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OOPS—Tommy Wright of Baltimore Community College can't seem to find the handle. His teammates also had trouble holding on to the Chowan College Braves. Chowan beat Baltimore 41-0. (Photo by Will McIntyre)

Trustees Approve Record Budget

Chowan College's Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$3,085,000 for the 1976-77 academic year and adopted a goal of \$75,000 for the Annual Giving Fund at its semi-annual meeting, Sept. 13, in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker.

Chowan's budget for the 1975-76 year was \$2,692,500. Dr. Whitaker said the 1976-77 budget provides for "modest salary increases, retirement benefit improvements for faculty and staff, additional student activities, program enrichment, the rise in the cost of food purchases for students, and more financial aid to students."

He said over \$1 million is budgeted for faculty and staff salaries and another \$1 million for academic expenditures. Almost \$200,000 is budgeted for scholarships and grants.

In discussing the Annual Giving Program, Dr. Whitaker reminded the trustees, who met jointly with members of the Board of Advisors, chaired by Dr. H. Melvin Kunkle of Portsmouth, Va., that the success of the 1975-76 program was a main reason the college had again operated in the black for the 18th straight year.

Under the leadership of E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, Chowan topped its 1975-76 goal of \$67,500. Dr. Whitaker presented Hollowell a distinguished service award for his efforts in directing the campaign.

President Whitaker announced that H. L. Evans, Jr. of Murfreesboro will head the 1976-77 drive.

Chowan's endowment program also received attention with Dr. Whitaker announcing that the general endowment and designated endowment funds have reached and exceeded the \$1 million mark. He said the college is seeking to reach a \$5 million goal by 1980.

Dr. Whitaker said Chowan will be involved during 1976-77 in a "program of intensive implementation, promotion and solicitation of planned gifts through wills and trusts," under the direction of the General Endowment Committee chaired by Gilbert W. Francis of Boykins, Va.

Trustees and advisors heard several matters related to Chowan's sponsoring agency, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Dr. T. Robert Mullinax, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention's Council on Christian Higher Education, spoke about the program of the Baptist State Convention of 1977.

After hearing a report from Chowan's chaplain, Dr. Hargus Taylor, trustees expressed ap-

preciation for the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The Cooperative Program channels financial support from North Carolina Baptist churches to Baptist mission causes and institutions, including Chowan. Trustees pledged continuing efforts to support and strengthen the Cooperative Program.

Dean of Students Clayton Lewis told the trustees and advisors Chowan's enrollment increased for the fall semester over last year. He said the full-time equivalent enrollment of 1,048 is an increase of 33 over the 1975 fall semester.

Trustees heard a report from the Long Range Planning Committee which is preparing a five-year revision of the college's long range plans.

Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college, reported on the involvement of the faculty and staff in an institutional self-study leading to reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In conjunction with the self-study, trustees approved a statement of purpose which had been adopted by the faculty and staff, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Dean Lowe also reported that the college completed prior to July, 1976, its required self-evaluation with respect to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. He said the college has filed necessary assurances with the appropriate officials within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In other action, the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors, acting on a recommendation of the committee on development and finance, authorized the employment of an architect and beginning of preliminary plans leading to the establishment of a timetable and possible future campaign for a gymnasium-physical education center. Trustee chairman, the Rev. J. Felix Arnold of Enfield, said the new gymnasium-physical education center is "critically needed."

Trustees presented a resolution of appreciation to E. Lee Fagan, member of the Board of Advisors from Stanardsville, Va. It cited his support of Chowan including "his participation in and contribution to the Annual Planning Conferences, his support of the capital needs campaigns, and his efforts in directing students to Chowan College."



EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP—Discussing the new academic year, Chowan College's 129th, and the responsibilities each has to perform, are President Bruce E. Whitaker and five members of the administration, from left, Clayton Lewis, dean of the students; Hargus Taylor, chaplain; Ben Sutton, business manager; Bobby Cross, director of development; and Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., academic dean. These six men have served Chowan a combined total of 75 years. Dr. Whitaker, in his 20th year as president, tops the list, followed by Sutton, who has served 16 years; Dr. Taylor, 14 years; Dr. Lowe, 12 years; Lewis, eight years; and Cross six years.

