

Fall Semester Opening Signals Celebration: Chowan's 125th Year

The opening of the fall semester for the 1972-73 academic year will signal the beginning of a year of celebration of Chowan College's 125th anniversary.

"Many special activities are being planned," is the word from Dr. B. Franklin Lowe Jr., dean of the college and co-chairman with Dr. Hargus Taylor, chaplain, of a special anniversary committee comprised of faculty, staff, alumni, students and area residents.

The schedule will include special offerings of cultural, intellectual and athletic interest. Fine arts attractions will include the Broadway play, "I Do! I Do!" and the Texas Boys Choir, offered as part of the Chowan Community Concert Association.

The 125th anniversary is especially meaningful since there was no opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary. But that's part of the history of the college that makes the Chowan story both interesting and inspirational.

Chowan was founded in 1848 as the Chowan Baptist Female Institute. The Columns, now named McDowell Columns for Chowan's first president, Archibald McDowell, was erected in 1851. For many years Chowan was a one-building campus. In 1935 Chowan became coeducational and in 1937 a two-year college. Its closing was forced by World War II. It was during this time that Chowan's 100th anniversary passed in silence. But there were those in Murfreesboro and the area who remained confident of Chowan's future. Through their sacrifice and labors and those of many others enlisted by this dedicated group, Chowan was reopened in October, 1949.

President during the past 15 years has been Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker. Chowan's progress, under his leadership, has touched all areas so that now it is known as one of the nation's finest private, junior colleges. The campus facilities, grounds, outstanding faculty and its able leadership of trustees and administration all attest to this.

Chowan is one of seven colleges related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It is the ninth oldest college in the state.

During the 125 anniversary year, construction on Chowan's new science-engineering facility will continue. It is scheduled to be completed in May, 1973. Already known for excellence, the opening of the new science-engineering building will enable Chowan to increase the quality of the education it offers its students. The modern structure will offer many advantages lacking in the present facility. The up-to-date facilities and equipment means that the college

can better serve the young people attending Chowan.

Chowan's 125th anniversary year will also mark the initiation of courses in photography, commercial art and dance. Courses in dental hygiene, medical technology and cytotechnology leading to the associate of science degree will also be offered for the first time in the fall. Chowan continues to expand the number of courses it offers in order to meet the interests and needs of young people.

Chowan's 125th anniversary, in short, is a celebration of progress and a promise of more to come.



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1972-73 Campus Events

September 1 — Fall Convocation

September 16 — Planning Conference

October 11 — Founders Day Program

October 12-14 — Fall Drama Production (Chowan Players) 8 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium

October 23-27 — Campus Evangelism Week

November 3 — Community Concert — "I Do, I Do" — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium (season ticket)

November 15-16 — Faculty Drama Production — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium

December 4 — College Choir Concert — 8 p.m. — Roberts Vaughan House

January 23 — Community Concert — North Carolina Little Symphony — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium (season ticket)

January 26 — Spring Convocation

February 15 — Community Concert — Texas Boys Choir — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium (season ticket)

February 22-24 — Fine Arts Production — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium

February 27 — "Diary of Adam and Eve" — 8 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium

March 12-16 — Religious Emphasis Week

April 4 — Community Concert — "Neil Wolfe Trio" — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium (season ticket)

April 12-14 — Spring Drama Production — (Chowan Players) — 8 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium

April 20 — College Choir Concert — 8:15 p.m. — McDowell Columns Auditorium

April 28 — Spring Festival

New Film To Tell Chowan College Story

A new film designed to explain dramatically Chowan College to its many publics will be released during the college's 125th anniversary year.

The film, *The Dare To Be*, was filmed during the spring semester of 1972. It features two youths who were then Chowan sophomores. They are Linda Carawan of Chugiak, Alaska and Joe Forbes of Springfield, Va.

Many other students had parts in the movie which also includes appearances of various faculty and staff members. The movie presents the story of two students and their deepening respect and loyalty to Chowan. Appropriately, the history of Chowan unfolds. And yet the real story is the present scene at Chowan including academics, athletics, entertainment, fine arts and the opportunity for religious growth. The personal contact of the student with his professor, staff members and other students is also an integral part of the story.

The premier is being planned for October. The film will then be made available for showings by church, religious, educational, civic and other organizations.