

South Hall Soon To Be Completed

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As we roam and-or blunder about our beautiful campus proper, we see many young male faces that just do not conform to the majority of our student body's happy, jubilant-like nature. They seem to always have that tired, worn out look about their persons.

At first glance one would merely assume that Coach G. has been running the football team too hard. But this is not the case at all. These are the lucky students who have been given the privilege of trudging from their new, modernized South Hall Dormitory to Chowan College Campus Proper. Great, isn't it boys?

Anyone who has seen the new dormitory surely must have observed the construction crews, electricians, and carpenters still working diligently as students climb to their rooms, many on the ninth floor, for a well deserved rest before they resume their academic tasks. The contractor, George W. Kane Inc., was hired June 4, 1969, to build the dormitory, which was to be completed Aug. 5, 1970. As one can see they

have not finished.

Even though uncompleted, the dormitory is at this time filled to the brim with male students. Of course this incurs a few minor discomforts, but only for a short while.

The delay in completion is due primarily to two major factors:

a. A major electrical equipment manufacturer went on strike which prevented the electricians from obtaining the materials needed to complete the project on schedule.

b. There were 63 days of work lost because of bad weather.

These delays had 2 major results at the beginning of the semester:

a. The students were not allowed to use the elevator because the electricians had not yet completed their work.

b. The Head Resident of South Hall is presently residing with his family in Penny Infirmary until the completion of his apartment at the new dormitory.

The new estimated completion date is Sept. 10, 70. Let's wish them luck and congratulate Chowan College for another great progressive step. And just a word to those faces: "Sorry bout that."

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Student Enrollment At High of 1492

Chowan is experiencing one of the largest student enrollments in its history. The college had planned for around 1400 students and at the present have a 1492 student enrollment, a marginal increase in the plan of around 100 students. This increase has put a strain on several departments in the college, most of all the department of housing. Students have been put in all available housing and the situation as the college confirms, is under control. Some students find themselves walking, studying, and eating in what appears to be a human jungle. Amazed students are not alone in feeling this way. Professors are experiencing this atmosphere and are attempting to adapt themselves to the situation.

One of the major problems that just about every student has complained about at one meal or another, is the long lines in the cafeteria. Dean Lewis would appreciate any helpful suggestions in confronting this problem. Students with helpful hints should confront Dean Lewis.

Increased enrollment along with a new college rule on cars has caused an increase in college-owned parking lots. Parking lots that are at the present time dirt will at sometime in the near future be hard surfaced.

More students would normally mean more broken rules which in some cases means more students leaving college. Because of a well presented summer orientation program, the college hopes that student reaction to the rules will be favorable and students will avoid trouble.

Recruiting in a broader geographic area accounts for the increased enrollment. Another definite fact is that students leaving Chowan were accepted in fifty-three different colleges and universities along the eastern seaboard of the United States last year.

ORIENTATION

Orientation for freshmen and other new students planning to enroll at Chowan College for the fall semester began Sunday, August 23 with a 7:30 p.m. session in McDowell Columns.

Sophomore advisors arrived Saturday to attend a preparation session. They served as campus guides Sunday when the new students arrived.

The program in Columns included messages from Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president, and other staff members. Bobby Cross, director of development, presided. Welcome was presented by Student Government Association president, Ronaldo Karunungan.

Monday, August 24 the freshmen met with sophomore advisors who informed them of academic and social policies. Informal, give-and-take sessions were held.

A change of pace was provided Tuesday with entertainment by the Baptist Student Union.

The emphasis during orientation was on two Saturday morning sessions held August 29 and September 5. Subjects the first Saturday included the honor code, Murfreesboro environment, programming time for study, and values of attending Chowan.

Discussion September 5 centered on the food service and proposed Student Government Association constitution. Freshmen were also tested on the SGA Student handbook.

During orientation, entertainment included several socials and movies. New students were invited to a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker Sunday, August 30.

The spotlight is focused on football when the students meet the Braves Monday, September 14, the date also for Rat Court. A pep rally will be held September 18 prior to Chowan's first game, September 19. Baltimore Community College will supply the opposition for the 8 p.m. encounter at home.

Student Body Receives Award

The Chowan College student body has received an award for their involvement in the Red Cross blood program.

