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Oratorio Presents Messiah; To Render The Crucifixion

"Messiah" was given in concert by a 69 voice chorus on December 12 in the Chowan College auditorium. This chorus included the members of Chowan College combined chorus, members of the faculty, and Chowan Oratorio members from surrounding towns of Ahoskie, Aulander, Ivor, Virginia, Murfreesboro, Rich Square, Winton, Conway, and two guest solist from Rocky Mount. The presentation was under the direction of Mr. Marvin Pickard of the music department at Chowan with Miss Barbara Young, professor of music at Chowan, at the piano, and Mrs. Marvin Pickard at the organ.

The approximated attendance was 700 with an offering of \$192.93 of which \$107.93 was put on the expense for the new organ which will be installed soon.

The Chowan Oratorio group is currently working on John Strainer's "The Crucifixion." This Easter Service will be in April.

Students Studying Ministry Available For Supply Work

The members of the Chowan College Ministerial Alliance are hoping to accomplish much work this year by way of supplying for pastors, doing B.T.U. and Sunday School work, and conducting week end services in churches within a reasonable radius of the college, according to Dan F. Page, president of the group of young ministers.

According to President Page letters have been mailed to pastors in this section offering their assistance in any of the fields mentioned above.

The Chowan College Ministerial Alliance is an organization composed of the students enrolled at Chowan who plan a career in the ministry.

Baldwin Organ to Be Installed Soon

A Baldwin 55 Organ will be installed in the auditorium of Chowan College on March 15. This organ is being purchased from the Milton Music Company in Norfolk, Virginia, and will be installed in time for the presentation of "The Crucifixion" which will be presented by the Chowan Oratorio Society in April.

An organ was rented in December for use in presenting of Handel's Messiah. At this program a collection was received to be used towards purchasing an organ for the college.

Deferment Test Available for Students Enrolled in College

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service has announced that the fifth series of Selective Service College Qualification Tests will be given on Thursday, April 21, 1955, at approximately 1000 examination centers.

To be eligible to apply for the Selective Service tests a student must: (1) intend to request deferment as a student; (2) be satisfactorily pursuing a fulltime course of instruction; and (3) must not previously have taken the qualification test.

An application for the test, a mailing envelope, and a Bulletin of Information may be obtained from any Selective Service Local Board. Applications for the tests should be sent immediately, as applications may be received only up until about two weeks before the test is given.

The present criteria for deferment as an undergraduate student are either a score of 70



PRESIDENTS' CLUB—Pictured are members of the recently formed Presidents' Club at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C. with Dr. F. O. Mixon, President of the college (seated) as its advisor. The primary purpose of the club is for these leaders to correlate and promote student activities on the campus. The presidents, left to right, are Billy Finch, Emporia, Va., Zeta Alpha Zigma; Johnny Hill, Murfreesboro, Freshman class; Ella Jane Smith, Clinton, Young Women's Association; Charles Paul, Davis, Baptist Student Union; Sue Godwin, Selma Women's Judiciary; J. D. Tilley, Greensboro, Phi Lambda Pi; Travis Barden, New Bern, Mongram Club; Dan Page, Clarkton, Ministerial Alliance and Sophomore class; Joe Harkey, Wadesboro, Men's Judiciary. (News Bureau photo.)

Chowan College Becomes Member of American Association Junior Colleges

Meeting Room For B. S.U. Renovated

Members of the Chowan College Baptist Student Union are at present cleaning Room 13 in the basement of the administration Building for meeting room. The room was used previously by the Bible Department.

Plans are being made to purchase appropriate but inexpensive floor for the room. The floors are to be sanded and painted grey-blue, and the walls are to be painted either blue or green. The B. S. U. has asked Joe Harkey to paint a mural for the wall. Miss Frances White, advisor of the organization, has donated venetian blinds for the door.

For the room furnishings the school will supply boudoir type chairs, a desk, and a filing cabinet for keeping all B. S. U. records. A special bulletin board for B. S. U. and other religious news will be installed in the hallway outside the room.

The Greater Council will handle the bill for renovating the room.

The membership committee from the American Association of Junior Colleges recently voted unanimously to enter Chowan College as a member. After the Board of Director vote on the committee report at a meeting in Chicago on March 1 and 2, the final decision will be made. The board is expected to approve the recommendation.

