



The Library—

## Beehive of Activity

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Librarian

"A quiet hubbub of activity!"—an excellent description of the library, one of the most frequented facilities at Chowan College. At almost any hour of the day or night, on entering the library, one sees large numbers of serious students crowding the reading tables as they pour over assignments which must be ready on certain dates.

At the circulation desk, several students will be asking Mrs. Lois Cadle, the assistant Librarian, for reserve books which have been assigned by professors in the various departments. (In the evening, the reserve section continues to be a busy place during the three hours it is under the guidance of the night librarian, Mrs. Joy Sandifer.)

### Card Catalog

Looking to the right, one may see a student using the card catalog which tells him where to find books on chemistry, music, botany, literature, history, and all of the rest of his fields of study. Sometimes he is searching for one particular number; sometimes he is "just looking"; or he may be seeking that new bestseller in the world of fiction which his roommate has recommended. He thumbs through the cards with authority; but the onlooker may suspect that he is not quite as familiar with the card setup as he pretends.

Farther to the right, two young ladies, in reed of a recent magazine article on a given subject, are probing *The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*. After they find the article, they sit with heads together trying to discover what it's all about anyway.

And still farther to the right, a student is using the recently bound copies of *National Geographic* magazines, hoping to

locate an article for use in "World Geography", an article which will both interest him and at the same time please the professor who saddled him with the task.

Glancing over to the 973's one sees a young man, with brilliant red hair, browsing around in the U. S. History section, trying to find out exactly what's available. He is not ready to check out a book until he has examined several volumes; this particular red head knows what he wants.

### English Requirements

The requirement of the English department that books of fiction be read by each student makes this section of the library a popular place. Many times a librarian stands quietly by watching a student pick up book after book, checking the number of pages, the weight of the volume, and other important factors in the selection of the right book. Then, when the librarian goes over to help, the sad truth comes to light—alas and alack! that little thin novel for which the student has searched so persistently has already been checked out by another. So, the librarian suggests several others from the assigned reading list. Of each suggested book, the student immediately asks, "Whats it about?" Finally, a book is decided upon and checked out with the standard complaint, "It's too long; I just don't have time to read all of this."

In the southwest corner of the library, the observer sees a number of young men and women enjoying their favorites among the 120 periodicals and 8 daily newspapers contained in that area. One student, quiet and deliberate, is looking over the daily papers deciding which one will serve him best. Being from Apex, he decides on "The Old Reliable"—*The News and*

## Cover Picture

The lady on the left is Mrs. Ross Cadle, wife of Chowan's Director of Admissions and an assistant librarian at the college.

On the right is Mrs. Neva Campbell, the college librarian. It is altogether fitting that Mrs. Campbell's picture should appear on the cover of an Alumni Issue of *The Chowanian*, for she is an alumna of the college. As a matter of fact, of the nearly seventy persons presently employed by the college, she is the only one who graduated from Chowan when it was a four-year institution.

In addition to holding the A. B. degree from Chowan, Mrs. Campbell earned the B. S. degrees in library science at the University of North Carolina. She assumed her duties as head librarian at Chowan in 1957.

Mrs. Campbell, a widow since 1947, has two children. Her daughter Ann (Mrs. J. C. Prescott, Jr. of Elizabeth City) is an accomplished musician. For the past several years, she has been minister of music at the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City. Recently, she resigned in anticipation of the "blessed event" which will make Mrs. Campbell a grandmother for the first time. George, Jr. (Bud), the other member of the Campbell clan, has completed his junior year at North Carolina State College, majoring in physics engineering. Currently he is serving with the U. S. Army in Bonn, Germany. He plans to complete his studies at State following his discharge next spring.

**Observer** After he has taken a long look at what's going on in the world of sports, he seats himself and is soon lost to his surroundings as he reads of Ike, Castro, K, Nixon, Kennedy, and other international figures. After deciding that he has had all he can take of the more serious side of life, he turns to the funnies and his long face is bathed in smiles. Before he places the paper back on the rack, another student takes it and goes through a similar experience.

From the far southeast corner, up a flight of steps, in a small room, one hears the sound of typewriters. Books are being processed. The librarian is ordering books: the list for the religion department; history selections; those interesting books in the various sciences which will be used to supplement textbooks in those fields. These must be rapidly processed, in order that there will be enough on the shelves for the 600 young people in this year's student body. As time permits, many valuable old books which have long been neglected are catalogued. Usually, however, the many books purchased each year, and those which are donated, keep the librarians too busy to complete many of the older volumes.

