

Trustees hear reports of enrollment increase, sound financial condition

Chowan College trustees re-elected the Rev. Felix Arnold of Enfield, as chairman and Mrs. Ethel Smith of Benson, as vice chairman and honored a retiring trustee for 34 years of service during their semi-annual meeting Feb. 10 in McDowell Columns.

E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, and Robert Spivey of Windsor, were elected chairman and vice chairman respectively of the Executive Committee. J. Guy Revelle, Jr., of Murfreesboro, presided for the advisors, who met with the trustees, in the absence of Chairman Dr. Melvin Kunkle of Portsmouth, Va.

Retiring Trustee Honored

Charles L. Revelle, Sr., of Murfreesboro, one of nine outgoing trustees, was honored with resolutions of appreciation. Revelle, who began his trustee service in 1947, served one term as chairman of the Board of Trustees and 32 years as a member of the Executive Committee including three terms as chairman.

He was honored for the "consistent commitment" he has demonstrated "to the welfare of Chowan College through both personal benefaction out of his resources and private solicitation

on her behalf among associates and friends, making his an eminent model of trusteeship."

Also commended was "his record of support to Christian higher education through Chowan College—in both word and deed—is worthy of emulation by all who are concerned with the well-being of this institution, and of others like her." Only one other trustee, the late Rev. John Mitchell, had served for more years.

Revelle's wife, Martha, a Chowan alumna, was present for the presentation of a framed certificate of appreciation to Revelle by the Rev. Felix Arnold, trustee chairman. He was also presented a plaque for completing his current trustee term by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President.

Dr. Whitaker reported that the college is headed toward operating in the black for the 28th straight year. He stressed "the sound financial condition" of the college. Whitaker said the plant indebtedness is about \$250,000 on total assets of \$22 million. He said the indebtedness has decreased over the years of his administration from a high of \$5 million. Whitaker will begin his 30th year

as the chief administrator in May.

Dean of Students Clayton Lewis reported that the spring semester enrollment was 820, an increase of 22 over last year. Thomas McCrary, outgoing Executive Committee chairman, praised Lewis and his associates for the enrollment increases for both the fall and spring semesters.

Whitaker explained that the decline in the number of 18-year-olds will continue through 1994, when their number will be 21 percent fewer than the present. He said this is a matter of major concern to private colleges. "The competition for students is very intense. Chowan is doing everything it can to interest and enroll the kind of student we want and can best serve," he assured the trustees and advisors.

Tuition Assistance

Whitaker said Chowan's students rely on the financial support they receive from the North Carolina General Assembly. He said the increase for the 1985-86 year raises the amount to \$950 for each in-state student attending a North Carolina private college. In addition, \$300 per student is available to be distributed in vary-



Alumnus joins Board

The Rev. Dennis Bazemore, right, chats with Chaplain R. Hargus Taylor following the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Bazemore, now serving as pastor of the Chadbourn Baptist Church, is a graduate of Chowan and is beginning his first term of service on the governing board.

ing amounts to North Carolina students according to financial need, he declared.

Whitaker encouraged the trustees and advisors to support efforts to have the General Assembly raise support for in-state students attending the state's private colleges.

Dean of the College B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., reported on the institutional self-study which each accredited college must undergo every ten years leading to the reaffirmation of its accreditation.

Two Year Study

Dr. Lowe said Chowan's accreditation was last reaffirmed in 1978. He said the self-study usually requires from 18 months to two years and involves the faculty and staff and all of the college's constituencies.

Lowe explained the steering committee was named by Dr. Whitaker in the fall and is chaired by Dorothy Wallace, chairman of the Department of Business. He said the committee laid the groundwork for the self-study during the fall and named the various committees, which have begun their work.

He said everything is proceeding according to schedule toward the reaffirmation of the accreditation in December, 1988.

After hearing a report from Business Manager Ben Sutton, trustees approved a \$250 increase in tuition, room, board and fees for the 1987-88 year.

Development Report

Director of Development Bobby Cross reported that over \$74,000 has been raised in pledges and

gifts toward the 1985-86 Annual Giving Program goal of \$150,000.

In other business, the trustees heard background information on the \$4 million Development Program campaign from President Whitaker and general chairman Robert Spivey.

Whitaker expressed the belief that the loyalty and dedication of many supporters—to include individuals and groups—would assure the success of the campaign, the largest in the college's 138-year history.

Spivey thanked the work of the trustee, advisor, faculty and staff committees which are responsible for raising over \$1 million toward the goal. He said the campaign would be a success because "Chowan is a winner." He explained that the college is fortunate to have a strong faculty and staff that is interested in the welfare of the students. "I am pleased to be a part of the campaign and honored to have been asked to serve as chairman," Spivey remarked.

Following his presentation, trustees and advisors voted unanimously their approval of the campaign and pledged their support in helping the college reach its \$4 million goal.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Resolutions of appreciation were presented to two late college leaders, advisor Ben C. Fisher of Murfreesboro and Raleigh, and Edwin Banks Branch of Enfield.

Fisher, who died on Nov. 3, 1985, was commended for his "breadth of vision, strength of character, and wisdom in leadership which he

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Longtime Trustee honored

Charles L. Revelle, Sr., center, proudly displays the framed resolution presented by the Board of Trustees in recognition of his 34 years of service

as a member of the board. The Rev. Felix Arnold, left, chairman, made the presentation with Mrs. Martha Revelle present.