

Chowan—Roots in the Past and an Eye to the Future

Chowan BSU Members At Leadership Conference

Approximately 18 Chowan BSU council members ate an early breakfast on April 17, all anticipating their trip to Forest City for the BSU Leadership Conference. They were supposed to leave about 7:15 a.m. but somebody forgot to wake Ed Worley. Where on earth was Ed? Everyone turned as they heard a hustling from the Big House stairs and there came Ed with his big suitcase bulging.

"Well," said James Layton, "I suppose we are about ready to leave now."

What's that? Miss White had a bit of trouble? All the students wanted to ride in the same car. They soon realized the impossibility of this and many compromised and rode in other cars.

Off they started—w h o o p s—back they came. Serina Davis left her lunch on the steps. Oh well, anybody can forget.

Everyone was all excited and even the ride through Murfreesboro proved to be joyful. By the time they reached Conway, Jane Winslow was thirsty. They all piled out for a five minute Coke break. Thirty minutes later they all piled back in the car for another lap of the journey.

Most of you know, I'm sure, that traveling has a very soothing effect on some people. "Keith Abbott, for shame! Stop sleeping on Gene Eason's shoulder. He's getting lopsided."

Picnicking is always fun especially when you're on the way to Forest City for a glorious weekend. The weary travelers picnicked along the road in a picturesque place over-looking a lovely valley.

James Layton was getting hungry. A couple of the girls even had to hide their lunches from him.

Well, it didn't take long to reach Forest City. Everyone climbed out of the cars for a nice stretch. Homes were assigned to the tired but happy group. Everyone was very pleased with his "weekend home." The hosts and hostesses were very nice.

You know, there's always one good thing about the end of a long trip, and that is the "hot shower and rest" part.

After supper everyone attended the evening session which featured Dr. Carlye Marney.

Students making the trip were James Layton, Gene Eason, Keith Abbott, Jane Winslow, Walter Story, Susan Harris, Gloria Sumner, Serina Davis, Gwen Eure, Shelby Crocker, Frances Evans, and Mary Hunter.

Does it sound like these crusaders had a good time? Just ask them!



Chowan's BSU Executive Council pose on the steps of the "Big House" for THE CHOWANIAN photographer. The active students are, Susan Harris, Elizabeth City, Y. W. A. representative; Serina Davis, Training Union representative; Delores Hill, Woodland, Devotional Chairman; Carolyn Wheeler, Jackson, Social Chairman; Audrey Marriner, Hickory, Va.; Publicity Chairman; Rev. James Layton, Louisburg, President; Mary Hunter, Marion, Secretary; Ray Cox, Portsmouth, Va.; Music Director; McCoy Dilday, Ahoskie, Sunday School representative; Leonard Capps, Back Bay, Va. Outreach Chairman; Peggy Carr, Pine Tops, Treasurer; Miss Frances White, BSU faculty advisor; Rev. Roland Pruette, Pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist Church; Keith Abbott, Rocky Mount, Vice-President; and Gene Eason (not pictured) Rocky Mount, Promotional Vice-President.

BSU '59-'60 Leaders are Chosen

It is a proven fact that an organization is as strong as its leadership. "Leaders who are alert and committed to Christ and his church, active in the total campus life, and alert to spiritual realities and opportunities can be the difference between a successful and mediocre Baptist Student Union program.

The new BSU Council members have been chosen for 1959-60 and are as follows: President, James Layton; Vice-President, Gene Eason; Enlistment Chairman, Keith Abbot; Secretary, Mary Hunter; LISTEN, Peggy Carr; Outreach, Leonard Capps;

Publicity, Audrey Marriner; Social, Carolyn Wheeler; Devotional, Delores Hill; Periodical, McCoy Dilday; Music, Ray Cox; Sunday School, John Brake; Methodist Representative, Rachel Williams; BTU, Serina Davis; and YWA's, Susan Harris.

These officers cannot possibly carry out their responsibilities and duties without a good functioning committee. When you are approached and asked to serve on a committee, consider it an honor because you too will have a share in promoting the religious growth and spiritual development of our campus.



An open-air Vespers service is held in the late afternoon as song leader Ray Cox of Portsmouth, Va. leads the members in the singing of hymns.

Chowan Gets \$10,290 Fund

Chowan College at Murfreesboro was allotted \$10,290 by the N. C. Foundation of Church Related Colleges at annual meeting at Winston-Salem.