The first annual College Bowl Award was presented to Chowan, May 27, at the annual meeting of the Regional Committee of the Tidewater Red Cross Blood Program in Norfolk, Va.

The name of Chowan College will be inscribed on the silver bowl which will be rotated each year to the winning college. The Tidewater region includes 56 counties in northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

The bowl went to the college with the greatest percentage of students participating based on the fall enrollment. Chowan's enrollment was 1,316 and the total donors accepted during three bloodmobile visits numbered 277 for 21 per cent participation. Another 63 students were rejected for medical reasons. William and Mary was the runner-up with 19 per cent participation.

The assistant administrative director of the Tidewater Blood Program, Tom Clark, commended the Chowan students for receiving the award. "This shows that they are not afraid to give and want to do something good for their fellow man," Clark said.

Oscar Green, Jr., chairman of the Tidewater executive committee who presented the award, called it "a real kickoff to encourage young people to get involved in the blood program. It is our hope that the bowl will be cherished on the campuses and create much healthy competition."

Several faculty members were praised for their efforts in encouraging students to donate by Mrs. Peggy Stephenson, chairman of the Murfreesboro Blood Program. These included Sam Green, athletic; Charles Helms, business department; and Bill Sowell, graphic arts; and three members of the department of nursing: Mrs. Almira Ockerman, chairman; Mrs. Wanda Edwards and Mrs. Sarah Tankard.

Also commended by Mrs. Stephenson were the Chowan student nurses who served as volunteers at the bloodmobiles. "Many of the nurses also donated and encouraged and brought other students to donate," Mrs. Stephenson explained.

Twenty Students Receive \$10,700 in scholarships

Twenty students have received competitive scholarships from Chowan College totaling \$10,700, according to Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean.

Five, including four men, were recipients of top awards of \$1,000 each. They were Virginians, Zoe Suzanne Myers of Hampton and a graduate of Bethel High School; Wayne Murray Sydnor of West Point (West Point High School); Carlos Wesley Cunningham, Jr. of Chester (Dale); Stephen Payne Barker of Glen Allen (Patrick Henry); and Ronnie Hugh Bissette of Elm City, N. C. (Elm City).

Scholarships for \$500 each were awarded six students including three from Richmond, Va., Wayne Lee Moffett (Henrico), Harold Michael Thrower (Huguenot), and Celeste Ann Armstrong (George Wythe).

The others were North Carolinians, Hay-

wood Anderson Smith of Hertford (Albemarle Academy), Janet Lee Womble of Raleigh (Enloe), and Judith Mary Trudel of Seneca, N. Y.

Awards of \$300 were received by nine students, four from North Carolina: Jayne Michele Paul of Ahoskie (Ahoskie); Daniel Vance Holton, Wilson (Fike); Sue Ella Garner, Newport (West Carteret); and Judy Anne Davis, Wendell (Vaiden Whitley).

Graduates of Virginia high schools were Stephen Scott Smith, Virginia Beach, (Princess Anne); Pamela Anne Gilbert, Williamsburg, (Blair); and Philip Clarence Avery, III, Richmond, (Huguenot). James Kemper Powell of Great Falls, Mont. and Gail Marnette of Hyattsville, Md. were other winners.

Scholarships from the Baptist junior college cover a period of two years.

Changes for the 123rd Year

Chowan College welcomes the 1970-71 academic year, its 123rd, with prospects of a record enrollment in the area of 1,450 students, and a new dormitory, South.

Eleven new faculty members were present when classes began Thursday, August 27. Of this number, ten are replacements. The additional professor is J. Craig Greene, director of the newly created division of art within the department of fine arts. James Chamblee, chairman.

The new, air-conditioned residence hall is the 11th building constructed during the administration of Dr. Whitaker, who begins his 14th full year. Valued at close to a million dollars, it will accommodate 280 men.

Two groups of students began early. Football practice began August 17 for freshmen with sophomore members reporting August 18.

Sessions for sophomore advisors planning for the arrival of freshmen were held Saturday, August 22.

The tempo increased with the first session of orientation for freshmen, Sunday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. in McDowell Columns. Bobby Cross, director of development, presided and Dr. Whitaker and other staff members spoke to the new students.

Monday, August 24, the new students met with student leaders who informed them of academic and social policies.

