Chowan selects Dr. H.E. Collier interim leader

MURFREESBORO — Dr. Herman E. Collier Jr., a former college professor and president, has been named interim president at Chowan College, and he assumed his position on Aug.

A native of Missouri, Collier will fill the office vacated by Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, who resigned to become vice president for university relations at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala

Elaine E. Myers, who chairs Chowan's board of trustees, said, "Dr. Collier has agreed to serve as our interim president during the time the presidential search committee is engaged with the task of finding and recommending to the board of trustees a candidate for the presidency on a permanent basis."

The process is expected to take six to 12 months.

"We have been very impressed with Dr. Collier's ability to quickly perceive our major needs," Myers said, "as well as his willingness and desire to continue to move the institution forward."

Collier said his "view of an interim presidency should provide a focus on the immediate needs of the institution whereby the college might optimize efforts to reach established goals and objectives.

"Chowan has a unique opportunity," he continued, "to build upon a long history as a twoyear college and to continue her progress, programs and mission in higher education as a senior institution."

Collier received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Randolph-Macon College and was awarded a master of science degree in inorganic chemistry and a doctorate in analytical chemistry by Lehigh University. He has completed additional studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Rensselear Polytechnic Institute

He has served as a professor and departmental chairman on the college level and as a research chemist in private industry.

Collier served as president of Moravian College for 17 years and was interim president of Salem Academy and Salem College in the spring of 1991

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In July 1994 he was appointed interim president of North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount and will

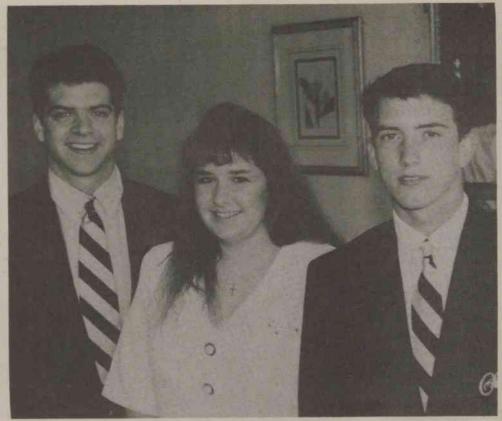
complete his responsibilities there in July.

The recipient of five honorary degrees, Collier has received numerous recognitions, including the Medallion of Merit by the Moravian College Alumni Association. The trustees of Moravian College named the Herman E. Collier Jr. Hall of Science in his honor and also the faculty development endowment.

Listed in Who's Who in America and American Men and Women of Science, Collier has been active in the independent colleges' organizations of Pennsylvania. He was also a member of Task Force IV, the higher education master plan for Pennsylvania and is a Navy veteran.

Collier is married to the former Jerline L. Weston of Hopewell, Va., and they have three sons.

A member of Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church, the Colliers live in their retirement home at Point Harbor but will move into the Ella Cobb Camp President's Home on Chowan's campus in August.



Leaders of active campus group

The Chowan Ambassadors, one of the most active service organizations on campus, installed officers for the 1995-96 academic year at a festive banquet just prior to the spring semester. Elected to serve are (from left) Jeremy Funk of

Baltimore, vice president; Teri Bodine of Felton, Del., secretary and treasurer; and Greg English of Portsmouth, Va., president. Other officers will be elected or appointed following the opening of the fall term in late August.

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