

# Jackson is new Chowan president

Dr. Jerry Francis Jackson, who began his service as Chowan's 20th president in early August, is no stranger to higher education circles in North Carolina.

He brings with him to Chowan experience on the faculty and administration of two North Carolina Baptist colleges. He served as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., prior to coming to Chowan on Aug. 3.

He replaces Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, who has been named president-emeritus after serving for over 32 years before his retirement on Aug. 2.

Beginning in Sept. 1963, Jackson served on the faculty and staff at Campbell for over 14 years. He was an assistant professor, teaching courses in political science and history, before serving in three administrative positions.

For over three years, Jackson was assistant to the academic dean at Campbell. For more than five years, he served as dean of students supervising the dean of men, dean of women, directors of religious activities, health services, financial aid, and the placement office and campus publications.

After serving briefly as director of development at Sampson Technical College, Clinton, he returned to Campbell to serve as director of

admissions for more than three years.

From July 1978 to May 1982, Jackson was vice president for advancement at Wingate College. The first person in this position, he increased the total number of donors from 785 to 1,771 and supervised a capital fund raising program that met its \$2 million goal. He assisted in raising a school record amount of money for one year, \$1.4 million. Jackson supervised directors of college relations, alumni, public information, publications and photography, and admissions.

In June 1982, he was asked to organize the Foreign Mission Board's first development program. He supervised the completion of a two year \$15.1 million capital raising program. In seven years, the development office has raised over \$30 million in current gifts, deferred gifts and wills.

A Clinton native, Jackson holds the A.A. from Mars Hill College, B.A. in history and M.A. in political science from Southern Illinois University. The University of South Carolina granted him the Ed.D in higher education.

He is a member of Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham. He is married to the former Cardyn F. Laughlin. She will resign her position as assistant superintendent of schools for Durham City Schools to move to Murfreesboro. The couple have two children, Jerry West, 23, and Jami Melissa, 17.



Dr. Jerry F. Jackson speaks to the trustees and advisors prior to being elected Chowan's president of May 16. Dr. Jackson told the college leaders, "Chowan's students are the college's most important asset."

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