Internationals Study in U.S.

Iranians Comprise Largest Group

According to a news article appearing in the September 13 edition of The Wall Street Journal, the number of Iranians studying as college students in the United States last year reached a total of 25,000. Experts in the college admissions field have indicated that this number is likely to increase when totals are tabulated for the current academic year, with the total expected to reach 35,000.

The American Embassy in Tehran receives an increasing number of visa applications from Iranians who desire to study in the United States, and it is reported that long lines of

prospective students stretch along streets near the entrance to the U.S. visa office. Some students use sleeping bags and camp on walks and street curbs overnight to insure being among the first in line for processing the following day. The visa office observes the normal work-day of 8:00 a. m., until 5:00 p. m.

Officials indicated that 10,200 student visas were issued last year to Iranians who desired to continue their education in the United States, and expectations point to this number doubling during 1976-77.

Iranians comprise the largest international group studying in

American colleges and universities this year, and, in fact, more students from Iran enroll for college courses in the United States than from the entire continent of Europe. Until recently, the largest number of international students in the United States came from India.

College officials in the United States relate that the language barriers between professors and Iranian students are becoming much less a problem in recent years, since English is now considered to be the second language of Iran, with French at the third.

Rowland S. Pruette serves as advisor to international students at Chowan College, and information from his office earlier this week indicated that 66 Iranians are currently enrolled in Chowan courses of study. Clayton Lewis, Dean of Students, points out that "this number is expected to increase with the opening of the spring semester in January."

Orvil Reid Jogging To Campus Thursday

Orvil Reid is 68 years young. He has just retired after more than a quarter-century of service as a missionary in Mexico. He has reached the age when most of us would be quite ready to "take life easy" for the remainder of our days.

But Reid is celebrating his retirement in an unusual way. He departed Atlanta, Georgia—home of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on September 3, with plans to arrive in Richmond, Virginia—home of the Foreign Mission Board—by October 11. WHAT MAKES THAT TRIP UNUSUAL IS THAT REID IS JOGGING FROM ATLANTA TO RICHMOND—20 MILES PER DAY. Of course he has scheduled "rest stops" along the way. But even these are not your usual periods of rest and relaxation.

Billing his journey from Atlanta to Richmond as a "Run for Fun-Health-Life," Reid is conducting rallies along his route—rallies demonstrating his unusual stamina. Some of his feats of unusual strength include: two automobiles try to pull

his clasped hands, an 18 pound hammer is used to break a large rock placed on his stomach, an auto or van drives over his stomach. He challenges anyone in his audience to pin him, and to hit him in the abdomen.

His rallies will feature a challenge for people to accept Christ as Savior, to commit themselves to Christian service, and to adopt clean habits of physical fitness. As a demonstration of his own concern for service to others, Reid plans to give \$1,000 of his severance pay from the Home Mission Board to World Hunger and Disaster Relief. He will challenge those

who watch his demonstrations of physical prowess to donate also.

Orvil Reid will give a demonstration of his concern for and commitment to physical fitness and Christian service in the Chowan College Stadium on Thursday, September 30, at 7:30 P.M. Don't miss the opportunity to see this outstanding "young" man when he jogs to Chowan on September 30! The rally is being sponsored jointly by the Brotherhood of the West Chowan Baptist Association, the Baptist Student Union-Campus Christian Fellowship, and the Fellowships of Christian Athletes throughout the Roanoke-Chowan region.

Camp Cale Retreat Site

By LINDA STEECE

It was very unfortunate that more people didn't go on the BSU-CCF retreat at Camp Cale. With such things as swimming, ping-pong canoeing, monopoly, and other activities we became relaxed with one another.

In fact we discussed problems and activities we ought to do in the on coming year. The first

night the Chaplain of East Carolina University came and lead a good discussion on leadership. Saturday we participated in a leadership program and discussed what should be done this year. Some suggestions were retreats, a musical, a dramatic group, ministry at a rest home, and a no talent show.

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