The association is an organization which seeks to co-ordinate functions of junior colleges. It lists and publicizes junior colleges and aids in student recruitment. Sending out valuable literature to all the colleges is one of its most important functions. Membership in the association will accord Chowan all the rights and privileges of a junior college.

In order to obtain this honor, Chowan furnished the association with catalogues, copies of the state certificate of accreditation and a complete financial report. This will be the first year Chowan has been accepted in the association.

Plans Underway For Ridgecrest

What promises to be the "highest week of the year" for members of Chowan College Baptist Student Union is Student Week held again this year June 9-15 at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly near Asheville. Last year the 25 students with their advisor Miss Frances E. White composed the largest delegation of the B. S. U. Organizations in North Carolina.

Cars furnish transportation for this trip which is open to any student attendin the college who wishes to go. Last year the students from Chowan stayed in the newly constructed cabin of Rev. J. B. Dailey of Jackson. They will occupy this same cabin this year.

Chowan is expected to have an even larger representation this year.

Editor Wonders if Ancestor Would Like Chowan Co-eds

The editorial columnist of the Chaple Hill weekly, Louis Graves, former owner of the Weekly and now contributing editor, wondered what his great-grandfather, the Reverend William Hooper, would have thought of a photograph of seven co-eds in modern bathing suits which appeared in the new catalog of Chowan College.

The thousands of Baptist in eastern Carolina will be interested in what Mr. Graves reflected on his editorial which was headed "Rejuvenation at Chowan."

Here is the editorial: After a period of financial distress, when it had to be suspended, Chowan College, in Murfreesboro down in eastern North Carolina, has been revived and rejuvenated. Its new catalog, which I have just been reading, is a well written and well printed booklet illustrated with attractive photographs, describes a vigorous standard junior college with a student body (men and women) of 1,000.

Woman's Judiciary To Remodel Lounge

The Woman's Judiciary of Chowan is making plans to redecorate the Ladies Lounge in the main building. The Judiciary chose the color scheme and supervised the work, over the weekends and refinish the furniture.

To finance the project, the Judiciary sponsored a basketball game Wednesday night, January 26, between the faculty women and women students and between Chowan men faculty members and those of the Murfreesboro High School. Proceeds from the game and also from the sale of popcorn balls and other refreshments went towards supplies for improving the lounge.

The Judiciary Council members planning the work are Sue Godwin, president; Pauline Hardee, vice president; Jean C. Parkre, secretary; Mildred Wheeler, Virginia Drake, hall monitors; and Joyce Harris, town representative.

Chowan College Glee Club Plans Spring Concert

The 22 mixed voices of the Chowan College Glee Club plan to present Spring Concerts in various churches throughout eastern North Carolina and Virginia. According to Mr. Marvin A. Pickard, head of the Music Department of Chowan College, the schedule of appointments is now being planned.

The following songs are being rehearsed: Julia Ward's, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (Arranged by Fred Waring); Bernier, "Barefoot" (Also arranged by Waring); Christiansen's, "Beautiful Savior"; Tchaikowsky's, "Lord God of Hosts"; and "Crown Him King of Golry!! In addition to these, other selections will be rendered.

A spokesman for the Glee Club had this to say concerning the plans for the Spring Season. "We are enjoying our practices and look forward to the opportunity to sing in churches this Spring. Mr. Pickard is very patient and it is a joy to work with him."

Donate Curtains For Chowan Auditorium

Mr. Frank Williams, cousin of Professor Williams of Chowan, and president of Mill Number II in Roanoke Rapids, donated 300 yards of material for stage curtains in Chowan's auditorium. The material, a silver tone denim, will replace at the back and side of the main auditorium.

The open gallery at the wall at the right of the stage, which is often used for storage space will be curtained also.

Mrs. DuBerry, Murfreesboro upholsterer, will make the curtains. Chowan is also getting the assistance of Cofers Interior Decorators of Norfolk, Virginia in hanging them and putting them on runners.

Chowan To Have Semester System for 1955-56 Year

Glee Club Men Clean Organ Loft

Mr. Marvin A. Pickard, with the members of the Male Glee Club assisting, stayed after rehearsal on Tuesday, January 25 and cleaned the organ loft or open gallery which is located at the right of the auditorium above the stage. This upper room which can be seen easily by those attending performances in the auditorium, was cluttered with sections of an organ given to the college last year. Now that the room has been cleaned it is to be used only for radio use and as a sound room for a new organ which the college hopes to install soon.

