



Dr. Bunn greets Bynum Brown, a member of the Board of Trustees. The two men were close friends during their childhood days while Dr. Bunn's father was pastor of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Dr. Bunn tells of current problems in annual Founder's Day address

Dr. John Bunn, retired chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Campbell University, gave the keynote address at the annual Founder's Day Convocation in October.

Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president, introduced Dr. Bunn to the student body and other guests and described him as being an outstanding teacher and one students seek out in the classroom.

Bunn recalled his early childhood in Murfreesboro and noted that his father was pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist Church from 1935 to 1941, and his uncle, Dr. B. D. Bunn, was president of Chowan College when it reopened after World War II.

"It is my opinion," Dr. Bunn stated, "that the most serious impediment facing our colleges today is a deep seated and growing conflict among the different partners in the educational undertaking. Among them there is an absence of unanimity due to lack of understanding the vital issues, purposes and objectives of Christian higher education."

The partners in Baptist higher education of North Carolina, according to Dr. Bunn, are the state's Baptists, the alumni, the accrediting agency, the federal government, private enterprise and the state government.

He also noted that "one partner has become two due to the growing polarization of moderate and conservative positions within convention life."

"Both are intensely interested in higher education and both approach educational curriculums with a different and often violently conflicting theological bias."

Bunn said the most crucial question that arises out of these partnerships was "charged with legal, ethical and highly emotional overtones."

"What do these partners have a right to expect from the institution on which they have invested their time and resources?"

He then discussed the conflicting demands which the partners put on Baptist institutions.

"Take for instance the position of academic freedom as articulated by the American Association of University Professors and the American Association of Colleges.

"This stands in stark contrast, at times, with the concept of academic freedom as espoused by certain alumni groups, corporate partners and denominational factions."

The conflicts among partners was described as "a dance upon the high wire of constituency

demands" which pushes "college to the brink of institutional despair."

Bunn made several suggestions to solve the partnership problem.

First, he urged that trustees be recruited from every major segment of the college's constituency and not just on the basis of denominational loyalty or effectiveness to influence corporate, alumni or governmental loyalty.

Second, he called for a return to educational goals that "have been over the years sacrificed upon the altar of secularism." Third, he asked for the "tacit admission that we cannot be all things educationally to all elements of our constituency."

Fourth, he declared colleges to "breathe the breath of life into a rediscovery of the liberal arts" in order to introduce a discussion of all facets of religious truth into the curriculum.

He concluded, "It is my strong conviction that Baptist colleges can in the days ahead provide the leaven for the permeating of American life with renewed ethical intellectual leadership.

"This can only take place when all of the partners involved put aside their sectarian interest and become one in support of Christian higher education. Our future lies not in a philosophy to educate in order to make a living, but to educate in order to make a life of moral integrity and intellectual order."

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Faculty & Staff Focus

Dr. Carl Garrott, professor of language and literature, has written an article for the March, 1994, edition of *Cuadernos de artes y ciencias*. The article, entitled "La gloria de don Ramiro de Enrique R. Larreta: tecnica, punto de vista e intriga ironica", is one of several that Dr. Garrott has published in recent months.

Dr. Kenneth Craig, assistant professor of religion, authored an article, "Ebal and Gerizim: A Hymn of Instruction", which was published in the fall edition of *The Biblical Illustrator*.

Dr. Hargus Taylor, chairman of the department of religion, has published *Partners in Missions and Ministry: A History of Flat River Baptist Association*.

Darrell H. Nicholson, registrar, has been selected to serve as a judge for *The Lyricist*, the literary magazine of Campbell University.

A photographic exhibit on North Carolina Herring Fishermen by E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., director of Upward Bound, was displayed at the Chowan Arts Council Gallery in Edenton during the month of August.

Dr. David Gowler, professor of religion, is editing the *Emory Studies in Early Christianity* series.

Mrs. Katherine Wood, associate professor and assistant librarian, presented a paper at the Third Annual Women's Studies Conference entitled "Liberating Printing History: A Study of Three Women Printers in Colonial America."

Dr. James Dumville, assistant professor of business, authored an article entitled "Chief Executive Compensation: An Argument for a High Reward System" which appeared in the summer 1993 edition of *Compensation and Benefits Management*.

Craig Vick is now serving as Director of Personnel on a full-time basis, effective December 1. His former part-time position in financial aid has been filled by Mrs. Hilda Gatling.

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