

# Chowan embarks on third era of service

Chowan College is the second oldest of North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges and has now entered into its third era of service to young men and women seeking a college education.

It first was opened in 1848 as a four-year college for women and named the Chowan Baptist Female Institute. In 1910 the name was changed to Chowan College, and men were first admitted as students in 1931.

Chowan became a two-year institution in 1937 because of financial difficulties experienced during the depression years.

In the fall of 1990, the board of trustees voted unanimously for the college to return to four-year status in order to offer a complete college education in the sanctuary of a small campus with a Christian heritage and outlook.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted Chowan full accreditation as a Level II institution in the fall of 1994. As a Level II institution, Chowan is authorized to award the baccalaureate degree and the two-year associate degree.

While Chowan is expanding

the academic program and recruiting qualified faculty, the college enjoys an identity as a small Baptist institution where people know each other.

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The administration and the faculty believe in intellectual freedom and are proud of the school's Baptist heritage and strong commitment to Christian principles.

Chowan does not discriminate

on the basis of sex, race, color, age, creed, national origin or handicap in policies concerning employment, admission, hous-

ing, scholarships and grants-in-aid, and public functions.



## Faculty processional

The processional of faculty and staff is led by the faculty marshal for the beginning of graduation exercises. The 1995 ceremonies were held in Helms Center with Susan Fecho, a professor of art, giv-

ing the devotional, and U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton of Warren County delivering the commencement address. Degrees were awarded to both four-year and two-year graduates.

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