



Dr. Whitaker introduces The Rev. J. Felix Arnold, chairman of the board of trustees to Helms before the ceremonies. Others in picture are (from left)

Phil Royce, director of college relations; Mrs. Texie Camp Marks, Byrd and J. J. Harrington, vice chairman of the board. (Photo by Bill Williamson)

Jesse Helms Center Dedication Viewed By More Than 2,000

Remarks By Byrd In Record

The following remarks by Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. concerning the dedication of the Helms Center are reprinted from the September 4 issue of the Congressional Record.

Mr. HARRY F. BYRD, JR. Mr. President, in a ceremony at Murfreesboro, N.C., on Labor Day, the senior Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Helms) was honored by Chowan College.

Chowan's new physical education center was dedicated Monday morning and named the Jesse Helms Center. Chowan is an 132-year-old college with an enrollment of 1,100; its president being Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker.

The dedication plaque is as follows: Dedicated to The Glory of God and in honor of Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., Monroe, North Carolina, Baptist Layman, United States Senator, Friend of Christian Higher Education, September 1, 1980.

I was pleased and honored to have been chosen as the dedication speaker. Chowan is situated about 30 miles from the Virginia border, and approximately 40 percent of the students are from Virginia.

The president of the student body is Sharee Atkinson of Petersburg, Va. The chairman of the board of advisers is Dr. H. Meivin Kunkle of Portsmouth, and the president of the Alumni Association is Mrs. Sandra McCoy of Norfolk.

I was much impressed with Chowan College and with the students. Indeed, it was heartwarming that at the conclusion of the National Anthem the students responded with prolonged applause.

There were 3,000 to 4,000 persons in the gymnasium for the dedication ceremony, and Senator Helms received a tremendous ovation from the entire group. Especially significant, I think, was the prolonged applause he received from the students. Senator Helms obviously has great strength, and deservedly so, among rank and file North Carolinians. He was reelected by a large majority 2 years ago, and appears even stronger today.

In talking with hundreds of those present Monday, I got the very clear impression that Senator Helms' strength comes from his consistency and his willingness to fight for the principles in which he believes, even if he stands nearly alone—as he frequently does.

The naming of the splendid center at Chowan College for Jesse Helms is a tremendous tribute to the senior Senator from North Carolina, and I wish that all of his Senate colleagues could have been present at the ceremony Monday.

Whitaker: Grand Day For College

By GREG BASSETT

More than two thousand students, faculty members and dignitaries jammed into the new \$2.75 million Jesse Helms Center Monday, September 1 to honor North Carolina's senior senator at its dedication and to celebrate a major milestone in the history of Chowan College.

The dedication of the 63,000-square-foot complex came almost two years after groundbreaking ceremonies began the building effort on September 10, 1978.

"Today is a grand day in the life of Chowan College," said college president Bruce E. Whitaker in his opening remarks. "Today comes the realization of a long and cherished dream."

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. D-Ind.-Va., served as dedication speaker and used the occasion not only to praise Helms, his long time Senate ally, but to criticize the Carter Administration and express his fears concerning the direction of the country.

Byrd also used the occasion to compliment Chowan's history, administration and student body.

"Chowan College has been showing the way for over a century," said Byrd. "The continuing development of this fine school, symbolized by this splendid new center, is an inspiring sign that you are continuing the good work."

At the conclusion of the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" the student body gave a rousing cheer of applause, which obviously impressed Byrd and the other dignitaries.

"When I heard the students cheering at the end of the national anthem," said Byrd, "I was immediately impressed. The students' action says a great deal about Chowan and the students who attend here."

The man of the hour was Helms, whom Byrd praised as a "great asset to the U.S. Senate."

"When I first read of this school's great tradition," Byrd told the assembled body, "I instantly saw the appropriateness of naming a new facility for Sen. Helms. There is no one in the Senate who better embodies the spiritual and patriotic sentiments of Chowan than Jesse Helms."

Byrd praised Helms for "having the courage to vote 'No' in the Senate." Byrd's father, the late Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Sr., was a popular national figure in the 1950's, who like Helms, was famous for voting against major spending issues. "I admire Jesse for his courage," said Byrd.

In his 15-minute speech, Virginia's senior senator expressed his fear about America's future, noting a

Faculty Memo From President

The following memorandum was sent to members of the college faculty and staff by President Bruce E. Whitaker following the dedication of the Helms Center. It is published here to provide students with the opportunity to read it.

I have just returned to the office following goodbyes to the senators at the Tri-County Airport. My heart is filled with joy and gratitude incident to the activities of the day. Everything went so well. It could not have gone better, as a matter of fact, in my judgment. The senators, to include Senator Helms' family, were overjoyed, especially with the favorable response of our students. I have never been prouder of our students on any occasion any year than I was today.

