

Chowan reaches another milestone

Another milestone in the history of Chowan College was reached when the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) granted the Murfreesboro school full accreditation as a senior institution during its annual summer meeting.

The action of SACS' commission gave Chowan membership as a Level II institution. Accreditation at Level II authorizes the institution to award the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

SACS is the regional accrediting agency for the 11 Southern states, including North Carolina.

"We are delighted that Chowan has been granted this significant approval and status by our accrediting agency," said Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, the college's president. "Achieving this accomplishment has required the very best efforts of members of our faculty and staff."

"Very special thanks and appreciation goes to Dr. Frank Lowe, vice president for academic affairs," Dr. Jackson continued, "for he has worked diligently, tirelessly, and far beyond the call of duty, to guide the entire accreditation process."

The Commission on Colleges also stipulated that Chowan's accreditation at the new level be retroactive to Jan. 1.

"In effect," Dr. Jackson noted, "this means that our students who were graduated in May, 1994, received their degree from a fully accredited four-year institution."

Chowan was founded in 1848 as a four-year institution for women, but financial difficulties of the Great Depression forced Chowan to become a two-year college in 1937.

The board of trustees, meeting in the semi-annual session on Sept. 8, 1990, voted unanimously for Chowan to return to four-year status in the fall of 1992, when a junior class was enrolled.

A transition committee, composed of representatives from throughout the college community, began a lengthy period of planning preceding the admission of the first junior class and continued for almost five years.

"In preparing for senior college accreditation," Lowe said, "all of our academic policies had to be revised, personnel policies had to be adjusted, and new programs of study had to be prepared and implemented."

Members of the class of 1994 were the first seniors in 57 years to be awarded bachelor's degrees when graduation exercises were held on May 14.

Jackson also expressed gratitude to the board of trustees for "their foresight and support in moving Chowan College to four-year status and into a new era of expanded service."

Chowan offers four-year programs in applied science, business administration, commercial and studio art, English, history, liberal studies, mathematics, music, printing production and imaging technology, religion, science and sports management.

Several programs in teacher education are also offered in the areas of elemen-

tary K-6, secondary 9-12, art education K-12, music education K-12 and physical education K-12.

"We will continue to offer a number of two-year, career oriented courses of study," Lowe noted.

FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR

- Aug. 17-19, Wednesday-Friday—Faculty/Staff Workshop
- Aug. 20, Saturday—Students arrive and check in. Residence halls open at 9 a.m.
- Aug. 21, Sunday—New students meet in Columns Auditorium at 2 p.m., and subsequently meet with academic advisors. New students return to Columns Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22, Monday—Continuing and returning students meet with academic advisors at 10 a.m.
- Aug. 22, Monday—Class registration in Marks Hall. Class changes only, 3-4 p.m. Registration for those students who did not pre-register, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23, Tuesday—Fall semester classes begin.
- Aug. 30, Tuesday—Fall Convocation in Turner Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 1, Thursday—Last day to add classes to academic schedule.
- Sept. 16, Friday—Last day to drop classes without academic record.
- Oct. 1, Saturday—Homecoming Day.
- Oct. 11, Tuesday—Founders Day Convocation, Turner Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 14, Friday—Mid-term grading period.
- Oct. 14, Friday—Mid-term break begins at conclusion of classes; residence halls close at 5 p.m.
- Oct. 18, Tuesday—Residence halls open at 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19, Wednesday—Classes resume at 8 a.m.
- Oct. 21, Friday—Last day to drop classes with a grade of WP or WF.
- Nov. 1-4, Tuesday-Friday—Pre-registration for spring semester classes.
- Nov. 23, Wednesday—Thanksgiving holidays begin at noon; residence halls close at 2 p.m. Only breakfast meal will be served in Thomas Cafeteria.
- Nov. 27, Sunday—Residence halls open at 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 28, Monday—Classes resume at 8 a.m.
- Dec. 8, Thursday—Reading Day, no classes.
- Dec. 9-14, Friday-Wednesday—Fall Semester examinations
- Dec. 14, Wednesday—Christmas holidays begins at end of the examination schedule.

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