

# SMOKE SIGNALS

## Chowan's Board of Trustees Establishes a "Positive Step"

After hearing a report of a study it authorized in September, the Chowan College Board of Trustees established the enrollment at a reduced figure of approximately 900 for the upcoming academic year.

Meeting Monday in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker, the Board also authorized a corresponding reduction in the number of the faculty by approximately eight positions.

The Board, at its semi-annual meeting in September, asked its Executive Committee and the administration to make a study of the economic base of the college including the enrollment picture and report their findings at the February meeting.

**"Positive Step"**  
Trustee chairman, J. E. Ferebee of Camden, called the Board's decision "a positive step in combatting inflation and adverse economic conditions." He said by its action the Board had "taken the offensive to assure that Chowan remains a strong, viable institution, dedicated to high educational standards, and resting on a sound financial foundation."

He said the move is also "an effort to stabilize the enrollment at a figure that will enable the college to continue to recruit, from a dwindling pool of college-age youth, qualified students."

Ferebee noted the faculty reduction will result in a "very respectable student-faculty ratio

of approximately 17-1 that will permit the continuation of Chowan's time-honored approach of small classes and individualized instruction."

Ferebee said the decision to limit enrollment and reduce the faculty size will help Chowan "take the offensive." "Chowan can serve 900 students effectively. It does mean paring the faculty and staff to a number consistent with that level of enrollment. By making these adjustments, Chowan will be taking positive steps toward remaining a strong, financially healthy institution," Ferebee said.

Chowan's enrollment was just over 1,000 for the 1974 fall semester. The college enrolled 907 students for the current spring semester.

**"Belt Tightening"**  
Ferebee said the college had already experienced "considerable belt-tightening" that had resulted in savings to Chowan. He pointed out that the college has used less kilowatt hours of electricity during the current academic year than during a comparable period for 1973-74 even with the addition of a major new facility, Carrie Savage Camp Hall.

"The college has also reduced spending by not filling a number of staff vacancies," Ferebee explained. He said this includes the Director of Alumni Affairs, several maintenance personnel,

and two dormitory head residents.

Approving the Board's action was Chowan president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, who stated that in his judgement the Board had taken "far-reaching action which time would prove to be in the long-range best interest of the college, including its students, faculty and staff."

Continued the president, "This is true especially in light of the decreasing annual pool of students in the 18-24 age group, a situation which will continue throughout the 1980s."

Dr. Whitaker said the Board's decisions were made on the backdrop of the college's sound financial status. He noted that all principal and interest on capital indebtedness are current. "The college has no current operating fund indebtedness. Chowan is continuing to operate in the black for the 17th straight year," he noted.

**Nearing Goal**  
In another matter, the chairman of Chowan's Annual Giving Fund, Bob F. Hill, Sr., of Murfreesboro, announced that Chowan had raised almost \$35,000 to date in gifts and pledges toward the minimum goal of \$50,000.

"Our good progress to this date lends us confidence that we will be successful in reaching our goal before the May 31 deadline," Hill remarked.

Hill said gifts to the Annual

Giving Fund will be used to help underwrite the daily operating expenses of the college. "The Annual Giving Fund is an important source of income for the college's operating budget. We are confident that Chowan's many alumni and friends will help the college reach and top its goal," Hill declared.

Discussion of renovation of McDowell Columns' chapel-auditorium was led by the business manager, Ben C. Sutton, and chaplain, Dr. Hargus Taylor. They said that individuals and groups will be given an opportunity to participate in the \$100,000 project through memorial gifts.

Trustees learned from Dr. Whitaker that the college received more than \$7,000 in income in 1974 from the Grady D. Askew Foundation. He stated proceeds from the foundation, established in December, 1967, by Grady D. Askew of Harrellsville, with an unrestricted endowment of \$300,000, are divided equally among Chowan, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, and Harrellsville Baptist Church. Askew, who died in October, 1973, provided an additional \$200,000 through his will for the trust.

