

# \$550,000 loan to Chowan, Gardner-Webb to 4 years

RALEIGH (Special) — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina last week overwhelmingly voted approval of recommendations permitting Gardner-Webb College to become a senior (four-year) college and the request of Chowan College to borrow a sum not in excess of \$550,000 for construction of a new science-engineering building on the college campus.

A nearly unanimous standing vote of over 3,000 messengers in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium granted requests from these two Baptist colleges.

This gave the 63-year-old junior college, Gardner-Webb, its third major change in history.

Gardner-Webb was founded in 1905 as a Baptist High School and became a junior college in 1928 and now, based on this approval, plans to graduate its first senior class in 1971. The college is located nine miles west of Shelby and is one of seven Baptist col-

leges in North Carolina. Three of these are already senior colleges. One is a university (Wake Forest), and two are junior colleges with Gardner-Webb the seventh.

Besides Chowan, the only other remaining Baptist junior college in North Carolina is Wingate College near Charlotte.

The only messenger is speak to the issue of granting senior college status to Gardner-Webb was the Rev. Robert Tenney of Elkin who went on record as favoring it. He stated that he felt those opposing the recommendation did so on the theory that Gardner-Webb would get into financial difficulties in putting the senior program into reality and have to turn to the federal government for financial support.

He called this premise invalid, "since fidelity to the principle of church-state separation does not depend upon the status of an institution but upon those in charge."

He went on to say that he did not believe Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb, would compromise his convictions in this area.

Messengers also voted approval of the college's proposal to borrow \$300,000 to construct a chapel on the Gardner-Webb campus.

The Chowan proposal for borrowing money stated "that the proper officers of Chowan College be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute, or cause to be executed, in the name of said college, a note or notes, and/or bond or bonds evidencing an indebtedness incurred under the authority of this resolution."

The convention delegates also approved closer cooperation between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, whose churches

are mainly Negroes in membership.

The request for cooperation, pursuing action on an annuity program which would aid the ministers in the General Baptist Convention, was presented by the Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, and his motion was seconded by Dr. John M. Lewis, pastor of Raleigh's First Baptist Church.

Convention delegates overwhelmingly requested further cooperation as outlined in the resolution.

Attending from Chowan College were Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president; Virgil McBride, assistant to president and director of development; Carl Wimbish, director of alumni affairs; Ben C. Sutton, business manager; Dr. Hargus Taylor, chaplain; Dr. Frank Lowe, dean; Clayton Lewis, dean of students; and the Rev. Harvey Harris, director of college information.

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## Youth Crusade set at Chowan Nov. 22-24

Charles (Chuck) Robertson, 29-year-old minister, former pastor, former football player and now chaplain of Youth Camps, Inc., will conduct a three-day Youth Crusade at Chowan College Friday-Sunday, November 22-24.

Sponsored by Murfreesboro merchants and promoted by Murfreesboro Exchange, the crusade is expected to attract young people from Bertie, Halifax, Hertford and Northampton Counties. The crusade opens Friday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. when the Rev. Robertson will speak to the youth on "the game of life." Also on the program will be the Rev. Kimsey King of Ahoskie.

Second session of the crusade is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday when the youth choir from First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, will be featured. Concluding the crusade will be a 3:30 p.m. session Sunday.

Crusade director Robertson is a native of Bassett, Virginia. Ferrum Junior College conferred the associate degree in arts upon him in 1959. The bachelor of arts degree was awarded him in 1961 by West Virginia Wesleyan College where he was a member of the football team. He earned his graduate degree in theology at Asbury Theological Seminary in 1965.

The Rev. Robertson is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sigma Theta Epsilon, Lions International, Ruritan and is district committeeman of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a former member of the Kentucky Governor's Commission on Human Rights.

Most recently during his eight years in the ministry he was associate minister of the historic Washington Street Church at Alexandria, Virginia. During the 90th Congress he was honored as the youngest clergyman to open the United States Senate with prayer.

All youth of the area and any interested adults are invited.

The Youth Crusade is an outgrowth of unique summer schools for youth, emphasizing a special Christian witness for those in attendance, held each summer since 1966 at Chowan College. These schools feature Christian testimonies by professional football players and other outstanding athletes.

National recognition has come to the college and to the area because of these unique schools and their success in reaching young people from nine southeastern states who have been joined together this summer to plan extending the outreach of this program by scheduling the Youth Retreat, realizing that they would reach people from a much smaller area but hoping to reach more youngsters living in the Roanoke-Chowan region of North Carolina.

