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Students Urged to Get Degree Here Before Transfer to Senior College



MOVING IN—Freddy Knight, a Chowan sophomore, awaits a friend to help carry packages into the dormitory as the students arrived to begin the 1972-73 academic year.

Parents Day Slated For Saturday, Oct. 7

Nineteen hundred and seventy-two is a red letter year to the faculty, staff and students of Chowan College.

Chowan is now in its 125th year of operation as a college. Since this is the 125th Anniversary, this year has been planned out with many events which will help us celebrate our heritage.

The first event will be Fall Parents Day, Saturday, October 7. In keeping with the theme of the 125th Anniversary, the members of Murfreesboro's Womaens Club have appropriately made historic Hertford Academy on Broad Street available for the Parents Day

Founder's Day Set October 11

October 11th will be observed as Founder's Day at Chowan College.

The activities will be as follows:

10:00 a. m., Convocation in Chowan College stadium with principal speaker Governor Robert Scott of North Carolina. The significance of Governor Scott speaking is that his father, Governor Kerr Scott spoke at the re-opening of Chowan College in 1949.

11:00-12:00, Reception for special invited guests.

12:15 p. m., Buffet luncheon for special invited guests.

2:00 p. m., Premiere showing of the new college film, "The Dare to Be," presented in McDowell Columns Auditorium.

2:45-5:00 p. m., Exhibition of historical artifacts of Chowan College in Whitaker Library.

2:45-5:00 p. m., Art Exhibit in Daniel Hall.

8:00 p. m., SGA Concert, Todd Rundgun.

On Founder's Day, there will be on sale copies of the 1853 College Catalog of Chowan Female Collegiate Institute and a Historical Anniversary Booklet, both for 50 cents, which is the cost of printing only.

Reception. This facility was Chowan College from 1845 until 1851, when McDowell Columns was constructed.

The day's activities will be as listed below:

Schedule of Events

10:00-11:00 a. m., "The Brave 500," bicycle race on Jones Drive.

2:00-3:30 p. m., Registration, refreshments and reception for parents, students, faculty and friends, Hertford Academy, Broad Street.

2:30-5:30 p. m., Art Exhibition, Art Gallery.

3:15-5:15 p. m., "J. B.," 1959 Pulitzer Prize Winner by Archibald MacLeish, Chowan Division of Drama. Admission, Parents \$1.00, Students, I. D. card.

4:00-5:00 p. m., Dormitory Visitation.

5:00-6:00 p. m., Dutch Dinner, \$1.00, Thomas Cafeteria, organ music by Professor Bob Mulder.

8:00 p. m., Football game, Chowan College Braves vs. Ferrum College. Admission, Parents \$2.00, Students by I. D. card.

Pregam and half-time entertainment at the football game will be provided by the Chowan College Drum and Bugle Corps and the Clinton High School Band, Clinton, North Carolina.



DEAN CLAYTON LEWIS

Coordinated Activities For Parents Day

Annual Planning Conference Features '125 Years' Theme

Chowan College's Sixth Annual Planning Conference was held Saturday, September 16, featured the theme, "125 Years With a Mission."

Chowan, founded in 1848 as the state's ninth oldest college, is celebrating its 125th anniversary during the 1972-73 academic year. The program began with registration at 9 a. m. in Marks Hall. Among those in attendance were representatives of alumni, board of trustees and board of advisors, businesses and industries, college personnel, government, civic groups, and education.

The purpose of the conference was to examine current goals and programs of Chowan College; to identify its major strengths and weaknesses and to evaluate the areas of development in the interest of the college throughout North Carolina and Virginia, according to Bobby Cross, director of development.

The welcome was given by H. D. White, chairman of the

executive committee of the board of trustees of Raleigh. Also there were messages by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan, "125 Years With a Mission"; Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college, "Looking Ahead"; Don G. Matthews, Jr. of Hamilton, general chairman, Chowan College Mission Possible Development Program, "Mission Possible in the 125th Year"; and Cross.

At 11 a. m., joint study groups were held to discuss a "plan of action to make our 'mission possible'". Cross noted. Cross said the emphasis would be on the "building, promoting, and developing plans and programs leading to leadership involvement in furtherance of the Chowan College Mission Possible Development Program."

Group leaders gave reports following the meetings of the study groups. A luncheon was held at 1 p. m. in the Thomas Cafeteria.

Cross said the planning con-

Dayton Slayter Named SGA President

By BARRY BRADBERRY
The Chowan College Student Government Association has a new leader.

Due to the resignation of David M. Talton, the former SGA president, Mr. Dayton Slayter is our new president. His other officers are Secretary, Diane Bowen, and Treasurer Vanessa Holder.

The office of vice-president will later be chosen. Slayter has already begun to rebuild the SGA and has recently conducted elections for the student legislature. The sponsor is Professor Sessoms, of the English Department.

