

Obtaining Degree Urged; Advantages Are Outlined

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With more than 50 percent of the first time Freshman enrollments in higher educational institutions now being recorded (Fall, 1972) at the junior and community college level, it is evident to even the casual observer that the two-year college is an important and a vital component of the total academic scene today. It is also evident from the preceding fact that there is an increasing awareness by students, by officials in both the two-year and four-year colleges and universities, and by officials in industry that the associate degree is both a practical and a viable measure of a student's progress. If he holds such a degree from his stay at a junior college, he has demonstrated that he can achieve pre-arranged goals. The associate degree, for this student, has become tangible proof of earned recognition for the completion of a particular program or curriculum in the various disciplines, and this proof (or evidence) states much about the student's own stamina and motivation. It also states that the student has been tested under fire and found to be able to meet the initial challenges encountered in his efforts to become as productive an individual as accidents, abilities, and circumstances will allow him.

Of course, another clear advantage of the associate degree has already been discussed



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earlier in this column: that of easier transfer to senior college and universities. When a student earns his two-year degree, he has a clear-cut advantage over his peer in the two-year college who has not earned it. For instance, grades and courses, generally, transfer with greater ease, and the degree holder is more confident of receiving the best advantage in an increasingly competitive college market. He is in a more flexible position when he talks with a senior college or university admissions officer.

In essence, the advantage of holding the associate degree so much outweighs the disadvantages that the student should not consider leaving Chowan College unless he first earns his 'sheepskin'. For a student to transfer without such a degree is analogous to the person climbing a ladder who cuts off the rungs under him. He has nothing to step back to if he encounters troubles further up. SO, GET THAT DEGREE!

Reception Set For Honor Roll Students

President Bruce E. Whitaker has announced that a reception will be held in his home, Thursday, February 8, at 8:00 p.m. All students who made President's, Dean's and Honor's list are invited. Members of the faculty and administration will greet the students who are being honored by this reception. Light refreshments will be served following the reception. As in the past, President Whitaker once again is striving to show his appreciation and interest for those students who have achieved academic excellence here at Chowan. All invited students are urged to attend.

NEW FORMAT

This issue of SMOKE SIGNALS is being published in a smaller size than usual. The tabloid format is introduced with the hope that it will provide more reading ease, and it will also serve as a training tool for students in the Graphic Arts Department.

Talk-In Sessions Planned

Dean of students, R. Clayton Lewis, has announced that a series of group discussions—"Talk-ins"—has been started and will continue throughout the semester.

The "talk-ins" are informal group discussions of contemporary, controversial topics. They are held in the Askew Student Union. Six faculty members will lead six different groups in the discussions.

On January 30 the topic of discussion will be Hugh Hefner and his philosophy on pads."

May May Take Wife's Name After Marriage

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Legislation that would allow a woman to keep her maiden name after marriage and a man to take his wife's name has been introduced in the New York Assembly.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Antonio Olivieri, D-Manhattan, would authorize couples applying for a marriage license to state at that time whether they intend to adopt the last name of either partner, to keep their own names or to use a combination of the two.

The names stated on the application would become the legal names of the two after the wedding.

On February 13 the discussion will be centered around an article from Newsweek entitled "Living with Crime."

February 20's discussion will cover the hot topic of abortions.

On February 26, the discussion will be centered around Transcendental Meditation.

The discussions begin at 7:30. Anyone and everyone is invited. Try your hand at intellectual discussions; come to talk-in and listen and be heard. Who knows, you may be America's next Walter Cronkite.

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Chowan Receives Large Gift from Local Bank

Chowan College has received a "substantial contribution" from the Tarheel Bank and Trust Company to aid its "Mission Possible" development fund program to raise \$1 million toward construction of a new, \$1.2 million science-engineering facility.

"This is a significant gift to 'Mission Possible,'" remarked

Ben Sutton, Chowan's business manager. He said the contribution will cover a five-year period.

The Gatesville-based bank has offices in Winton, Murfreesboro, Lewiston and Ahoskie, Sutton noted. "The bank is located in an area from which Chowan realizes its major gift support. Both Chowan and the bank are making

a major economic impact on the area," Sutton stated.

Sutton added that Chowan draws many of its students from the area covered by the five offices of Tarheel Bank and Trust Company. He called the bank a "good neighbor" in its support of Chowan College.

Also thanking Tarheel Bank and Trust Company was Chowan's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker. "The Tarheel and Trust Company has joined other area banks, business firms and friends of the college in the Chowan College 'Mission Possible' Program to provide financial undergirding for the new science-engineering facility now under construction on the Chowan campus. It is a source of satisfaction to me personally that a "local" bank recognizes the worth to the people of our area of the program, progress, and service of Chowan College as the representative institution of the private sector of higher education in North Carolina."

He continued, "In behalf of the Board of Trustees of Chowan, The Board of Advisors and all of us who live and work on the campus of this beloved college, I express our genuine appreciation and sincere gratitude to Chairman J. K. Wyatt, Executive Vice President Robert E. Lee, and the members of the Board of Directors of the Tarheel Bank and Trust Company for their expressed concern, interest and support. To them and all our friends, I pledge, in behalf of the Chowan College community, that we will undertake to get all of the educational mileage possible out of each dollar we receive."



SNOW BLANKETS CAMPUS—Historic McDowell Columns is pictured in the seven inch snow which fell just prior to the opening of the spring semester. The snowfall was one of the largest recorded in recent years in northeastern North Carolina.

Summer Jobs

Now is the time to line up summer jobs.

Information concerning summer jobs is being posted on the bulletin board next to Mr. Collins' office.

North Carolina students who are eligible for financial aid and need a summer job may want to see Mr. Collins about a job through PACE.