A program of entertainment is planned

Tuesday evening by the Baptist Student Union.

Wednesday, day of registration, returning students met with Dr. Lowe and personnel deans. The first classes began Thursday. Orientation continued the following two weekends with Saturday morning sessions in McDowell Columns auditorium, August 29 and September 5.

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The entire student body will meet for convocation September 1.

A full calendar of athletic, cultural and social events will be offered prior to Thanksgiving holidays, scheduled November 25-30.

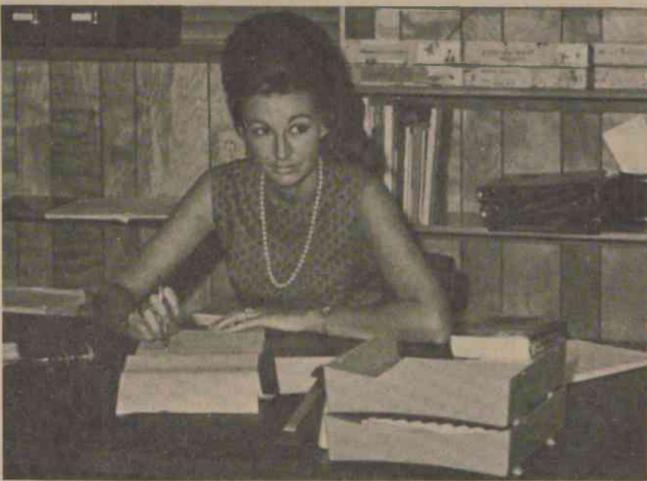
Final exams for the fall semester are December 14-18 and holidays extend from December 18 until January 12. The spring vacation is March 26-April 5 and final examinations for the spring semester are May 7-14. Graduation is set for May 16.

Carrying out duties during the year are a faculty of 69 full-time professors, administrators and staff members.



Meet your SGA officers

The Student Government Association is your voice in school projects. The officers will answer your questions and voice your opinions. They are (sitting from left) Mary Bown, social co-chairman; Ronaldo Karunungan, president; Drina Hulings, news correspondent; (standing from left) Jay Collins, secretary; Steve Cooper, vice president; O.J. Womble, social co-chairman; and Paul Battaglia, treasurer.



Chowan College's new Associate Dean of Women, Miss Vicki J. Tolston, will head the Women's Recreation Association as well as carry the responsibilities as Dean of Women.

Vicki Tolston Appointed New Dean of Women

A Nash County native who has served for the past two years as instructor of physical education at Baptist College at Charleston, S. C., Vicki J. Tolston, 25, has been named associate dean of students at Chowan College.

She is a graduate of Red Oak High School of Red Oak, Atlantic Christian College, and received her M. A. at East Carolina University where she served in a teaching fellowship program. She also has experience as secretary one year for the testing division of the Elementary Secondary Educational Association office in Wilson. In 1966, she was Miss Wilson and has served as judge for a number of beauty pageants.

Her duties at Baptist College included girls' basketball coach and intramural director for women.

Banquet Welcomes Faculty and Staff

Following the summer interlude, the faculty and staff at Chowan College gathered for the first time Thursday, August 20 for the President's Banquet held at 6:30 in Thomas Cafeteria.

Designed to provide Chowan personnel and their husbands and wives with fellowship and inspiration and to introduce the new school year, the occasion featured an address by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, dean of the college. Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, beginning his 14th full year as president, presided.

Others on the program included the Rev. Thomas Caulkins, pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist Church, who delivered the invocation; Billy Hill, mayor of Murfreesboro, and Professor Shirley Bowers, president of the Chowan Women and Wives Club, who voiced welcome; and the Rev. Terry H. Jones, pastor of Meherrin Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, who delivered the benediction.

Hill and Jones are Chowan alumni. Lowe came to Chowan in 1964 as professor of religion, and was named acting dean in 1968. In February, 1969, he was chosen dean of the college.

A graduate of Furman University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Emory University, where he received the Ph. D., Lowe was named to the 1968 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." The 1969 Chowan annual, "The Chowanoka," was dedicated to him. He is a native of Kings Mountain.