### Valuable Books Given

And, speaking of gifts, thoughtful donors have added a large number of valuable books to the library. Several years ago Mrs. Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City gave one thousand excellent volumes. A few years later Roy Parker of Ahsokie gave an interesting collection of about 250 volumes. Last year, the widow of Dan Harris, a former science professor at Chowan College, donated his Library consisting of hundreds of worthwhile books in the fields of science and medicine, along

## Many Chowanians At BSU Convention

More than 600 students from 34 North Carolina colleges assembled in the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for the thirty-first annual session of the Baptist Student Union Convention, November 4-6.

The theme of the 1960 convention was "Committed to His Lordship." In five joint meetings, outstanding leaders of the Baptist denomination offered various ways in which the students could render more service to their respective schools through the BSU. In numerous discussion groups, the students discussed many problems that face the average college student today.

Approximately 29 Chowan College students were in attendance at the three-day affair.

During the Friday evening service the choir of Winston-Salem Teachers College rendered the special music. Dr. Dale Moody, the J. E. Brown Professor of Systematic Theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, delivered the opening message, "The Nature and Meaning of Christ's Lordship."

Dr. John McClanahan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hope, Arkansas, brought a dra-

with a choice collection of classical recordings.

During the past year, Mrs. Haywood Duke of Greensboro gave \$500 to the library, stipulating that it be used to enlarge the collection of North Caroliniana. She made this donation in memory of her mother, Mrs. Etta Savage Etheridge, a member of the graduating class of 1887 at Chowan.

Recently, the Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, a North Carolina congressman, sent to the library several mail bags of important government documents. (Because of crowded conditions, however, additional shelving in the library will be necessary before the documents can be displayed.) And, not long ago, Dr. Carey Mumford, a professor of mathematics at North Carolina State College and an active Baptist layman, donated more than 200 outstanding mathematics and science journals, a valuable addition indeed!

### Rare Books

From time to time, others have remembered the library in other ways. Some have given rare books, and these are on display, as are a pair of tiny, gold-framed spectacles, given to Archibald McDowell, the first president of Chowan College, by one of the early graduating classes. Also, a magnificent old tinted line drawing sketch of "The Columns" building, discovered in California by Inglis Fletcher, the world-renowned novelist, and donated by her to the college. Chowan College has received all of these and many other gifts for the library with sincere appreciation.

Come, read, and learn! And then share this thought with Robert Leighton (1882-1889):

I have a thought that,  
as we live elsewhere,  
So will those dear  
creation of the brain;  
That what I lose unread,  
I'll find, and there  
Take up my joy again . . .  
With liberty and endless  
time to read the lib-  
raries of Heaven!



DR. EDGAR McKNIGHT  
BSU Director at Chowan participated in recent convention at Winston-Salem.

matic presentation on "Christ's Lordship in My Life" in the Saturday morning message.

The speaker for the Saturday afternoon meeting was Howard Bramlette, a worker in the Student Department, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Dale Moody spoke again for the Saturday evening service. Dr. Edgar McKnight, BSU Director of Chowan College, was Attendant Director at the evening service.

The highlight of the Saturday night session was the Decision and Commitment portion of the program in which a number of young people dedicated their lives to Christian vocations.

The closing session Sunday morning featured Dr. Jack Noffsinger, pastor of the Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, who spoke on the topic "And Now What?"

During various meetings throughout the convention, plans were given for the International Student Retreat, Missions Conference at Southeastern Seminary, and the Summer Student Mission Program of the Home Mission Board and the North Carolina BSU.

Those in attendance from Chowan were Dave Sumler, Carolyn Matthews, Fran Dicks, Conrad Hopkins, Paul Haskins, Gene Eason, Lois Beecham, Pat Fuller, Lisa Kiski-Luopa, Herman Pierce, Brownley Foster, Thomas W. Thomas, Judy Joyner, Bertha White, Eleanor Coley, James Richardson, Sylvia George, James Henry, Billy Howell, Sandra Gatling, Carolyn Fincher, Allen Casey, and Joyce Snyder. Mr. John Gill and Dr. Edgar McKnight accompanied the students.

## This and That

In making love, think of the most far-fetched simile and speak it boldly, as though you meant it.

At our place we get so tired that instead of jawing, we doze.

The reason most men succeed is that their wives won't let them fail.

There's no fun in business or golf, unless we keep on trying to improve our record.

An idea is the result of hard thinking which is hard labor.

