

## Felix Arnold Named Chairman

# Trustees Seek to Strengthen Endowment

Chowan College trustees elected the Rev. J. Felix Arnold of Enfield as their chairman and emphasized the endowment program and other financial matters during their semi-annual meeting earlier this month.

The trustees, who met in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker, elected State Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston as vice chairman. J. E. Ferebee of Camden was elected chairman of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Whitaker led a discussion of the endowment program. He said the endowment fund has increased from under \$7,000 in 1957 to over \$2 million. He asked the trustees to assist the college in reaching a \$5 million goal within two or three years and a \$50 million goal "within a generation."

### Endowment Important

Whitaker stressed the importance of gifts to general endowment in undergirding the entire financial program of the college.

"Gifts to general endowment enable the college to provide financial support where it is needed most during a given year. It is essential to the long-range financial standing of the college that we build up our endowment. I believe it is within the reach of the college to reach these goals" he added.

The president also reported the college is on its way to operating in the black for the 22nd straight year. He stressed the importance of a successful Annual Giving Program to enable the college to maintain its long record of fiscal soundness. Currently the college has received \$27,000, including alumni and parents' fund support, toward its minimum Annual Giving Goal of \$65,000.

### Support Appreciated

In other financial matters, E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, chairman of the "Accomplishing Our Mission" campaign, thanked the trustees for their support in helping the college reach its goal to provide

a \$2.5 million gymnasium-physical education center, to be named in honor of Jesse A. Helms, Baptist layman and United States senator from North Carolina.

Hollowell thanked the campaign leadership including Honorary Chairman Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, Va.; State Sen. J. J. Harrington and Mrs. Mary Matthews Holt of Nashville, co-chairpersons, and other members of the leadership gifts committee; and other volunteer leaders and workers.

In a related matter, the trustees approved the naming of the Olympic size swimming pool within the new facility in memory of the late Ruth Camp Campbell of Franklin, Va. Dr. Whitaker said she devoted a lifetime of service to her church, community and region.

Ben Sutton, business manager, said the hardwood floor for the three full-size basketball courts will be laid within 10 days. He said the gym is scheduled to be opened in May, 1980.

### Enrollment Up

Dean of the College B. Franklin Lowe, Jr. reported an upswing in the enrollment. He said the college experienced an enrollment increase both for the 1979 summer session and 1979 fall semester. He said the current total enrollment of 1,029 is the highest for the spring semester in a number of years.

In other business, the Board of Trustees approved a revised tenure of office contract and a revised statement of academic freedom. Both had been formulated by a faculty committee and had received endorsement by the faculty.

Changes were approved to Section 2 ("Administration of Corporation") of the Charter of Chowan College in keeping with a request of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. These changes underscore the intent of the corporation to maintain its purpose as a Christian college under the governance of a board of trustees elected by the Baptist State Convention.

### Adopt Resolutions

Trustees adopted resolutions to the memory of Dr. Ella Janet Pierce, professor emeritus, who died Dec. 15, 1979. The statement praised Dr. Pierce, who taught English for a half-century at Mars Hill College and Chowan College, for her "mastery of the subject matter, the gift of being able to teach, and a genuine love for her students and their welfare."

The trustees welcomed as their guests Dr. Ben C. Fisher of Murfreesboro, retired executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission; and two officials of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. T. Robert Mullinax, executive secretary of the Council on Christian Higher Education, and Bill Boatwright, director of the Division of Communications.

Also welcomed were new trustees, Randy Britton of Ahoskie; T. L. Craft, Ayden; E. L. Hollowell, Edenton; N. O. McDowell, Scotland Neck; Guy Revelle, Jr., Murfreesboro; Urbin Rogers, Williamston; Robert Spivey, North Wilkesboro; Miss Emma G. Stephenson, Durham; and Dewey Wells, Elizabeth City.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the trustees who have completed their terms of service. They include: Mrs. Maggie Bridgers, Jackson; Virgil McBride, Winston-Salem; the Rev. Bennie Pledger, Colerain; John F. Sanderford, Wake Forest; H. Douglas White, Rocky Mount; Robert White, Windsor; Charlie T. Whitley, Winston-Salem; and Edwin L. Williams, Kinston.

### Music Faculty Present Recital in January

The music faculty of Chowan's Department of Fine Arts presented a recital in late January in Daniel Recital Hall. Performing in the recital were Mrs. Barbara Revelle, Mrs. Carol Nicholson, Professor Hugh Middleton, Professor Robert Brown, and Dr. James M. Chamblee, chairman of the department.

### BRAVE LINEBACKER SIGNS WITH TENNESSEE

Walter Poston of Andrews, S. C., a linebacker for the Braves in 1979, has signed a grant-in-aid to play football with Tennessee State University.



## A Half Million Is Deposited

President Bruce E. Whitaker deposits a check for \$500,000 from an anonymous donor for the new \$2.5 million gymnasium-physical education center, which is near completion. He is assisted by Chowan alumna, Mrs. Shirley Dickens of NCNB. Also present for the deposit of the single largest gift ever received by the college are, from left, Ben Sutton, business manager; Bob F. Hill, Sr., local businessman who is a member of the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee; and Bobby Cross, director of development.