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They're just resting between classes

A shutter-happy "picture taker" was roaming the campus early this week and stumbled upon this pair taking a breather between classes. Please note the stylish ensemble, complete with "no socks."

'Tell it to the chaplain'

You may think the last person you would ever want to see on campus is the college chaplain. After all, the chaplain is supposed to deal with those who have "religious problems."

His very title probably conjures up the image of the Bible toting, overly pious guy, whose treasury of "answers" always includes special prayers and selected verses of Scripture.

Student poll picks Nixon

In Chapel Assembly on Sept. 5, Chowan students were asked to write on the back of their chapel cards whom they believed would win the 1968 presidential election, not whom they wanted to win.

Many of the students put the person they thought would win, but also wrote beside it who they wanted to win.

On such selections as Humphrey, many stated they would rather see Nixon win, but were very doubtful of his chances.

Quite a number of students believed Wallace would win, but were not in favor of seeing him carry away the election.

It was evident that a great number of the student body are displeased with the selection of candidates in the upcoming election.

The official count of the Chowan student body is as follows:

Nixon—648
Wallace—305
Humphrey—123
McCarthy—5
Kennedy—2
Rockefeller—1

There was a total of 1,252 votes cast, and a few of these voters do not know who the contenders are for the election.

President welcomes freshmen

On behalf of all of us here at Chowan, I am happy to welcome you to our campus. We hope you enjoy the friendly atmosphere here. Everything in our power will be done to make your college days at Chowan both pleasant and profitable. We are proud to have you as members of "the Chowan College Family" and pledge to work at all times for you, helping you pursue your best and highest interests.

Those of us in the administration, faculty and staff at Chowan College are here to serve you. We are proud of accomplishments of our college and all who make up "the Chowan College Family." Members of the college's board of trustees, its board of advisors, the administration, faculty, students and our many friends have all joined together with many others to make possible the quality Christian higher education you are privileged to enjoy at Chowan.

I hope we get to know each other much better, becoming lifetime friends, during the months ahead.

But why consider the chaplain as a confidant and friend?

In the first place, the chaplain has no disciplinary authority over you and desires none.

In the second place, he tries to be a good listener and will keep any confidence you place in him.

And third, the chaplain hasn't forgotten what it is like to be 18 or 19 although he passed this age a "few" years ago.

Thus, with the chaplain you have at least three things going for you whenever you get "bugged" by anyone or anything. A person who has no disciplinary authority, a good ear, which isn't easily shocked or surprised one who can sympathize—in the best sense of that word—with the problems and concerns of young people.

So... whether it is an impossible roommate or an important decision to be made; a run in with authority or a rift with your steady; a moral dilemma or a matter of personal faith. TELL IT TO THE CHAPLAIN! He is sure to listen... and he just might be of some help.

ONE WORD OF CAUTION: The chaplain does get a little upset if you misbehave in chapel assembly!!!

The chaplain, you think, is not for you.

If this is what you now think, consider the possibility of doing some re thinking.

Chowan's chaplain, Dr. Hargus Taylor, has the strange notion that personal problems cannot be readily divided into "religious" and "non religious" ones. He does have a Bible—several of them, in fact—but is seldom seen carrying one around under his arm.

And he isn't particularly pious, as far as observable piety goes. He never uses prayer or scripture verses as if they were magical answers for complex problems. His regard for the real purpose and expression of piety, prayer, and Scripture will not allow him to "use" these in such a fashion.

So, if anything begins to bug you while at Chowan, consider telling it to the chaplain.

Ward will head Men's Council

The Men's Council, headed by Andy Ward, is the judiciary group under the direction of the Dean of Students. It strives to maintain and develop a spirit of co-operation among the male students, faculty and administration while developing loyalty, unity of spirit and a feeling of responsibility.

A representative is elected from each floor of the dorms, sophomore and freshmen.

Andy Ward and Wilfred John son welcome you to the Chowan campus, and hope that you as freshmen help to make the Men's Council a club that will serve you as students.



Dig that brush

A partial face cover seems to be in fashion this season.

Chowan called 'miracle'

Gaddy relates growth at dedication service

By PAULINE ROBINSON

Dedication services, Sept. 12, for Chowan's latest buildings, the Whitaker Library and the Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts, were presided over by Sen. Irwin Belk of Charlotte, former state senator from Mecklenburg County and president of Belk stores. He also serves as Chairman of the Chowan College Board of Advisors.

