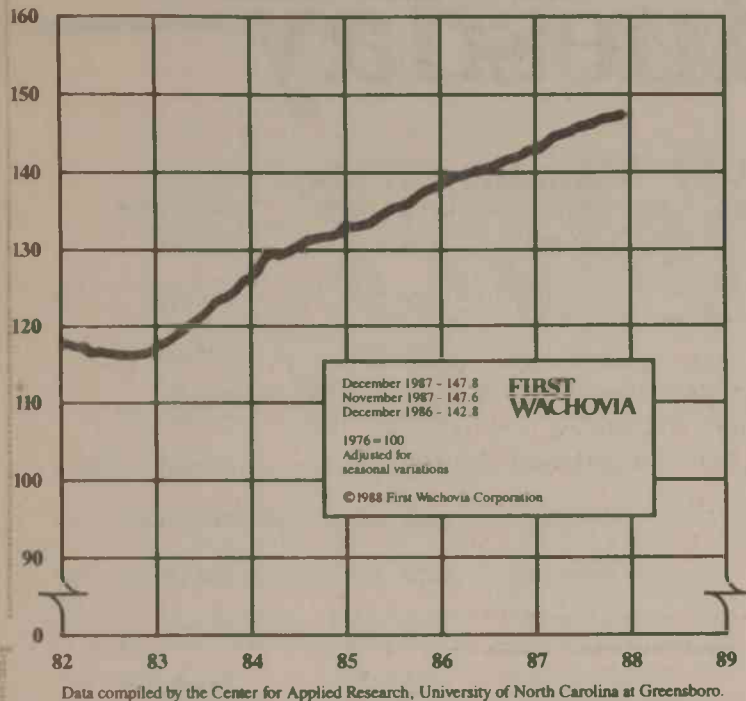


### Southeast Business Index



## First Wachovia Corporation

# Tracks economic activity in Southeast

The level of business activity in the southeastern United States increased 0.1 percent in December, according to the First Wachovia Southeast Business Index. Over the past 12 months, the Southeast Index has gained 3.5 percent.

The Index tracks the pace of economic activity in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

One of the index components for the Southeast improved in December, two were off and one remained level.

Nonagricultural employment increased 0.4 percent, while initial claims for unemployment insurance rose 2.5

percent during the month. Residential building permit values, which reflect future construction plans, declined 2.8 percent. The average manufacturing workweek remained the same at 41.0 hours.

Higher nonagricultural employment was reported in all 13 southeastern states. The largest gains occurred in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Fewer new unemployment claims were reported in two states during December. The largest drop was recorded in Louisiana. Building permits registered increases in three states and the District of Columbia. The average manufacturing workweek rose or remained unchanged in nine states.

Over the past year, job growth in the Southeast has trailed the national pace.

Nonagricultural employment has increased 2.7 percent in the region since December 1986, while nationally it has risen 3.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Southeast was 6.0 percent in December, up 0.1 percentage point. At the national level, the unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. Over the past 12 months, the unemployment rate for both the Southeast and the nation has decreased 0.9 percentage point.

The unemployment rate was below the national average in six of the 13 states in December. The lowest unemployment rates were reported in Virginia at 3.8 percent and Maryland at 4.3 percent. Louisiana with 11.3 percent

and Mississippi with 10.3 percent had the highest rates.

Data are adjusted to smooth the effects of historical seasonal factors and certain statistical aberrations. Building permit values have been deflated by the Consumer Price Index to reflect planned construction expenditures in constant 1967 dollars. Because the economy in the District of Columbia lacks sufficient comparability with the states, especially in manufacturing, an individual business index is not calculated.

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# The Underground rocks Chowan

On February 11, in the Lakeside Student Center, The Underground rocked Chowan College with twelve songs from REM, The Cult, Steppenwolf and some of their own original songs. The concert was held for the cause of Cystic Fibrosis, in which a hundred and some dollars was collected.

The Underground is a four member band, consisting of lead guitarist and vocalist, Randy Oglesby; base guitarist and vocalist, Dean Johnson; rhythm guitarist and vocalist, Gordon Sanders; and drummer, Bill Alphin.

During the summer of 1987, Dean and Randy played together often and came up with the idea of starting the band. The four member band started playing together at the beginning of last semester, with Gordon being the only freshman in the band. The band first began practicing in Daniel Hall, but problems occurred in the time in which they could practice. They then moved their practices to the Rotaract room in Lakeside Student Center where practice times could easily be worked in.

The Underground practices twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday and some times on Saturday. These practices are three to four hours long or un-

til the band has to leave because of the Student Center's closing hours.

Randy Oglesby has been playing guitar for ten years. For three years, he played as a professional in many different bands. He has played beach, Top 40, rock and country music. Randy says, "playing in The Underground has taught him more about music and how to get a band started than any of the recent bands he has played in."

Dean Johnson born with a silver pick in his mouth, has been playing Bass for, some twenty odd years, professionally. He started out playing a rythm guitar at birth and changed to Bass at age two.

