA members have advanced through chapter and state FFA degrees to earn this national degree.

The son of Gary and Dianne Overton, he is a member of the Camden chapter and his agricultural education instructor/FFA advisor is Terry Forehand.

Each recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate. More than 20,000 FFA members attended the National FFA Convention, which is the largest annual youth convention in the nation. Overton said the convention was enjoyable and educational.

Raised in a farm family, Overton knows

the risks of being a farmer. He wants to stay in agriculture but not as a farmer. His goals, he said, are to have a career that is "profitable and successful." After "a lot of thought," Overton decided to pursue a career in pest control management related to agriculture.

Overton is an agronomy major, a basic agriculture program devoted to soil and crop science. After completing his studies at Chowan and North Carolina State University, he will begin his own business in the Camden County area.

Overton believes his chosen field is "wide open" with opportunities. "Farmers are finding it is more feasible to hire somebody to apply the pesticides instead of taking on the responsibility themselves."

He worked the past two summers with an agricultural consultant. He noted this was a learning experience since he will apply the pesticides that the consultant recommends to the farmer.

At Chowan, Overton is a member of the Science Club. "Chowan has very good science and math departments. My studies are helping to prepare me for my career," he said.

Article by Phil Royce

## Chowan Offers Classes During "Winter Term"

Chowan College is offering six classes during the December/January 1993 Winter Term. The cost of tuition is \$165 per semester hour.

The following classes are offered: Computer Awareness 101, Ceramics 151, Geography 151 and Print 331 Paper and Ink, P.E. 130 Beginning Raquetball and P.E. 207 Nutrition.

If a student is currently enrolled at Chowan College, they can contact the registrar's office at 398-4101, ext. 375 to confirm their intent to register.

If students are new or returning, they can contact the office of student enrollment at 398-4101, ext. 233 to apply.

Computer Awareness, taught by Renee Drake, will be held Dec. 28, Jan. 8, 8 a.m. to 12:30 daily for two credit hours.

Ceramics 151, taught by Doug Eubank will be held Dec. 17-23 and Dec. 28-30, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily for three credit hours.

Geography 151, taught by Charles Paul, will be held Dec. 17-23 and Dec. 27-Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.; (Sunday, Dec. 20 and Jan. 3, 1:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.) for three credit hours.

Print 331 Paper and Ink, taught by Bill Sowell, will be held Dec. 15 through Dec. 18, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 to 5:00 for two credit hours.

Beginning Raquetball, taught by Dan Surface, will be held Dec. 17-23 and Dec. 28-30 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for one credit hour.

Nutrition, taught by Alison Boeche, will be held Jan. 3 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Jan. 4-9 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and Jan. 10 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for three credit hours.



Craft won first place, receiving \$25 in Chowan's First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.



Williams received \$10, placing third in the contest.



McAteer came in second, receiving \$15.

*Chowan College had its First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest in October. Out of 48 entries, nine people took home cash prizes. Students spent hours carving and deciding the winners was a difficult task. There were six honorable mentions, winning \$5 each. Walt Williams took third place with a skeletal face carving, winning \$10. Shannon McAteer won second place and \$15 for her artistic etching. Ed Craft received first place and \$25 cash for his craftsmanship.*

*Some students kept their pumpkins, others donated theirs to the children's ward at the Roanoke Chowan Hospital. PHOTOS BY Marc De Maaijer*

## Dr. Smith to Speak at 1993 Graduation

Chowan College has asked Dr. Roy J. Smith, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, to be the speaker of the May 8, 1993 graduation.

Born in Franklin, N.C., Smith has an extensive educational background. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest College in Wake Forest in 1953. He received his B.D. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1956. He holds an honorary doctorate of divinity from Campbell University. He has done graduate studies at the following schools: North Carolina State, Emory University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has diligently served North Carolina Baptists since 1954 when he pastored Union Hope Baptist church in Zebulon while working toward his B.D. In 1957 he became pastor of Jersey Baptist Church in Lexington which was recognized by the Baptist State Convention as Church of the Year in 1962. That same year Dr.

Smith was named Rural Minister of the Year by Progressive Farmer and Emory University.

He left Jersey Baptist to be associate in missions in Region 10, in western North Carolina. There five years, he then became secretary for town and country missions and seminary extension department for the Baptist State Convention, a position he held 10 years. He then became associate general secretary-treasurer at the Convention. In 1984 he was elected to the position he now holds.

Dr. Smith married Doris Elizabeth Pearce in 1950. They have three children and five grandchildren.

He is a chaplain, member of Linwood and Sylva Lions Clubs and is a volunteer fireman for the Sylva Fire Department.

Dr. Smith has written articles for Royal Service, Church Administration, Search and Contempo magazines.



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