

Banner Year Predicted For Fine Arts

A "banner year" is the prediction for the fine arts department by chairman, James Chamblee.

With the addition of a division of dance this year, the fine arts department is divided into four divisions: music, art, drama and dance. Each offers a program appealing to and involving both Chowan students and the public.

During 1971-72 the School of Music presented nine concerts featuring Chowan students and faculty members. In addition, the School of Music sponsored five concerts by guest artists. This total does not include the four concerts sponsored by the Chowan Community Concert Series. Full-time music professors include Bob Brown, Jefferson Ishee, Trelles Case and Chamblee, who also heads this division.

The 1972-73 year will likely surpass this record, Chamblee remarked.

In art, the enrollment more than doubled last year, its second. A total of 10 exhibits were displayed in the Art Gallery, located in Daniel Hall. "The student exhibit last spring displayed some remarkable talent on the part of the art students at Chowan," commented Chamblee. He said that an outstanding schedule of

exhibits will be offered this academic year.

A new feature of the art program is a two-year program in Commercial Art. This program will be offered for the first time in the fall. "The course will provide the student the skills and background to go directly into the professional field of commercial art or to transfer to a four-year institution for further studies," Chamblee elaborated. This division is headed by Craig Greene assisted by Doug Eubank.

Provision is also made within the fine arts department for students with an interest in drama, said Chamblee. The two-year curriculum is in its second year and Chamblee predicts an expansion on all fronts including student productions and tours to area schools. "At least two or three major productions are planned for the coming year," noted Chamblee, "and one will be a musical which will employ the efforts of the whole department." The director of the drama program is Steve Brannon.

The fine arts department will introduce a new division in the fall — dance. "Chowan will be among only a very few junior colleges in the nation to offer a dance major program," reported Chamblee. The director is Mrs. Helen Bridgers. She will be assisted by the director, Gene Hammett, and staff of the Academy of the Norfolk Ballet.

"The Norfolk Civic Ballet will from time-to-time be in residence at the college and present programs," remarked Chamblee. He said this was the case during the summer when the first annual Dance Workshop was held at Chowan with over 60 young people attending.

Chowan College Art Gallery

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITIONS
1972-73

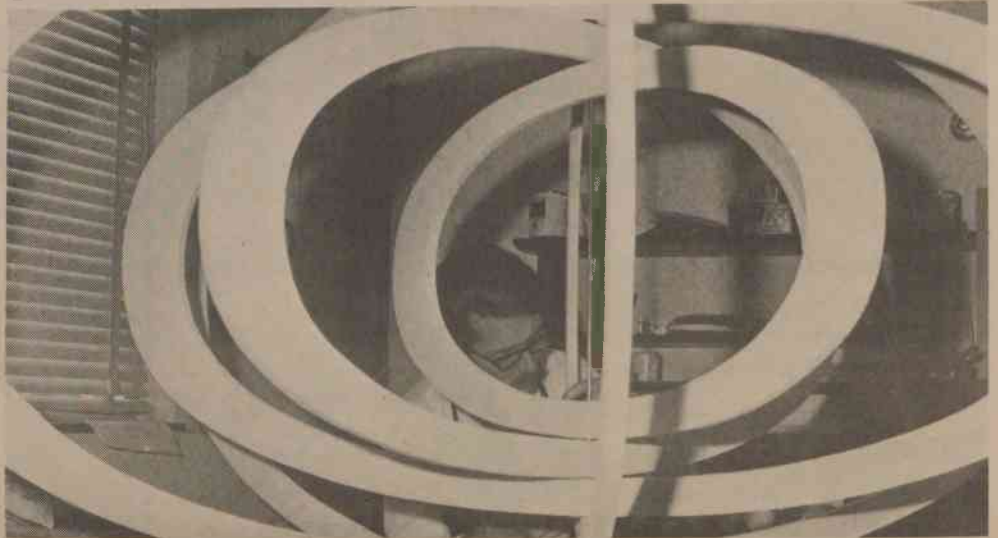
September 3-26	Works of Molly Eubank
October 2-25	Contemporary European prints
November 1-21	Drawings and prints from the permanent collection of The Chrysler Museum
December 4-15	First Annual Student Christmas Art show and sale
January 15-Feb. 2	Thomas Daniel, photography
February 5-26	Japanese Prints
March 7-28	North Carolina Annual Artists Exhibition
April 4-27	Freshman art students
April 30-May 20	Sophomore art students



THE CHOWAN division of drama under the direction of Professor Steve Brannon presents dramas in both the fall and spring. Gina Buchanan and David Talton starred in Tennessee Williams' "Summer and Smoke" presented last year.



A STUDENT VIEWS a portrait of himself completed by an art student at Chowan. The other works in the picture were also made by Chowan students enrolled in the division of art within the department of fine arts.



SURROUNDED BY his work is director of the division of art at Chowan, Craig Greene. Both Greene and Doug Eubank, professor of art,

remain active as artists, not only for their personal enjoyment but as part of the teaching process.



CHOWAN'S CONCERT Choir received enthusiastic responses from church and high school

audiences during its annual spring tour. The director is Professor Jefferson Ishee, left.



THE COMMUNITY Chorus and Orchestra attracts students and area residents who present concerts in the fall and spring. The director is

James Chamblee, chairman of the sponsoring fine arts department.