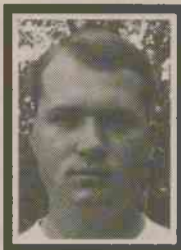


served as the assistant coach at Emory & Henry College for three years. He was attracted to Chowan when he was interviewed by Coach Surface and Coach Garrison. "The interview really made me see that they were really good people with Christian backgrounds. They really know what they are talking about with football," stated Hampton.



Brian Hampton

As a coach, Hampton believes that it is his responsibility to "try and relate football to real life as much as possible. There are a lot of ups and downs with football and life. You have to learn how to bounce back when you get knocked down," Hampton added. Outside of football, Hampton loves to fly fish.

Varble to assist as athletic trainer

"It's quiet, but people are really friendly," stated Rachele Varble, the new assistant athletic trainer. Varble added, "This is a place where you can focus on your studies. There aren't quite so many distractions." Varble is originally from St. Peters, Missouri, where her parents and brother, Brian, currently reside.



Rachele Varble

She is a 1994 graduate of Cumberland College with a B.S. in public health. She is currently finishing her M.S. at the United States Sports Academy. Varble was interested in Chowan's internship program and she knew Stacy Sage, head athletic trainer.

Outside of work, Varble enjoys playing volleyball, listening to music and reading. Her main goal as an athletic trainer is to "make sure the athletes are healthy and can play."

Marion takes post in basketball

John Marion will serve as the assistant men's basketball coach under the direction of Coach Bob Burke. Marion attended Pinola Junior College for one year and transferred to Southwest Texas State University with a basketball scholarship. He received the B.S. in 1994. The same year Southwest Texas State advanced to the first round of the midwest regional of the NCAA tournament in Wichita, Kansas, before losing to the University of Massachusetts. Marion served as graduate assistant coach at Southwest Texas State for one-and-a-half years and full-time assistant coach at Lee Junior College in Houston. He is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana.



John Marion

Marion admitted that he has had to learn to adjust to a small working environment but finds the faculty, staff and student relationships beneficial. Marion believes that this will be a good year for Chowan basketball.

"We have a strong group of freshmen who seem very determined to succeed. We can hit some high peaks," he stated. Marion has helped with several summer basketball camps and has made friends in the area.

"Many people recommended that I talk to Coach Bob Burke; he is known in the business," Marion explained. He hopes to help the team "make the most of themselves and earn their degrees." Marion enjoys the outdoors, watching movies and all types of sporting activities.

In the Office of Student Enrollment . . .

Former teacher takes admissions position

Shannon Vick, a former Chowan student, was hired to serve as a new admissions counselor. She and her husband, Sammy, and their 13 year-old daughter, Whitney, live in Newsoms, Virginia. Vick attended Chowan from 1965 to 1967. She transferred to Barton College and earned the B.S. in business administration. After a period of time, Vick decided to return to school to earn a teaching certificate. She taught kindergarten in Southampton County for 14 years. She stated that she "always wanted to work in higher education."



Shannon Vick

"Chowan has seemed peaceful ever since I was here. When you drive around that circle, you always feel at home," Vick added. She believes that Chowan adds a certain amount of structure to students' lives. Vick enjoys reading, going to concerts and plays, playing the piano and spending lots of time in Nags Head, North Carolina.

In the Office of Development . . .

Kay Parker joins secretarial staff in college relations, alumni services

"Chowan offers a good, solid foundation on which students can build their lives," according to Kay Parker, the new secretary to the director of college relations and the director of alumni services. Parker stated that the "environment at Chowan is very Christ-like and people try to help one another succeed."



Kay Parker

As a mother of two boys, Raymond, 19, and Carlos, 17, Parker believes that her biggest responsibility in life is to teach her children how to achieve a successful life filled with happiness and hard work. She married Steve Parker on September 20. Parker is a member of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and enjoys engraving glass in her free time.

In the Office of Human Resources

Deacon to assist resources director

Stephanie Deacon will serve as the assistant to the director of human resources and institutional services. Deacon and her husband, John, reside in Jackson, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Campbell University, with a B.A. in religion. Deacon served as the minister of children at Galatia Baptist Church and as an "At Risk" social worker for Halifax Social Services.



Stephanie Deacon

Deacon also served as the librarian for Wilson County Public Library. She enjoys walking and sewing. "I like working at a Baptist college. I find the campus beautiful and a safe place to work," Deacon concluded.

In the Office of Information Technology . . .

Futrell named to computer position

With technology changing quickly, Chowan College is working hard to stay on top.

Robert Futrell of Four Oaks, North Carolina, has been hired as the network administrator under the direction of Dr. Andrea Eason, director of information technology.



Robert Futrell

Futrell will be in charge of the maintenance and supervision of all campus networking, printers, students workers, etc. A 1996 graduate of Chowan College, Futrell received a B. S. in business administration with an emphasis in computer information systems. Futrell's father, Rev. Felix A. Futrell, is also a graduate of Chowan. In his spare time, Futrell enjoys playing sports.

In the Department of Printing and Imaging Technology . . .

Philip Age named chairman of PPIT

Philip D. Age was named chairman of the printing production and imaging technology department in Chowan's Horner School of Graphic Communications. Age has over 20 years of experience in the field. He is a 1972 graduate of California State University, where he received the B.A. in industrial education. He also received the M.A. from California State in 1975.



Phil Age

During his college career, Age worked for the Walt Disney Corporation, where he supervised employees. He is originally from Huntington Beach, California, but enjoys the geographical location of Chowan. Age is interested in surfing, spending time with his family, reading and photography. Age admits that his first impression of Chowan was "a diamond in the rough."

Age is very excited about raising the graphics program to a national level. He enjoys the smallness of the college, the personal relationship with students and instructors, and the Christian principles on which the school is based. Age believes that his biggest responsibility as an educator is to "make sure the students are prepared to be functional and productive in our society."

Former GATF instructor to teach graphics

Mike Steczak stated, "Each community has a plus for the students whether the community be large or small." As far as Chowan is concerned, Steczak believes that the "smallness of the college and the closeness of the faculty and students" is important. Originally from Berlin, Maryland, Steczak will serve as an instructor in the printing production and imaging technology department. Steczak and his wife, Cheryl, have three children Joseph, 18, Melissa, 23, and John Michael, 28.



Mike Steczak

Steczak formerly was in charge of the technical program for the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The foundation is an educational research foundation serving the graphic communications industry. Steczak taught at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Steczak stated that he has always liked the North Carolina area and was interested in living here. He is impressed by the close, personal relationship between students and professors and the the opportunity to help students succeed. Some of his hobbies include woodworking, renovating old homes, fishing and golf.