

## Lafayette's Descendant Visits Campus

An illustrated lecture on the life of Lafayette was presented by the French general's great-great-great grandson, Marquis de Chambrun, and his wife, the Marquise, early during the spring semester in Marks Hall auditorium.

The appearance of the Chambruns was jointly sponsored by the Murfreesboro Historical Association and the Chowan College Departments of Social Science and Languages and Literature.

### Story of Lafayette's Life

The visit of the Chambruns was their first official function of 1981. With the use of color slides, their program tells the story of Lafayette's life from his birth to his death.

The program not only presents Lafayette's efforts in the United States, but it touches on the lesser-known aspects of his life afterwards in France and of the sufferings of his wife and family during The Terror of France. It was during this time he had to flee from France only to be thrown into the dungeons of the Emperor of Austria.

The Marquis has devoted his life to the study of international history and the furthering and reaffirmation of the historic Franco-American friendship his ancestor helped to forge during the American Revolution, a family spokesman stated.

### "A Humanitarian"

The spokesman said that the Marquis is well known as a humanitarian. As a youth he worked and studied in biochemistry at The Institut Pasteur in Paris. One of his mentors was the famed Marie Curie. The Marquis is an artist and designer of jewelry, furniture, wrought iron work and crystal glassware.

During World War II, he left France to provide the United States with vital information that was used against the Nazis. His father, the late Pierre, Marquis de Chambrun, is famed as the sole French senator to stand and vote against the Vichy Regime. His late mother was an American.

The marquise, the daughter of a Scottish colonel, is the author of two books of poetry with a third book slated for publication in 1981. She is also an artist and writer with articles published in a number of magazines.

For the past several years, the Marquis and Marquise de Chambrun have divided their lives between Europe and the United States where they have been invited extensively to present their Franco-American historic lecture program, and to



## On Television Talk Show

President Bruce E. Whitaker, center, and SGA president Sharee Atkinson were recent guests on the "Carolina Today Show" on WNCT-TV, Greenville, hosted by Slim Short. They discussed the progress at Chowan and future plans for advancing the college.

attend innumerable academic, historic and civic functions.

While participating in the Bicentennial celebration in New Orleans, they were made honorary citizens and given the keys to New Orleans.

They also participated in the celebration in Charleston, S.C. commemorating the 200th anniversary of the first landing of Lafayette on American soil on June 13, 1777.

Last May, they participated in ceremonies in Morristown, N.J. to mark the bicentennial of Lafayette's return from France in 1780 to General Washington's headquarters. He returned with the news that King Louis XVI had agreed to send an army of over 6,000 to the aid of the beleaguered United States.



Marquis de Chambrun and his wife, Marquise

—Photo by Donna Hartless

## Bookstore Expansion Considered

By JENNIFER WICKER

"Possibilities for expanding the bookstore are still being explored, and we are not sure when the remodeling will be done," according to Ben Sutton, Business Manager.

After the post office is moved to the new Lakeside Student Center, the bookstore may be able to use the area where the post office is now, plus the hall outside, with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

"The bookstore is extremely crowded, and the extra space would give us approximately 30 per cent more room," reported Sutton.

However, there is one structural problem, the wall behind the present post office is a bearing wall, and steel supports would have to be installed if the wall is removed.

Mrs. Aldeen Gatewood, manager of the bookstore, said that she is "really excited about the plans being made." She added "the bookstore is always anxious to meet the needs of the students, and the expansion will improve our service."

If the bookstore is enlarged, the soft goods offerings will be expanded, and the store will be able to take on new lines such as greeting cards, she said.

## Funeral Conducted For A. O. George

Funeral services were held in early March for Alvis Owen (Al) George Sr., 85, of 737 Monroe St., Roanoke Rapids, a former staff member of Chowan. He was a retired businessman and was active in community affairs.

Mr. George opened George's Cleaners in 1928, retiring from the West Eighth Street business in 1961. A native of Mecklenburg County, Va., he came to Roanoke Rapids with his family in 1907. He attended the city schools in Roanoke Rapids.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the U.S. Army Medical Corps and in 1928, married Brownie Futrelle of Emporia, Va. He worked at Rosemary Manufacturing Co. until opening the cleaning business. For nine years, he was affiliated with Chowan College where he was a member of Beautification and Grounds Committee.

Mr. George was a member of Rosemary Baptist Church and a past member of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Brownie George; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lou George Wolfe of Richmond, Va.; a son, Alvis Owen George Jr., of Asheboro; a sister, Mrs. Pauline G. Smoot to Roanoke Rapids; eight grandchildren.

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