Movies Scheduled

Movies scheduled by the Student Government Association for the fall semester are as follows:

Sept. 13, Baby the Rain Must Fall; Sept. 20, El Cid; Sept. 27, King Rat.

Oct. 4, Duffy; Oct. 11, The Wrecking Crew; Oct. 18, Our Gang; Oct. 25, RPM.

Nov. 1, A Dandy in Aspice; Nov. 7, W. C. Fields; Nov. 15, Bullet; Nov. 22, Born Losers; Nov. 30 The Shakiest Gun in the West.

Dec. 6, The Wild Angels and Dec. 13, Wild in the Streets.

Information For Voters Is Released

Do you know whether or not you need to vote by absentee ballot in the November election? You obviously do if you'll be traveling and unable to get to the polls on Election Day. But you also need an absentee ballot if you attend college in a state that requires students to vote where their parents live and you don't want to make a trip home just to vote.

Check with your local elections board or League of Women Voters if you aren't sure whether or not you can vote in your college town. (To double-check, you can call your Secretary of State or write to Youth Citizenship Fund, Inc. 2317 "M" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.)

Your local elections board or League of Women Voters can also tell you where to get an absentee ballot when you need one. And since deadlines vary from state to state, your safest bet is to do it now. (If you've already left for college and realize now that you will need an absentee ballot.

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ference is used to help the college anticipate changing needs of this area and its constituency so Chowan "may be properly prepared for them." He added that recommendations from past conferences have been incorporated into the college's master plan.

The development director said these include construction of a new library-fine arts facility, completed in 1969, new men's dormitory, opened in August, 1970, and the science building, scheduled for completion during the summer of 1973.

"Chowan's progress has been by design rather than accident," Cross noted. "Planning conferences have provided Chowan with valuable insight and guidance. They offer an opportunity for the college to take advantage of the opinions and suggestions of state and community leaders from a two-state area," he stated.



ABERNETHY FAMILY HONORED—Relatives of the late Miss Annie E. Abernethy, who wrote the words to Chowan's alma mater, were honored August 27 with a dinner and program at the college. Above, Sidney Abernethy, a brother of the song composer, (second from right) receives a framed picture of McDowell Columns with the words to the alma mater overprinted. Others pictured are, left to right, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker; Mrs. A. C. Broughton, a great niece of the composer who gave the response; Mr. Abernethy; and Dean Clayton Lewis, who made the presentation.

Relatives of Alma Mater Composer Honored Aug. 27

Relatives of the late Miss Annie E. Abernethy, who wrote the words to Chowan's alma mater, were honored at a dinner and program Sunday, August 27 at Chowan.

Family members present included four from Raleigh, Sidney Russell Abernethy, 90, a brother; Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Broughton; and Miss Katherine Cain, a great niece. Mrs. Broughton is the daughter of Sidney Abernethy and a niece of Miss Abernethy.

Others attending were Thomas H. Cain, Jr., a great nephew, of Knightdale and his wife; and Mrs. Birdie L. Flynn, a niece, of Phoenix, Arizona.

They were honored at a dinner at 6 p. m. in the President's Room of Thomas Cafeteria at Chowan to be attended by President Bruce E. Whitaker and other

college officials.

The relatives were presented at the 7:30 p. m. orientation program for new students in the college stadium. The program, scheduled as part of Chowan's emphasis on its 125th anniversary, to be celebrated during the 1972-73 academic year, will close with the singing of the alma mater. Planning has directed by Clayton Lewis, dean of students.

Miss Abernethy was born in Warren County in 1869. She wrote the lyrics to the alma mater while a student at Chowan. She graduated from Chowan, then a

four-year school for women, in 1890 and did additional work at Columbia University. She taught at Peace College in Raleigh at two different times and several other North Carolina schools.

After retirement, she lived in Henderson until moving to Oxford to reside with her brother, Sidney Abernethy. Shortly before her death in 1952 she was moved to a nursing home in Henderson.

The source of the melody of Chowan's alma mater is unknown. Its first use as a school song was at Cornell. Many other schools including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, have since adopted it.

Senior College Day Scheduled

On Wednesday, September 27, from 1 to 3 P. M., in Whitaker Library, Chowan College will again sponsor a Senior College Day Program. Representatives from 90 senior colleges and universities will be on the second floor of Whitaker Library to talk with Chowan students about transferring after the completion of two years of study at Chowan.

From 9 to 12 on the same date, high school students from Bertie, Hertford, Gates and Northampton counties will be on campus to talk with college representatives about college admission requirements. In addition, high school guidance counselors from high schools in the surrounding area of North Carolina and Virginia are expected on campus for both programs.

