

# THE CHOWANIAN

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## ACTIVITIES

Everytime any trouble arises around the school the blame is always placed on the lack of campus activities. It seems that everyone is waiting for someone else to start something or give them something to do.

There are many things here to do if the students would take the initiative and formulate organizations among themselves.

In high school there are always extra-curricular clubs and organizations, why not at Chowan? Chowan has a darkroom for photography, a swimming pool, a beautiful student center with ping-pong and other games. Why can't these be worked into clubs or organizations by the students for leisure time entertainment.

The latest addition to the recreation facilities are the new tennis courts. Has money been wasted in building these courts? They should be used in making an inter-mural program possible or something of that nature, to assure their use, and enlarge the recreational program of the college.

## MERITS OF A DEMERIT SYSTEM

A demerit system is now in effect here at Chowan College. We want to try to present a few merits of this system to you.

First, we hope it will improve the general atmosphere on our campus. In the past things have happened on our campus that are not becoming to a college student. We believe a demerit system will help curb some of these.

The administration has had many complaints from men students living in the dorm and from other sources concerning the excess noise and other ungentleman like conduct. These things are very unnecessary. We believe that by giving these demerits to the boys it will help them understand and realize their mistakes.

Also a demerit system will help the Men's Council. This council cannot meet every day because of some minor offense a student has committed. By having a demerit system, an accumulation of demerits are required before appearing before the council.

Each time a demerit is given, the student who receives it will be contacted. At all times he will know where he stands. There will be no secret demerits given; therefore, the students will have no reason to say they didn't know what was happening.

A permanent record of the demerits and violations will be kept in a file with each student's record in the Dean's office. A demerit system like this, with its rules for behavior and general conduct, should help to solve many of our problems.

It is the sincere hope of the Men's Council that the conduct of the men students will be such that no demerits will have to be given. — Mike Johnson.

## DANCING?

By BILL NORVELL

The primary issue discussed at the recent Baptist Convention was that concerning dancing. This in itself has caused much controversy between students of Baptist colleges, ministers and Baptist laymen throughout our state. The situation has been discussed both pro and con by everyone.

Being a student who finds dancing a most enjoyable form of recreation, we ask the question, "What's wrong with dancing?"

To us dancing, like any other form of recreation, is participated in by young people and adults as something clean and wholesome to enjoy.

"What's wrong with dancing?" Some simply oppose the music; the modern rock and roll. Others say it demoralizes the minds of youth. And still others say it is a form of public affection. We wonder if the ones who made

## A Message From The President

# The State of the College

By DR. BRUCE E. WHITAKER

There are three necessities for a college to operate: students, faculty, and a library.

Chowan College has enrolled 325 students during the current year, in addition to 12 special students. This is the largest enrollment Chowan College has had in its history, and we are glad to say that we are proud of our students.

Twenty-three faculty members serve on the staff of our institution. As a group they are consecrated, devoted and qualified.

In our library we have 9,000 volumes which, in the main, have been carefully selected to serve the academic needs of our college community. Our library serves students, faculty and townsfolk.

Chowan is now fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Her academic credits are accepted for transfer purposes by all other accredited colleges and universities.

Chowan College recognizes the necessity for adequate facilities. It owns approximately 105 acres of land, approximately 55 acres of which comprises our "main campus". On our campus we have 14 buildings to serve the needs of our college community. Approximately 50 students live "off-campus" in homes of Murfreesboro residents. In addition, approximately 52 are known as "day students" or commuters.

Recognizing that we have need for additional facilities, on September 11, 1957, the Board of Trustees approved the Chowan College Development Program. This program calls for \$1,400,000 for the purpose of adding six new buildings to our facilities, and an addition to the Graphic Arts Department. Moreover, the Trustees, have approved a "long-range" effort, under the voluntary guidance of Dr. Gilbert Stephenson, for an endowment of \$2,000,000. Currently, the college has an endowment of approximately \$8,000.

### Development Program

In September we began the first phase of our Development Program, which calls for \$750,000. Toward this goal we have received \$458,000 in pledges and gifts, of which \$95,000 has been received in cash.

In addition, it is anticipated that during the next five years from the Baptist State Convention, for capital purposes, the college will receive approximately \$350,000. Our concerted drive for additional gifts from friends, present and former faculty and students, and foundations will continue until we have received a minimum of \$1,400,000 in order to complete our immediate, pressing needs as outlined above.

In this effort students, faculty, alumni and friends are urged "to lift up their voices" in affirmation of the college and its needs in their various communities, and spheres of influence. Our cause is worthy and demands that we "go on to victory".