**New Members**  
Participating in the meeting were six new members of the Board of Trustees, Don G. Matthews of Hamilton; Dr. Robert B. Outland, Sr., Rich Square; J. Guy Revelle, Jr.,

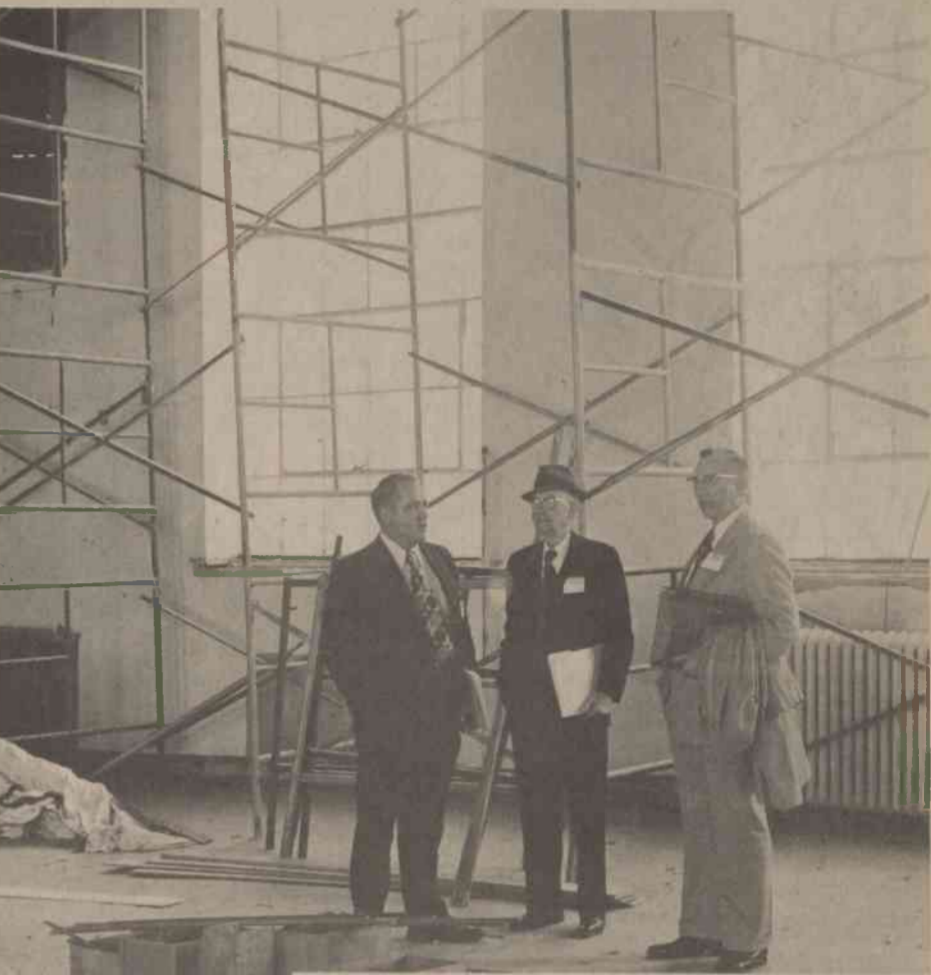
Murfreesboro; Dr. Lonnie Mack Thompson, Warrenton; Dewey W. Wells, Elizabeth City; and Fred H. Williams, Plymouth. New members not able to attend were C. Urbin Rogers, Williamston and Russell L. Stephenson, Wilson.

Out-going members who received certificates of appreciation included: Mrs. Lucile W. Beasley, Colerain; Roland L. Garrett, Elizabeth City; the Rev. Clarence Godwin, Oxford; Dr. W. Raleigh Parker, Woodland; A. W. Tayloe, Sr., Aulander; H. D. White, Rocky Mount; Robert C. White, Windsor; Edwin L. Williams, Kinton; and Charlie T. Whitley, Winston-Salem.

**Ferebee Charman**  
Trustees elected Ferebee as chairman and J.J. Harrington of Lewiston as vice chairman. They elected Bob Hill, Sr. of Murfreesboro as chairman of the Board's Executive Committee and named J. Felix Arnold of Enfield and J. Guy Revelle, Jr. of Murfreesboro, as new Executive Committee members.

Members of the 36-member Board of Trustees are elected by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to serve on a four-year rotating basis.

The Rev. Robert Mullinax, who directs the Baptist State Convention's Council on Christian Higher Education, attended the meeting.



