

# Accelerating Toward Excellence Continued

## Campus Life

Chaplain Kelly Brame said he is impressed with student involvement on campus. He explained more students are volunteering their services for mission projects in the community, at area churches, and during spring break. Brame said last spring students helped for a week in Baltimore, Maryland.



Brame

Board of Trustees for unanimously approving in September a motion "in support of the general direction of the college, its administration, and faculty."

Commented Spivey, "The trustees are committed to the

the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Some of the opponents in various sports include: Ferrum, Guilford, Fayetteville Methodist, Frostburg State University, Apprentice School, N.C. Wesleyan, Greensboro College, Christopher Newport, Averett, Shenandoah, Charleston Southern, Salisbury State University, Wesley, and others.

Garrison commented, "As we start these schedules, we will probably schedule a few NAIA and Division II NCAA schools in football and perhaps men's basketball until conference affiliation can be cemented and schedules are able to mesh."

Garrison said Division III schools do not offer scholarships, thus all teams will be competing on a level field. "It is definitely a challenge for the college and coaches. My philosophy has always been that an athlete must first be a good citizen, a sound student, and then being a great athlete will take care of itself. Chowan certainly will have no fundamental changes in the philosophy of its athletic program."

Garrison noted, "The coaches are prepared for the challenge and will take the lead in making the transition to a different level of competition. We are looking for the students, faculty and staff, fans and public in general to continue to support the Braves in the future as they have in the past. I

believe in my heart that exciting things are going to happen on campus and in the community as we begin to compete as a senior college."

Concluded Garrison, "We will have some tough times as we enter four-year competition in the early years due to experience levels, but I do believe as we work at it, we will become a very competitive program at the Division III NCAA level."

Chowan is seeking to affiliate with the Dixie Conference which includes Ferrum, Fayetteville Methodist, North Carolina Wesleyan, Greensboro, Christopher Newport, Averett and Shenandoah.

Garrison said the college could be granted affiliate membership for 1993-94 followed by full membership.

Article written by Phil Royce.

## Development

E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, applauded the fact that gifts and donors to Chowan continue to increase. Tilson noted last year, and in each of the two previous years, Chowan received \$2 million in gifts. Since 1989, the number of donors has more than doubled from 721 to 1,639 annually. During the 1991-92 year, the development office issued 2,467 gift receipts to alumni, parents, and friends of the college, many of whom made more than one gift to the college during the course of the year.

"We are extremely proud of this record of support," Tilson noted. "We think it mirrors both local and regional enthusiasm for the college. We have been



Tilson

particularly pleased with the overwhelming volunteer support we have received in recent years from friends and alumni participating in Day for Chowan."

Tilson urged volunteerism in support of the college's transition to four-year status. "These are pivotal days in the college's history. Gifts can help provide the margin of excellence as we strive to be a four-year institution of which the entire region can continue to be proud."

Chairman Robert B. Spivey lauded the

four-year program. We want to build on the positive developments and new learning opportunities on campus."

He continued, "For three consecutive years, every trustee and every Board of Visitor member has made a gift to the college. That is real commitment. Chowan has always been a valued and trusted institution in the Roanoke-Chowan region. The years ahead should only strengthen this long-standing relationship."

Vice President for Business Affairs John Nesbitt said the college is virtually debt free.

Nesbitt also noted, "We are doing our best to maintain the campus in an attractive manner which will preserve the long-time life of our facilities."



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## Sports

Vice President for Athletic Administration Jim Garrison said Chowan's athletic program is gearing for a new era and challenge when it competes as a senior college next fall.

Chowan will compete in Division III of

**BELOW: Chowan's Chucky Ingram, number 30 from Greensboro, is too fast for North Greenville on the first touchdown of the Homecoming game. Unfortunately, North Greenville won the game.--PHOTO BY Deborah Griffin**



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