

Accreditation is reaffirmed

Chowan College received a "gift" during the holidays that the faculty and staff had provided with the "sweat of their own brow."

Chowan was notified that its accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the accrediting agency for all college level institutions in 11 southern states.

President Bruce E. Whitaker said all accredited colleges must have accreditation reaffirmed every 10 years following preparation of an extensive and comprehensive two-year Institutional Self-Study, which involves an examination of every facet of the institution.

Dean of the College B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., explained that since the accreditation of Chowan had last been reaffirmed in December, 1978, the college began preparations for its new self-study in the fall of 1985. The self-study was conducted in 1986 and 1987.

Extensive Examination

Lowe said the Institutional Self-Study covered the purpose of the college, organization and administration, educational program, financial resources, faculty, library/learning resources, student development services, physical plant and special activities. The self-study also included a summary of recommendations and suggestions and a section of future plans.

These areas were studied and researched

AC Artist exhibits in gallery

The works of an artist who "accents some of the poetry to be found in nature" were featured in the Chowan Art Gallery in Green Hall in February.

The artist, John A. Hancock, is professor of art at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, and he has also taught art at Wilson County Technical College and North Carolina Wesleyan College, in Rocky Mount.

He received his B.F.A. in art from Valdosta State College and M.F.A. in painting from East Carolina University.

Hancock was artist-in-residence for the Arts Council of Wilson. He has conducted watercolor workshops in Whiteville, Jacksonville, and Goldsboro, and an art teacher training workshop in Wilson.

David Parker, director of the Division of Art, commented: "In this exhibit the artist, has succeeded in exploring natural forms, such as trees, vines, and foliage. By using lyrical line and sensitive color he accents some of the poetry to be found in nature. "Everyone who enjoys such things found this show a real treat."

by committees whose membership included faculty and staff, students, alumni, and members of the Board of Trustees. The self-study was approved unanimously by the faculty/staff and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and presented to a Reaffirmation Committee from the Commission on Colleges of SACS which visited Chowan in February, 1988. This committee subsequently made its report to the Commission, Dr. Lowe explained.

On June 22, 1988, the Commission on Colleges voted to reaffirm the accreditation of Chowan College. The formal announcement of the reaffirmation of accreditation was made at the December, 1988, meeting of the College Delegate Assembly, Commission on Colleges, in Atlanta, Ga.

Steering Committee Praised

Lowe said Chowan's self-study steering committee was chaired by Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, chairman of the Department of Business. Other members included Mrs. Betty Batchelor, professor of English; Dr. Garth Faile, chairman of the Science Department; Herman Gatewood, chairman of the School of Graphic Communications; and Dr. Hargus Taylor, chaplain, who served as secretary/editor. Lowe was an ex-officio member.

Dr. Whitaker thanked Lowe and Mrs. Wallace for providing "strong and effective leadership." He said the two-year self-study and evaluation had required almost the "constant attention" of Dean Lowe, who guided the college through the last successful effort 10 years ago.

Whitaker praised Mrs. Wallace for her "dedication and loyalty," and explained she had given many hours to the project in addition to carrying a full load as departmental chairman and professor.

He thanked each member of the faculty and staff and others who participated in the self-study for their "valuable services and the seriousness in which they approached the self-study."

Chowan's president said he was "extremely happy" with the results which he said "came as no surprise since Chowan exceeds the minimum standards of the Southern Association in many different areas."

He also said Chowan's progress since 1978 in providing needed facilities, both through new construction and renovation of existing buildings, continuing to upgrade its faculty and academic program, increasing services to students, and making other advances was also responsible for the successful self-study.

He said the current Mission Excellence campaign is also helping to strengthen the college. The campaign, which is nearing its conclusion, is providing a minimum of \$4 million to fund additional student aid/scholarships, endowment for teaching and administration, program development, and the renovation of facilities.



Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, left, served as Chairman of the Steering Committee, and Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., was Director of the Institutional Self-Study.

Sven VanBaars appointed to position in Development

Sven Layne VanBaars, who has experience in institutional advancement at East Carolina University, is Chowan College's new associate director of development.

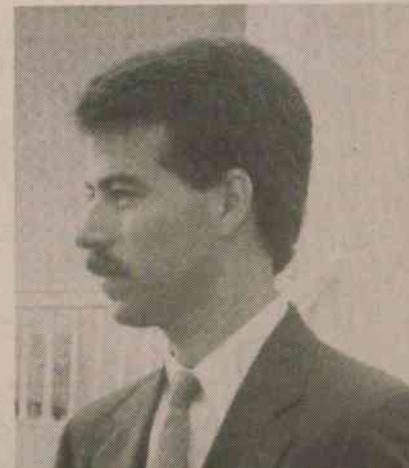
The Portsmouth, Va., native and New Bern resident is a graduate of Craven Community College and holds the B.A. in political science and Masters of Public Administration from East Carolina University. At ECU, VanBaars served as a graduate assistant in the Division of Institutional Advancement for over two years and Office of Cooperative Education for over one year.

VanBaars served as chairperson of the University Media Board at East Carolina. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society) and the American Society for Public Administration. He was a scholarship recipient of the CASE III District Conference attended by college and university development professionals.

Other Experience

VanBaars has experience in alumni work including phonathons, working with student volunteers, and planning and conducting leadership meetings. He has also been involved in fund raising, volunteer management, special event planning and donor relations. VanBaars is proficient with personal and main frame computer programs.

According to Director of Development E. Vincent Tilson, VanBaars' responsibilities as associate director of development will include: organizing and promoting the college Alumni Loyalty Fund and Parents' Annual Fund;



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Joins Development Office

organizing and promoting alumni activities through the Alumni Association; maintaining alumni records, disseminating alumni news, and working to establish class chairmen, alumni chapters and alumni programs; special events and on or off-campus alumni activities.

He will also be involved in promoting the capital support program of the college and other support programs of the Development Department.

President Bruce E. Whitaker joined Tilson in noting that VanBaars is well qualified for the position of associate director of development.

They said his educational background and work experience in development have helped to prepare him to make an important contribution to the alumni and development programs.