

Five scholarships set as goal in science field

A drive has been launched to secure scholarships to enable students who show particular promise in science to attend Chowan College.

The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Garth Faile, chairman of the Department of Science, and Director of Development Bobby Cross. They explained the initial goal is for five endowed scholarships which will award from between \$1,000-5,000 per year.

Earnings to be Used

Cross noted that a \$12,500 endowment would produce the annual income for a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$62,500 endowment the income for a \$5000 scholarship. Only the interest from the endowment funds would be used, thus enabling the college to provide the scholarship each year.

Cross said an endowed scholarship may be made in honor or memory of a family member or friend thereby providing a memorial in perpetuity.

Urgent Need

Faile said the scholarships are an urgent need to help attract students with a special strength in science.

The Department of Science offers a comprehensive, two-year program in biology, chemistry and physics. In addition, independent study is available in each area to give the interested student additional laboratory under the direction of a faculty member on some problem of mutual interest.

The Department of Science is known for sharing its knowledge and facilities with area school children. The annual Math-Science Day attracts some 600 high school juniors and seniors to Camp Hall. This program features demonstrations, experiments, exhibits, lectures and movies led by professors and students.

The science faculty also sponsors Science Enrichment Week during the summer with children in grades 6-9 attending from Hertford, Gates, Northampton and Bertie as well as from several other locations. Each day the students are exposed to the teaching and guidance of four science professors.

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Concerning the teaching of science and need for science scholarships, Faile issued the following statement.

"The enrichment of knowledge is the key objective for those students taking science at Chowan College. Today, like no other day, some knowledge of science is a necessity. Technological developments depend upon science and science depends on technological developments. Twenty years ago only large institutions could afford the luxury of computers. Ten years ago the electronic calculator replaced the slide rule. Now, today, microcomputers are readily available and are being used in the primary grades. New vaccines are being developed in the laboratory. Great strides are being made on all fronts. New knowledge in the sciences doubles approximately every ten years. Science will always play an active role in any educational institution. It is certain to play an important role in almost everyone in any developing country in the future.

"To meet the need in the sciences in the future new monies will have to be found. These monies are less likely to come from state and federal governments. Instead, private and local support will be more heavily called upon to help underwrite the expenses of those studying at higher institutions.



Construction progress continues

In spite of numerous periods of inclement weather during the past several months, progress continues on the construction of a retirement home for the President of Chowan College. The structure, situated on

Quail Hollow Road, Murfreesboro, is viewed across Lake Vann at the rear of the college campus. The structure, which is a gift from the Board of Trustees, is being constructed by the college's maintenance department.

Seminary professor convocation speaker

Dr. Richard B. Cunningham, Professor of Christian Philosophy, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, was selected as convocation speaker, inaugurating the assembly series at Chowan College for the current term. He spoke on Monday, January 14, in Jesse Helms Physical Education Center on the subject "For God's Sake, Let's Be Human!" The seminary representative concluded a full day's visit to the Murfreesboro campus with an address before the monthly faculty forum/lyceum. His topic for this latter occasion was: "Christianity and Contemporary Humanism."

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Cunningham holds the baccalaureate degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and both the B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from The Southern Baptist Seminary. He has done additional post-graduate studies at major universities in Switzerland, Germany, and Great Britain.

Formerly Professor of the Chair of Bible and Baptist Campus Minister at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, Dr. Cunningham served as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, 1967-1976. In the latter year he

returned to his Alma Mater, The Southern Baptist Seminary, as Associate Professor of Christian Philosophy. He was named Professor of Christian Philosophy at Southern Seminary in 1980. Dr. Cunningham has also served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Crothersville, Indiana, 1960-1966, and has engaged in pastoral sup-

ply and/or in interim ministries with numerous churches in California, Indiana, Kentucky, and New Mexico.

"The Chowan College community is indebted to The Southern Baptist Seminary for making possible the visit among us of such a teacher/scholar as Richard Cunningham," noted Dr.

R. Hargus Taylor, Chaplain to the College, and co-ordinator of the convocation/assembly series. "We enjoyed his presence, both as a representative of theological education and as one who helped clarify the issues involved in the ongoing dialogue between—or among—the advocated of Christian faith and humanistic values."

Students named to 'Who's Who'

The 1985 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES will carry the names of 31 students from Chowan College, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual direc-

tory since it was first published in 1934.

Among the 31 Chowan Students are 16 from North Carolina: Alyson Ruth Barnes, Lumberton; Leon Carlton Burgess, Conway; Kimberly Sue Carlton, Washington; Brenda Benton Duke, Susanne Paige Edwards, Anne Fuller Nicholson, and Sheila West Smith, all of Murfreesboro.

Also: Wendy Deigh Heath, Deep Run; Yvonne Saunders Eliason, Windsor; Angela White Noe, Beaufort; Donna Lynn Orbison, Kannapolis; Darien James Smith, Reidsville; Lisa Yvonne Strickland, Edenton; Jill Denise Wells, Forest City; and Jennifer Lynn White and Donna Jean Whitley, both of Ahoskie.

Virginians Make List
Six students are from Virginia:

Michael Glenn Berry, Danville; Jenny Gray Burgess, Courtland; Barry Paul Hurdle, Suffolk; Sheri Elizabeth Light, Colonial Heights; Eugene Anthony Mason, Accomac; and Michael Marvin Moore, Fairfax. Four students are from South Carolina: Christopher Wade Brock, Catawba; Danny Miles Cribb, Myrtle Beach; Curtis Adrian Gram, Seneca; and Charles Aaron Poole, Lamar.

New York Students

New York students named are James F.J. McKee of Marboro and Debra Lynn Underwood of Riverhead. Two are international students: Sonny Thomas Abraham, Saudi Arabia and Sosthenes Kejlabi Byemero, Tanzania, East Africa. Ronda Anne Morris of Zephyrhills, Fla. received the honor.