

Chowan

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Today

Trustees making investment in future

Plans for Chowan College to take "giant steps forward" to further develop the institution as a four-year college, employ additional faculty and staff members, introduce new academic programs and get on the "cutting edge" of technology were formulated at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in late September.

"We're making an investment," said Mrs. Elaine E. Myers, chair of the trustees, "in the future of Chowan College, the students she serves, and the entire Roanoke-Chowan area."

"It is imperative that Chowan continue its development as a strong and distinctively competitive baccalaureate institution," she continued, "and we must stay abreast with technological advancements that are occurring so very rapidly in our society."

Following the meeting of the governing board, Dr. Herman E. Collier, Jr., interim president, presented a detailed report of the action at a meeting of the entire faculty and staff.

Collier indicated that the trustees took positive steps to strengthen the college's operating budget for an enrollment of approximately 750 students and to provide salary increases to all college personnel.

"The board also approved the employment of additional personnel," he said, "and the introduction of new academic majors that are essential in the student marketplace today."

The college has already begun to install additional computer equipment that will provide

increased technical support to academic programs and administrative areas. With McSweeney Hall serving as the "computer hub," campus facilities will be connected within a computer network.

Peter Squire, director of development for information technology, said "work is currently underway to computerize Whitaker Library. We have received several grants to initiate funding of the project, and we have completed the installation of fiber-optic cable."

The library is connected to the Internet and, in addition to a number of computer stations for library use, two computer stations with printers are available for public use.

Additional professors will be employed for new academic offerings now under consideration, according Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., vice president for academic affairs. "There are

several additional academic majors now on the drawing board," he said, "and these will be presented to faculty and the Board of Trustees for approval within a very short time."

Lowe also noted that Chowan is working toward approval and accreditation of additional programs in teacher education. At present, the college offers teacher preparation for elementary education.

An additional administrative staff member will be added to the business office to assist with the increased work load and the broad, diverse responsibilities of that office including budgetary planning and control.

Two additional admissions counselors have been added to the Office of Student Management whereby recruiting efforts will be increased and the recruiting areas enlarged to cover additional northern and southern states.

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Presented by Alumni Association, Hertford County Chapter

Hiram Hill receives first Community Service Award

The Chowan College Alumni Association and its Hertford County Chapter paid tribute to "one who has made a difference through selfless service to meet the needs of his community" when Hiram Cox Hill, Jr., of Murfreesboro was awarded the inaugural Community Service Award during Homecoming weekend.

The alumni chapter made the presentation during the Alumni and Friends Luncheon, which also recognized members of the alumni who graduated from Chowan in 1955 and earlier years with induction into the prestigious Chowanian Society.

The recipients of the "Community Service Award exemplify the highest ideals of volunteerism, community concern and benevolent interest in the world around them," said E. Vincent Tilson, vice president for development, "and Mr. Hill's significant contribution to his fellowman is to be applauded by associates and friends."

A 1935 graduate of Scotland Neck High School, Hill attended Wake Forest University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. In December 1939, he joined the U.S. Navy to begin flight training and was designated a naval aviator with the rank of ensign in April 1941.

Hill worked as a flight instructor for eighteen months before serving with various flight squadrons and ending his military career as operations officer in Experimental Squadron XVJ-125.

Upon his discharge from the Navy in January

1946, Hill was employed with Murfreesboro's Riverside Manufacturing Company for two years during which time he commanded the Naval Reserve Squadron VPBML 864.

In 1949, Hill joined with his brother Bob and father, Hiram, Sr., to open Moonlight Enterprises, later known as Hill Enterprises. He remained with the family construction and real estate business until retiring in January 1978.

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President Herman Collier, left, presents Hill an engraved plaque and offers congratulations during ceremonies at the Alumni and Friends Luncheon.



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