

A Letter from the President

As I write this, the 1996 fall semester is nearing completion. Only four days of final exams remain before we recess for the Christmas holidays.

This has been an exhilarating four and one-half months for me and my wife. A great deal of curiosity has arisen about how we like Chowan, Murfreesboro, and North Carolina. People ask what we think about the place and the people, and whether we feel at home yet. Our answer to all of the questions is overwhelmingly positive. On a daily basis, I am learning about the strengths and incredible potential of Chowan and have discovered much more here than I had dared to hope. The citizens of the region are among the most gracious on the planet and the Chowan faculty is enthusiastic, hardworking, and deeply committed to the college.

As I expected, this has been a very busy time for Johnnye and me. I have traveled extensively to meet trustees and have visited with several of the generous and dedicated supporters of Chowan College. The loyalty that I discovered, among those who attended Chowan, is surprising and gratifying. It is certainly encouraging to find such a reservoir of support, among graduates and friends of this institution, that bodes well for the future.

After owning and managing a business for eight years, Johnnye is making the transition to Chowan and Murfreesboro with exuberance. She has remained active managing the house and our schedules, traveling, and hosting a variety of functions. In the months ahead, she will be sorting through her experiences and looking for ways to further utilize her unique strengths and skills.

Although the progression from junior to senior college status is going well, some intimidating challenges remain ahead of us. We must increase our endowment and enrollment, build a new student center, improve our rate of retention, continue to add new programs, and consolidate the changes in the curriculum.

Your support for Chowan College has never been more important than it is now. We need your encouragement, your contributions, your ideas, and your prayers. We



ask that you help us increase Chowan's visibility in the places where you work, worship, and reside.

I would like to hear from you. I am interested in hearing about your experience at Chowan and your vision for her future. In addition to my mailing address at the college, one of the following methods can be used to reach me after college offices reopen January 6:

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May this Christmas season bring you peace, hope, and love in abundance.

Stan Lott

Stan Lott
President

Fine Arts Foundation schedules trips for Broadway plays

Reservations
now being
accepted

The Chowan College Fine Arts Foundation is scheduling two trips to see outstanding Broadway productions in early spring, according to Randy L. Brantley, director of foundation and corporate relations and college liaison to the Fine Arts Foundation.

The first trip, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Feb. 1, will transport fine arts enthusiasts to see *Les Miserables*, when the world class musical returns to Norfolk's Chrysler Hall. In response to past requests, seats have been reserved in the center orches-

tra section.

Based on Victor Hugo's class novel, *Les Miserables* is an epic saga that sweeps through three turbulent decades of 19th century France. The production has won 32 major awards internationally, including the 1987 Tony Award for Best Musical and Best Musical Honors from the New York Drama Critics Circle, The Drama Desk and the Outer Critics Circle.

Chowan's Fine Arts Foundation has arranged for a bus to depart from the campus

at noon on Feb. 1. Box lunches will be served en route to Norfolk. Following the performance, the group will enjoy a Dutch treat dinner at the popular Elliot's restaurant in the Ghent section of Norfolk before returning to the campus by 9:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$71.00 per person.

The second outing will travel to see *Oklahoma!* on Sunday afternoon, April 27, at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk.

An innovative musical, *Oklahoma!* is an entrancing, high-spirited story of love set in the Oklahoma territory as it achieves statehood. The leading actors discover their love for each other while a colorful cast of characters delight the audience with their singing and dancing to such numbers as *The Surrey With the Fringe on Top* and *People Will Say We're in Love*.

The bus for *Oklahoma!* will leave the Chowan campus at 12:30 p.m., and a box lunch will be served en route. Following the production, the group will have a Dutch treat dinner at Elliot's restaurant and arrive back in Murfreesboro by 9:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$79.00 per person.

Reservations for one or both trips may be made by contacting Brantley at Chowan College by telephoning (919) 398-6365 or Portia Davis at (919) 398-6234.

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