

Chowan Baptist Student Union

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Integral to any fully adequate philosophy of higher education is the concept that development of man's spirit is just as significant as the development of his mind. Indeed, mind and spirit are so closely associated in the life of any person that it is virtually impossible to deal with the one apart from the other. To assume that one ever really deals in "purely intellectual" or "purely spiritual" matters is, on the one hand, to miss the range of both intellect and spirit and, on the other hand, to harbor a false notion of the structure of human personality.

This is the justification for such an organization as the Baptist Student Union on the campus of Chowan College. It serves as an avenue through which the human spirit may approach God in worship; through which the individual may broaden his intellectual understanding of faith and life through study; and through which one may express his personal commitment through witness and action. The following paragraphs record something of the way in which Chowanians may engage in this three-fold ministry through BSU.

Through the work of the devotional co-chairmen, the Baptist Student Union provides two periods of worship on campus weekly. These are held in the Askew Student Union on Monday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. Such periods are usually led by the students themselves. They generally include hymns, a period of prayer, and a brief devotional message. Students are also encouraged to engage in private meditation at those times most convenient to their daily schedules.

Worship on campus, however,

is not to be thought of as a substitute for worship in the local churches. A good percentage of those students remaining on campus over a given weekend will be found in the regular worship services of the churches in both Murfreesboro and Ahoskie. It is assumed that the same holds true for those who return home week-by-week.

A second aspect of the work of Chowan's BSU is study into the nature of the Christian faith and of one's commitment to that faith. Study sessions are conducted each semester, dealing with themes relevant to the life and interests of college-age students.

The churches of the area also afford opportunities for study,

to which many participants in BSU respond. A core of students participates weekly in Sunday school classes for college youth at Murfreesboro Baptist Church and Murfreesboro Methodist Church. The same is true of Baptist Training Union, to which Murfreesboro Baptist Church tries to give particular attention with regard to college young people.

Worship and study are combined in special student assemblies and conventions attended by Chowan BSU'ers. Some 20-30 students are expected to participate in the North Carolina Baptist Student Union Convention, scheduled for Wake Forest College campus on the weekend of November 4-6. Smaller groups will participate in the annual BSU Spring Leadership Conference, to be held in Greensboro, April 14-16. A small contingent of students will attend the Missions Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in early spring.

But worship and study are meant to issue in action. That which a student discovers about himself, about God, and about his fellows, he wants to share with others. The one structured way in which this is being attempted at

Chowan is through weekend "extension" or "deputation" trips to local churches. Teams of three to six students engage in weekend revivals or special youth meetings, upon invitation from churches in the area. In 1965-66 such teams conducted weekend services at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City; Merry Hill Baptist Church, Merry Hill; Lawrence Baptist Church, Lawrence; and West End Baptist Church, Williamston. Since February of 1966 the BSU has been conducting services for the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Creswell.

Chowan's Baptist Student Union is committed to world mission through the work of the LISTEN program of the North Carolina Baptist Student Union. In addition to the financial contribution which Chowan BSU'ers will make to the 1966 LISTEN projects in Durham and Cherokee, five Chowan students took an active part in summer mission work through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Youth Corps, and through local sponsorship.

Many individuals teach Sunday school classes in their home churches or hold other positions of responsibility. Ministerial students get occasional opportunities for pastoral supply preaching, either in their home churches or in churches near the college. Individuals respond or re-

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act in difficult situations in ways in which they might not have responded were it not for contact with Baptist Student Union at Chowan.

While it is always a difficult matter to attempt an evaluation of religious structures or organizations, those who participate in BSU at Chowan all testify to one fact: they often discover a new depth of faith and understanding as they focus attention on worship, study, and action through the motivation of the campus Baptist Student Union.

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Professor James Chamblee, chairman of the Department of Music at Chowan College. During recent tours of the Chowan College Touring Choir and other musical programs, while Professor Chamblee has been away from campus completing requirements for his Ph.D. degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the music ministry of Chowan College has been under the direction and supervision of Professor Trelles G. Case, who served as acting chairman of Chowan College's Department of Music.

Professor Robert W. Brown directs Chowan College's band. Other professors assisting in the music ministry at Chowan during recent years include Mrs. Mary Rose Lawrence and Miss Anna Belle Crouch.

Professor Chamblee instructs voice classes for Chowanians and Professor Case is instructor for instrumentalists on piano and organ.

years of service to the college; E. Frank Stephenson Jr., director of admissions; Mrs. Derethea D. Thomas, dormitory advisor and post office supervisor; and Frank Whitaker, maintenance.



JEAN NEWSOME, above, speaks forcefully and meaningfully about the ministry of Baptist Student Union on the Chowan College campus.

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Ph.D. degree, has returned to assume his responsibilities.

New additions to the administration and faculty of Chowan College for this year are Professor Ernest L. Badgett, Department of English; Professor Morris E. Carson, Department of Languages (Spanish); Gen Sen Chu, assistant librarian; Miss Phyllis Dudley, Department of Science and Mathematics; Miss Roberta Sue Eagles, Department of English; Mrs. J. P. Harris,

assistant to the librarian; Professor George L. Hazelton, Department of Science and Mathematics; Miss Mary Annette Jordan, Department of Science and Mathematics; Professor J. L. Walter Moose, Department of Social Science; Mrs. Rachel N. Pittman, economics and history; Miss Shirley Williams, Department of Science and Mathematics; Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Barrett, Mxon Dormitory advisors; Frank Henwood, campaign director; Mrs. Katherine Davis Moore, Dean of Women, succeeding Mrs. Sybil Grimes, who recently retired after 12

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