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Prior to being placed in the Antiquities Room of Whitaker Library, Mrs. Geraldine Harris and Mrs. Katherine Wood, librarians, examine several of the historical volumes.

Historical volumes of Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, former professor, placed in college library



DR. BELA
UDVARNOKI
. noted educator,
minister and
editor

collection of more than 100 valuable books, a part of the library of the late Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, has been presented to Chowan College by his widow, Mrs. Ruby Daniel Udvarnoki, of Murfreesboro. The collection will be housed in the McDowell Room of Archives and Antiquities in Whitaker Library and become a part of the college's collection of historical volumes.

The most significant, and most valuable, of the contribution is a set of The Expositor's Greek Testament, edited by the Reverend W. Robertson Nicoll, and published in 1902 by Dodd, Mead and Company. The set was originally owned by Dr. Archibald Thompson Robertson, a noted Greek scholar, who was one of Dr. Udvarnoki's graduate professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Robertson, who served at the seminary from the late 1800s until his death in 1934, was the author of several books during his illustrious career.

The volumes were purchased by Dr. Udvarnoki, along with many other books, for \$1.00 each from a library which was not aware of the value of the books and was disposing of a collection to make room for more modern publications.

"Bela was estatic when he learned that The Expositor's Greek Testament was included, especially when he found the signature of Dr. Robertson in each volume," Mrs. Udvarnoki said. "He directed that the books be given to Chowan, along with the other historical works, following his death," she said.

Mrs. Geraldine Harris, Chowan's head librarian, said "we are very happy to receive this set of books which has been owned by two distinguished individuals." She added that the books will by housed "where they will have proper conditions and supervision, yet still be available for research purposes."

Dr. Udvarnoki, an ordained Baptist minister and a native of Budapest, Hungary, served on the Chowan College faculty from 1952 until May, 1963, and was chairman of the Department of Social Science.

Following his retirement from Chowan, "Dr.

Bela", as he was affectionately known, became affiliated with the *Gospel Messenger*, a bimonthly newsmagazine for Hungarian Baptists. He served as editor of the publication from 1970 until 1990, during which time he personally wrote many of the articles, edited the work submitted by other writers, and designed the pages of each edition of the newsmagazine.

The Gospel Messenger, printed in the Hungarian language by a printing plant in Florida, is distributed to Hungarian Baptists throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and many European countries.

Mrs. Udvarnoki states that he husband did not own a typewriter with the Hungarian language during the 20 years he served as editor. "He had to add all of the many, many Hungarian accent marks by hand," she said, "which required a tremendous amount of time."

Tim Wilson takes campus minister post

Timothy L. Wilson, a native of Durham, has been named Chowan College's campus minister, effective June 1.

Wilson is a graduate of Wingate College where he received the Bachelor of Science in business administration in May 1981. He attended Florida State University for graduate work prior to entering the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he received the Master of Divinity in December, 1992.

The new campus minister has an extensive background in Baptist youth work. He completed his internship as a campus minister at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he assisted the campus minister with all levels of the Baptist Student Union administration. Residing at the center, Wilson supervised and hosted various activities, as well as assisting in local ministry to international students.

He served as youth director of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Monticello, Fla., from November 1981 to March 1983, and directed the youth program of the church. He has also been a volunteer tutor with the Florida State Baptist Children's Home, in Tallahassee.

Wilson served as director of guest recreation at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center during the summer of 1989. He was responsible for planning, promoting and supervising guest recreational activities, and was responsible for the upkeep of recreational facilities...

While a student at Wingate College, Wilson was active in campus student organizations, and participated on the varsity teams in soccer, track and cross country. He was also the recipient of Wingate's Bicentennial Leadership Scholarship.

At Florida State University, he was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry Singers, and was active in FSU's Baptist Campus Ministry.

Wilson and his wife, Krista, also a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, are making their home in Murfreesboro.



Natalie Candice Taylor, left, and Nanami Yoshimura, organist, presented their junior recital, a music degree requirement, at Murfreesboro Baptist Church in April. Ms. Taylor, a junior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor of Eure, is majoring in music education. Ms. Yoshimura graduated this spring with an associate degree in music. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimura of Kanagawa, Japan.