

# Annual Reports reflect Year of Progress

## Another milestone reached in Chowan athletics

By JAMES G. GARRISON, Vice-President for Athletics

When Chowan College closed the doors on the 1992-93 academic year on May 8th, its long association as a junior college also came to a close. Plans are already in place for 1993-94 when the Braves will participate as a four-year college competing against mainly NCAA Division III programs.

By reaching this milestone in the history of Chowan athletics, it is appropriate that we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year.

The Chowan athletic programs participated in 187 intercollegiate athletic events, winning 108 for an excellent 58% success rate. The men's basketball program won 19 games, giving head coach Bob Burke 319 career victories during his 13 years as the Braves' mentor.

The women's volleyball program posted 33 victories, finishing second in the conference and the Region X. The baseball and women's softball program set new records for Chowan, with 29 and 26 victories respectively.

The Braves had numerous All-Conference and All-Region X performers plus one All-American. Jody Lindstrom (volleyball) was selected as an Honorable Mention All-American, while finishing as the No. 1 Defensive Player in the Nation.

Mike Niemotka (baseball) and Heather Kulow, who was a three-sport star in volleyball, basketball, and softball, were named male and female Athletes of the Year.

The success of Chowan student-athletes is further reflected by the fact that 21 individuals were named to the Dean's List for their academic achievements during the spring semester.

As we look anxiously to the fall when the athletic programs will begin four-year competition, we look back at the past year with a feeling of great accomplishment and tremendous pride.

*"The college is exactly on track where it should be for accreditation at the new level."*

—Dr. B. Franklin Lowe

*"We look anxiously toward our athletic programs beginning four-year competition."*

—James G. Garrison

*"Projections indicate steadily improving balances in coming years."*

—Michael Allen

## Positive ending for '92-93 year

By MICHAEL ALLEN, Vice-President for Business Affairs

During a year in which colleges and universities nationwide continued to feel financial pressure, Chowan College also experienced its share of financial stress. We are pleased to report that the fiscal restraint of the faculty and staff contributed to a positive ending for the 1992-1993 school year.

Actual operating revenue and transfers amounted to approximately \$8.8 million. With expenditures under that, the operating fund ended the year with a net increase of approximately \$12,101. Budget design enhancements implemented last year improved our ability to accurately forecast costs for the coming year(s).

More than 350 students were served on the Deferred Payment Plan which allows qualified families to pay tuition and fees in regular payments each semester. We continue to seek additional resources and alternatives to assist parents in paying for college costs as affordability becomes more difficult for students.

The endowment fund continued to perform better than the general markets with an investment return in excess of 9.5% despite a conservative strategy. The market value of the fund as of May 31, 1993, stood at approximately \$8.5 million.

All indications are that the new admissions strategy has been successful. We will continue to

## Four-year programs implemented; accreditation process on track

By DR. B. FRANKLIN LOWE, Vice-President for Academic Affairs

The major thrust in the area of academic affairs in 1992-93 was the implementation of new four-year programs of study and continued progress toward meeting the requirements for accreditation as a four-year, Level II institution.

### ACCREDITATION STATUS

During the period 15-18 November 1992, Chowan was visited by a Substantive Change Committee from the Commission on Colleges, SACS. The committee made some 15 recommendations incident to the college's transition to four-year, Level II status. The college responded to each of these recommendations in a formal report to the Commission on Colleges. Subsequently, the college was notified in July 1993 that its candidacy for accreditation at Level II had been affirmed. The college was asked to provide follow-up on only one portion of one recommendation. This relates to the faculty qualifications in the area of Science and Printing. The follow-up report on this one recommendation is due by 15 October 1993.

The college has also been notified that a Substantive Change Committee for Membership at Level II has been authorized in the year in which the first class is graduated at the new level. As of this writing, the date for the membership visit has not been definitely fixed, but it is hoped that the visit will occur in early February 1994. In preparation for this visit the college must prepare an updated Application for Substantive Change (Membership) at Level II. Assuming that the Membership committee will visit the college in February 1994, the Application must be completed and mailed by mid-December 1993.