The dedication of the physical education center today was the culmination of four years of work, to include a successful Mission Possible campaign effort. Many, many people worked and gave and helped, both within the college community and outside of it. No money we received meant more to me than that pledged by the faculty-staff of the college. The dedication ceremonies—experience today was the "icing on the cake."

There are so many people who deserve to be thanked for contributions leading up to today. I am thinking of the Committee which visited a number of colleges to get ideas for the layout of our gym. There were many persons who helped plan and implement a successful campaign. There was the ad hoc committee which planned the program activities of the day, to include the preparation and printing of the program. There were a thousand details to be "thought up" and implemented. There was the service by the Hospitality Committee throughout the weekend. There was good food service. There were the many, many long hot hours of work, much of it in the last few days, by the Department of Maintenance. There was the effort on the part of ushers and others to get people into the gymnasium and settled, to include the many visitors, faculty-staff, and students. There were the well-thought out presentations by those who participated in the formal program. There was the appropriate response participation of our students. It took all of these groups—efforts and more to bring us to the culmination day. I express genuine appreciation and sincere gratitude to the entire membership of the Chowan College Family. These sentiments I express both personally and professionally.

We made many friends today. The public caught a glimpse of the basic good side of the college. Good will ac-

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Record \$6,800,000 Budget Set By Trustees for Current Year

By EMMA GILES

A record budget of \$6,800,000 has been approved by the Chowan College Board of Trustees for the 1980-81 year.

The trustees met jointly with the Board of Advisors on August 31.

The college budget of 1979-80 was \$5,150,000. The major part of the crease was caused by including funds for student financial aid for the first time.

Chowan concluded the 1979-80 year by operating in the black for the 22nd straight year, President Bruce E. Whitaker announced, noting "This achievement over the years could not have been done without the increasing support of North Carolina Baptists through the Cooperative Program."

A minimum goal of \$65,000 with a challenge goal of \$75,000 was adopted by the board for the 1980-81 Annual Giving Fun.

Bobby Cross, director of development, challenged the trustees and ad-

visors to help the college reach its endowment goal of \$5 million within the next three years. He said the college is on the move toward the goal after receiving \$513,000 for endowment during 1979-80.

Trustees adopted resolutions to the memory of former Chowan advisor, Dr. Julian Deryl Hart of Durham. Whitaker said, "Dr. Hart displayed a keen interest in and support of all the

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Early Reopening of Pool Held Slight Possibility

By GREG BASSETT

Tentative plans call for the closing of Ruth Camp Campbell Pool in Helms Center from November 1 thru March 1 despite considerable student sentiment that the pool remain open.

Superintendent of buildings and grounds Jack Hassell explained that plans have been made to close the pool until it can be determined

precisely how much it would cost to operate the olympic-size swim area during the winter months.

If operating costs prove low enough in the first few months, Hassell said the current schedule could be amended to allow some winter swimming time.

"I don't want to build any false

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Interesting People on Campus

Ozzie Knows Where He's Going And He's Well on His Way

By SHARON ALEXANDER

Coaching for any college or university team is a tedious and often hard to



Osborne explains play (Photo by Greg Bassett)

attain goal. But for Rene OsBorne (Ozzie) it is becoming a reality.

OsBorne is a busy man. He gives many hours of time to Chowan students. One example is his participation in the student-sponsored movie, "The Chowan Experience". Special attention is given to the Braves and the students of East Hall where he is head resident.

As head resident of East, "Ozzie" is occupied in the evenings. He may be reading a science fiction book by his favorite author Rayman Burr or watching television with his wife Darla whom he recently married. If this isn't the case he's probably walking down the halls to make sure things are okay or running track.

If "Ozzie" has spare time, he spends it lifting weights in Helms Center or going to concerts. He says, "that athletics is important mentally and physically" and that everyone should stay in shape. He enjoys concerts and likes the music of The Moody Blues and Charlie Daniels Band.

Football has always been his favorite sport. He played for Northern Durham in high school and received a few awards like All-East and Second Leading Scorer. After he finished four years at UNC-Chapel Hill he coached junior and senior high school teams.

Ultimately, he would like to return to college at Denver or USC and coach on the side while he gets his Masters in physical education. As a coach, he says his models are former USC mentor John McKay now in the professional ranks with Tampa Bay and Joe Paterno of Penn State.

