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Sabbatical Leaves OK'd For Faculties

The Iowa Senate's recent passage of a bill to allow sabbatical leaves at the state's colleges and universities was hailed by the IOWA STATE DAILY as "a major step forward in the attempt to attract top-flight teachers and researchers to Iowa campuses".

A sabbatical leave program will allow Iowa State, the University of Iowa, and the State College of Iowa to compete more effectively in obtaining faculty members who consider independent research an important part of academic life.

Under the Senate bill, the Board of Regents will have the right to grant leaves of absence with pay. While the term "sabbatical" suggests a leave every seven years, the Regents could determine the requirements necessary for such leaves at Iowa schools. Most institutions do not grant leaves automatically at the end of seven years.

Besides attracting new faculty members, a leave program will help teachers now on the staff to keep pace with research in their fields. This opportunity for independent study is at least one way to raise the level of college teaching, and, hopefully, to make it more stimulating.

The danger of losing faculty members to other institutions while they are on leave has been minimized in an amendment requiring the person on leave to return to the institution for at least two years or forfeit the pay received during the sabbatical.

The bill must still pass the House, but the last three regular sessions of the House have approved leave programs only to have the bills die in Senate committees. Passage of the bill by the House and approval by the governor will help Iowa's three state schools maintain their educational standing.

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PROPOSED LIBRARY DISCUSSED—The Long range Planning Committee for Chowan College in its first anniversary meeting in the cafeteria's President's Room had as its prime consideration the need for a new 100,000-book library. They also looked over the progress report on a master plan for the development of Chowan College with James H. Godwin of Godwin and Associates, Raleigh, who is seated on the extreme right in this picture. Committee members attending the meeting were, left to right, V. L. McBride, Assistant to the President in Charge of Public Relations; James Garrison, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education; Jack Hassel, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; C. Bailey Jones, pastor of the West End Baptist Church, Suffolk; Charles Revelle, Sr., Murfreesboro, member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; J. L. Darden, Ahoskie, a trustee; Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of Chowan College; Oscar Creech, Ahoskie, member of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the committee; J. Felix Arnold, Enfield, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; W. C. Morrisette, Dean of the College; H. D. White, Rocky Mount, retiring Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Ben Sutton, Business Manager of the College.

Planning Committee Holds Meeting

The Long-Range Planning Committee for Chowan College observed its first anniversary this week when it met on the Chowan campus and gave specific attention to matters related to the future of Chowan College.

Termed as a very important committee by college officials, the group is giving attention to the current and long-range needs of Chowan College. Foremost in the recent meeting was discussion related to the need for a new library facility. The library has been set as a first priority for the next major construction project on the Chowan campus.

It is anticipated that the library will cost approximately \$500,000 and provide space for 75,000 to 100,000 volumes. The need for the new library facility is acute, but the new facility is contingent upon the availability of funds.

The Chowan Library is presently housed in the first and second floors of the East Wing Building. Additional, temporary space was recently provided for library use, but the present enrollment and use of the library makes the present facility entirely inadequate. The Planning Committee noted that the new

library is "a must" if Chowan is to continue upgrading its academic program and meet the growing demand of the college's library use.

Science Addition

The Planning Committee chaired by the Reverend Oscar Creech of Ahoskie, also gave attention to the need for an addition to Greene Science Hall, a new Fine Arts building, and renovation of the historic Columns Building which was built in 1851. The committee is effecting an 18-month study of the college and its plant facilities to determine future plant and building needs as authorized by the Board of Trustees last year. The firm of James H. Godwin and Associates of Raleigh has been retained for the purpose of this study and to devise a new master plan for development. The master plan of 1958 has been outdated by the phenomenal growth of the college during the past seven years.

Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of the College, has pointed out that consistent work and study will go into the formulation of the master plan through cooperation with the above firm which is making the study by

using combined ideas and studies by members of the committee composed of faculty, staff and members of the Board of Trustees. The new plan will include information on plant needs as they relate to the enrollment giving locations for future buildings and the use of facilities. Landscaping and renovation is also included and attention will be given to the projected leveling-off point of enrollment.

Members of the committee which will submit their recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval or revision are: Reverend Oscar Creech, Ahoskie, chairman; J. L. Darden, Sr. Ahoskie; James G. Garrison, Physical Education Director; J. M. Jenkins, of Murfreesboro, Alumni Association President; Jack Hassel, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Reverend C. Bailey Jones, Suffolk, Va., past president of Alumni Association; V. L. McBride, Assistant to the President in Charge of Public Relations; W. C. Morrisette, Dean of the College; Charles L. Revelle, Sr., Murfreesboro; Ben C. Sutton, Business Manager of the College; and Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President.