## Holshouser Appoints Members to Historic Murfreesboro Com.

By BECKIE WORKMAN

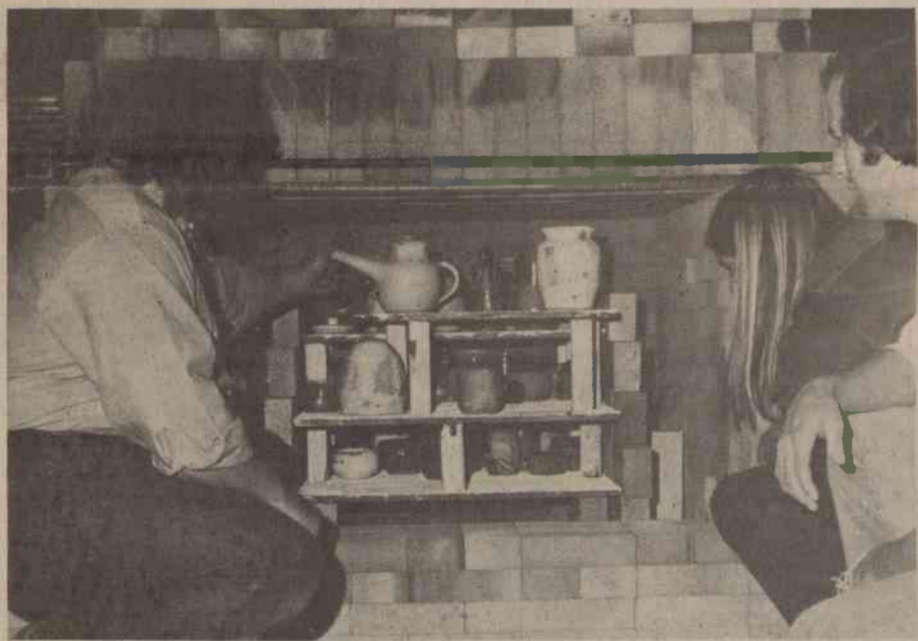
On February fourth Governor Jim Holshouser reappointed two members and named eleven new members to the Historic Murfreesboro Commission. The Commission, which consists of thirty members, was created to acquire and dispose of historic properties in and near the town of Murfreesboro. They are to repair and maintain the historic sites and to conduct research and plan for the preservation of the historic sites.

Reappointed to terms expiring March 7, 1978 were Thomas C. Parramore of Raleigh, a history professor at Meredith College; and Howard L. Evans Jr. of Murfreesboro, vice-president of H.L. Evans and Sons, Inc., and former member of the Murfreesboro Town Council.

New members appointed to terms expiring March 7, 1978 were: Charles Lewis Price of Greenville, a history professor at East Carolina University; Mrs. Rosalie L. Hollomon of Ahsokie, a retired school teacher and principal; Mrs. Elaine T. Kirkland of Aulander, a

housewife and former school teacher; and Mrs. Mary Burkette of Ahsokie.

The remaining new members were appointed to terms expiring March 7, 1979. They were: James Elliott Moore of Ahsokie, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a member of the Hertford County branch of the State Bicentennial Commission; James Earl Dilday of Ahsokie, member of the Murfreesboro Civic Council and chairman of the Murfreesboro Recreation Commission; Howard Clyde Simmons, Jr., of Woodland, owner of Simmons Enterprises and member of the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce; William Shurley Vann of Alexandria, Virginia, an architect and a Murfreesboro native; James Guy Revelle, Jr., a Murfreesboro attorney; Mrs. Linsay S. Newsom of Roanoke Rapids, a former employee of the North Carolina Museum of Art; Mrs. Betty Jane Hedgepeth Viser of Ahsokie, a housewife and member of the Ahsokie Arts Council.



## Art Department Fires 2300 Degrees in Kiln

By PHIL ROYCE

Chowan College art professor, Doug Eubank, is making things hot for his ceramics students, but they would be the last to complain.

The heat is coming from a reduction kiln that fires up to 2300 degrees. The kiln, located behind Green Hall, is the latest attraction offered by the division of art of Chowan's fine arts department.

Eubank reports the high temperature is needed in glazing the ceramics. After the 2300 degree mark has been reached, the ceramics are cooled very slowly. The process results in a protective surface over the

ceramics which readies it for use for drinking or eating. "The glaze closes the pores in the ceramics and makes them serviceable," Eubank explained.

The students have made several uses of the kiln and the results are becoming more satisfactory each time, Eubank noted. He said the kiln greatly increases the practical experience the students are receiving.

The kiln will receive considerable use during the upcoming Pottery Workshop sponsored by the division of art. Eubank said the dates of the week-long event, open to all Chowan students and the public, will be announced soon.

## Financial Aid

The objective of the Financial Aid office at Chowan College is to make it financially possible for students to attend college.

