

Renovated Columns Auditorium Ready For Chowan's 128th Year

New professors in photography and art and a new assistant football coach will help Chowan College open its fall semester Thursday, Aug. 28. Over 900 students are expected for Chowan's 128th year.

They are three of the faculty members involved in registration Wednesday. Orientation began with the arrival of freshmen and new students Sunday to hear a message of welcome from President Bruce E. Whitaker in the stadium. They also met with their faculty advisers.

Returning students arrived Monday and met with their faculty advisers Tuesday.

The faculty prepared for the semester opening Aug. 21-23. Speaker for the President's Banquet Thursday, Aug. 21 was Dr. James Y. Greene, director of the department of campus ministry for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The fall semester will mark the reopening of McDowell Columns auditorium, closed in January for a \$100,000 renovation project. When the students use the renovated facility for the first time for convocation Friday,

Aug. 29, they will find new seats, lights, curtains, carpet, and sound system. The work also included structural repairs and additional exits and equipment. An entirely new interior has been provided. The auditorium has also been air-conditioned. Dr. Whitaker will deliver the convocation address.

The new assistant football coach is Linwood Ferguson. He replaces Dan Surface, now head high school football coach in Floyd Co. Va. A Chowan graduate, Ferguson has recently completed work for his masters in education at East Carolina University. He captained Greenville's Rose High School football team in 1968 when he was named defensive player of the year from his backfield position. Ferguson played linebacker on Chowan's 1969 team and was a running back on East Carolina's team two years.

The new art professor, H. Byron Corcoran, replaces Doug Eubank, on a year's leave of absence.

Chowan's staff will be involved in a new program, Title III of the Higher Education

Act of 1965, a federally funded program with emphasis in the area of student services and faculty development. The General Board of the Baptist State Convention, Chowan's sponsoring agency, in its January, 1968 meeting approved Chowan's participation in the Title III program.

Earl Dilday, formerly associate dean of students for men, has been moved to coordinator of the Title III program. Roy G. Winslow has been employed as associate dean of students for men. Three positions, in addition to coordinator, have also been funded under the program. Roland Pruette, formerly Chowan professor of religion, has assumed the position of director of institutional research. Steve C. Nelson has been employed as director of the student center. Named associate director of admissions under the program is Mark S. Hurst.

Fall semester dates include Founder's Day, Oct. 10; Homecoming, Oct. 18, Campus Evangelism Week, Oct. 27-31; Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 26-Dec. 1; and examinations, Dec. 15-19, followed by Christmas holidays.

Library Acquires 50,000th Volume

A long-awaited goal has been realized by the library staff of Whitaker Library, Chowan College, with the acquisition and cataloging of the 50,000th volume in the college's current library collection. Significantly, the volume cataloged at number 50,000 is the most recent and the most comprehensive history of Southern Baptists yet published

— Robert A. Baker's *The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People, 1607-1972*.

"With Chowan's history of 127 years as a Baptist college, it is most appropriate that Professor Baker's *The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People* should be the volume which realizes the administration's goal of 50,000 volumes in our library," noted

Mrs. Geraldine Harris, Head Librarian. Baker, who has taught church history at Southwestern Baptist Seminary since 1942, points out that Baptist churches in northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia (including Murfreesboro's Meherrin Baptist Church) were among the earliest Baptist congregations in the South.

The library has increased by some 41,000 volumes since Dr. Whitaker came to Chowan in May 1957. The budget for books and other library materials has increased from \$2,000 to almost \$43,000 and the number of periodicals from 80 to 300.

Chowan's librarian said the library is "the hub of the academic community." She explained circulation during the past academic year was "much better than its ever been." Circulation, which includes checking out books and use of records and microfilms, increased by over 4,000.

Mrs. Harris said the library is "building basically in the areas where courses are taught at Chowan." She noted the library is also interested in getting reference books to cover almost any subject.

The library, named for Chowan's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, also has 5,426 reels of microfilm, a record collection, and subscribes to 300 magazines and 14 newspapers.

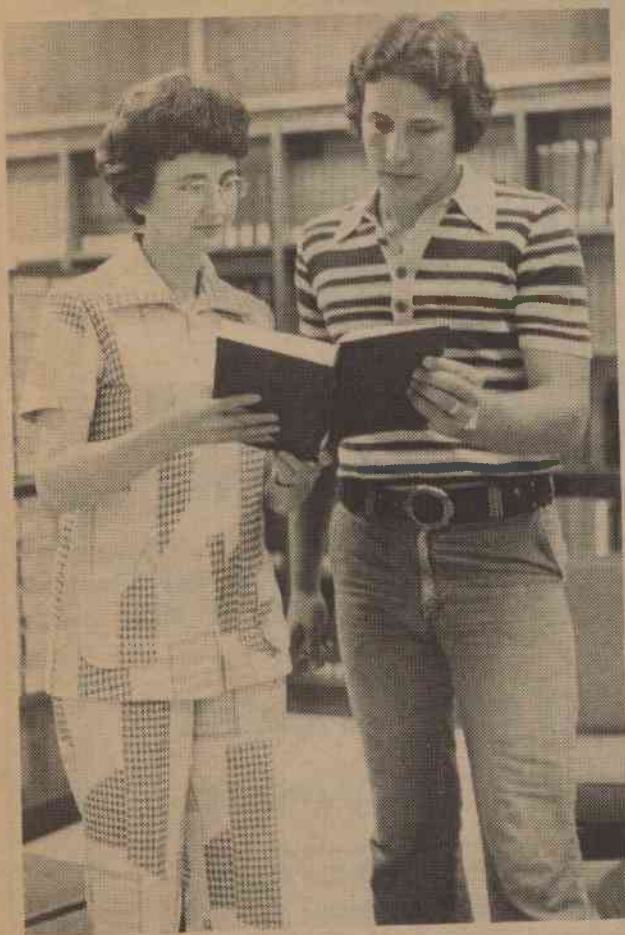
Mrs. Harris said Whitaker Library is a depository for selected government documents. A coin-operated photocopy machine and a reader-printer for microfilms are available as well as microfilm readers. Interlibrary loan service is also provided.

Whitaker Library also contains the McDowell Antiquities Room housing old and rare books, the Oscar Creech Baptist Collection, and special collections.

In addition to Mrs. Harris, who

also serves as cataloger, the professional staff includes Mrs. Carol Sexton, acquisitions librarian, and Tim Coggins, reference librarian. Other staff members are Mrs. Barbara Gosnell, Mrs. Jessie Moose, and Mrs. Doris Taylor.

As a service to the students, the library is open 72 hours a week. Mrs. Harris reported. The modern, air-conditioned facility has 30,000 square feet and space for 100,000 volumes. It features open stacks and individual study carrels.



Chowan College Head Librarian Mrs. Geraldine Harris shows ministerial student John Schaefer of York, Pa. the 50,000th volume, *THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AND ITS PEOPLE, 1607-1972*, cataloged in Whitaker Library.



One of the many Chowan alumni who visited Chowan this summer was Tony Odion-Esene of Lagos, Nigeria, who recently graduated from Wake Forest University. At the May, 1973 Honors Day at Chowan, Tony received the Merit Award for achievement through dedication and devotion. Tony talks with Chowan's chaplain, Dr. Hargus Taylor, and tells of his immediate plans to work on his masters degree.