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The Shorb Brothers — Will, Merl, and Happy

Earning Associate Degree Has Many Advantages

By D. H. NICHOLSON

With more than 50 percent of the first time freshman enrollments in higher educational institutions now being recorded (Fall, 1975) at the junior and community college level, it is evident to even the casual observer that the two-year college is an important and a vital component of the total academic scene today. It is also evident from the preceding fact that there is an increasing awareness by students, by officials in both the two-year colleges and the four-year universities, and by officials in industry and business that the associates degree is both a practical and valuable measure

of a student's progress. If he holds such a degree from his stay at a junior college, he has demonstrated that he can achieve prearranged goals. The associates degree, for this student, has become tangible proof of earned recognition for the completion of a particular program or curriculum in the various disciplines, and this proof (or evidence) states much about the student's own stamina and motivation. It also states that the student has been tested under fire and found to be able to meet the initial challenges encountered in his efforts to become as productive an individual as accidents, abilities, and circumstances will allow him.

Of course, another clear advantage of the associates degree is that relating to inter-college transfer. When a student earns the associates degree, he has a clear-cut advantage over his peer in the two-year college who leaves without one. For instance, the degree holder is more confident of receiving the best advantage in an increasingly competitive college market. His grades and courses, generally, transfer with greater ease. In fact, many states have mandated through legislation that a community or junior college graduate have certain transfer privileges over his peer in the two-year who tries to transfer to a senior institution without the associates degree. The degree holder also is in a more flexible position when he talks with a senior college or university admissions officer.

In essence, the advantages of holding the associates degree so much outweigh any disadvantages that the student should not consider leaving Chowan College unless he first earns his 'sheepskin'. For a student to transfer without such a degree is analogous to the person climbing a ladder, a person who as he climbs cuts off the rungs under him as he moves along. He has nothing to step back to if he encounters troubles further up. SO GET THAT DEGREE.

Frosh Elect Officers

On September 8, 1975, following the Chapel-Assembly program given by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Dean of the college, the class of 1977 elected their class officers.

Elected President was Randy Baldwin, a photography major from Darlington, South Carolina; Vice-President, Dean "Zeke" Gerringer, a physical therapy major from Elon College, North Carolina; Secretary, Marsha Colonna, an art major from Norfolk, Virginia; and Treasurer, Janey Euler, Nursing major from Chesapeake, Virginia.

The officers of the class of '77 will be meeting in the near future to discuss plans for fund-raisers and activities to be sponsored by the class.

Shorb Brothers Visit Chowan

By NANCY SULLIVAN
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Labor Day Monday saw the Shorb Brothers back on the campus of Chowan College for the fourth of fifth time. Their first appearance of the day was at the Freshman Chapel at 10:00. The Shorb Brothers gave a sneak preview of the Coffeehouse to be held that night. They told a little about themselves. The brothers names were Will, the youngest, Merl, and Happy. The Shorb Brothers originate from Maryland and appeared at the campus with an invitation from Chaplain Taylor.

The Coffeehouse was held on Monday night, September 1, at 8:00. The concert was held in Thomas Cafeteria. At the coffeehouse, fellowship was shared by all who attended. Scripture verses were given for all to remember. Two of the three verses that were given were Proverbs 14:14 and 13:13. Another way the audience was involved in the coffeehouse was a talent hunt. The song was "O Happy Day". Happy had a wandering mike and it wandered to several people. Also a lot of people really got into the music and requested songs they wanted to hear. Two of the songs

requested were "Tiny" and "Give Your Hand to a Friend."

The general reaction to the coffeehouse was good. Several people commented that they enjoyed the Shorb Brothers and hoped they would come back again. Let's all work together to get the Shorb Brothers back.

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Poetry Contest Winners Chosen by Catalog Editors

By PHIL ROYCE

Winners in the first annual poetry contest have been announced by the co-editors of the NEW POETS REVIEW, a literary supplement to the Chowan College catalog.

Ken Wolfskill, Chairman of the English Department, and Darrell Nicholson Registrar, said six poems have been selected for publication from over 1,000 entries.

Winner of the \$25 first prize is Ken C. Bradley of Onley, Va. Phayne Poliakoff of Spartanburg, S.C. won the \$15 second prize. Melanie Snow of Matthews placed third and received \$10.

The co-editors called the quality of the selected works "excellent." The title of Bradley's winning poem is "Three Fragments of the Moon Near Burton's Bay."

The co-editors said up to seven honorable mentions will also be published in the REVIEW. This

year, three were selected: Lynn McConnell of Rockville, Md.; Robert A. Creecy of Mechanicsville, Va.; and Nancy Ann Hassler of Berwyn, Pa.

A wide range of vocational interests and poetry styles and subjects were represented by the contestants, according to Wolfskill and Nicholson. Winners included an educator, a previously published poet, a housewife and high school and college students.

Nicholson, himself a published poet, said entries were received from a broad geographical area covering most of the eastern seaboard states.

Wolfskill termed response to the first contest "very good." "We are very pleased with the results and anticipate greater response next year," he said. He called the REVIEW an "outlet for the poet whose work has not been previously published."

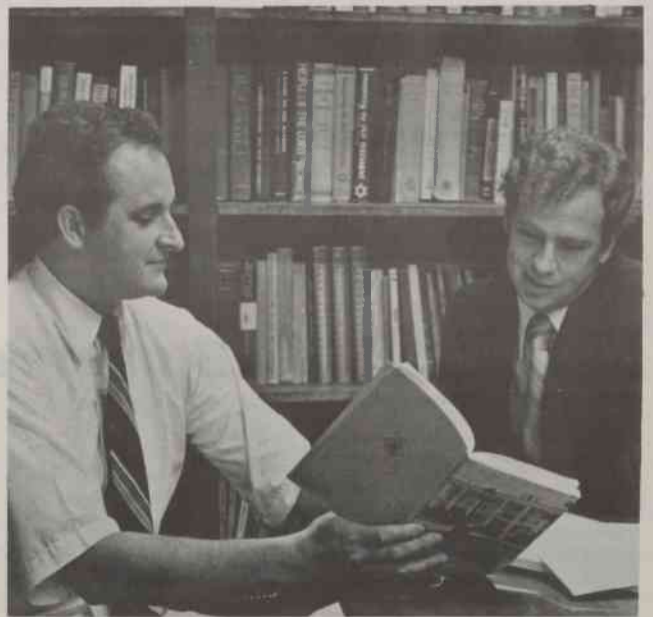
Nicholson said printing the

supplement in the Chowan catalog assures a wide distribution. He stated some 25,000 copies of the 1976-77 issue will soon reach all the United States and a number of foreign countries.

The supplement covers eight pages of the catalog which is printed by students in Chowan's School of Graphic Arts.

They announced March 1, 1976 is the deadline for the second contest. The rules are published in the supplement and are available from the co-editors. They stressed "all entries must be completely original and never before published." Each contestant may enter up to three entries. Poems are limited to 45 lines.

Entries should be mailed to: Editorial Board, NEW POETS REVIEW, Chowan College, P.O. Drawer 37, Murfreesboro, N.C. 27855



NEW POETS REVIEW — Darrell Nicholson, left, Chowan College registrar, and Ken Wolfskill, chairman of Chowan's English department, look at the poems appearing in the "New Poets Review" for which they serve as co-editors. The "Review", a literary supplement to the Chowan College catalog, carries the winning entries in the first annual poetry contest.