Note should be taken that while the college is a candidate for accreditation at Level II, it remains fully accredited as a four-year, Level I institution. Further, the college is exactly on track where it should be for accreditation at the new level.

### CURRICULA

In August 1992, the college enrolled its first

junior class. Four-year majors leading to the baccalaureate degree (BA, BS, BAS) were implemented in the following majors: Business Administration, Commercial Art, Studio Art, Art Education (K-12), Teacher Education (K-6 and 9-12), English, Physical Education (K-12), Sports Management, Liberal Studies, Mathematics, Music, Music Education (K-12), Printing Production and Imaging Technology, Religion, Science, and Applied Science.

In addition to the foregoing four-year programs, the college continues to offer the two-year associate degree in each of the following areas: Liberal Arts, Social Studies, Pre-Psychology/Sociology, Music, Music Business, Pre-Medical Illustration, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Computer Science, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Forestry, Pre-Pulp and Paper Science and Technology, Pre-Agriculture, Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Medical/Dental/Veterinary Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Medical Technology, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Athletic Training, Business Administration, Accounting, Computer Information Systems, General Business, Merchandise Management, Printing Technology and Imaging Technology. The two-year program in Photography was deleted from the program offerings, with the phase out of this program to be completed at the end of the 1993-94 academic year.

The faculty has adopted and the Board of Trustees has approved a new four-year program in History. This program, approved during the 1992-93 academic year, is scheduled to be implemented in the fall of 1994. This will require the addition of at least one full-time faculty member holding the earned doctorate in the teaching area. This program is being added for two basic reasons: (1) To meet the needs of a number of students who have expressed an interest in pursuing a four-year degree in the area; (2) to supplement the social science requirements in the Teacher Education program.

The college continues to give consideration to designing a teacher certification program in the area of Printing Technology. The implementation of such a program would almost certainly require the addition of at least one faculty member. At the time of this writing, there is no such teacher certification in any college in North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia.

### FACULTY CHANGES

The Criteria for Accreditation of the Commission on Colleges, SACS, mandates the following with respect to faculty qualifications: (1) Any faculty member who teaches college level courses must possess as a minimum the master's degree with at least 18 graduate semester hours in the teaching field; (2) In any area in which a major is offered at a four-year college, at least 25% of the credit hours must be taught by persons holding the terminal degree (usually the earned doctorate) in the teaching area. In order to meet these requirements, some adjustments were necessary with respect to faculty members who taught in the 1992-93 academic year, and a lengthy recruitment process was necessary in order to secure new, qualified faculty. On a department-by-department basis, the following adjustments were necessary:

*Business:* Dr. Gladys DeJesus was employed to teach economics as a replacement for a departing faculty member. Mr. James Dumville, who is nearing completion of his doctorate at Virginia Commonwealth University, was employed to teach courses in the field of management. Mr. Donald Riley (master's in business administration, master's in accounting, CPA) was employed on an adjunct basis to teach

See ACADEMICS, on Page 3

face fiscal pressure with significant expenditures for new faculty, library improvements, and other efforts to ensure accreditation and improve our product. The Board of Trustees has identified the resources to meet these expenses this year, and projections indicate steadily improving balances in coming years.

A change occurred in the Business Office with the resignation of Mr. John Nesbitt. Michael Allen succeeded him as Vice President for Business Affairs on March 29.

### Operating Revenue 1992-1993

Tuition and Fees .....	40.8%
Auxiliary Enterprises .....	23.1%
(Bookstore, residences, dining hall)	
Gifts and Grants .....	3.6%
Baptist State Convention .....	10.9%
Endowment .....	6.0%
Government Grants .....	15.3%
Other .....	0.3%

### Operating Expenditures 1991-1992

Instruction .....	29.9%
Administrative .....	14.7%
Student Development .....	7.8%
Special Activities/Other .....	3.6%
Plant Maintenance .....	12.9%
Scholarships and Grants .....	22.8%
Auxiliary Enterprises .....	7.8%
Other .....	0.5%