

Big Demand For Business Courses

By JOHN C. GILL, Jr.
The business department at Chowan College is the fastest growing department in one of North Carolina's fastest growing colleges.

Last year, 62 students were enrolled in the business department; this year, the number has almost doubled—106 young people are studying in the department.

Only 30 of the 106 are one-year students; they are taking the abbreviated secretarial science course. Of the remaining 76, about one-third are taking two-year terminal courses, either in secretarial science, business administration, or accounting.

This means that about one-half of the students enrolled in the business department, following their graduation from Chowan, will transfer to senior colleges where they will work for B. S. degrees in business education, business administration, or accounting. Because Chowan is fully accredited, they will have no difficulty in transferring their academic work and will suffer no loss of quality points or lowering of grades earned at Chowan.



REBECCA FLYTHE

Graduates of the Chowan College business department are high in their praise of the classroom instruction, and in their appreciation of campus life at Chowan as well.

Rebecca Flythe of Norfolk, Va., who graduated in 1955 with a one-year secretarial certificate, is presently employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Norfolk.

Miss Flythe wrote recently and said: "The year I attended Chowan College was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of my life. The things I learned through teaching, as well as through experience derived from actual manipulation of various office machines, aided me immensely when I actually undertook a job. The close fellowship of the students marked the beginning of friendships which I still cherish and which I am sure will be lasting ones. My year at Chowan is one which I shall never forget as its ideals and objectives live on as components of my daily life."

Patsy Edwards, a local girl who also earned a one-year secretarial certificate, is now teller-secretary for the Tarheel Bank and Trust Company in Winton.

Miss Edwards, who was maid of honor in Chowan's 1958 May Court, said recently: "Chowan College played an important part in helping me to obtain my position. Not only did I gain the technical skills of secretarial work, my training also enabled me to learn more quickly and to be able to perform more efficiently the duties of my new job."

Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker evidently has faith in the work being done in the college business department; his private secretary is Virginia Parker of Conway, a 1957 holder of the two-year certificate in secretarial science.

Miss Parker's comments on Chowan's business department are but another indication of its excellence. "The courses I took were very helpful in that I became acquainted not only with the business field, but also with the liberal arts. I appreciate the time taken by my professors to give me the kind of individual help that cannot be had at larger institutions. All this friendly helpfulness made me have a greater appreciation for people and contributed much toward my being able to fit into the position which I now hold."

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PATSY EDWARDS



JESSICA VANN DAVENPORT



MARY LOU COWAN JERNIGAN

Another local two-year secretarial graduate (1958), Jessica Vann, now Mrs. Thomas H. Davenport, Jr., is currently employed as a clerk-typist for Union Bag-Camp Paper Co. in Franklin, Va.

Not long ago, she wrote Professor Thomas E. Ruffin, Jr., chairman of the business department, to say: "Thank you, Mr. Ruffin, for helping me to find a job. I really do appreciate your interest. I am so thankful for the training I received from the business department; your part (See BUSINESS next page.)"



SALESMAN ON THE JOB—H. Gardner Pate, production engineer for Mergenthaler Linotype Company, is explaining to Geneva Congleton, co-editor of THE CHOWANIAN, the fine merits of a Model 5 Linotype. Being completely sold on the Linotype, now, all Geneva needs to order the machine for the School of Graphic Arts is a few thousand dollars.

August Wedding Planned



Miss Sarah Virginia Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tular Parker of Conway, who announce her engagement to Mr. William Ellsworth Dansey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dansey, Sr., of Richmond, Virginia. The wedding is planned for August 30.

Associated Press Wire Service Secured For School of Printing

A leased wire will bring into the School of Graphic Arts at Chowan College the state news service of the Associated Press, beginning next September, according to John McSweeney, director of the school.

Two printers will be used to receive AP news as it is transmitted from various points to a central office of this world-wide news gathering organization and then, by way of Western Union wires, directly into the school of printing.

The Associated Press is the oldest news gathering organization, is owned and controlled by

newspaper publishers, and has offices, reporters and photographers throughout the world.

The AP wire service will be used in the School of Graphic Arts at Chowan College for instructional purposes only. It will give to the students an opportunity to study editing wire copy, head writing, page make-up, and proper construction of news stories.

Tied in with the excellent printing school at Chowan College, besides the AP service, are courses in news photography and pre-journalism.



HE GETS YOU THERE—Dave Snell, of Portsmouth, Va., is the student driver of Chowan's bus. His passengers are usually members of one of the athletic teams—football, basketball or baseball—according to the season. Dave is popular because of his enticing smile and good disposition. (Photo by John Gill.)