

**Trustees,  
Advisors  
hold joint  
meeting**

Members of the college Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors view materials and hear reports relative to the progress of the college during the past academic year. The Trustees set the 1983-84 budget and also authorized a feasibility study for the college moving to four-year status.



**Budget adopted**

**Trustees authorize study for four-year status**

Chowan College trustees adopted a budget of \$7,825,000 for 1983-84 during their semi-annual meeting in September in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker.

The trustees met jointly with the board of Advisors. Chowan's budget for 1982-83 was \$7,850,000.

Dr. Whitaker reported that Chowan concluded the past academic year operating in the black for the 25th straight year. He said many groups and individuals made this possible through their contributions to the college, to

include the Annual Giving Fund. He commented, "This achievement over the year could not have been done without the increasing support of North Carolina Baptists through the Cooperative Program."

The trustees, led by chairman J. Guy Revelle Jr. of Murfreesboro, adopted an Annual Giving Fund goal of \$125,000. Revelle stressed this is "a line item in the budget and critically important to the college in providing a quality educational program and

operating in the black for the 26th straight year." He said Chowan surpassed its \$100,000 goal for last year.

**Feasibility Study**

The Board of Trustees also approved a recommendation from its Executive Committee to conduct a study of the feasibility of moving to four-year status.

Dr. Whitaker said the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees made its recommendation that the Board of Trustees authorize a feasibility

study after "lengthy discussion" at its July 19 meeting.

Chowan's president emphasized that the Board of Trustees "has not authorized a move to four-year status, nor has it made any commitment to such. It has simply authorized a feasibility study. A broadly based Feasibility Study Committee will be appointed in the near future."

Chowan is the only one of seven colleges related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina which operates on a two-year basis.

Dean of students Clayton Lewis reported that Chowan's enrollment for the current fall semester is 976 full time students. He said 25 states and 23 foreign countries are represented among the student body.

**"Good Start"**

Lewis said Chowan, beginning its 136th year, "has gotten off to a good start." He said he is impressed with the student body. "They appear to be eager to get into their classes and begin their studies."

Business manager Ben Sutton said the graphic communications center opened on schedule for the current fall semester and is in full use by students majoring in printing technology, photography and typesetting technology.

Gilbert Francis, chairman of the Endowment Committee, challenged the trustees and advisors to help the college reach its endowment goal of \$5 million. He reported the total endowment of the college now exceeds \$3 million.

**Resolutions Adopted**

Trustees adopted resolutions to the memory of former trustee, Lucile Williams Beasley of Colerain, and advisors Dorothy Heath Brown of Murfreesboro and Alexander Taylor Mayo Sr. of Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Beasley served on the Board of Trustees 12 years, including five as vice chairman, and as a member of the Endowment committee.

A Chowan alumna, Mrs. Brown served on the Endowment Committee and was a past president of the Alumni Association.

Mayo served as vice chairman of the Board of Advisors from 1967-1971. The three were remembered for their love of Chowan and dedication, service and loyalty they expressed to the college and the cause of Christian higher education.

Advisor chairman, Dr. Melvin Kunkle, of Portsmouth, Va., welcomed new member, former Chowan business manager, Leon Spencer of Raleigh.

**Dates Announced**

Whitaker announced important fall semester events to include Parent's Day Sept. 24, Homecoming Oct. 8, Founder's Day Oct. 10, and Campus Evangelism Week, Oct. 30-Nov. 4.

Whitaker said the speaker for the annual Founder's Day program in Helms Center will be Dr. Alton H. McEachern, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greensboro. Later that day two facilities will be dedicated, Turner Chapel-Auditorium in McDowell Columns and Simons Hall (presently East Hall, Men's residence facility).

Standing committee of the Board of Trustees met prior to the full session. Committee chairmen reported to the Board of Trustees as follows: student affairs, the Rev. Joe McLean of Jackson; development and finance, Mrs. Ethel K. Smith, Benson; and academic affairs, Miss Emma Gay Stephenson, Durham. The religious life-denominational relations committee report was given by Dr. Hargus Taylor, Chowan's chaplain.

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