

Inflation hurts; bids on dorm rejected

The inflationary spiral is affecting and influencing Chowan's Development Program and educational expenditures on every hand. Development has always cost a lot, but now it costs much more.

Dormitory Bids

College officials recently received bids for the proposed dormitory for men with three major contractors bidding. All bids were well above the anticipated budget and were subsequently rejected by the college's trustees.

Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President, indicated that the plans for the dorm will be re-studied, along with other influencing factors, and the college will again receive bids for the dorm project within a period of from 30 to

60 days. The dormitory was to have been a nine-story facility to house 288 men with approximately 60,000 square feet. The college previously anticipated use of the dorm by the fall semester of 1970.

Columns Renovation

The McDowell Columns building, Chowan's historic landmark constructed in 1851, is proving to be one of the most expensive buildings on the college's campus. The college has already spent twice the original cost of the building on minor renovations. Currently, the entire ground floor is being renovated with new walls, floors and ceilings. Already, a new sprinkler system for fire protection has been installed. With the east wing now removed, the college administration is faced with the responsibility to repair the east side of the building where the east wing was connected. This continuing project is supported by friends and alumni, as well as the college's regular budget, and by a grant, on a matching basis, from the Richardson Foundation. No date has been given or anticipated for the completion of renovation projects on the building.

Recreation Area

Since the college's gynasium facilities are completely inadequate for the physical education program and as a result of the needs of the more than 1300 students at Chowan, a new recreation area is being planned for the southeast side of the campus, adjacent to the present football field. This will provide combination courts for tennis, basketball, volleyball, and an area for other recreational activities such as horse-shoes. The entire area will be full lighted and completion is expected within the next 60 days. The college is already using a new track which has recently been constructed adjacent to the baseball field which is only two years old. The latter two projects are located on the southeast side of the campus.

Phil Royce joins college staff

Phil Royce, who has been director of the Baptist Student Union at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama, will begin work as Director of College Relations at Chowan on April 1.

The new director of college relations will come to Chowan College with a wide field of experience and education. At his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, he attended St. Petersburg public schools and received the Associate in Arts degree from St. Petersburg Junior College. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and public relations from Florida State University and the B. D. degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Royce of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mrs. Royce is also a native of Florida and is a registered nurse. The Royces have two children, a son John Thomas, six-years old, and a daughter Karen Elizabeth, three-years old. Royce has served with the United States Marines on active duty and in the Marines Reserve.

Royce has served as sports editor of the St. Petersburg Junior College paper, sports reporter for the Florida State University paper and sports correspondent for the St. Petersburg Times. He directed the News Bureau at Southeastern Seminary where he wrote routine news and feature stories which appeared in papers in several states and in many Baptist state papers. While at Southeastern he was Wake Forest correspondent for the Raleigh-Times and worked weekends with the Raleigh News and Observer. He has also served as minister of education and youth at the First Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida from 1964 to 1967.

The new director of college relations will handle the News Bureau, Speakers Bureau, sports writing and public relations program for Chowan College.



PHIL ROYCE



Chowan's President, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, is shown holding drawings related to two important projects on the Chowan campus. In his right hand is the layout for the new recreation area and in his left hand is the architect's drawing of the proposed dormitory for which the first round of bids were rejected.

Science-Engineering Facility

Hopes have been high on the Chowan campus for a new science-engineering facility for the past few years. The present building was constructed in 1956 for a student body of about 300. Advances in programs for science-engineering, as well as the increase in enrollment, make it mandatory that the college complete the science-engineering facility. However, plans are virtually complete, but funds are not in sight.

While funds are not available

for every need that the college has, official sources have pointed out that many projects are under way and being planned in order to undergird Chowan's educational program. Special appropriations have been made for new books for the Whitaker Library, salary increases for faculty, new equipment and additional student services. All of these projects are more expensive than when originally envisioned. The inflationary spiral is making Chowan College feel the pinch.

Report on festival

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In the summer of 1968 the first American College Theatre Festival was organized and sponsored by the American Airlines, friends of the J.F. Kennedy Center, and the Smithsonian Institution. The number of colleges entering the nationwide Festival was 176. Only three schools from North Carolina enrolled: the North Carolina School of Performing Arts, Catawba, and Chowan.

On December 7, at Greensboro, the N. C. School of Performing Arts presented "She Stoops to Conquer." It was an outstanding performance! The setting was modeled after authentic eighteenth century furniture; the music was selected and played by students of their music department; a dance routine formulated by special dance students was used for the

curtain call, and the costumes were designed and made by drama majors.

Then on December 30 the N. C. School of Performing Arts moved to a Regional Meet and won. In February they were selected again as one of the ten best college drama companies in the United States. As a result, they will perform May 8 and 9 in the newly renovated Ford Theatre at Washington, D. C.

The Chowan Players, who saw this prize winning play by a North Carolina school, were spellbound with the beauty, the smoothness, and the characterizations of the cast. One of our Chowan students exclaimed, "Watch that David Wood, who played the part of Mr. Hardcastle. He'll soon be on Broadway." The entire project was a memorable event for the 18 Chowan students who made the trip to Greensboro.