

Welcome to the North Carolina State Fair!



MISS VIRGINIA—Linda Jean Moyer is pictured by one of the many dogwood trees which line the Chowan campus. Miss Moyer is the current reigning "Miss Virginia" and participated in the recent "Miss America" contest in Atlantic City.

Chowan Coed Wins Miss Virginia Title

Denied the title of Miss North Carolina last year, 19-year old Linda Jean Moyer bounced back to become the second Chowan College coed in the past three years to capture the Miss Virginia title.

Miss Moyer competed in the 1970 Miss North Carolina pageant after winning the Miss Ahoskie crown. She won the swimsuit competition and was one of the ten finalists but missed in her bid for the top spot.

The big difference this year, according to campus friends, is in her talent presentation. Where she sang one song last year, she selected a medley of three tunes for the Miss Virginia pageant. She also danced as she sang and her final snappy rendition of the popular, "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man from Galilee" drew the applause of the audience in Roanoke.

Her comeback began when she captured the Miss Norfolk title in May. There, her talent was the same as in North Carolina. She decided on the change shortly before the state contest, held July 8-10 in Roanoke.

Although Linda's victories have excited the campus, winning beauty contests is nothing new for Chowan coeds. A second student, Sandy Rice, also appeared in the Miss Virginia pageant as the reigning Miss Virginia Beach.

Miss Rice, who is a Chowan cheerleader, will have the opportunity next year to follow the footsteps of Miss Moyer, only in reverse. While she can not be eligible for the Miss Ahoskie competition. A win there would place her in the Miss North Carolina contest.

Chowan's image as the college home of lovely beauties was also enhanced when a third coed, Doris Smith of Wilson, captured the Miss Ahoskie contest and placed high in the Miss North Carolina pageant. In Raleigh,

Has National Reputation

Dr. Robert Carter, who during the 22 years he was associated with East Carolina University developed a reputation as one of the nation's leading piano teachers, has been named to serve part-time in the Daniel School of Music within the department of fine arts at Chowan College.

Concerning his appointment, James Chamblee, chairman of the department of fine arts, said "We are extremely pleased and fortunate that Professor Carter has consented to accept this one-year appointment." He will replace Trelles Case who is on a one-year leave of absence.

Chamblee added that Carter is "very well-known in the United States."

Chowan Has Rich Heritage

Chowan College first opened its doors on October 11, 1848, as a result of the interest and influence of the Baptists of Northeastern North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia. For 62 years the institution was known as the Chowan Baptist Female Institute; in 1910 its name was changed to Chowan College.

The college was first located on the old Hertford Academy lot and it used the Banks School Building and equipment. Three years later the college moved to the McDowell Columns, a building which serves today as the campus administration headquarters.

Remained Open During Civil War

Chowan College remained open during the Civil War, although a number of southern colleges closed. By the latter part of the 19th Century, Chowan was recognized throughout the South for its high standards in scholarship and culture.

The 20th Century brought continued progress to the college by way of additional buildings and equipment and the maintaining of consistently high standards. However, due to a shortage of students occasioned by World War II, the college closed its doors in 1943. Since its reopening in 1949, Chowan has had a phenomenal growth both in enrollment and physical facilities. It also received full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1956.

Medical Secretary Students Virtually Assured of Job

An integral feature is an internship at one of the following hospitals; Norfolk General, Louise Obici Memorial in Suffolk, Pitt County Memorial in Greenville and Duke University Medical Center.

High compliments are the order of the day for the Chowan student who has advanced to her internship. Mrs. Margaret Long, who supervises their training at Duke, comments, "I appreciate the caliber of girls we are getting."

Students who enroll in Chowan's medical secretarial program are virtually assured of a job upon completion of their course, which combines classroom studies and a period of internship.

That's the word from Mrs. Pat Edwards, professor who directs the program, and Thomas E. Ruffin Jr., chairman of the business department.

"Several job offers are usually available for each girl," Mrs. Edwards explained.

SMOKE SIGNALS

STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF CHOWAN COLLEGE

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Chowan Is Blend Of 'Old and New'

A blending of the old and new is characteristic of Chowan, located in Murfreesboro, N. C. Chowan first opened its doors on October 11, 1848. The administration building, McDowell Columns, in use today, was completed in 1851. Representative of the new is modern Whitaker Library with space to shelve 100,000 volumes and seat more than 400, and South residence hall, which will accommodate 280 men.

The opening of South for the 1970-71 academic year brings to a total of eleven the number of buildings added to the campus during the administration of Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, Chowan's president since 1957. During that time the enrollment has increased from under 300 to some 1500 students and the faculty from 20 to 72 full-time professors. Chowan, a co-educational junior college, is large enough to provide the facilities, equipment, faculty and educational opportunities expected of a quality institution. At the same time it is small enough so that each student is referred to as an individual and not a number.

