This academic year has gone faster than has any I have ever experienced, within a few weeks, "it will all be over!"

We have had the largest enrollment in our history. We began the year in September with 701 students. A recent educational publication, North Carolina Public School Bulletin, states that during the last five years Chowan College has had the largest percentage enrollment increase of any North Carolina college, public or private. I report to you that during these five years the Chowan College enrollment has also grown numerically but has grown even more so in the quality of its educational standards. I think the educational thrust of Chowan College only has the largest faculty and staff in its history, but it has the best it has had in terms of educational training and experience.

Currently a history of Chowan is being written, co-authored by Dr. Edgar V. McKnight and Oscar Creech, with Dr. McKnight serving as draftsman. The college has a real history, primarily great because of the people who have served her and with her. Her alumni stand strong and true, throughout the world. When the history has been written and published, you will read it with pride, enlightenment, and I think you will be challenged by it.

The remainder of my words shall be directed toward our current Development Program.

With the numerical growth of the college, its needs on every level have grown commensurately. This is especially true as regards the need for new and more adequate facilities. We are experiencing urgent and even critical need for additional classroom and office space, and a new library. We have other urgent needs, including that of a new and larger driveway. An enlargement and improvement of the Arts building is underway, funds for this project provided by the North Carolina Press Association. We are engaged in a Development Program which has as its goal $900,000.00: $600,000.00 for a new classroom-administration building and $300,000.00 for a new driveway. The Board of Trustees has authorized the drawing of final plans for the new classroom-administration building. Until we can erect a new library, it is planned that we shall use the area underneath the existing library temporarily. This will be possible after we secure an adequate fund. The Board of New Trustees has authorized the beginning of the new construction when adequate funds are in hand or in sight.

But we must secure the necessary funds to meet our needs in order that we may meet the educational aspirations of the increasing number of young people who seek to study at our beloved institution. I think we will succeed, for I believe Chowan College and this effort are of such a purpose with such a private and challenge me personally "to keep on going on" in behalf of God's work.

Now, where do you fit in? If you have not made an adequate pledge or contribution to the Development Program, contact the Development Office and do so at your earliest convenience. Your participation is a part of your acquaintances and friends. Many people will give when asked. I have found that normally people do not give unless they are confronted with the opportunity by one who believes in his cause. Several of our alumni have demonstrated unusual ability and have experienced outstanding success in their efforts to get others to make contributions to the current Development Program. Without exception, however, they have been people who have first given liberally and even sacrificially themselves.

Our faculty and staff has pledged and given 100% strength, as has each member of the student body. The faculty and staff has pledged approximately $15,000, on which approximately $75,000.00 has been paid. This means that we have a long way to go! The procurement of funds, certainly, in large sums, is not an easy task. But we must secure the necessary funds to meet our needs in order that we may meet the educational aspirations of the increasing number of young people who seek to study at our beloved institution. I think we will succeed, for I believe Chowan College and this effort are of such a purpose with such a private and challenge me personally "to keep on going on" in behalf of God’s work.

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Elsewhere in this issue, you will read of the resignations of our Director of Development, John C. Gill, Jr., to accept the pastorate of Memorial Baptist Church in Williamston. Since we are currently without the services of a person in this office, it is all the more imperative that the position of Director of Development be immediately filled. I have initiated a plan whereby one will join us on arrival at the Mooresville's First Baptist Church to the burden of the citizens of Mooresville. All of the Chowan group were extremely impressed by the warm and generous hospitality of their various hosts.

Dr. Waldo Beach of Duke University spoke at each of the main sessions on "The Christian Relating to Its World" and "The Christian Relating to His Campus." Dr. Beach is a professor of Christian ethics at Duke as well as an outstanding author. The main purpose of the meeting was to lead the job of a certain office and to be evoked to go back to the separate campuses with new ideas for the improvement of BSU work. This was done through seminars and workshops. Freda Britt, of Chowan, was a panel convenor for the publicity workshop. Saturday afternoon at the business session the election of the 1962-63 BSU officers took place. This election was quiet interesting—regaining our old Student Government campaigning and election. Sandra Gatlting, a sophomore at Chowan, ran for State Music Chairman. Although Sandi lost to Carrol Stiegl of Wake Forest by a small margin, we were proud to have a Chowan BSU'er running for office. Baron Lee of Appalachian was elected president. Also representing Chowan for next year will be Dwight Hooker who was elected to serve as the Mission Committee Chairman on the state level. Also serving on that committee is the North Carolina YWA President, Freda Britt.

Saturday evening was highlighted by a most impressive dedication and communion service. After the service, Smith, state BSU director, led that service Sunday morning ended the BSU Officers Attend Convention

Leadership Conference with Dr. T. C. Smith, pastor of Mooresville First Baptist Church leading the worship service.

The Chowan College BSU officers for 1962-63 are: President, Dwight Howard; Vice-President, Freda Britt; Secretary, Joan Morris; Publicity Chairman, Harvey Sutton; Music Chairman, Charles Lee Edna; Student Officer, Junior Kidd; Devotional Chairman, Harvey Sutton; Missions Chairman, Mickey Peeler; Junior Officer, Property Chairman, Troy Deans.

BSU OFFICERS ATTEND CONVENTION—Chowan's BSU officers recently attended the state BSU convention held at the First Baptist Church of Mooresville. Members in attendance were Knowles, Geraldine Ballard, Joan Morris, Freda Britt, and Miss Virginia James, secretary to the group. The second row: Dwight Hooker, president of the BSU, Sandra Gatlting, Harvey Sutton, Fred Mays, Dr. Edgar McKnight, chaplain, Junior Kidd, and Troy Deans.