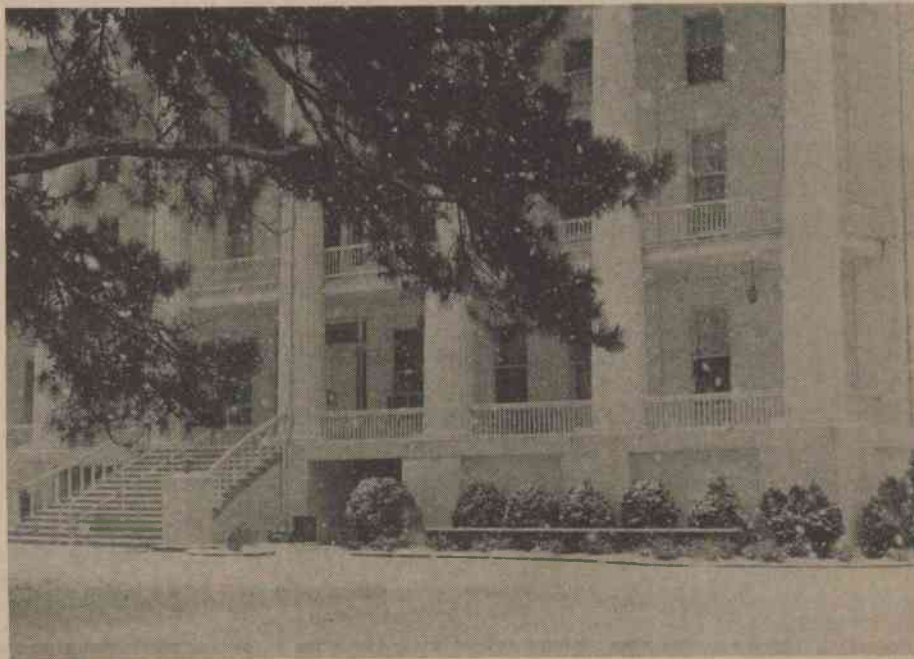


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Snow Storm

Academic Scholarship

Chowan College President and Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker have been honored with the establishment of a scholarship for academic excellence. The scholarship is initially funded by a \$10,000 contribution from the couple's two sons, Barry Eugene and Garry Bruce Whitaker. Barry is joined in making the gift by his wife, Becky Goff Whitaker. Garry is single.

Since 1957, Dr. Whitaker has served as president and Mrs. Esther Whitaker as professor of religion at Chowan. Under Bruce Whitaker's leadership the past 30 years, the college has grown in all areas. The enrollment has climbed from under 300 to 950. More than \$20 million has been added to the college's assets and 13 major buildings have been added.

Whitaker has recently been selected one of the 18 most effective college presidents in the nation in a study designed by Dr. James L. Fisher, president emeritus of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Washington, D.C.

Both Barry, who was four when his parents moved to Murfreesboro, and Garry, who was born in Murfreesboro, were "raised on the Chowan campus", noted Dean of the College B. Franklin Lowe, Jr.

Lowe said they were "ever present on the campus. Both attended most of the athletic and other events and had numerous friends among the student body, faculty and staff. When they were older, they worked in maintenance and the cafeteria during the summers."

Barry said through the scholarship he and his brother wanted to thank the college "for all it has done for us during our years of growing up." Barry added, "If it had not been for Chowan, I would not be where I am today. The college has helped me in many different ways."

He said another reason is "to honor Mom and Dad. I admire my father not only as a college president but as a business person. I admire everything he has done to help Chowan grow and prosper."

Barry Whitaker said he and Garry also wanted to recognize the contribution of their mother, "both as professor of religion and for the help and support she has given behind the scenes to our father."

Barry, a Campbell University graduate, is vice-president of the southwest region of the Financial Services Division of Central Fidelity Bank, Abingdon, Va. His wife, Becky, is a customer service representative with the same bank.

