

Chowan College

Operating under sound conditions



Rotary District Governor M. Wade "Andy" Jackson (right) met with Chowan College Rotaract President Gregory Allen Wright and later spoke to members of the Chowan Student body about PolioPlus.

Members of the Chowan College Rotaract Club, an affiliate of Rotary International and sponsored by the Murfreesboro Rotary Club, want to raise \$1,000 for PolioPlus during the 1987-88 term.

Rotarians all over the world have launched a fund-raising goal of \$120,000,000 to finance PolioPlus. A gift of \$1 will immunize 12 children against polio.

Chowan College trustees reelected Robert B. Spivey of Windsor as chairman and Miss Emma Gay Stephenson of Pendleton as vice chairman and heard reports on the progress of financial campaigns and the institutional self-study in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker.

E. L. Hollowell of Edenton was reelected chairman and Mike H. Johnson of Hamilton was elected vice chairman of the Executive Committee during the semi-annual meeting also attended by the advisors. Other Executive Committee members, in addition to Spivey and Stephenson, are J. E. Ferebee, Camden; Thomas M. McCrary, Raleigh; Walter Frank Rose, Jr., Ahoskie; H. Douglas White, Rocky Mount; and Edwin L. Williams, Kinston.

Dr. Whitaker reported that the college is headed toward operating in the black for the 30th straight year. He stressed "the sound financial condition of the college." Whitaker will begin his 32nd year as Chowan's chief administrator in May.

He emphasized the importance of the "financial support and encouragement" given by North Carolina Baptists and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He said the college is scheduled to receive over \$950,000 under the budget of the Baptist State Convention in 1988, subject to the convention meeting its budget.

In other financial matters, Spivey reported that Chowan has received over \$2.5 million in pledges and gifts in its campaign to raise \$4 million. Spivey, campaign chairman, said the funds will provide additional student aid, scholarships, endowment for teaching and administration, program development, and the renovation of facilities.

Spivey thanked advisor Mrs. Robert F. (Texie Camp) Marks of Boykins, Va., who is the honorary chairman, and other members of the campaign committee for their leadership.

Spivey stressed the importance of "successfully completing the campaign to provide the college and its students the resources and support they need." He said he was confident that, with the assistance of the trustees and advisors, Chowan would reach its goal.

Staff member Vint Tilson reported that over \$70,000 has been raised in pledges and gifts toward the 1987-88 Annual Giving Program goal of \$125,000.

He said this includes over \$26,000 from the Alumni Loyalty Fund and over \$44,000 from the Annual Giving Fund. He challenged the trustees and advisors to continue their efforts to help the college reach its goal.

After hearing a report from Business Manager Ben Sutton, the trustees approved a \$300 increase in tuition, room and board and fees for the 1989-90 year.

Sutton explained that North Carolina residents will receive a \$1,000 legislative tuition grant that the General Assembly provides in-state students to attend one of North Carolina's private colleges.

Dean of the College B. Franklin Lowe, Jr. reported on the progress of the institutional self-study which each accredited college must undergo every ten years leading to the reaffirmation of its accreditation.

Dr. Lowe said Chowan's accreditation was last reaffirmed in 1978. He said the reaffirmation committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visited the campus for four days to evaluate all phases of the operation of the college.

Lowe said the visit of the committee climaxed a two and one-half year institutional self-study by Chowan. He said that at the end of their four-day visit, the committee had given Chowan a "very complimentary report." He said the report was "positive and objective."

He said the college is on schedule to receive reaffirmation of its accreditation in December.

Whitaker reported on the college's endowed scholarships. He said they include general, athletics, business, English, fine arts, graphic communications, ministerial/church related, science, and social sciences.

Whitaker said Chowan has made "great progress" in receiving endowed scholarship funding from alumni and other friends. "Many deserving young men and women, both from within North Carolina and without, would not be able to attend Chowan if it were not for these scholarships. We are appreciative of all of the individuals and groups who have provided these funds to help young people." Whitaker said the total value of the endowed scholarships is \$2.5 million.

Tilson reported on three new endowed scholarships proposed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ripley, Sr. of

Greensboro, and Chowan alumni, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Myers of Ahoskie and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Usseery of Richmond. At the recommendation of Dr. Whitaker, trustees approved the establishment of the scholarships.

In other action, trustees approved resolutions to the memory of former trustees George E. Gibbs, formerly of Murfreesboro, and Ethel Lillie Knott Smith of Benson; and resolutions of appreciation for Bobby Shelton Cross.