Gordon Saunders has been playing guitar for three years and is the only freshman in the band. Gordon plays rythm guitar and sings.

Bill Alphin is the drummer for The Underground and has been playing the drums for four years.

The Underground now has four original songs of their own. One of the originals, "Selling American Style", was named from a bulletin board in the professional development room. The band considers "Selling American Style" to be the best song they play.

Another band original is "Real School", also a favorite to play.

The Underground now has a total of twenty-seven songs, counting originals and hits from well known bands.

The Underground was very pleased with the concert on February 11. The band thought the concert was well performed and the audience enjoyed it. They also felt that the concert taught them many things that would help in upcoming concerts, like how to back up a member if he made a mistake and how to be relaxed on stage during a performance. Many of the students that attended the concert enjoyed the music and the entertainment of The Underground.

The Underground will be opening for The Beam, a band from Virginia on March 17 in the Lakeside Student Center. The Underground would like to see support from students and faculty as well.

## Spring play; Damn Yankees

The Chowan Players are in rehearsal for the popular Broadway musical *Damn Yankees*. Based on the novel, *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant*, this delightful story offers an evening of light entertainment and funny songs. Under the direction of Sandra Boyce, this production features Jerry Weisman in the lead role of Joe Boyd, who leads the ailing Washington Senators to a season victory over the Yankees. His wife is played by Jennifer Grooters, last seen as the flighty Judith Anderson in last fall's production of *The Devil's Disciple*. Joe's nemesis, the devil in disguise-Mr. Applegate is played by Fabian Rathbone, last seen in the title role of *The Devil's Disciple*. Applegate's beautiful and provocative assistant is portrayed by Connie Harris.

Recognizable songs include the famous "You Gotta Have Heart" and Lola's sultry "Whatever Lola Wants." Others include "The Good Old Days," "A Man Doesn't Know" and "Six Months out of every Year." The choreography and songs are delightful and the story of a struggling baseball team who finally wins over the "Damn Yankees" is lots of fun. Music is under the direction of Dr. James Chamblee.

The show opens with a matinee on Wednesday March 23 at 1pm. Evening performances follow on March 24-26 at 8pm. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of laughter and songs. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Adults \$5.00, Students \$2.00.

FREE Tickets are available to students of Chowan College. To obtain your free ticket, come by the Fine Arts office in Daniel Hall any weekday from 9-12 and 2-5 and present your college I.D.



Members of the reaffirmation committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visited the campus to evaluate all

phases of the operation of the college. The committee spent four days talking to students, staff, administration and faculty.

## Snack bar more than a place to eat

By Olga DaCosta

Ever wonder what hungry Chowan students, faculty and staff do when they get the urge for a cup of coffee or something to satisfy their sweet tooth? They head for the snack bar where Mrs. Thompson and her staff are willing to serve with prices she feels are suitable to her customer's budget.

Mrs. Thompson not only serves in the snack bar, but is very observant as to what goes on. She finds that the snack bar is a place where many student want to hang-out and study, or just chat, while munching on something they purchased. She also commented that the faculty and staff enjoy the snack bar for chatting or munching just as much as the students or other customers.

On the contrary, Mrs. Thompson finds there is still complaints and grips, but is never weakened to serve her customers. She is always open for new ideas and aims to please.

Speaking of new ideas, Mrs. Thompson hopes to add a new touch to her snack bar early next year. She hopes that this new addition, which is hoped to be fresh fruits and a dessert bar, will make eating at the snack bar more attractive, comfortable as well as enjoyable.

Mrs. Thompson also commented that Waldo's perspective on a food ticket procedure would cause an ex-

pense for the running of the food service and her "aim is to break even so there is no debt."

Last but not least, she wants all customers to know that she is always open for new ideas.

The Cafeteria is yet another place where Chowan's faculty and students go to satisfy their appetite. This time the food is served hot and hardy. Although many people, after reading Waldo's article in our last issue of *Smoke Signals*, may think the sanity and the grade of the food is not up to par with the U.S.D.A. Grade standards.

According to Mr. Thompson, the sanitation of the cafeteria has always been one of his most important responsibilities in making the cafeteria a place of comfort with quality food served. Thus, in the beginning of this semester, changes to the cafeteria have been made to correct what may have been over looked in the past. Some of these changes included a chain constructed to replace the former petition where insects thrived and frequent spraying of insecticide. Through all of these procedures Mr. Thompson aims to conquer this dilemma of unsanitation.

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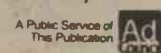
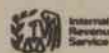


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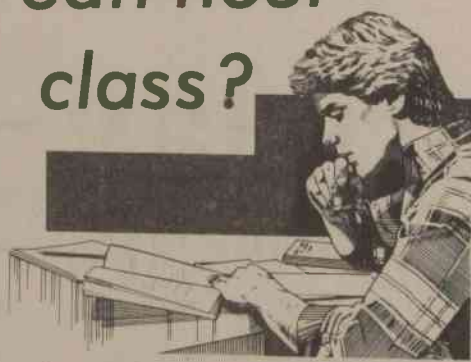
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