

Directory Published

The first directory of independent two-year colleges, including some 240 institutions, has been published by the National Council of Independent Junior Colleges. It uses dates supplied by the colleges for the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges' comprehensive directory of both public and private two-year institutions.

The Directory information includes the name of the college, address, telephone number, name of president, year when college classes began, type of control, accreditation status, type of programs offered, student body, fall 1972 enrollment, number of faculty and administration for 1972-73, yearly tuition and fees, and type of academic calendar.

Copies of the Directory may be purchased for \$1 per copy from the National Council of Independent Junior Colleges, One Dupont Circle, Suite 410, Washington, D. C. 20036.

TV Program Prepared

By Beckie Workman

The Chowan College Choir, consisting of twenty-eight students, traveled to Raleigh on Sunday November 4, to telecast a Christmas program on WRAL-TV, Channel 5. The presentation "Songs of The Yuletide Season" is a ministry of the Baptist State Convention. Each year two choirs from North Carolina Baptist colleges are chosen to tape a Christmas program. Chowan College along with Gardner Webb were chosen this year. Duplications of the telecast are made and offered to television stations across the state for telecast.

Dr. James Chamblee, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, directed the Chowan College Choir. The accompanist was Susie Lassister. Mr. Jimmy Morriss, Director of Department of Communications for the N. C. Baptist State Convention, narrated the program.

A Christmas without music would be a poor Christmas, for the Christian faith has always characterized the joy of God's people through song. The Chowan College Choir expressed the Christmas story through various selections of Christmas music. The choir began their story with Bach's Christmas Oratorio titled "Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand". The second and third selections date back before the 17th century and were used first in pageants, "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" and "Coventry Carol". The fourth and fifth

selections are sacred songs, "Christ Was Born On Christmas Day" and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming". At this time Dr. Bruce Whitaker, President of Chowan College, brought a Christmas greeting.

The presentation continued with two American folk-melody numbers, "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow", and "Hush, My Babe, Lie Still In Slumber", which was accompanied with a flute solo performed by Mr. Bob Brown, of the Chowan music department. The eighth selection was the Welsh tune "Deck the Halls". The ninth selection was the familiar "O, Come All Ye Faithful". In the next selection Chowan College Choir brought their musical wish for the holiday season with the traditional English carol "I Wish You a Merry Christmas". The choir concluded their presentation with "The First Noel".

The Chowan College Choir will be singing with the local community choir in the Christmas cantata "The Messiah", on Friday December 14, in Murfreesboro. The choir may schedule another taping in early December at Washington, N. C.

Class of 1966

Glenn and Cindy Harrison of Apple Valley, California announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Diane, on Nov. 1, 1973. Mrs. Harrison is the former Cynthia Kay Bottoms.

Sears Makes Grant To Chowan Library

Grants totaling more than \$49,000 will be distributed to 41 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina this week by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, a spokesman said today.

In Murfreesboro, Chowan College will receive a \$1,000 grant for the library.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among an estimated 950 private, accredited two-and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,650,000 in Sears Foundation funds.

Nationally, private colleges and universities will receive \$1,150,000 in unrestricted grants and an additional \$500,000 through a Sears Founda-

tion program to assist college and university libraries.

The unrestricted funds may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary. The library grant program is designed to supplement the normal book acquisition budgets of the participating institutions.

In addition to its unrestricted and college library grant programs, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, during the current year, will invest more than \$1,100,000 in a variety of other education activities, the spokesman said. This will bring the budgeted education expenditures of The Sears-Roebuck Foundation to more than \$2,750,000 in 1973.

Beautiful Chowan . . .

(Editor's Note: The following article was written in December, 1933, by Miss Mabel Starnes, now residing in Asheville. The article concerns Miss Starnes' observations when she arrived at Chowan College on December 4, 1933, to teach a study course. The manuscript was found recently among some old papers.)

It had been raining dismally all day and my spirits were a bit dampened but as I drove upon the beautiful Chowan campus for a B. Y. P. U. week of training, nature rolled back the dark clouds and the sun peeped out just in time to welcome me.

