

A Message from the President . . .

The 1992-93 academic session was another outstanding year in the life and progress of Chowan College. Throughout the year an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm was evident in all areas of the campus community as we moved closer to re-opening a chapter in the college's history by returning to four-year status.

A great deal of our time during the past year was centered around work with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools relative to our accreditation as a four-year institution. We were delighted to be informed by letter during the past summer that the Commission on Colleges had voted to continue Chowan College in Candidacy at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

I was particularly pleased that we were asked to provide a follow-up Progress Report related to only one of the fifteen recommendations of the SACS committee.

Specifically, we have been asked to provide follow-up statements on the academic and professional preparation of the faculty in the areas of science and printing. Our response to this matter will be submitted well in advance of the October 15 deadline. Further, it appears, that the Substantive Change Committee (Membership) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will visit our campus in February.

The accreditation process required for returning to four-year status has required many, many hours of work on the part of a large number of individuals on campus. We are indebted, indeed, to Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, vice-president for academic affairs, who has guided the entire process and has given unselfishly of his time and efforts in this regard.

Our "Day for Chowan" last year was expanded to include five counties in the Roanoke-Chowan area and into neighboring Virginia. This is the one day in November of each year when workers canvas the area in solicitation of gifts for the college. Last year, the number of workers increased to over 400 individuals who volunteered to give one day for the purpose of raising funds for Chowan College. The total amount raised last year was \$152,000.

Other notable events of the past year included the first Annual Agricultural Celebration which was extremely well-received by agricultural leaders and businesses of this region. We also held dedication ceremonies for Hassell Drive, to name the street at the south entrance to the campus in tribute to Jack Hassell, director of the physical plant. This is a well-deserved honor for Hassell, who has rendered outstanding service to the college for more than 30 years.

The new computer laboratory in McSweeney Computer Center was opened last year which made possible computer instruction a part of our basic educational core curriculum. We are indebted to various Camp foundations, and others, for making this facility possible. The

center has been named in honor of Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, VA.

One of the real highlights of the year was the participation of the faculty and staff in "manning" telephones to call prospective students. For a two-week period they gave their evening hours to assist in the admissions effort and to spread the word of Chowan College to students and their parents. This is evidence of their dedication and commitment to this institution.

As we begin a new year at Chowan, first and foremost in our efforts will be the completion of the accreditation process. We are excited about graduating our first senior class in 57 years when we hold commencement exercises next May. During the year we will provide events to honor the graduates in this history-making class.

Miller & Cook Associates has been retained as consultants for student recruitment. In this capacity, they have already provided a report of their findings in a study comparing Chowan first with other private two-year colleges and then with other private four-year institutions. Their report reveals not only our strengths and weaknesses, but also identifies some problem areas which need to be addressed.

A committee, with the official title of Cooperative Institutional Research Program, has been appointed to investigate the problem areas identified by Miller & Cook Associates' report and to make appropriate recommendations for correction and improvement.

In athletics, the college will compete on the four-year level of N.C.A.A. Division III in all varsity sports, and we will introduce men's and women's intercollegiate soccer programs.

In the area of academics we will strive toward raising more dollars for academic programs and to increase faculty salaries. We currently have a committee in place, chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees, to establish a salary scale based upon faculty rank and this committee will be making a report later this year.

During this year, we will continue to raise admissions standards until we reach the minimum level of 750 on the SAT to gain admission to Chowan College.

Another important undertaking this year is that of the Planning Committee, which is being assisted by the departmental chairpersons, in developing a distinct statement as to who we are and what we expect to be as a four-year college. We simply cannot be the average, four-year, liberal arts institution. We must be unique if we are to continue to grow and prosper as an institution of Christian higher education.

In all our efforts—regardless of our position with Chowan, our responsibilities, or our duties—we must continue to maintain a genuine and sincere interest in our students. We must also strive, in all of our planning and decision making, to do what is best for the student.

To this end, we must be totally committed.

—Jerry F. Jackson, *President*



Dr. Jerry F. Jackson
President of the College

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