The boys assisting Mr. Pickard were Ernest Whittington, J. D. Tilley, Bob Mulder, Meredith White, Billy Finch, Bill Joyner, Don Deaton, and John Gatling.

Forty Thousand Booklets Mailed

Through the cooperation of the faculty of Chowan, 40,000 small booklets or brochures, telling by means of pictures and words the advantages of coming to school at Chowan have been addressed and mailed to selected high school students of North Carolina and parts of Virginia, during the month of January.

Mr. R. O. Boston, director of the Business Education Department, in charge of the work, distributed pages of the lists of names of high school seniors purchased through the Beta Club to the different faculty members, along with an armful of the brochures. After being addressed the brochures were returned to the business department building where they were separated into bundles going to the same post office, as is required by postal rules, tied securely, and mailed.

Neither the addressing nor the separating into bundles is a small task, but by the cooperation of all, the 40,000 were sent out during the four weeks.

About 10,000 will be mailed to pastors, libraries, etc. Chowan is proud of having a faculty so willing to give of its extra time to furthering the cause of the school.

The trend in American education toward the semester system has enveloped Chowan College, according to Robert L. Grogan, dean of instruction at the 107-year-old junior college, in announcing the system will go into effect for the 1955-56 term.

In a prepared release Grogan said the forties found many educational institutions turning to the quarter system as a means of speeding up the education process, as did Chowan College. However, in the past three years these same institutions have been returning to the semester organization. Today very few North Carolina colleges remain on the quarter system.

In pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of both systems, Grogan said the faculty generally concedes that the semester allows more time for teaching, although the actual days of class attendance number about the same. Students generally like the semester system, for class preparations are made every other day and greater variety results.

He said that basically the quarter system means classes meet every day, five or six days to the week, for a period of twelve weeks. Under the semester plan classes meet every other day over a six day span for 18 weeks.

"It is generally conceded by college administration that operation under the semester system is more efficient than under the quarter plan," the dean said, adding that this is especially true in the records department. "Councilors say the guidance program functions more efficiently, and many students who normally would fall into the 'drop-out' class can now be saved since those in charge have more time to analyze the students' difficulties."

Dean Grogan said that since one of the purposes of the junior college is to prepare students for senior college, the transfer of credits is involved. Therefore, Chowan College will be acquiring uniformity with the senior institutions in the matter of hours credit allotted. "The students have been the background of consideration in making this change, therefore any ultimate change in operation must not only benefit the institution in the matter of efficiency of operation, but must also be beneficial to the student," Grogan said. He believes the chief benefits will result in a broader program of extracurricular activities and extended social life, with greater use of present facilities possible.

Sound Lab is Now Being Established

The large room in the music building is in the process of being set up as a tape recording room for the college.

The room is being sound-proofed by placing egg cartons up-side down on the walls.

The establishment of the recording room is being made possible under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Cramer of Rich Square. He is meeting with great success in raising money to obtain the equipment for this room.

The purpose in having the sound-proofed room and recording machinery is to record the programs for the Sunday morning broadcast of the college. The music department expects the recorder to be a great aid in teaching music. Not only the music department, but also the speech and language departments hope to be able to use the equipment in teaching the correct utterances of speech, both of English and other modern tongues.

Mr. Marvin Pickard, director of the Music department, feels that such a sound laboratory will aid in better guidance of the individual student and will raise the level of student participation.

Dean's List Given For Fall Quarter

Robert Grogan, dean of instruction, listed 28 students on the Chowan College honor roll for the Fall quarter, 1954-55. In order to be placed on the honor roll a student must maintain a 'B' average on all courses taken.

The students listed in alphabetical order and not according to rank are: Fannie Lou Bisette, Betty Ruth Boyed, Harold F. Brown, Peggy Brown, Annie Mae Daughtry, Carolyn Davis, Iris Evans, Elizabeth Forbes, Patricia Ann Guthrie, Joe Harkey, Joyce Ann Harris, Johnny Hill, Jane Hughes, Bob Klatt, Ann Long, Robert Glenn Mulder, Charles Paul, Leonard Pulley, Nancy Rawles, Mildred Sexton, William B. Sowell, Ronald Sumner, Nancy Taylor, Marilyn Turner, Elizabeth Warrick, Mildred Wheeler, Lula Pearl White, and Tommy Ruth Worrell.