Students assembled at the football field for the service of dedication. Claude F. Gaddy of Raleigh, senior vice-president of Gaddy Real Estate Co., and former acting general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and a member of the Chowan College Board of Advisors, made the main address.

In his speech he told of Chowan's history, as background, particularly pertaining to the late Mrs. Jeannette Snead Daniel, wife of the late Sen. Donald Daniel. It is to Mrs. Daniel that the new fine arts building is dedicated.

Mrs. Daniel, formerly of Virginia, was a young girl enrolled at Chowan, and it was there that she met her husband, a resident of Weldon. Majoring in the field of music, she became head of the music department and established her reputation as a dedicated leader.

The Daniel family was recognized at the ceremony. Dr. Donald S. Daniel, son of Senator and Mrs. Daniel, made the building of this fine arts department possible.

Gaddy related the story of the school's closing in 1941 because of the lack of students. He said in order to keep the land, the Baptist State Convention elected a board of trustees. In 1947 these trustees decided that the need for Chowan to re-open was imperative, however, many felt it was impossible.

With the help of the Council on Christian Higher Education, the school again began to operate under the presidential guidance of B. D. Bunn.

Gaddy next discussed the superior work of the late Dr. F. O. Mixon did in building up the college again. Following Mixon, the present administration's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, former director of the state department student work in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was asked to take over in 1957.

Gaddy gave the credit of Chowan's successful programs to Whitaker, who has willingly given his life to the school. Under his administration ten new and

modern structures have been added to the campus scene.

The address was ended with a challenge that the door of opportunity be opened to all those who wanted the experience of college despite their past academic records. He added that the administration was in the best possible hands, those of Whitaker, to whom the excellent library is dedicated.

Other personalities on the program included the Rev. Oscar Creech of Ahoskie, former acting president and director of development for Chowan College, and a long-time Chowan College trustee—the college's only "Honorary Life Trustee," gave the invocation.

H. D. White of Rocky Mount's Belk-Tyler store, who is serving his second term as chairman of the college's board of trustees, welcomed everyone and introduced the principal speaker.

Whitaker, White stated, has served longer than any other president during the 20th century and has stood the test of time in proving himself capable of continuing to work for the betterment of Chowan.

The chairman of Chowan College's Department of Social Science and chairman of the Library Planning Committee, Dr. W. Calvin Dickinson of Murfreesboro, gave the scripture reading. Following him, the college choir sang a song of thanksgiving.

The student body and guests respectively read the dedication litany led by Chaplain R. Hargus Taylor. Ben Fisher of Raleigh, North Carolina Baptist author and educator and executive secretary for the Council on Christian Education of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, gave the dedicatory prayer.

Four representatives, Richard T. Vann, mayor of Murfreesboro, member of the board of directors for the chamber of commerce and on the North Carolina Battleship Commission; James G. Garrison, chairman of Chowan College's Department of Health and Physical Education; Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., a professor of religion and acting dean of the college and director of the summer school; and Emmitt Totty, president of the student body, gave responses to the services and expressed their gratitude for the dedicated buildings and their support to Chowan for its continued improvement.

After guests and students sang the Alma Mater, Billy T. Mobley of Ahoskie, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie and formerly a trustee of the college, gave the benediction.

It's all over now, but...

The mercury threatened an escape

By MALCOLM JONES

Smoke Signals Advisor

All of a sudden the town appeared to be full of people, and it seemed they were all converging on the Chowan campus. The day was Sunday and the date, Aug. 25. The time, shortly after noon.

Why all this sudden activity? Where were all these people coming from? And, with cars packed to the limit!

The answer is simple. Freshmen, together with their parents and perhaps boy friends or girl friends, were arriving for the new academic school year which was to get into full swing along about Thursday.

And what a day to arrive in Murfreesboro. The thermometer was threatening to explode its little glass case of captivity. There will be varying tales as to how high the mercury climbed on that fateful day, but perhaps few will deny that it was pushing the 100 degree mark.

Yes, it was quite an exciting day, and there is small wonder that many fellows and gals were not really sure they had made the right decision in seeking a higher education.

While mom and dad tried to find a cool spot, their sons and daughters lined up in front of Marks Hall in double and sometimes triple lines.

