

# Striking Colors, Modern Design Feature New Dorm



ACCEPTING NEW DORM — Board members, President Bruce E. Whitaker, the contractor, and architect are shown when the new girls' dormitory was officially accepted by the college. The ceremony was after a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Pictured left to right, are George DuBose, Jr., contractor, Kinston; Charles Revelle, Sr., Murfreesboro; Dr. Raleigh Parker, Woodland, chairman, Board of Trustees; Mrs. Felix Arnold and the Rev. Felix Arnold, Enfield; E. R. Evans and Mrs. Evans, Ahsokie; J. Craig Revelle, Murfreesboro, chairman, Executive Committee; President Whitaker, and W. D. Boone, Jr., architect, Charlotte.

## Building Incorporates Many Conveniences For Occupants

By VERLINDA CORBETT

The new girls' dormitory is the building with the striking colors and modern design on the left of the entrance to our campus. It is the first step in the long-range development program for expanding our college. Plans were begun in September 1957 by the Board of Trustees for an enlargement campaign. The new girls' dormitory was the first to be built of six proposed new buildings and in addition to the present graphic arts building. The other five are a cafeteria, boys' dormitory, library, classroom, administration building and a business administration building.

J. A. Malcolm and W. B. Boone Jr. were the architects for the new dorm. They began working on plans in January of this year. Ground-breaking ceremonies took place on March 12. On April 1, the DuBose Construction Company of Kinston, North Carolina, began the actual construction under the supervision of George DuBose Jr. It was completed at the end of August, just five months after it was begun. This was a remarkably short length of time for constructing a building such as this. The entire cost was \$300,000.

### Storage Space

There are 50 rooms, each equipped to house two girls. We have an extraordinary amount of storage space; more than some of us need or can use! The closets have sliding doors and one side has a full length mirror. The desks are built into the wall and the chairs are foam rubber cushioned. Above each desk there are two large shelves and a bulletin board, where we can put pictures and souvenirs or anything else we want to hang up in our rooms. Each room has a lavatory which is very convenient and saves a great deal of time, too.

The large guest lounge, just inside the main entrance, is very beautiful. The furnishings are new and modern; the colors are varied and lovely. This is where we meet our dates and enjoy the company of our visiting friends and relatives. Two "conversation nooks" have been partitioned off at one end. These rooms are large enough for about four or five people and are furnished with lamps, tables, a sofa, and two or three chairs.

### Recreation Room

The big recreation room is equipped with game tables and lounging chairs. There is also a television set in this room, and you would be surprised at the number of girls who find time to watch T. V.! A soft-drink machine is in the recreation room and just around the corner, a candy machine!

Our Dean of Women, Mrs. Sybil Grimes, and the Assistant Dean, Miss Anna Belle Crouch, each have a three room apartment at one end of the dormitory. They are very modern and comfortably furnished. Across from these two apartments is a guest room. Visitors may use this room when staying overnight.

For our convenience there are two pay telephones, one on each hall. An inter-communication system has been installed and is a great convenience.

The patio has not yet been completed. When finished, it will be surrounded by shrubbery. We use this entrance most of the time, such as when going to and from classes.

Two laundry rooms are provided for our use and are equipped with automatic washers and dryers. The ironing boards are built into the wall and when not in use, fold back into the wall for storage.

A large baggage storage room is at one end of each hall. There

is ample room for each person's luggage, and I might add, helps to keep it looking nice, too.

### Lovely Color Schemes

One cannot imagine how lovely the color schemes of the room and halls are! There are three basic color combinations. Some rooms are painted chalk pink and have pastel blue blinds. Other rooms have walls of Indian turquoise with dark beige blinds. Still another combination is flamingo red and wedgewood blue walls with yellow blinds. The girls seem to be very color conscious, for almost everyone has carried out the color scheme in their particular room with matching spreads and curtains. The rooms are really a lovely and colorful sight to see!

The walls along each side of the halls are also very colorful. Each section is painted a different color from the one beside it. The three colors are blue, yellow and flamingo red. I cannot describe fully and effectively just how modern-looking and colorful these walls are. One must see it for himself!

### Students Comment

What is the response of the girls who live in this beautiful building? It is not possible for all of them to express their feelings, so here are some comments from just a few. I think what they say will sum up the feelings of all:

Barbara Anne Byrd, a freshman from Suffolk, Va., says, "I think it's an ideal home away from home. Here we not only study, but also we date and have fun with our friends."

Hilda Melton, a sophomore from Great Bridge, Va., said that there has been a great deal of improvement over last year's dormitory and she feels that the students who were here last year can better appreciate it than the ones who are new.

Patsy Picot, also a sophomore and a transfer student from Madison College is from Franklin, Va., likes the convenient way in which the rooms are arranged. She thinks the colors are lovely and suits the taste of everyone.

Another sophomore, Jane Winslow, from Hertford, N. C., feels as the others do about the beauty and the conveniences, but added that there has been a great deal of outside interest. We have had many visitors touring the campus.