'J. B.' Production Set Parents Day Weekend

The Division of Drama, Chowan College, will open its 1972-73 season with "J.B." by Archibald MacLeish, scheduled for production on October 5-8 in historic McDowell Columns Auditorium. Each performance will begin with a prompt 8 p. m. curtain, except for Saturday, October 7, Parents Day at the college, when the drama will be presented at a 3 p. m. matinee.

"J.B." is the story of the Book of Job. The play's modern setting is a circus tent in which the circus performers act out the story of the sufferings of Job. "The circus ring becomes the earth, the trapeze landing becomes Heaven, and the Book of Job becomes once again all too real for the audience, an exciting theatrical event for those who attend," commented director Steve Brannon, Chowan professor.

"J.B." demands a cast of

twenty-five and a large backstage crew, all of which have been in rehearsals since September 4. The hairstyles for the show have been designed by Dennis Diefendorf (Mr. Eric) from the salon of Viadal Sassoon in New York. The make-up has been designed by Sister Monica Weis of St. Joseph's Convent in Rochester, N.Y. The set design is by Robert L. Wrenn. "This production of 'J.B.' will see the inauguration of Chowan's new stage lighting system, with a dimmer capacity of 32,000 watts and three times the number of stage lights used in previous productions," Brannon noted.

The admission to "J.B." is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students. Chowan students are admitted by ID cards. For group rates and reserved seats, contact the director, Steve Brannon, by letter addressed to the college.

When an applicant is accepted here at Chowan College as a regular or full-time student, it is automatically assumed by the Director of Admissions and or the Admissions Committee that the prospective student intends to pursue work in a curriculum which leads to a diploma or a degree. Of course, whether or not a student does this is primarily his own decision. However, we, as members of the faculty and the administration of Chowan College, strongly recommend that the student stay in a degree program and get the associates degree, whether or not he plans to continue his education at a senior institution.

We recommend completing the work for the two-year degree for two reasons primarily: First, if the student plans to complete his education after two years at Chowan College, he will have a tangible form or evidence of recognition for the completion of a particular program or curriculum, and this tangible evidence says much to a prospective employer who will want to know about the degree of success which the student has already met in his first two-years of higher education. Second, and perhaps this reason is the most important, the associates degree is becoming increasingly important if that student has any plans for continuing his education at a senior college or university. And it will be on this last reason that the remainder of this column will be focused.

For the Chowan College student who anticipates transferring to a senior college or university, we strongly recommend that he complete work for the associates degree because we know that, increasingly, the senior institutions are requiring that transfer students from the junior and community colleges hold the two-year degree before they are admitted to junior status. Accordingly, we may see this emphasis on the two-year degree as a growing trend in the admissions offices of many senior colleges and universities.

For instance, in April, 1971, the Community College System of Florida negotiated with the State University System of the same state an "Articulation Agreement" which will facilitate the movement of the states community college and junior college students into the Florida state university system. And one of the criteria for this movement from the two-year school to the university is that the prospective transferer must hold the associates degree. Florida is just one of many states with such agreements, and more such situations are in the making.

Perhaps, the most obvious reason for completing the requirements for the associates degree is that one concerned with

the actual transfer of course hours and course requirements from the two-year institution: many schools will accept an occasional 'D' grade in transfer where the student either has an over-all 'C' average or the associates degree. For instance, through the use of what is termed "Direct Transfer Agreements" many senior colleges and universities will consider accepting 'D's' in transfer if the student has earned the over-all 'C' average and or the associates degree.

For example, Radford College in Virginia, Campbell and Catawba Colleges here in North Carolina, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and East Tennessee State University will accept 'D's' in transfer if the applicant has an over-all 'C' average on all work and or the associates degree. Since over 85 per cent of our enrollment here at Chowan College does plan to transfer, this percentage should address itself early to the clear advantages of first earning the associates degree before planning to transfer to a senior institution.

For more information about this situation and others which the student may not at this time be able to anticipate, a publication, A Step Ahead, is available in the Registrar's Office which answers many of the salient questions of two-year college students as they attempt to ready themselves for a senior college or university. The reader is invited to purchase a copy of A Step Ahead and explore the many options open to him as he prepares for his admission to a senior institution.

In the next issue of Smoke Signals, we will want to look at an important item of inter-collegiate transfer: the inter-collegiate confidential reference form.

What does the senior college or university want to know about a student from the two-year college? What type of disciplinary behavior is described to a senior college admissions officer? What are some of the specific questions which a senior institution may ask an official of Chowan College about a prospective transfer student? Read this column for some interesting insights!

Amateur Radio Club Planned

Chowan student Mark Killmon is presently working through college authorities in an effort to establish an amateur radio club at Chowan College. Any student who has experience or a desire to work with amateur radio equipment and wants to start an official club at Chowan for such, contact Mark Killmon, Room 312 West Hall, P. O. Box 413.



JUST THINKING—A Chowan coed appears to be in deep thought as she looks out over the campus from the second floor of McDowell Columns.