Homecoming Court Voting In Thomas Cafeteria Tomorrow

By NANCY KEEN

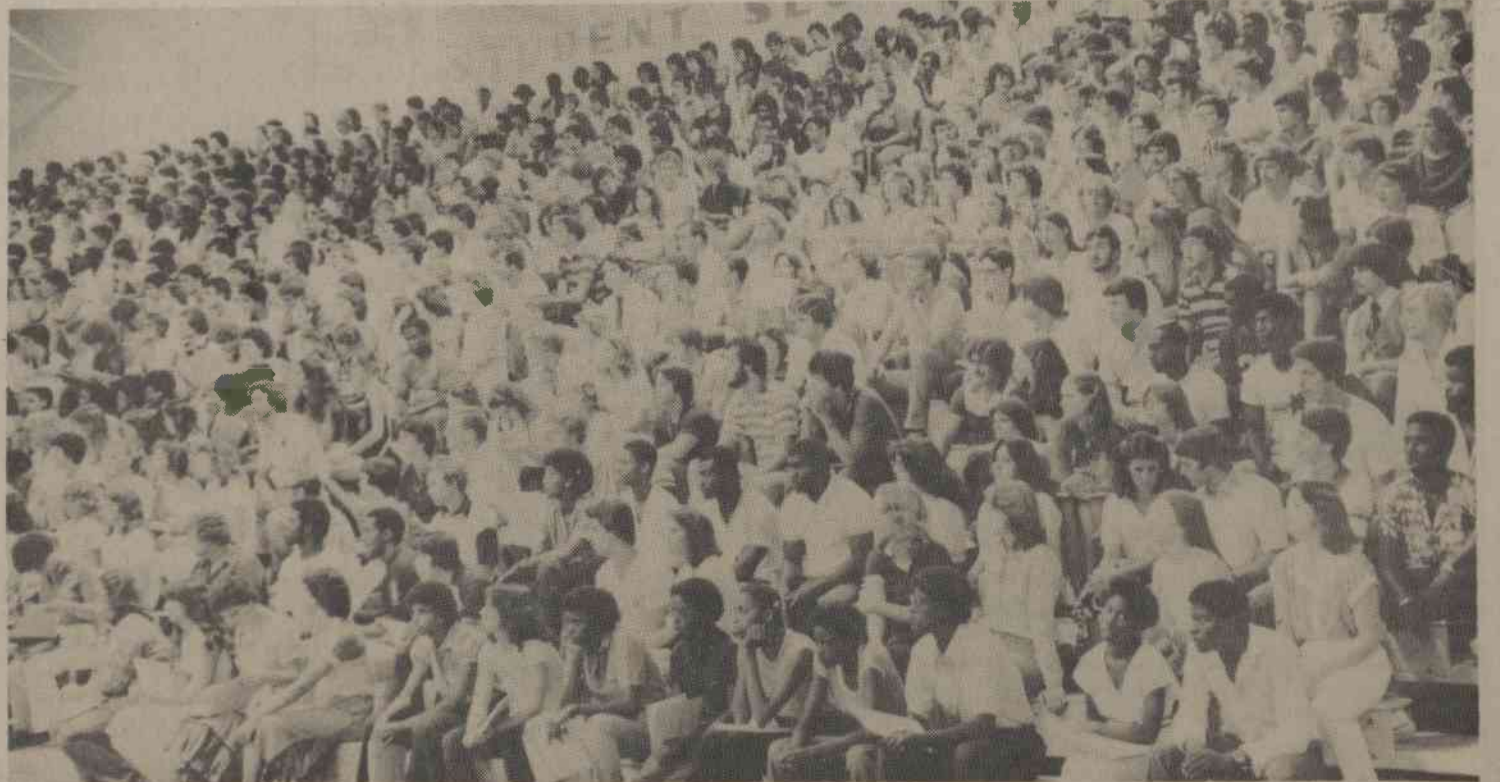
Chowan's homecoming will be early this year, because of the absence of home games scheduled during October. The big day is Saturday, October 4.

SGA will hold elections for court candidates on Thursday, September 25, during lunch hour, 11:30-1 p.m. and dinner hour, 5-6:30 p.m. Names of the winners (the top four freshmen and top four sophomores) will be posted by 9 a.m. Friday, September 26. Each candidate will choose her own escort for the ceremonies.

Events of the weekend for student

attendance and participation include a pep rally and funeral service (complete with bonfire) to "bury the Ferrum Panthers" on Thursday; Anything Goes and a movie in Squirrel Park Friday; a tri-volleyball match in the Helms Center Saturday morning, Alumni football game Saturday afternoon, and our annual homecoming dance featuring "Threshold" from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

There will be a homecoming court banquet Friday evening, October 3, at 6 p.m. Given by Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitaker, the banquet will honor the homecoming court and their escorts.



Students, filling one side of stands in the center, listen attentively. (Photo by Bill Williamson)