The emphasis is on the individual at Chowan. This is best seen in the professor's relationship to the student. The professor's basic commitment is to teaching students. Each student is assigned an academic advisor within his field of study thus assuring personal attention.

The liberal arts program offers opportunities in business, English, health and physical education, languages, mathematics, nursing, religion and philosophy, and social sciences.

In addition, an expanded fine arts program provides numerous opportunities in the fields of music, art and drama. The new Chowan Art Gallery features exhibits of professionals and students. The music program includes chapel choir, touring choir and community chorus and orchestra.

A new program is offered in the field of Spanish with Chowan co-sponsoring a summer of study at Universidad Interamericana de Monterrey, Mexico. Special features include living in a Mexican home, having a private tutor for conversation, and enjoying nearby excursions and fiestas.

Chowan also offers courses leading to employment. The business department has several secretarial programs including medical secretarial administration which prepares women for work in hospitals, doctor's offices, clinics, etc. Chowan's unique and well-known School of Graphic Arts prepares students, both men and women, for careers with newspapers and in the printing industry. It is the only school of its kind in the southeastern United States.

Entertainment and social opportunities are provided by the Student Government Association which brings to campus such groups as Kenny Rogers and the First Edition, Ides of March, Rose Colored Glass, as well as individual stars including Pat Paulsen and John Chappel presents "Mark Twain Tonight."

The emphasis on spiritual growth is also constant at Chowan, related to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. A climate of honest religious inquiry is encouraged and fostered by chapel programs, the activities of the Baptist Student Union, Religious Emphasis Week, guest speakers and informal discussions with counselors and professors.



HISTORIC BUILDING—Chowan College's famous McDowell Columns is a beautiful edifice, and is a symbol of a blending of the "old and new" at this institution. The

building, now housing administrative offices, was constructed in 1851, and served as the original college building.

\$100,000 Given Science Building

Elwood W. Parker, of Murfreesboro, and his wife, the former Elizabeth Sewell, have given Chowan College a gift of \$100,000 towards construction costs of the proposed new science-engineering facility.

Parker, a businessman and farmer who classifies himself as "semi-retired," is a former trustee of Chowan and long-time supporter. Mrs. Parker graduated from Chowan in 1929 when it was a four-year institution for women. She was a member of the annual staff and one of 36 in her class, the largest to that date in the school's history, which dates back to 1848.

Parker and Ed Brown, founded Riverside Manufacturing Company, which makes fruit and vegetable containers. It later merged with several corporations, the latest being Georgia-Pacific. They have other business and farming interests.

Parker termed the building of a new science building "essential—a must." The present facility was con-

structed in 1956 when the student body was under 300. Chowan's enrollment is now in the area of 1,500.

"It is essential that Chowan have the new science building," Parker explained. "The facility and its modern equipment will give the science students the best to be had. In this way it will help qualify them for either additional courses of study or employment when they leave Chowan."

Mrs. Parker joined her husband in calling the progress under the administration of Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President, who came to Chowan in 1957, as "wonderful."

"How fortunate we are to have Dr. Whitaker head up Chowan, which beyond a doubt is one of the finest schools in the state and region," Parker said. "He is recognized as one of the best college presidents to be found."

Parker is a long-time supporter of Chowan. He played a key role in the college's re-opening in 1949

following its closing during World War II. When efforts to reopen the college had apparently stalled, Parker made the first gift. His contribution of \$5,000 came at a meeting of the trustees in November, 1947. Before the meeting ended, \$15,000 had been raised.

He then traveled throughout the Roanoke-Chowan area at his own expense rallying support and asking for contributions.

In accepting the gift, Dr. Whitaker stated, "Mr. and Mrs. Parker have directly and effectively challenged the Chowan College community, including its many friends, industry and foundations. This sizeable gift will aid immeasurably in efforts to challenge our many friends to meet the critical need for a new science facility. To them, in behalf of Chowan College and its many supporters, far and wide, I extend our genuine appreciation and sincere gratitude. They have our heartfelt thanks for having both helped and challenged us."



SOUTH HALL—Chowan's new "high-rise" dormitory houses over 200 men on its nine floors. The structure was opened for the first

time at the beginning of the 1970-71 academic year. Providing a picturesque view from the residence hall is a recently built ten-acre lake.



NEW BUILDING—Chowan's new science-engineering facility, which is pictured in an architect's drawing, will cost one and a half

million dollars equipped. Elwood Parker of Murfreesboro, recently contributed \$100,000 towards its construction.