Free Gift-Pax for Students

"Fall is here again—and so are our free Gift-Pax kits. Teeth and hair will be brighter this semester—and it's free as always. Our campus will again be distributing the free student Gift-Pax kits of toilet articles as over 2,000 other colleges and universities throughout the United States have done for the past fifteen years. A good will promotion of leading U. S. manufacturers—packaged by Gift-Pax, Inc., West Hempstead, N. Y., who makes them available to us each semester.

Free student Gift-Pax will be available to the student body through Head Residents for boarding students. Off-campus and day students will get their Gift-Pax from the office of the Dean of Students.

"The various clients represented in each student Gift-Pax kit are—Bristol-Myers, Colgate-Palmolive, Proctor & Gamble, etc.—with appropriate assortments going to male and female students in colorful zodiac designed re-usable plastic toilet article kits."

'Signals' to be Printed Bi-Weekly

Beginning with this issue, Chowan's student newspaper, "Smoke Signals," will be published on alternate weeks, according to an announcement this week by Julia Lynn Hoskins, editor. Miss Hoskins stated that "it is the feeling of the staff that we can produce a better publication bi-weekly than if we attempted to follow a rigid weekly routine."

Day of publication is being changed this year from the Friday observed during the last academic year. The editor related that the newspaper will be distributed to the usual locations on Wednesdays no later than noon.

Speaker of House Delivers Address

Convocation was held Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Chowan College with Philip P. Godwin, speaker of the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly, delivering the main address at 9:30 and 11 a.m. chapel.

The Gatesville lawyer is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Law School. An Air Force veteran, he is a member and former president of the First District Bar Association.

He has served in the House from Gates County since 1961 and is co-chairman of two commissions, Legislative Research and Legislative Services. Godwin has been recently appointed to the special commission created to study the Democratic Party in the state and has served on the executive committee for Democrats from Gates County.

Godwin is a member of Gatesville Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon.

Mrs. Thompson Offers Postal Information

Chowan's mail system has become a very confused process to many students. The postmistress, Mrs. Doreatha Thompson, hopes the following information will be of some assistance.

The mail is picked up at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The incoming mail arrives at 9:00, and is placed in your box as soon as possible. All mail with the exception of South, should have your post office box number on it. Mail going to South should be addressed to Chowan College, and please include the room number.

South's new post office is not quite complete. As soon as the lights are put in Mrs. Thompson hopes to open it.

The mailing slot in front of the bookstore is not for out of town mail. It is for campus mail only, which requires no postage. Out of town mail should be placed in the mail box outside the door, behind the post office.

Non-Credit Art Course Offered

Community art, a non-credit course designed for the general public, ages 14 and up, will be offered at Chowan College during the fall semester each Monday beginning Sept. 14. The classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. in room 201 of Daniel Hall.

Instructor for the course, which will feature private instruction, is J. Craig Greene, director of the division of art within the department of fine arts. Registration will be held the week of Sept. 7-11 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the office in Daniel Hall.

Dr. Whitaker Welcomes Students

Sincerely, I extend a warm welcome to the approximately 1,450 students, 70 full time faculty members, and the entire staff and the administrative personnel as we begin our 123rd year in the life of Chowan. A special welcome goes to the approximately 875 freshmen and transfer students.

It is our hope and expectation that this will prove to be a good year for each member of the college community. My associates and I, members of the faculty and staff, are committed to the united effort to this end. It can and will be a good year if all of us "pull together." Let us make this the friendliest campus anywhere—attitudes of good will toward each member of the college community, speaking "to everyone," and maintenance of a "happy atmosphere." Such a spirit will help us all.

We hear a great deal about pollution these days. We have a beautiful campus. I challenge each member of the college community to make it one free of trash and debris—a non-polluted campus! Use the receptacles in and around the various buildings and on the campus.

There are several important dates I wish to call to the attention of each of you: (1) Fifth Annual Planning Conference, September 19, 1970; (2) Joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors, Monday, September 28; and (3) Homecoming and Dedication Services for South Hall and New Lake Project, Saturday, October 24. Helpful preparation for and implementation of these important events is solicited.

I cannot close this brief word of welcome without extending to Editor Julie Hoskins and the members of her staff our best wishes and offer of assistance for a successful venture as they prepare for and publish each issue of our college newspaper, "Smoke Signals."

Again, a warm welcome and best wishes to each member of the Chowan College Family.

Most sincerely yours,
Bruce E. Whitaker
President