School of Printing Adds Complete Plant To Equipment; Linotype and Three Presses

A personal contribution of \$1,000 by the president of Chowan College, Dr. F. O. Mixon, made possible last week the acquisition and installment of a complete printing plant for the Roy Parker School of Printing at the college.

The plant, formerly operated by a New Bern concern, included a Linotype typesetting machine, three presses-one automatically fed, paper cutter, folding machine, much type, cabinets and other materials and equipment. The purchase of this additional machinery was made necessary by the increased enrollment in the school of printing this year. The school is now

equipped for four typesetting machines and seven presses.

"Applications for enrollment for the 1955-56 term are now being received in such numbers as to make us believe more than the 40 students enrolled this year will be printing students when the college opens again in September," John McSweeney, director of the school of printing stated this week.

In some of the departments the added equipment will more than double the present capacity, giving students many more hours of practical instruction during the next quarter, McSweeney said. Machine operation instruction has been too

limited up until now due to a shortage in this type of equipment.

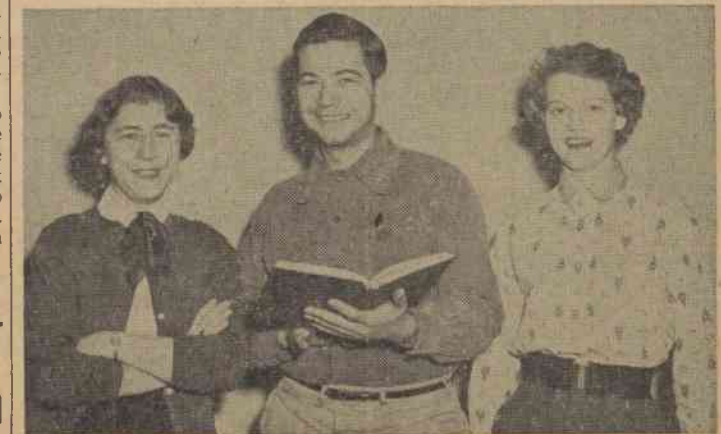
The added equipment will also make possible the printing of most materials used at the college, according to McSweeney, thereby saving considerable money badly needed for other purposes. He stated that the school could not accept any outside printing of any description, this being agreed upon through resolutions passed by the North Carolina Press Association and the Board of Trustees at the college. Some actual production jobs are necessary for instructional purposes, so the printing for the college serves a practical need as well as one of economy, he added.

According to McSweeney the present building housing the school of printing, which was erected summer before last, will require an addition if student enrollment continues to increase which would require even more equipment.

School of Printing Summer Course

The Roy Parker School of Printing at Chowan College has announced that a six week course in Linotype keyboard operation and maintenance will be offered this summer to a limited number of young men with printing experience. Another class in Teletypewriter perforator operation will be offered to experienced typists who have a speed of at least 50 or 60 words a minute.

The cost will be \$150 which will include sleeping quarters for male students on the campus. Women students can find good accommodations nearby in private homes. Application for admittance to the summer course should be mailed to John McSweeney, Director of Graphic Arts, Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C. Applications should include registration fee of \$5.



CHOWAN POETS—Joe Harkey of Wadesboro, Bette King Britton of Ahoskie, and Daisy Mae Bell of Halifax look over the 1954 anthology of college students' poetry, America Sings, recently published by the National Poetry Association. All three are contributors to the volume, their poems having been chosen from several thousands entries for inclusion in the collection. Harkey a sophomore and president of the Men's Judiciary Council, contributed a poem entitled "Saturday". Bette King Britton, who was also a winner in this year's Annual Poetry Day Contest at Asheville, a competition sponsored by the N. C. Branches of the National League of American Pen Women, the North Carolina Poetry Society, and the Huckleberry Mountain Workshop Camp, entered a poem entitled "Loneliness". Daisy Mae Bell's entry was entitled "A Wasted Moon." Not pictured is Vincent Lee Godfrey, of Elizabeth City, who graduated from Chowan at the end of the first quarter. Godfrey has written a number of song lyrics, and he submitted one of his religious lyrics, "Because of Faith," which was accepted for publication in American Sings. The volume of poetry marks the twelfth annual competition sponsored by the National Poetry Association and includes work from colleges and universities all over the United States. Only the better works are chosen, for in the past ten years the association has only accepted approximately 4,000 poems out of the more than 100,000 entries.