Garry Whitaker is a lawyer practicing in Winston-Salem. He graduated from Wake Forest Law School in 1983.

Garry stated that he is "most appreciative of having had the opportunity of growing up on a college campus in a small town in eastern North Carolina. Through school and community activities, especially scouting, I had a great deal of exposure to Bertie and Hertford counties as well as Murfreesboro."

Continued Garry Whitaker, "I am very proud of the leadership which my parents have provided Chowan College, Murfreesboro, and Hertford County."

Director of Development Bobby Cross encouraged other individuals and groups who are interested in thanking and honoring Bruce and Esther Whitaker to contribute to the scholarship fund.

"Additional gifts to the scholarship will enable the college to help more students with potential for academic excellence and at the same time further honor Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker," Cross noted.

By Warren Breniman

9:00 a.m. CCT (Chowan College Time)

"Warren, Warren get up. Go look out the window," my next door neighbor Mike Clark said. Now to a person who has been asleep for eight hours, the words were fairly unintelligible. As things slowly came into focus, I saw Mike staring at the window. Outside were the same trees, the same telephone pole, and the same wires except for one minor detail, they were covered in snow. It felt as if I were home in Wisconsin.

Snow, it's magical in a way. As it gently falls from the sky, snow bathes the earth and nature in a pure, clean blanket of white. The flaky powder brightens the day even when its cloudy. It brings youthfulness back. Thoughts of sledding down hills race through the mind. Watching the powder spray behind skiers and kids making snow men fill the senses. Beauty covers all.

11:00 a.m. CCT

The first class of the day is cancelled. The lab for the class was dismissed also. Wow! Two down one to go. The snowball fights had already begun, along with all the other college snow sports. Some of the more popular sports were snowball fights, riding and

sliding on your feet behind cars, snowball fights, sliding on the ice and landing on your bum, and yes, those ever popular snowball fights. In one of the major snowball fights, some residents of West Hall were beaten and generally abused. The war raged on and the hurlers on the side of West Hall were driven back inside. Mixon and Simons claimed the victory even though Simons was heavily damaged.

This whole snow thing started January 25th with the sleet. It iced the road down, as well as just about everything else. The icing, not to be confused with cake icing (two different things), laid a frozen base for the snow to stick to. The snow came down early Monday morning and continued to accumulate into the evening. The cold weather kept the snow frozen and the ice on the roads made them very slick. The lowest temperature of the year was 8 degrees.

Some classes were cancelled Monday and Tuesday; things were back to normal Wednesday. The Hertford County police reported minor incidents and luckily no one was hurt. The snow melted slowly until Friday, until it was no more.

SADD Members Promote Safe, Sober Driving

By Wendy Jo Basden

Recently, a SADD Chapter was formed here at Chowan College. Some students have realized that drunk driving has become the number one killer in the United States today. Chowan started the group because they feel that it would be helpful to the college and maybe prevent fellow students from being killed as a result of drunk driving.

Even though Chowan has not become an official Chapter of SADD, they are busy working on ways to make the organization a success and to get more people involved.

Many students have a misunderstanding about SADD. They feel that SADD is against drinking altogether. An overused excuse for not joining is "I can't be a member of SADD because I drink." Therefore, not many students want to join. SADD is not against drinking. They are just against driving while you are drinking or after you have been drinking. Mixing drinking with driving threatens your life along with others around you.

At the conclusion of the fall semester SADD members got a wrecked car, which was involved in an alcohol related accident, from Murfreesboro Body Shop. They placed it at the entrance of campus in hopes that everyone would see it. Accompanying the car was a sign painted by Wendy Jo Basden, president of the SADD group here at Chowan.

The members of SADD felt like it was a good idea to place the car and the sign at the entrance so when the students were on their way off campus to go home for Christmas break, they would see it and be more careful over the holidays.

Some changes in officers took place at the beginning of the spring semester. Wendy Jo Basden was elected President and Wayne Whaley was elected Vice-President.



Providing an incentive to drive safely?