The philosophy behind this Youth Crusade has been explained by Rev. Clingman C. Capps, pastor of Murfreesboro United Methodist Church and deputy director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. "I've talked with leaders in the field of education and politics and I've talked with the down-and-outers, the up-and-comers," he says, "and those who think that they have already arrived. I'm sure that it comes as no surprise to you to know that there are very few lines of communication open between people, much less groups. However, there is one they all seem to agree upon. Simply stated, it is this, the young people are going to the dogs. As examples, beatniks and hippie hippies are pointed out. And this does seem to be the opinion of the larger percentage of the adults, concerning our young people. This repels me, if it doesn't disgust me! I do not believe that this is true. I believe that youth today are far beyond most of us adults in their thinking and certainly they are further along the way in their thinking toward maturity, than

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## Let's discuss transfer problems pertaining to four-year colleges

First in a Series  
By D. H. NICHOLSON,  
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In recent days many students have been raising questions in this office concerning the procedures for the eventual transfer from Chowan College to four-year institutions. Since approximately 80 per cent of our enrollment anticipates going on to four-year schools for the baccalaureate, perhaps, we should begin to address ourselves to some of the problems involved with transferring.

Therefore, the primary purpose of this column at least for the next few issues, will be an attempt to inform those prospective transferers about the various aspects of gaining admissions to the four-year institutions.

One subject with which we may wish to begin, and a subject probably most important at this early point in our discussion, is the necessity of completing work already started at Chowan College.

When an applicant is considered for admission to Chowan, it is automatically assumed by the Director of Admissions and the Admissions Committee that the prospective student intends to pursue work in a curriculum which leads to a degree or a diploma. Of course, whether or not the new student does this is primarily his own decision.

However, we, as members of the faculty and the administration of Chowan College, strongly recommend that a student stay in a degree program and complete the requirements for the associate degree before he actually transfers.

We recommend this because we know that, increasingly, four-year schools are requiring that transfer-students from both the junior colleges and the community colleges hold the associate degree before they are admitted to junior status. Accordingly, we may see this as a growing trend in the admissions offices of the senior colleges and the universities.

For instance, North Carolina State University at Raleigh now strongly recommends that a transferer from a two-year school holds the associate degree as an added advantage over the transferer without such a degree

or accomplishment.

There is also another emerging advantage of have the two-year degree: many four-year schools are beginning to consider accepting "D's" in transfer providing the transferer has an over-all "C" on all work attempted.

For example, Radford College in Virginia and Catawba College in North Carolina will accept "D's" in transfer if the transferer has an over-all "C" average on all work attempted and the associate degree.

Although Atlantic Christian College and Campbell College do not necessarily require the two-year degree but recommend it, they do, in fact, accept "D's" providing the prospective transfer-student has an over-all "C" average on all work attempted. There are many considerations involved in transferring to four-year schools of which the junior college student must be fully cognizant. Perhaps, the best advice which can be given to a prospective transferer is that he write directly to the admissions directors of the various colleges and universities which are of interest to him and get what information and bulletins they may have for mailing.

In short, only the admissions directors are in the best position to speak concerning the admissions requirements of their respective schools.

In line with the preceding discussion you should mark on your calendars the following date: Dec. 11, 1968. Approximately 65 colleges and universities have been invited to send admissions counselors to a special meeting planned just for the students of Chowan College on Dec. 11, from 1:30 to 4 p. m. on the second floor of Whitaker Library.

This program, hosted by the college and the Director of Admissions, E. Frank Stephenson,

is planned to include admissions counselors from such schools as Wake Forest University, the University of Richmond, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Old Dominion College, Campbell College, Atlantic Christian College, East Carolina University, Madison College, to name just a few of the schools invited to send representatives.

You can expect to be introduced to a good cross-section

of college and university admissions counselors, and these counselors will be able to answer most questions you may have concerning transfer.

In the next issue of the *Smoke Signals*, we might look at the requirements for continued enrollment here at Chowan College and how this requirement, in general, affects the possibilities for transfer to a four-year school.

## Student by day, night teacher

By HARRY HANCOCK, JR.

Warren Bailey, a freshman here at Chowan, lives a double life. By day Warren is a pre-engineering student whose ambition is to be a military pilot. But on Wednesday nights he changes. He becomes Aerospace Education Officer for Franklin Cadet Squadron of Civil Air Patrol (C. A. P.)

Warren, a senior member, teaches cadet classes on the basic knowledge of flight, navigation, weather study, rocketry, and the history of aviation.

Warren joined C.A.P. to gain flight training and valuable military experience. As a student of Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Va., Warren progressed to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the Navy J.R.O.T.C.

As a note, Warren is the guy in Mrs. Dewar's 2 p. m. Chemistry 171 who's always craning his neck to see those jets go by.

