

# Academic Affairs

In fall 1991, Chowan filed with its accrediting agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a lengthy and comprehensive application for candidacy as a Level II (baccalaureate degree granting) institution. In December 1991, the Commission on Colleges formally awarded candidacy at the new level. The next step in the quest for full accreditation as a Level II institution will involve a visit from a Substantive Change Committee from the Commission on Colleges in November 1992. The college remains on track in its plan to gain full accreditation as a senior college in the year in which it graduates its first senior class (1994).

Throughout the 1991-92 academic year, members of the faculty were heavily engaged in the process of preparing new baccalaureate curricula, developing new upper level courses, and the like. When the first junior class enters in the fall 1992, students will have the option of choosing majors from the following areas: Business Administration, Commercial Art, Studio Art, Art Education, Education, English, Physical Education,

Liberal Studies, Music Education, Printing Production Technology, Religion and Science. In addition, a four-year program in Mathematics has been approved for implementation in the fall 1993. Other four-year programs currently under consideration for the near future include History, Applied Science in Technical fields, and a Teacher Certification Program in Printing Technology. Note should be taken that the college will continue to award the associate degree in a number of fields.

In past years, Chowan College did not employ a system of faculty rank. In the transition process, such a system was approved by the Transition Committee, the Departmental Chairpersons, and the full body of the faculty. In the fall 1991, the Board of Trustees approved this matter. Subsequently, members of the full-time faculty were invited to submit requests for rank on the basis of the approved guidelines. Following lengthy consideration by the Chairpersons, the proposed rank of individual faculty members was considered by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Thereafter,

members of the instructional faculty were notified in writing of their initial rank, same to be effective with the beginning of the 1992 fall semester.

In view of the college's transition to four-year status, all personnel policies have been reviewed, or are being reviewed. The policy on faculty evaluation has been thoroughly revised. The policy on tenure is currently being studied by a committee composed of members from the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

In light of the requirements of the accrediting agency and for the long-term welfare of the college, the Committee on Institutional Research, Planning, and Evaluation has been reactivated and is meeting on a regular basis. This committee, composed of representatives of the faculty and the administrative staff, and with input from various segments of the college community, is attempting to prepare a new Strategic Plan which will reflect the new status of the institution and will guide future development. The plan will seek to address, bring cohesiveness to, and provide guidance for the orderly development of all institutional programs, services, and operations.

# Student Enrollment

The 1991-92 academic year has continued to be challenging for the office of student enrollment. A necessary but significant increase in tuition, fewer dollars in financial aid to meet needs, a persistent national recession, and our adherence to improved academic standards have all contributed to smaller enrollment numbers. Applications received continued its downward trend from 1,217 last year to 1,100 this past year. The admissions report of August 17 showed that 98 students had been denied admission, another significant statistic in our campaign to enroll students more academically prepared for the rigors of a liberal arts curriculum.

The grateful admissions staff was joined by the faculty of the college in a spring semester Phonathon. Over 2,100 calls were made to students who had ex-

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# Athletics

The Chowan Athletic Department fielded nine intercollegiate teams in 1991 - 92. Chowan College students participated in 251 intercollegiate athletic events, winning 148 events and losing 103 for an overall winning percentage of 59%

Women's Volleyball - 32 - 10  
Women's Basketball - 8 - 18  
Women's Softball - 10 - 16  
Baseball - 17 - 22  
Football - 4 - 5  
Wrestling - 5 - 4  
Men's Basketball - 25 - 8  
Golf - 44 - 12  
Tennis - 3 - 5

Highlights were the men's basketball team winning the Region Ten and District Ten Championships, and a trip to the National Tournament; the women's volleyball team winning a co-championship for the regular season, and the golf team producing the co-medalist in the Region Ten Tournament with a trip to the National Tournament. The football and wrestling teams produced one "All-American" each. The athletic program produced five "Academic All-Americans."

A committee of athletic directors and presidents from the Dixie Athletic Conference visited our campus in spring to see our facilities and talk with College and athletic personnel about our potential to become a member of their Division III NCAA Conference in the future. Many positive comments were made by the committee, and Chowan will probably have the opportunity to become a member of that Conference in the future when we meet the guidelines or criteria for becoming a full-fledged member of the NCAA.

Chowan will probably meet these guidelines in the spring of 1994.

Many changes have been made in the athletic personnel for the coming year. Assistant football coaches Todd Middleton, Darrell Garrison, and Kevin Cox moved on to other positions. Wrestling coach Dave Maas, women's basketball coach Tammy Perry, baseball coach Jack Moore, and assistant basketball coach Jim Tribbett resigned.

Griffin Anderson has joined the football staff for 1992-93. The other two football positions were not refilled due to budget constraints. Mike Bocock, former Chowan athlete, has been named head baseball coach. Dan Surface will coach women's basketball for one year. Richard Gray will serve as acting wrestling coach. The sports of golf and tennis have been dropped for one year due to budget constraints. We hope these sports along with men's and women's soccer and women's tennis will become a reality for the school year 1993-94.

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