There are three items we wish to call to your attention:

- (1) Now is the time to file the Parents' Confidential Statement for next fall. You can get them in Mr. Collins' office.
- (2) Check with your work supervisor about the number of hours you can work. Do not work more hours than you are assigned as you will not be paid.
- (3) Reminder - Work-Study checks are to be picked up the tenth of each month.

## Information to be Released Under Privacy Rights Act

By DARRELL NICHOLSON

In the last issue of Smoke Signals, there was presented a brief summary-interpretation of the new Privacy Rights Act or the so-called Buckley Amendment, a summary-interpretation which centered around a discussion of what the act means and does not mean in reference to the classification education records. With the preceding first article as a king of preface, the following paragraphs will center around a discussion of what kinds of information about students may be released, to whom, and under what stated conditions, without their specific consent for such a release.

In the revision to the original Buckley Amendment is a category of information entitled Directory Information. Leading to a definition of Directory Information, the Act states that educational institutions shall not permit access to or the release of education records or personally identifiable information contained therein other than directory information of students without written consent of their parents or the written consent of an eligible student (which includes all students eighteen years of age or students enrolled in a post-secondary institution) other than to school officials as the act further qualifies. The act also specifies the release of such information to certain govern-

mental agencies which administer federal funds to educational institutions.

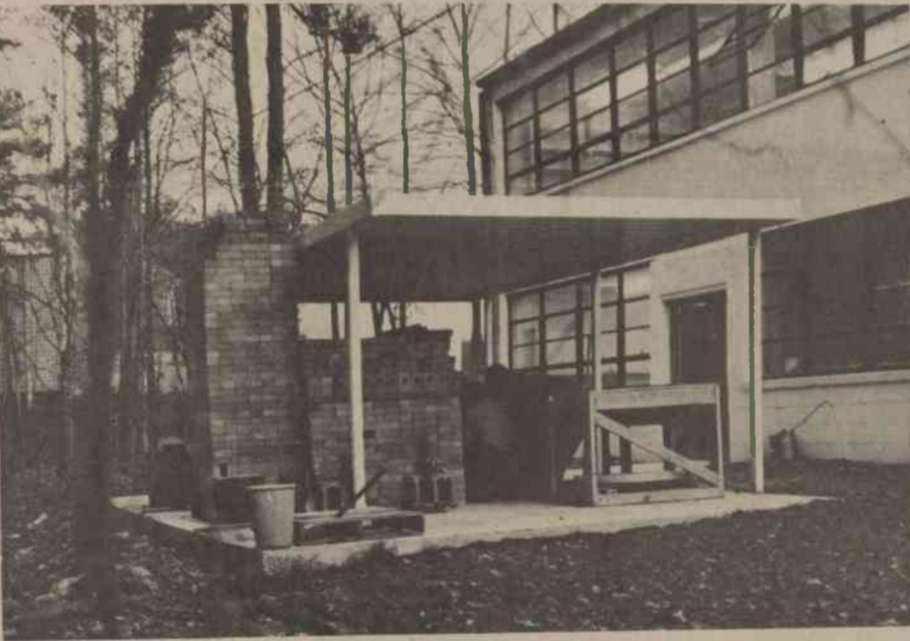
The Act states that "directory information" includes the following: "the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student." The Act then states some conditions relative to the release of directory information: "Any educational agency or institution making public directory information shall give public notice of the categories of information which it has designated as such information with respect to each student attending the institution or agency and shall allow a reasonable period of time after such notice has been given for a parent to inform the institution or agency that any or all of the information designated should not be released without the parent's consent." The reader should assume here that when the student reaches eighteen years of age or when he attends or has attended a post-secondary institution, he then would be eligible to give his consent to the release in whole or

in part of the directory information, his consent under the time conditions as stated above.

It should also be restated that for the purpose of the section the term student, again, includes any person with respect to whom an educational agency or institution maintains education records or personally identifiable information, but does not include a person who has not been in attendance at such an agency or institution.

In essence, besides defining a category of information which can be released to the world outside of an educational unit, the so-called Buckley Amendment allows for an unconditional release of such information without the consent of the student unless he specifically asks that his prior consent be obtained. An educational agency or institution must publish a list of what it designates as "directory information" and give each student a reasonable period of time to ask that any or all such information not be released in his situation without prior consent.

In the next issue of Smoke Signals, we will look at just what is accessible without the student's consent. Who are the people who may have access to a student's actual record or who are the people who may receive personally identifiable information contained therein without the student's consent?



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