## Roanoke newspapers sold to Norfolk firm

GREENSBORO (AP) — Landmark Communications, Inc., parent company of the Greensboro Daily News, the Greensboro Record and WFMV-TV, has reached an agreement to purchase the Roanoke Times (Va.) and World News.

The announcement has made Thursday by M. W. Armistead III, president of the Times-World Corp., and Frank Batten of Norfolk, Va., chairman of the board of Landmark.

The agreement also provides for the purchase of WDBJ-TV and WDBJ-AM-FM, the Towers Shopping Center in Roanoke and the Galax Gazette, a semi-weekly newspaper in Galax, Va.

Policies of the Federal Communications Commission require, however, that the Roanoke television station be sold,



A journey into the unknown? Not really!

The photographer is always experimenting, and this is the latest adventure. It's really happened right here on the campus—at halftime during the basketball game Monday night. This is what the strobe light did to the pouring rain outside Chowan's gym. Don't ask how or why. The right spots are the flash's reflection on falling rain.

## Baptist confab tables motion on federal aid

RALEIGH — The long standing tradition of opposition to federal aid for Baptist-supported colleges was reversed by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina during business sessions at its annual meeting at Raleigh.

The convention delegates defeated by a three-fourths margin a motion to halt further receipts of federal funds by Baptist colleges under Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, on the second day of the three-day session.

The delegates tabled a motion made by the Rev. J. W. Bargiol, pastor of Truett Memorial Baptist Church at Hayesville, that the actions of the Baptist State Convention in 1967 permitting Mars Hill College to participate in a federally-financed Faculty Enrichment Program be rescinded.

The Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church, a long-time leader in the Baptist State Convention, spoke against the motion, and Dr. John M. Lewis, pastor of Raleigh's First Baptist Church, moved that the motion be tabled. His motion carried overwhelmingly.

Earlier sessions noted that approval had been granted in January by the General Board of the Convention for Chowan College to participate in a federally-financed Faculty Enrichment Program under Title III.

This means the Mars Hill contract with the federal government stays in effect under Title III and that Chowan College can continue pursuing its program of faculty enrichment which involves federal money. The convention's previously-appointed committee of 20 will continue working with this and other issues related to federal aid in Baptist colleges.

The two-year faculty enrichment plan available through Title III permits professors who work in colleges to pursue studies toward advanced degrees while Teaching Fellows from universities replace them temporarily. This program was necessary in the case of Mars Hill to win accreditation from the college's accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Mars Hill received federal funds estimated at \$140,000 over a two-year period under the Title III program. This also opened the door for other Baptist institutions to receive federal aid. Chowan now has a similar program.

Financial aid is extended to individual faculty members and in turn a Teaching Fellow from a cooperation university, financed by federal funds, is placed to teach at the college while the faculty member is on leave. Counselors from the coopera-

tion university also receive pay as consultants to work with the college faculty in upgrading its curriculum. Individual faculty members receive the funds, rather than the institution.

Baptist young people from several college campuses attracted attention as they appealed for a more person-centered, rather than appeal to evangelism, approach to social and religious problems.

These young people told curious onlookers that churchmen are not doing enough to relieve suffering and misery, or feeding physically, mentally and spiritually hungry people.

Special musical worship was presented by the Chowan College choir during closing session Wednesday.

## Secretarial students visit area hospital

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 12, advanced secretarial students Deborah Baker, Eleanor Bishop, Emma Brooks, Donna Burnette, Diane Caviness, Elizabeth Craig, Vickie Cunningham, Donna Fesperman, Linda Jenkins, Judy Keith, Rita Oden, Robin Price, Cynthia Rose, Rebecca Self, Elizabeth Stephenson, Susan Strawn, Susan Sturtevant, Cherry Whitney, and Nancy Wilson went by school bus to Ahoskie to tour the Mental Health Center and the Medical Records Room of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Straka, executive secretary of the center, explained the organization and function of the center which has recently opened. It is located in the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital complex in the Medical Arts Building.

The newly installed IBM magnetic tape typewriter in the medical records room was demonstrated by a former Chowan student, Linda Monty Long, who is employed there.



Following an afternoon's labor, comes the 'ground round'

A group of hungry laborers watch as the "cooks" prepare to feed the crew which labored on building the

"pits." How will you have it, rare or well done?

## Writing class publishes book

By GARY WHITLEY

The above title pertains to a book being published by Johnson Publishing Company here in Murfreesboro for the Creative Writing Group of Chowan College.

Bernice Kelly Harris is the instructor of the Creative Writing Group and is editor of the book. She has recently been presented with the North Carolina Award for the distinction she has given the literature of our state.

"Southern Home Remedies" has 120 pages which include 53 home remedies ranging from chapped lips to sucking thumbs. Unfortunately the Creative Writing Group cannot guarantee these remedies but can guarantee good read-