



Dr. James M. Dunn

## Dr. Dunn to deliver first Heritage Lecture

Dr. James M. Dunn, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will deliver the first annual Heritage Lectures at Chowan College on March 14 and 16.

The programs will be held in Robert Marks Hall amphitheatre beginning at 9:45 a.m., each day.

Dr. Dunn's topic for the initial lecture on Tuesday, March 14, will be "The Grand Tradition: Religious Liberty." He will lecture on "Current Threats to Religious Liberty" for his concluding lecture on Thursday, March 16.

A native of Texas, with degrees from Texas Wesleyan College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dunn has been a pastor, campus minister, and college teacher. Prior to his assumption of his current position in 1981, he had served the previous twelve years as Executive Director, Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions as a champion of religious liberty and separation of church and state from various Baptist constituencies. Co-author of six volumes related to Christianity and public policy, he has also contributed articles to such publications as *The Journal of Church and State*, *The Southwestern Journal of Theology*, *Review and Expositor*, *Eternity*, *The Student* and *The Baptist Standard*.

Terms of the endowment of the Heritage Lectures stipulates that expendable funds therefrom are "to provide financial assistance for a lecture/program series to be selected and sponsored by Chowan's Department of Religion and Philosophy, with a focus upon religious personalities and movements as contributions to an understanding of the Judaeo-Christian Heritage. Frequent emphasis is to be given to the contributions of Baptists."

Friends of the college are cordially invited to join the campus community as participants in the Heritage Lectures.

## Mrs. Deanes becomes Chowan's oldest living alumna at age of 102

Mrs. Mary Peele Deanes, who will be 102 years old on March 15, is now the oldest living alumna of Chowan College.

"Granny" Deanes, as she is affectionately known, graduated with the Class of 1913 and currently lives in Cary with her daughter.

Before enrolling in the Chowan Female Baptist Institute, as Chowan was known shortly after the turn of the century, Mrs. Deanes was educated in a one-room school in Murfreesboro. She grew up in the Powellsville community and attended the Bethlehem Baptist Church there.

Mrs. Deanes was married to Willie Evans Deanes, who was associated with Chowan through his mother who attended Chowan College and was later a member of the faculty.

In an interview in the spring of 1992, Mrs. Deanes said "I have fond memories of Chowan

the way it was. I enjoyed playing basketball and we played against each other in the old gym which was where Turner Auditorium is today."

She also remembered Mrs. O. C. Turner of the Class of 1912, and she recalls some of the teachers during her student years.

Mrs. Deanes was the mother of four children, and has 19 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Five generations of the Deanes family (on two sides) have attended Chowan College.

Mr. Deanes' mother was the first and Mrs. Deanes herself was the second generation to attend. Her son, Ted, who is a businessman in Murfreesboro, was the third.

Joyce Deanes Langston, Class of '61, and her daughter, Deborah Ann Langston, Class of '84, round out the family's attendance at Chowan thus far.

*Graduated with Class of 1913; enjoyed playing basketball*

## Chowan to co-sponsor third seminar in historic preservation techniques

A historic preservation seminar focusing on early hardware used in the building and cabinetmaking trades will be conducted at Chowan College on June 8-10, 1995. The seminar is jointly sponsored by Chowan, the Murfreesboro Historical Association, the N. C. Division of Archives and History and the Stagsville Historic Site.

The seminar is the third in a series co-sponsored by Chowan during the past several years.

The two and half day session will be of interest to historic preservation professionals, owners of historic houses or buildings, and anyone interested in learning more about the form and use of early hardware.

In addition to presentation and panel discussions by authorities in the field of historic preservation, practical blacksmithing demonstrations will be performed at the association's forge in Murfreesboro's historic district.

A highlight of the seminar will be a day trip to Prestwold Plantation near Clarksville, VA., and located on the bluffs above the confluence of the Dan and Staunton Rivers.

An exceptionally beautiful property, Prestwold was built in 1790-1795 by Sir Peyton Skipwith, an American-born baronet. His wife, Lady Jean Skipwith, was an expert horticulturist and created an outstanding garden at the plantation.

Prestwold is one of the most extensively

documented remnants of 18th century rural life to have survived the region. It has one of the most complete collections of 18th century hardware to be found anywhere. The house is completely restored and contains an extensive collection of original Skipwith furnishings.

Participants in the seminar are offered low-cost accommodations in the Chowan residence halls during the seminar. Program announcements will be distributed in late March, but further information is available by telephoning Kay Mitchell at (919) 398-5922.

*Seminar to include field trip to Prestwold Plantation*

*Your invitation is on its way . . .*

### Spring 1995 Chowan Alumni Events

April 22 ..... Raleigh, NC  
April 29 ..... Richmond, VA  
May 20 ..... Hampton Roads, VA

Your invitation is on the way to attend the event in your area! If you would like to help organize an event in your area, please contact—

Kevin Clary  
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## Employer's Day conducted for printing production majors

Representatives of twelve major printing firms, from as far away as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, interviewed prospective employees at the annual Employer's Day sponsored by the Department of Printing Production and Imaging Technology. Prior to individual interviews being conducted the group enjoyed a luncheon in the President's Dining Room.

