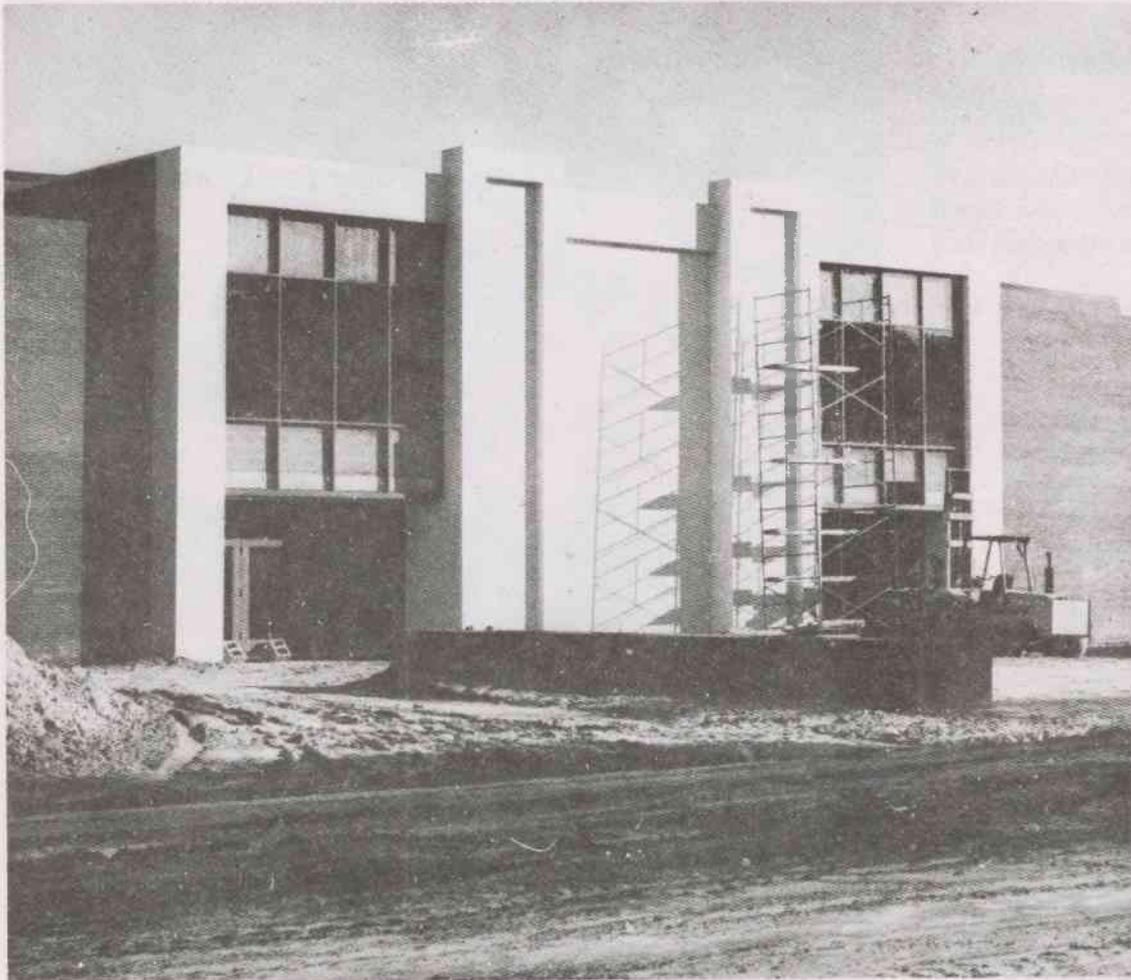


Drive for New Gym Nears Goal



Front Entrance of Gymnasium Nears Completion



Side Entrance to Swimming Pool Area Almost Finished

Intensive Effort Continues To Match Challenge Gift

Chowan College is now in an intensive drive to raise the final \$400,000 of its campaign for a new \$2.5 million gymnasium-physical education center.

Reaching the goal is doubly important to Chowan, according to President Bruce E. Whitaker. Not only will it signal the completion of the drive, but enable the college to claim a \$500,000 challenge gift for the new facility, he said.

The challenge grant was made in August by an anonymous donor who stipulated that the college raise an additional \$400,000 to complete and equip the gymnasium-physical education facility at a total project cost of \$2.5 million.

Naming to Honor Baptist Layman

The donor also requested that the new facility be named in honor of Jesse Helms, Baptist layman and United States Senator from North Carolina.

Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, Va., national honorary chairman for the "Accomplishing Our Mission" drive, announced that Chowan is now within \$210,000 of reaching its final \$400,000 goal, allowing it to qualify for the \$500,000 grant.

E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, campaign national chairman, challenged all friends and supporters of the college "to join in this effort to raise the \$400,000 and claim the victory by Christmas."

The national leadership gifts co-chairman, J. J. Harrington of Lewiston, pointed out that by reaching the \$400,000 goal, the college will realize substantial savings on interest charges. "The annualized interest savings on that amount will be \$75,000," he noted.

Gym to Expand Services to Students

Dr. Whitaker emphasized the importance of the new gymnasium-physical education center in serving Chowan students. "We're excited about the prospect of having this new facility for use by our students. It will enable the college to provide the space and equipment which we have lacked in our present gym, and to expand our services to the benefit of all of our students."

He continued, "we would like to thank the many different individuals and groups who have helped the college in its campaign for the new Jesse Helms gymnasium-physical education center. We are very appreciative of the efforts of members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors, alumni, the campaign leadership, and other friends and supporters."

The president added, "we are in the 'short rows', on the verge of completing our drive and fulfilling the dream of the college to provide a quality facility for its students. I would like to challenge all of the college's friends and supporters to double their efforts so we might reach our goal as soon as possible. This can be done on a cash gifts or pledge basis."

Whitaker said the gymnasium-physical education center is expected to be completed in mid-April, 1980.