

Campus News

CAMPUS BRIEFS

The college will also be participating in men's and women's intercollegiate soccer next year. Eric Terrill, a former assistant coach at Lees-McRae College, has been hired to coach both teams.

Women's Coach to Be Hired

The women's basketball team

finished the season with a record of 0 and 16. The college is in the process of seeking a new women's basketball coach for 1993-1994. Dan Surface only assumed the job for one season and did a great job under adverse circumstances, as have the young women on the team.

Organ Recital Sponsored by the Department of Music

Chowan College Department of Music sponsored an organ recital

presented by Dr. James Good, professor of church music at Southeastern Seminary. Dr. Good performed on Sunday, February 21, in the sanctuary of Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Dr. Good played works by Bales, Bach, Boyce, Homilius, Saint-Saens, as well as hymn preludes by such contemporary composers as Held, Manz and Wood. Of the selected pieces, "Petite Suite" by Gerald Bales, "Toccata in F" by Johann Sebastian Bach and "St. Anne" by Paul Manz were some of the most famous and recognizable selections on the program.

Dr. Good has been professor of church music at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, since 1978. Dr. Good holds degrees from Wake Forest University (B.A.) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.S.M., Performer's Certificate in Organ, D.M.A.).

Rogers Gives Clarinet Recital

The Daniel School of Music presented James E. Rogers, clarinetist, assisted by Catherine Charles, pianist, and the Conway Baptist Church Handbell Choir, directed by Mrs. Pam Cox, in "Faculty Recital" on Sunday, April 4, 1993, in Daniel Recital Hall.

The program featured arrangements from Mozart, Bozza, Schuman, Greer, Weber and Gershwin.

Photography Program Discontinued

The college will discontinue its two-year program in the area of photography. Freshmen enrolled in the program will have the opportunity to take the required courses for completion of their degrees in the 1993-94 academic year.

The program was eliminated due to dwindling enrollment and student interest and due to the need to use the college's resources as cost effectively as possible in order to support programs needed for four-year accreditation.

"As Chowan starts to offer more four-year programs, two-year programs with marginal enrollments will be reconsidered," said Eric Surface, director of college relations and official spokesman for the college, in an interview with local media. "The college must consider the needs of all of its students and what is best for the majority of them during this period of transition to four-year status. We have a responsibility to our students to provide the programs necessary for four-year accreditation."

A Profile of Service

Jack Hassell

When you take the same route to work everyday, the details tend to blend together, and you sometimes miss the subtle changes. This was true for Jack Hassell, Chowan's director of the physical plant.

On January 12, Mr. Hassell drove to the work at 8:00 a.m. just as he has done every weekday for 32 to years, but he failed to notice that the once nameless road onto the back campus, which runs between Daniel Hall and the Horner Building, now had a name, Hassell Drive.

"I didn't even notice the sign until lunch when it was pointed out to me by one of the workers," said Mr. Hassell. "It was a total surprise that they named the drive street me."

"We needed to name the drive to direct traffic to the back campus and the maintenance building," said Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president of Chowan College. "I appointed a committee of faculty and staff members to make a recommendation. The committee was unanimous in suggesting that the street be named Hassell Drive in honor of Jack's years of loyal service to Chowan, and I pasted the recommendation along to the board."

In December, Chowan's Board of Trustees voted to recognize Mr. Hassell's 32 year service to the college by naming the road that he had driven so many times to the physical plant building over the years in his honor.

Jack Hassell came to Chowan on August 1, 1960, 33 years ago this August, as superintendent of buildings and grounds.

"I've seen a lot of change," said Mr. Hassell. "In 1960, there was only one AC on campus and that was in the president's office. Now all the buildings have them."

"All the buildings except Green, Lakeside, Columns, Mixon, part of the Cafeteria and part of McSweeney Hall have been built since I've been here."

"It used to be a constant challenge just to meet to basic needs of our students and staff. I remember, in the old athletic center, one time when Garrison didn't have any heat. He was wearing gloves and an overcoat in his office. I went up town and bought a gas heater so he could

take off his gloves. That type of thing wasn't uncommon when I first came in the 1960s."

Things have changed a lot at Chowan thanks to Mr. Hassell and his crew of workers. Over the years, Mr. Hassell and his maintenance team have saved the college thousands of dollars by constructing and renovating buildings on campus. These projects took place during the summer months.

"Every year there was a challenge to upgrade and renovate," said Mr. Hassell. "Each summer, we had a major project to accomplish in a limited amount of time."

"It is always very rewarding to complete a summer project. Some people have to wait to see the effects of what they do. When I renovate or build a building, I get to see the effects of what I do immediately."

One of his most difficult assignments at Chowan involved the McDowell Columns building.

In the late 60s, they thought the wiring in the Columns building may have been in need of repair because you couldn't run the coffeepot and the vacuum cleaner at the same time. When they investigated, it turned out that the building still had the original tube and knob wiring so maintenance had to rewire the entire building; they used five miles of wire to rewire every room in Columns.

One of Mr. Hassell's most rewarding challenges at Chowan happened when the college was flooded with students because of the Vietnam War draft deferment.

In the early 70s when we were overflowing with students, I came up with areas to house an additional 50 students, allowing them to come to college," said Mr. Hassell. "That was probably the time when I had the greatest impact on other people's lives. I helped provide those students with an opportunity."

Mr. Hassell had to work while he



By Eric A. Surface

Jack Hassell at the entrance of "Hassell Drive," named in his honor.

was in high school to support his family and was unable to attend college.

"I didn't have the means to attend college," said Mr. Hassell. "A college degree opens up a lot of doors for you. If you don't have a college degree you have to prove yourself. I had to work hard to prove myself and get where I'm at today. Those kids who have the opportunity to get a degree and waste it are foolish."

Mr. Hassell's advice for young people is to seek an occupation that they enjoy doing because if you enjoy your job, you are more like to be a success at it.

Mr. Hassell believes that it is important to provide opportunities for kids to gain work experience and responsibility.

"I've been able to help a lot of kids out with summer jobs," said Mr. Hassell. "I've taught a lot of kids to paint and do other things that most people don't want to take the time to teach them. You have to be patient enough to show kids how to do things; they are usually eager to learn."

"One kid that worked for me used the painting skills he learned on the job to work his way through N.C. State. You never know the effect that taking a chance on a kid will have on his future."

Jack and Alice, his wife of 43 years, have one daughter, Linda, who has been employed at Chowan since 1975 and has recently received her M.L.S. from East Carolina and joined the library faculty.

Mr. Hassell plans to retire in a couple of years and play golf.