Gibbs, who served Chowan for over four decades as a volunteer leader and supporter, died July 20, 1987. Beginning in 1944, he served four terms as a trustee including chairman of the Executive Committee.

The resolutions emphasized, "Genuine concern for the well-being of the college was also evidenced through his service as chairman of a local committee soliciting funds to reopen the college, following suspension of operations in 1943; membership on the Building and Grounds Committee; and his personal benevolence towards achieving both the capital needs and the endowment of goals of Chowan College."

The resolutions commended his "devotion of the mission of Christian higher education" and "his example of Christian stewardship."

Mrs. Smith served two terms on the Board of Trustees including service as vice chairman. She was also an advisor the past two years. The resolutions stated, "Our departed colleague devoted over a quarter-century of service to the cause of Christian higher education as teacher, librarian, trustee, advisor, and a genuine friend of all facets of those educational programs which have been designed for the intellectual, spiritual, and social well-being of college youth."

She was commended for "the record of her service to Christian higher education," which was called "a model of that kind of devotion which is requisite to the success of any educational institution." Mrs. Smith died on Feb. 7.

Due to ill health, Bobby Cross, who is completing his 18th year as Director of Development, was absent. The resolutions stated, "Chowan has experienced substantial growth and advancement among those programs of institutional concern over which he has exercised a primary administrative responsibility, including growth and advancement through fund raising, alumni relations,

and general college relations with her several constituencies during the course of his tenure as director of development.

"Untiring diligence and zeal have characterized his approach to all aspects of his professional duties and responsibilities."

Continued the resolution, "Current ill health is necessitating a curtailment of his energies at a time when he would most wish to continue about the business of furthering that institutional development to which he has committed so much of his time and talent; his heart and soul."

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Whitaker, trustees named Vint Tilson, presently associate director of development, acting director of development.

Trustees who have completed their four-year terms of service received certificates of appreciation. They include: Mrs. Grady P. Davis, Sr., Conway; M. Frank Edwards, Jr., Rocky Mount; Joseph C. Edwards, Jr., Pendleton; Shelby M. Freeman, Morehead City; Walter Monroe Gardner, Warrenton; James A. Hunter, Hertford; Mrs. Nancy T. Lewis, Gatesville; Sen. Vernon E. White, Winterville; and Dr. J. L. Wilson, Winston-Salem.

Welcomed were new trustees: Mrs. Kate Mackie Allen, Weldon; The Rev. J. Felix Arnold, Enfield; L. M. Brinkley, Sr., Ahoskie; A. Hartwell Campbell, Raleigh; M. Frank Edwards, Jr., Rocky Mount; Bob F. Hill, Sr., Murfreesboro; Mrs. Elizabeth H. Maddrey, Eden; Charles L. Revelle, III, Murfreesboro; and M.E. Valentine, Sr., Raleigh.

Arnold, who serves as advisor chairman, recognized the new advisors: Mrs. Grady P. Davis, Sr., Conway; Edwin R. Evans, Jr., Ahoskie; Shelby M. Freeman, Morehead City; Mrs. Mary D. Kunkle, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Nancy T. Lewis, Gatesville; Mrs. Mary Alice Matthews, Williamston; Sen. Vernon E. White, Winterville; and J.L. Wilson, Winston-Salem.

Chairman Spivey called attention to important spring semester events including Spring Parents Day, Feb. 20; Baptist College Day, Feb. 21; Math/Science Day, Mar. 11; Religious Emphasis Week Mar. 14-18; Easter break, Apr. 1-11; Spring Festival, April 23; Honors Day, Apr. 29 and Commencement, May 15.

College receives unrestricted grant

Chowan College has received an \$800 unrestricted grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The college is one of 38 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina to receive unrestricted grants, totaling more than \$50,000.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among 934 private accredited two and four year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1.75 million in Sears Foundation funds for the 1987-88 academic year. Funds may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant

program, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of other programs in elementary, secondary, and higher education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of more than \$3.5 million in 1988 for its education activities.

Stated Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker, "In behalf of the Chowan College community, to include members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors, I express our genuine appreciation and sincere gratitude for this gift. We will use it to help needy and deserving students on our campus this year who need assistance in order to be able to attend college."

Back to School



Returning in the Fall?

A \$100.00 deposit is due by April 1, 1988 to pre-register for classes and to secure dormitory room requests.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Spring

Festival

Saturday
April 23, 1988

Everyone's invited!
Come one, come all!



Easter Vacation



Begins:
Friday, April 1
at conclusion of classes.

Classes Resume:
Monday, April 11
at 8:00 a.m.