Happy girls rushed from a stately old building and bade me welcome too, with a most gracious sincerity. It seemed that I had come "back home" — when really they were all new to me and I had never met them before; "Southern Hospitality" of the truest type.

How I wish that you might walk with me on that beautiful campus; each tree and shrub with its interesting history, the big magnolia trees, the hollies, corks, cedars, and stately old beeches; the rose arbors along the front walks, the fountains and summer houses, and then that lovely rose bush just putting forth another Spring's bids. For almost a hundred years it has adorned the campus and I'm told was grown from a cutting from the bridal bouquet of Mrs. Archibald McDowell, the bride of Chowan's first president.

In this springtime I am sure the campus is one glory of bloom and tender leaf; dogwood, apple, pear, peach, wisteria crepe myrtles, elms, magnolias, maples and many others, and every tree alive with birds — the cardinals, the robin, mocking bird and wren. No wonder the daughters of Chowan delight to sing:

"We do love thee! We do love thee!
Mother fair! Mother fair!"

It was interesting to learn bits of history. It read like a romance: her opening in 1848 North Carolina's oldest Baptist college for women, her gallant struggle through the "war between the states" when Chowan's doors did not close, her roster of brilliant presidents among whom I found the names of Dr. Archibald McDowell, M. R. Forey, John C. Scarborough, John B. Brewer and others. I was most interested in her alumnae. "Chowan's Jewels" there I found the names of Laura Peterson, wife of Dr. Hight C. Moore, longtime editor of Biblical Recorder and member of Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Mary E. Pritchard, wife of Dr. Charles E. Taylor, former president of Wake Forest College; Ann Bailey, mother of our state W. M. U.

President, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones and of Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina; Lizzie S. Savage, for many years president of the W. M. U. of Virginia; Lucy H. Owen (Mrs. D. A. Robertson) president emeritus Greensboro Woman's College; Madge Conwell, Mrs. P. E. White, Fannie Knight, Nannie Sessoms, Nell Lawrence and others who were missionaries to China.

Then there was Dr. B. W. Spillman's mother, Roxana Barham and Love Bell, wife of Dr. Charles E. Brewer of Meredith College, and Alice Wingate, wife of Dr. N. Y. Gulley of Wake Forest, and many others just as prominent in Baptist circles of usefulness and leadership.

But I must not linger with her glorious past too long for her present is just as alluring, just as beautiful. How stimulating it is to come away from the hustle and bustle of a busy world and to live for a week in the midst of such a beauty of nature; to dream again the dreams of Chowan's heroines of a glorious past — but more inspirational it is to know Chowan's "girls of today." They are living so nobly the life beautiful, the same lofty ideals of the past pervade the very atmosphere of the college; the same spirit of cordiality, unselfishness, courage and beauty dominate their lives. I was so impressed with the Home — no, not a "Boarding School" or a "dorm" but a "Home," where each lives for the other and all for God.

Each morning the girls observe Morning Watch and at evening Vesper Hours — The Y. W. A. and four B. Y. P. U.'s all standard organizations with most consecrated girls leading — and all training for a larger service for the Master.

The Lucalian and Alathenian Literary Societies were planning for "Society Day" and "Pep Rallies" were in evidence at all times and "Called meetings" were so often announced — The Society halls and the Romantic Ravine nearby re-echoed the voices of debaters preparing for the annual forensic battle.

Beautiful Chowan! Born in a spirit of prayer — reared in a spirit of sacrifice, living with an undaunted faith and courage, may you continue to send forth in North Carolina and yea, "unto the uttermost parts of the world" your lovely daughters cultured, consecrated, pure and noble "vessels meet for the Master's use."

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RECEIVES CHECK—Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president, and Mrs. Geraldine Harris, librarian, receive a check for \$1,000 for the Chowan College library from Leroy Spivey, manager, second from left, and Therman Sim-

mons, assistant manager, of the Sears Roanoke Rapids catalog sales office. In all, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation distributed \$49,000 to 41 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina.