

The laboratories of Carrie Savage Camp Hall were filled with students eager to "open the doors to science" during the annual Science Enrichment Week. The session is sponsored as a community service.

Enrichment Week

"Doors to Science" opened to junior high students

Responding to a need to "open the doors to science" to junior high students, Chowan recently sponsored its third annual Science Enrichment Week.

"This is a natural extension of the college's service to the community in the name and on behalf of North Carolina's Southern Baptists," said Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college.

He noted, "Our science professors are eager to share their

knowledge and the college facilities and equipment with students."

Lowe said a lack of facilities hampers students in area schools from conducting experiments. "Science Enrichment Week is designed to help fill that void while providing students in grades 6-9 more than five hours of instruction and laboratory experiences each day."

Enrollment Increases

Biology professor Jim Dewar, Science Week coordinator, said the enrollment has grown from 18 in 1983 to 27 this year. He said groups are kept small so each student will receive the attention he needs from the professors.

Three other instructors, Mrs. Phyllis Dewar, computer science; J. P. Harris, biology; and Dr. Garth Faile, physical science; also taught the students.

"Our goal is to open science up to the average student who may not qualify for the Governor's School or other science camps," Dewar declared.

Relaxed Atmosphere

Dewar said he personally enjoys teaching junior high school students as a change of pace and finds their enthusiasm and "freedom" to ask questions and experiment refreshing.

He said the students enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of Science Enrichment Week. "There's no pressure, and no grades are given. In this kind of atmosphere, everyone can experience success," Dewar said.

"When one child came to camp he didn't know how to strike a match. Soon he was safely using a Bunsen burner and making other progress," Dewar stated.

Jerrold Rose of Seaboard is the only camper to attend all three years. A rising tenth grader and member of Galatia Baptist Church in Seaboard, Rose commented: "Studying science is fun. Science Week has been very helpful to me in school and has helped me decide on a career in science."

Annual Math-Science Day attracts record number

The Twelfth Annual Mathematics-Science Day, sponsored by the Departments of Science, Dr. Garth Faile, chairman, and Mathematics, Carl Simmons, chairman, during the spring semester attracted a record 729 students and 27 teachers from 11 area North Carolina and Virginia schools.

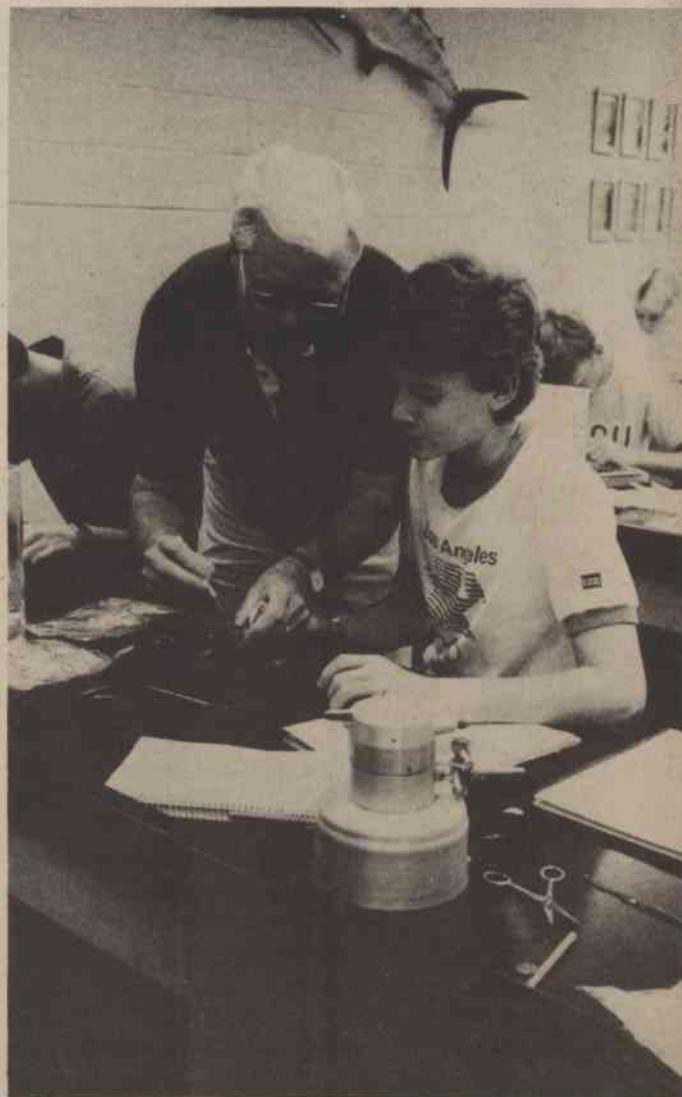
Math-Science Day features demonstrations, experiments, exhibits, lectures and movies in the areas of mathematics, chemistry, physics and biology by professors and Chowan students.

Almost every room on Carrie Savage Camp Hall's three floors is utilized for the program, which enables the students to attend the areas of their interest. Programs are repeated to afford students the opportunity to take in many different features.

According to reports from high school teachers who bring groups, Math-Science Day receives a "very enthusiastic response" from the students. They report that the mathematics and science horizons of the students are expanded through the activities and exhibits offered by the faculty and students.



Dr. Garth Faile, chairman of the Science Department, gives instruction to Holly Tucker of Murfreesboro. The students conducted numerous tests during the annual enrichment week.



Biology professor J. P. Harris assists James Shrewsbury of Severn with a biology experiment.