

Questions Answered

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significant accomplishments has been accreditation. All Baptist colleges are fully accredited except two, and these are in the process of meeting the standards of the regional accrediting agencies.

During the past 20 years Baptist colleges have greatly improved their curriculum offerings and their library holdings. Curriculum development has been characterized in many cases by innovation, experiment, and student concern. One of the myths which was exposed, and we hope destroyed during the 60's, was that only a few elite public and private universities offer superior academic training. The threadbare assertion, often made by the uninformed, that Baptists are operating second-rate institutions, is without foundation. As a matter of fact, we think it can be demonstrated that not only are we not operating second-rate institutions, but we are performing within the framework of our stated purposes an invaluable service to our denomination and to the communities and regions which these institutions serve. A well-known educator recently stated that in his judgment the often underrated small college may be doing the best teaching job largely because it is small enough to permit a personal relationship between teacher and student. One of the underlying factors of the student revolt during the 60's, particularly in the large universities, was the constant complaint about poor teaching. Baptist colleges have good teachers and are small enough for the kind of teacher-student relationship which is impossible in larger institutions.

Have Baptist Colleges Become Permissive?

Baptist colleges have not succumbed nor are they likely to succumb to the rampant permissiveness which has been nearly the undoing of American higher education. As a matter of fact, Baptist and other church-related institutions, while making no pretense to perfection, have been a steadying and redemptive force in American higher education.

Many public as well as private educators feel that we are already moving away from the unbridled and undisciplined individualism which has been characteristic of so much contemporary student life. The pendulum is swinging. More and more students are finding that violence, promiscuity, and drugs are not the answer. Permissiveness has robbed the individual of privacy, self-respect, and self-control—all primary ingredients of human dignity.

Baptist colleges are still committed to the idea that an educational institution does have an obligation to guide and influence student conduct. For that reason Baptist colleges have not let the bars down. Moreover, rules of conduct in keeping with the purposes of a Christian institution are made known to students when they come to the campus. There is good reason to believe that this position has been a very vital factor in enrollment. More and more parents and students are avoiding those institutions where dormitories have become ghettos for promiscuity

Highlights of Chowan's Homecoming

Activities



Chowan coeds, Karen Humberstone of Virginia Beach (green dress) and Judy Bullock of Jacksonville are given a guided tour of the Copy Cat by Captain Arthur Small.



One of the most colorful floats in Chowan's homecoming parade was the international float with Chowan's international students dressed in the costumes of their own countries.



"Registration Day, 1848," was the theme of Jenkins Hall's float. The 11 coeds represent Chowan's first class. James Moore, Chowan freshman and great-great-great grandson of the founder of Chowan, Dr. Godwin Cotton Moore, serves as Dr. Archibald McDowell, first president of Chowan College.



Susan Arnold, left, and Cindy Mulhern inform parade watchers of Chowan's name change from the Chowan Female Collegiate Institute to its present name in 1910.



Boy Scouts from Windsor, members of the Order of the Arrow, entertained with Indian dances as the float progressed the parade route. Ted Shaw of Windsor assisted in lining up the float and several other units from the Bertie County town.

and drugs, and where the institution by policy assumes a completely amoral stance.

In summary, Baptist colleges have enjoyed two decades of remarkable progress, have remained distinctive in their Christian commitment, are training large numbers of Christian vocational workers, are academically sound, and offer a live option to those students who want to live and learn in an atmosphere of Christian discipline.—Ben C. Fisher, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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