Twenty-six colleges in the state, members of the foundation, will share \$306,350 collected during the last year by the foundation.

The three largest church related colleges, Wake Forest, Davidson and Duke, by their own choice, are not members of the foundation.

Chowan College, because of its large growth in student enrollment and building construction, has been receiving recognition not only within its own area, but in publications with a national scope.

The JUNIOR COLLEGE NEWSLETTER, published monthly by the American Association of Junior Colleges, carried an illustrated story several months ago about Chowan, past and future. Pictures used were of "The Columns" building erected in 1850; of Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president; the new women's dormitory; and an interior scene of Chowan's unique Roy Parker School of Printing."

For the benefit of the student readers and others who may not know the facts contained in the article, THE CHOWANIAN reprints it.

"Nothing could better illustrate the meeting of the old and the new at Chowan College than the architecture of the Administration Building (The Columns) built in 1850 and the dormitory for women which was completed this year. This Baptist junior college had its beginning 110 years ago as the Chowan Baptist Female Institute. It has been a senior college for women, a coeducational senior college, and in 1937 became a junior college. Chowan, which is located at Murfreesboro, North Carolina, never ceased to operate during the Civil War years although occasionally visited by Union troops. However, World War II forced it to suspend operations for six years due to lack of students.

"This year 420 students are enrolled. During the past three years the number of students has increased 130 per cent. Since the reopening of the college in 1949, extensive remodeling and renovation of older buildings has taken place and new buildings have been added to the main campus. The latest addi-

tion is a \$300,000 dormitory for women. The new dormitory is the first of seven proposed additions to the Chowan Campus as set forth in a long range development program initiated by the board of trustees in the fall of 1957. On the drawing boards now are plans for a food service building to cost an estimated \$150,000 and a dormitory for one hundred men.

"Chowan's long-range development program had its beginning in a capital fund-raising campaign, directed by Ward, Dreshmen, and Rheinhardt, New York City. The campaign resulted in approximately \$435,000 being pledged to the college over a three-to-five year period. The campaign is being re-opened this winter with Oscar Creech, Chowan's Director of Development, heading up an effort to raise another \$100,000 by December 31, 1958.

"In addition to offering fully accredited work in the liberal arts-science field, and in most pre-professional and semi-professional areas, Chowan holds the unique distinction of being the only college in the entire southeast which offers fully-accredited trade instruction in graphic arts as a part of a broad liberal arts curriculum. Course offerings in graphic arts run the full gamut — linotyping and teletypesetting, letter press and offset printing, printing and newspaper layout and design, and photography and dark room practices. In addition to these technical subjects, Chowan's graphic arts students take courses such as English, mathematics, social sciences, and religion.

"Directing the college development program and providing leadership to the experienced faculty is Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, who was inaugurated as the twentieth president in October, 1957."

Portrait of Original Founder, Jethro W. Barnes, is Presented



WILLIE LEE HARRIS

Wins Scholarship

Willie Lee Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payne, Route 3, Elizabeth City, has been awarded a William Louis Poteat scholarship to Wake Forest College in the amount of \$500.00.

One of the top five students in this year's Chowan College graduating class, her extra-curricular activities have included: vice-president of Phi Theta Kappa, the junior college equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa in the senior colleges; devotional chairman of the Baptist Student Union; co-chairman of Christian Focus Week; membership of the National Education Association;

The college has received another painting to add to its collection of portraits of outstanding men in the history of Chowan.

The latest addition is an oil portrait of Jethro W. Barnes, one of the original founders and trustees of the college. Painted by Mrs. R. B. Outland of Rich Square, the handsome portrait was presented to the college by four of the subject's granddaughters, Mrs. Christie B. Saunders, Mrs. D. Fee Bonville, Miss Devilla Emily Barnes, and Mrs. Lydia William Green.

Jethro W. Barnes served as a trustee of Chowan from 1848 until 1867, at which time the institution was purchased by a Stock Company of eight men who assumed all its indebtedness in order to save it. Mr. Barnes became a stock holder in 1871, and remained in this capacity until 1879, when Chowan was returned by the stock holders to the Baptist Denomination.

An honored citizen of Hertford County, Mr. Barnes lived in the Como community. He was an active member of the Buckhorn Baptist Church who represented his church many times at the annual meetings of the Chowan Baptist Association.

and attendant to the May Queen.

An education major, she plans to teach in the public school system of North Carolina following her graduation from Wake Forest.



A few BSU members mind the fire for a weiner roast as others participate in various activities.