## Mid-Term Thoughts

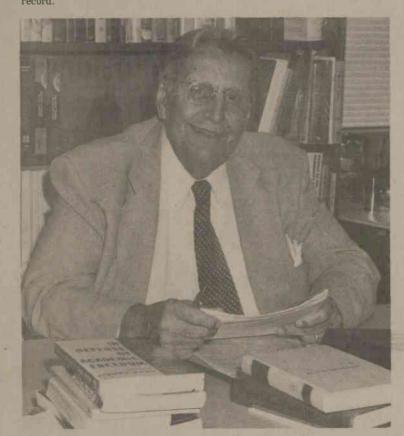
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With mid-term grades on the minds of Chowan College students and their parents, there is no question that the Mid-Term Grading Period offers many, students a time for very serious reflection about what they are going to finish up this semester and what they are going to need to make subsequent semesters successful in order to earn a degree from Chowan.

One of the finest concerns to which every student must address himself is that concerning those academic requirements for continued enrollment at Chowan College. As the student may already know, every college and university must have some stated minimal requirements for the student's continued enrollment in good standing. What the preceding means is that every such institution must have a minimal standard for continued enrollment whereby the student must earn a minimum number of credit hours and minimum number of quality points (or grade points) in any one semester of regular attendance in order to continue the next semester in good standing, i.e. not on academic probation.

Chowan College has a fairly well-defined requirements for continued enrollment in good standing: A student who is carrying a regular credit load of 12 semester hours in a semester must earn a minimum of 9 hours and 18 quality points in order to register in good standing for another semester. If the student should earn less than nine hours and less 18 quality points for a given completed semster he will enter the next or subsequent semester on academic probation. A student who earns less than 9 hours and 18 quality points during his probation semester and who has accumulated a total of less than 18 semester hours and 36 quality points for two consecutive semester will be academically ineligible to enroll for the next semester. In the proceeding situation, that student would be academically suspended from further academic work unless he would make up his deficiencies in a summer session at Chowan College.

Of course, the serious Chowan College student will see that a minimum of 9 hours and 18 quality points earned in any one regular semester to remain in good academic standing with the college is not really a demanding requirement. The average student should do much better that this minimal "9 and 18." The Chowan student is encouraged to do much better in his studies and to prepare himself as best he can to earn his Associates Degree and to transfer with the best academic



Dr. Ben Fisher is shown placing the final touches on his manuscript in his office in Chowan's Graphic Communications Center. He delivered a lecture on the theme "The Challenge of Secularism to Christian Higher Education" at University College, Cardiff, England on October 5th.

I am a former student and graduate of Chowan College attending from 1968-1970. Many good and positive things happened to me while I was a student. I have many happy memories and many lasting friendships I shall retain throughout my life.

I had an opportunity to visit the campus last spring on the occasion of the annual Spring Festival. My sister was a freshman, and had wanted me to visit. It was very rewarding to see many of the faculty members I had known and to see all the many, nice facilities added since I had attended.

What I had not expected to see and what I was appalled to see was the total disregard for the school's property; it being covered with graffiti. Belk dorm was covered (on the doors, the door sills, in the lobby and in the bathroom.)

Jenkins was the same only worse Names were etched in the ceiling lobbies. I saw signs of this in other buildings also. Not only is this a total lack of respect for property, but you can not imagine how I felt as a former student seeing all of this scribbled over these buildings. I was sickened and disgusted by the sight. Further more, I couldn't believe college students had shown such immature behavior.

I am writing to express my displeasure in this action and to plead with students now at Chowan to consider their actions before defacing the property of their college. Also one must consider what this looks like to outsiders visiting the school for the first

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President, Bruce E. Whitaker, center, receives one of the "largest" checks ever presented to Chowan College from Franchise Enterprises representatives, Shirley Morgan, left, vice-president for operations and marketing, and district representative Ken Willoughby. During the 1982-83 year Franchise Enterprises, which operates Hardee's in Murfreesboro and Ahoskie and other locations, presented the college with gifts totaling \$1,200 for the Scholarshare program to help fund workstudy opportunities for Chowan students, Dr. Whitaker explained.

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