It might be interesting to know what someone from outside the country thinks about the new dormitory. Our Spanish teacher, Miss Berta Marquez, from Havana, Cuba, had a very interesting comment to make. She said that living in the dormitory here is a very unusual experience for her. In Cuba most girls do not live in a dormitory while at school. They live in home or hotels within the city. Girls live only in dormitories when they attend private schools. She said that living in a dormitory is a very good experience because it gives one the opportunity to meet new people and make friends. Dormitory life, she thinks, helps people to understand others and gives them a chance to be on their own. She likes the combination of colors and the modernness of the furnishings and feels that they were very artistically done.

Recently an alumna of another college visited the campus and she said that our new dormitory is nicer than two dormitories which have been recently built on that campus. Compliments like this make us feel very proud.

We girls here this year, think that we are very fortunate in being the first to live in this dormitory. I think we can sum up the feelings of all by saying, "We are very proud to be a part of this campus and dormitory life; and we dearly love our beautiful 'home away from home.'"

## Dorm Dedication Will Be Oct. 25

The dedication exercises for the beautiful, new \$300,000 girls' dormitory will be held on October 25 at 2:30 P. M. at the dormitory. The dormitory is the first addition to come from the Development Program started at Chowan in 1957.

The dedication will be a part of the 110th Founder's Day Program. The principle speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. M. A. Huggins, of Raleigh, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention. Also on the program will be Rev. Colon Jackson, pastor, Samaria Baptist Church, Middlesex, who will pronounce the invocation. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees.

Student Government President Bill Norvell, Dr. Raleigh Parker, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college, Mr. Richard T. Vann, mayor of Murfreesboro, Mrs. J. Grady Bridgers, the president of the Alumni Association, of Jackson, and Dr. J. P. Freeman of the State Dept. of Public Instruction, will bring greetings.

A full schedule for the day has been planned, starting at 11:00 A. M. with the annual Founder's Day

program which will be held in the auditorium. The Rev. Oscar Creech, director of the Development Program, will be the principle speaker. Special music will be presented by the college choir.

This summer Mr. Creech has been busily engaged in writing a history of Chowan College, which will be part of the Hertford County Herald's edition observing the county's 200th anniversary next year. Mr. Creech will present highlights from his history as part of the Founder's Day program.

After the Founder's Day program and dedication ceremonies there will be a tour conducted through the new building. The Alumni Association will then entertain all guests and visitors at a reception, which will be held in the beautifully furnished visitor's lounge of the new girls' dormitory. Still more festivities to come because at 6:45 on Saturday night the annual Homecoming Parade will leave the campus and wend its way to Murfreesboro High School athletic field for the Homecoming football game.

The kick-off time for the game is at 8:00 P. M. when the Chowan Braves will be playing Wingate Junior College, their Baptist cousins from near Charlotte.

The week-end of the 25th is closed for the college students and one filled with activities.

## College Choir Plans Program

By BEATRICE CROCKER

Membership in the college choir is by competitive audition. Out of 58 students auditioning for choir 23 were selected. The choir is under the direction of Mr. James A. Brisson.

The members are Sopranos: Linda Sheek, Yadkinville; Shelby Crocker, Nashville; Carol Lunden, Weldon; Janet Hunter, South Mills; Rachel Williams, St. Paul; Lillian Carter, Woodland; Joanne White, Dobson; and Verlinda Corbitt, Newport News, Va.

Altos: Peggy Carr, Pinetops; Margaret Outland, Carrsville, Va.; Beatrice Crocker, Nashville; Janet Harlow, Littleton; Barbara Byrd, Suffolk, Va.; and Delores Hill, Woodland.

Tenors: Timothy Langston, Murfreesboro; Robert Earl Williamson, Cerro Gordo; and Leonard Capps, Rock Bay.

Bases: Bill Norvell, Seaboard; Johnny Parker, Conway; Gerald Howell, Smithfield, Va.; Tommy Norvell, Seaboard; Ervin Mansfield, Hertford; and Miccoy Dilday, Colerain.

On October 25, on campus, the choir will sing for the Founder's Day program and the dedication of the new girls' dormitory.

The choir will sing the following day, October 26, at the Midlon Baptist Church for the fifth anniversary of the church.

On October 28 the choir will sing at the Merherrin Baptist Church for the West Chowan December 17, at the Capron Methodist Church the choir will give the Christmas program for the Capron Woman's Club. Baptist Association.

On the night of December 18 the choir will give its annual Christmas program.

Plans are incomplete for the same Christmas program to be given at the Seaboard Baptist Church.

The choir is looking forward to all the coming events in which they participate.



INSURANCE POLICY PRESENTED COLLEGE — Mr. Louis Daniel of New Bern (left), a member of the Board of Trustees, is shown presenting Dr. Raleigh Parker, chairman of the Board, a \$30,000.00 insurance contract. The contract is a gift to the college from Mr. Daniel's brother, Dr. Donald S. Daniel of Richmond, Va. At the death of Dr. Daniel the funds are to be applied toward the erection of a building to house the Daniel School of Music, named in honor of the donor's mother, Mrs. Jeanette Snead Daniel, a former teacher at Chowan.