### New Girl's Dormitory

Our immediate objective is for a new, modern 100 girl dormitory, located on the northeast side of our beautiful campus. It is anticipated that the building, furnished, will cost approximately \$285,000. We hope to have it ready for use by September of this year. To do so will require sacrifice, labor and giving.

This building, in addition to fifty modern dormitory rooms, with built-in furniture, will have attractive and adequate parlors, a large recreation room with a kitchenette, two different utility rooms, equipped with automatic washing machines and dryers, two small apartments—for the Dean of Women and the Housemother—and a guest bedroom.

the rule to bar dancing on Baptist campuses ever did the Charleston or whatever dance was in style during the days of their youth?

Surely students in college know right from wrong. It is our belief that if dancing was so horrible they wouldn't have any part of it. When a student decides he wants to dance he simply goes down town and dances. When students go home they usually go to a dance somewhere. If dancing was permitted on campus students would stay at school on week-ends rather than go home.

Parents would rather know their girl or boy is at a supervised dance instead of worrying about them running all over the country to some beer joint or other degrading places of business.

We know of nothing more impressive than a formal dance, girls in their evening dresses and boys in their "best suit" or tux.

Baseball, basketball, football and other such sports limit participation to a few. Dancing offers an activity which all can enjoy.

Many people talk of the juvenile happenings of today, yet, few encourage good recreation or activity which could weigh heavy on the destiny of our young people.

When in Rome you do as Romans do. The activities of the world today are centered around its young people. Everywhere you go in America today there is dancing. Why not everyone dance and enjoy this recognized social activity.

## Stories From Life

# "My Name is Love"

By JOHN D. McCREADY

Little Mollie, her grandfather's pride and joy, was spending the summer with him on the plantation; and a wonderful time she was having. But among all the things that absorbed her interest, her chief delight was in two young chickens.

Her grandfather, Mr. Winston, had given her these soon after they were hatched. One was black, and she named him Jack; the other, which was white, she named Jill. These two became as devoted to her as she was to them. They would follow her around the yard, and come whenever she called them.

One day a Negro appeared at the plantation applying for work as a harvest hand. After asking him a few questions, Mr. Winston hired him, and showed him the servant's quarters. Just before leaving him, he asked his name — first name especially. The reply of the new hand was surprising.

"My name," he said, "is Love."  
 "Love?" said Mr. Winston in astonishment. "Well, you don't think I'm going to call you Love, do you? I'll just give you some other name. Let's see . . . I'll just call you 'Jack'."

"Yes, sir, Boss — that's all right. You jes' call me 'Jack' and I'll be Jack," and the new worker went to join the other Negroes at their supper.

The next morning Mr. Winston rose early to start the farm-hands at their tasks. He walked to the edge of the back porch, and looked toward the Negroes' cabins.

"Jack, Jack—oh Jack!" he called through the fresh morning air.

"Yes, Sir - comin' right now," replied his new hand, as he walked briskly toward the house, happy at the thought of his new job.

But what was this—something else coming at the same time, at an equally rapid rate? The two arrived at the same moment - the Negro and a young black chicken.

"What's this?" asked the new hand, looking down at the small fowl, which appeared to regard him as in some way a competitor.

"Oh that," answered Mr. Winston, "is one of my granddaughter's pet chickens."

The new employee thought no more of the incident and was soon busy about his work.

But the next day the same thing happened again; and the Negro, when he mentioned the matter to some of his fellow workers, found the explanation. One morning soon afterwards he brought up the subject, as he and the dapper pet chicken stood before the man for whom he was working.

"Mr. Winston," "he said with some hesitancy, "when you call me—when you come out here and call 'Jack, oh Jack!' and I come, that chicken comes too — and that makes me feel sort of ridiculous. We's both named Jack. Mr. Winston, couldn't you get some other name for me 'stead o' Jack?"

The plantation owner was a kindly man, and bent with a keen sense of humor. He saw that his new hand had a case, and he agreed to find him still another name which he could be called without embarrassment. From that moment the name "Jack" was the sole possession of the little black chicken.

In the years that followed as the sweet child who owned the pets, Jack and Jill, grew into womanhood, she found many objects for her loving care. Her grandfather himself was one of these, as she tenderly cherished him and made happy his sunset years; and there were many others. For any whose pathways crossed here she had an instinctive concern. And this loving spirit, reflected in a face of rare beauty, awakened in all a love toward her.

At this Valentine's Day season, the words that express the feelings of many toward those who have blest their lives, apply to the little girl of other days on the old plantation.

"But to see her was to love her - Love but once, and love for ever."

You can't get ahead by hanging on the coattails of those just ahead.

Women always remind a man of his indiscretions but consider it unchivalrous to be reminded of their own.