Library automation campaign meets mark for matching grant

Final support sought to turn dream into reality

WITH only $31,000 left to raise in the five-month public phase of the Whitaker Library Automation Campaign, Vice President for Development E. Vincent Tilson recently announced the securement of a matching grant by the Alden Trust of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Alden trustees pledged $50,000 toward computerization of the library, if Chowan could raise $150,000 for the project by June 30, 1998. Obtaining the matching goal amount early was a real boost for the $250,000 campaign. Currently, total gifts and pledges total $169,000.

Once in place, the automated system will provide an online patron access catalog replacing the old "card catalog" system. It will provide an integrated system for cataloging, circulation, book and periodical acquisitions and serials control; electronic resources such as computerized databases and other libraries' catalogs; and improved efficiency for both the patron and library staff.

Each module of the system will interconnect through a common bibliographic database, with entries made in one module automatically updating information in other modules. Currently, library services create a large amount of paperwork and coordinating requires extensive staff time.

Ultimately, every networked computer user on campus, including those in residence halls, will have the resources of the library "catalog" and other research databases at their fingertips.

To insure the success of the campaign, Chowan counts on support from friends who believe in the academic successes of the college and its value as a center of cultural and intellectual life in northeastern North Carolina.

Funds received to match pledge by Alden Trust of Worcester, Massachusetts

Planning underway for Homecoming '98

Chowan College will observe its 150th Anniversary during the 1998-99 academic year. In observance, we are making plans for the biggest homecoming celebration ever on November 14, 1998. Save the date!

Classes and groups tentatively identified for reunions next year include:

Young 4ce	Graduates of the last three classes - '96, '97 and '98
Class of '93	5-year Reunion
Class of '88	10-year Reunion
Class of '83	15-year Reunion
Class of '78	20-year Reunion
Class of '73	25-year Reunion
Class of '68	30-year Reunion
Class of '63	35-year Reunion
Chowanian Society	Classes of '58 and prior Reunion (40-years & plus)

In order for your reunion to be successful, we would like to count on your participation! If your class is among those listed above and you would be willing to help plan and organize reunion activities and/or contact classmates (or if you are a member of another reunion group not mentioned), please contact an alumni association representative or the Office of Alumni Services.

If you have any ideas regarding the success of Homecoming 1998 or have suggestions about how to make it a truly memorable event, please let us know.

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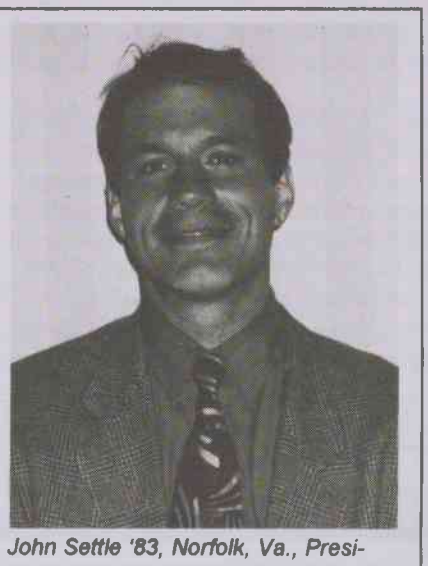

John Settle '83, Norfolk, Va., President of the Chowan College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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Alumni gathering

Area alumni gathered informally at the Willow Oaks Country Club in Richmond, Va., prior to the Braves' encounter with Wesley College in the Wal-Mart Tipoff Classic, Friday, Nov. 21. The event was sponsored by the Alumni Association and hosted by Dick Turner '66 and Michael Moore '92.

Pete Britton '63, Braves Club Executive Director Jim Garrison, Ralph Thurston '65 and Richard Turner '66.

Director of Alumni Services Charlie Aycock, Mrs. Cartte, C. Aaron Cartee '79 and Pete Britton '63.

Emily Lawrence '36 and Braves Club Executive Director Jim Garrison.

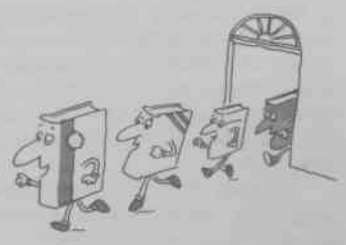
Ralph Thurston '65 (left) and Richard Turner '66.

Alumni directory update

Publication of the 150th Anniversary Chowan College Alumni Directory is nearing completion. The comprehensive volume compiles the most current data for more than 9,519 Chowan college alumni. Information has been obtained from questionnaire mailings, telephone verification and alumni records.

The new directory is an excellent way to relive great memories of college years and get reacquainted with former classmates. We sincerely hope you enjoy it!

Directories are scheduled for release in late February to those who reserved an advance copy of the volume during the verification phase of the project.

If you have a question regarding your order or wish to place an order, please contact our publisher directly at:

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