"What are we in line for," was one comment heard. "Is it to get a key to our dorm room?" "Gosh, it was cooler than this at home!" "I haven't seen Jim, do you think he made it?"

But there must have been a purpose in making that swing through Marks Hall, because down in front of the dorms, all those automobiles began to yield up their contents as the unloading began.

One would find it difficult to imagine the multitude of items which accompanied Chowan's students to college. Amazing! Positively unbelievable, unless, of course, you have been through the harrowing process of delivering one of your own youngsters to their new home away from home.

There were mops, brooms, tennis rackets, golf clubs, record players with stacks of records, radios, hair dryers, and of course trunks, bags of all description and armloads of clothes.

It has been said that one as



Dr. Whitaker paid tribute at dedication

Chowan President Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker was honored for his dedicated leadership during ceremonies last week. Above Dr. Whitaker talks with Mrs. Donald S. Daniel of Richmond and Irwin Belk of Charlotte. Belk is chairman of the college's board of advisors, and Mrs. Daniel is the daughter-in-law of the honored Prof. Jeannette Snead Daniel in whose memory Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts was named.

Chowan trustees approve purchase which will double size of campus

By HARVEY HARRIS

The Chowan College Board of Trustees set machinery in motion to double the size of the school's campus during semi-annual sessions last Thursday, authorizing the administration to purchase 120 acres of land near its campus.

The 120 acres, known as the Bryant Farm, adjoins the campus to the south and will bring its total size to 240 acres.

The board also approved a record \$2 million budget for the 1968-69 year at its semi-annual joint meeting with the board of advisors, and took part in the dedication of two campus facilities—Whitaker Library and Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts.

The addition will provide expansion room for the college which has continuously increased enrollment since 1956.

The expansion will be the largest single land acquisition in the 121 year history of the school, which began with a single building and a small plot of land.

Negotiations between the owners and the school administration for the property have been underway off and on for some time.

The trustees did not release a

figure on how much was authorized for the purchase of the land. Chowan President Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker said the action was believed by the board trustees "to be in the best long range interest of the college" both for future expansion and protection of the school's present interest.

He said the action had been under consideration for years and that the trustees, "feeling it was now in the college's best interests, launched out in this step to guarantee further carefully planned, systematic development of Chowan."

The board approved the re-

cord \$2,060,000 budget recommended last July by its executive committee.

Salary increases for the faculty, the \$850,000 for the two new facilities dedicated Thursday, and general escalation of academic costs on every side are represented in the new budget which was increased from \$1.9 million in 1967-68.

Anticipated expenditures include \$702,150 for instructional expenses; \$234,350 for administrative and general expenses; \$151,000 for plant maintenance; \$450,000 for auxiliary expenses; \$56,000 for special activities; and \$125,700 for scholarships and grants.

New organization announced

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a new organization on the Chowan campus. It seeks to challenge athletes and coaches, and through them the youth of the nation, with the challenge and adventure of following Christ and serving Him in the fellowship of the church and in their daily lives.

Any athlete of any sport of Chowan College can, if he wishes,

become a member. To be an official member, dues will be \$4.00 per year.

The following officers would like to welcome the freshmen and hope they will join them and make this a worthwhile club: Andy Ward, president; Tony Surace, vice-president; Danny Knightan, secretary-treasurer; Johnny Tebault, bulletin chairman.

Now, three weeks have passed. The orientation is over and another school year is moving along smoothly. Chowan's students are adapting to a new and different environment. Chowan's administration, faculty and staff is adapting to its new students, and all are meeting the challenge which lies ahead.

It would not be quite right to close out this little piece without commenting on the atmosphere of friendliness and helpfulness which is so evident on Chowan's campus. There is a spirit of companionship which is difficult to find in large colleges and universities.

Most students appear to enjoy their beginning at Chowan. They are relaxed, cooperative, and one hopes, they will be industrious in their pursuit of a higher education.

Again, Marks Hall was the scene of activity, and the college's business office did a land slide business as students paid their tuition and fees.

Altogether, these first few days could be called anything but uneventful for students, faculty and staff.

Most students were perhaps pleased, if not satisfied with their schedules, but there was, of course, some unhappiness when courses could not be arranged to fit desired times. The following is a timely example.

"But sir, I didn't schedule any