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Gym Given Quarter Million



Chowan College President Bruce E. Whitaker is all smiles as he receives a pledge card from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Andy) Brown of Murfreesboro for the "Accomplishing Our Mission" campaign. With the couple is their son, David. The \$50,000 gift is the largest received to date from an individual for the drive to provide a new gymnasium-physical education center.

Planning a Career Involves Big Decisions

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There is no magic formula for developing career goals. Career planning is an ongoing process which requires a great deal of thought, self-evaluation, and career exploration.

Career choices depend on individual interests, aspirations, abilities, and experiences. Making decisions relevant to a career choice is not easy and people make these decisions at various times during their lives.

For many students courses, extracurricular activities, and summer jobs during their years at Chowan will be instrumental in helping to focus and shape career goals.

Students have the option of pursuing a liberal arts curriculum which exposes them to a broad range of academic disciplines without necessarily providing them with specific vocational skills. A liberal arts education is unique in that students are not strictly trained for a specific vocation, but are educated in a wide range of academic fields.

For example, some employers feel a liberal arts education is an excellent background for management and administrative positions in business, in-

dustry, and government, and they are willing to train students for these positions.

A bachelor's degree alone is not always a sure job ticket. Students may find it increasingly important to supplement a general curriculum with course electives such as accounting, economics, statistics, computer science, or a writing course.

Related experience outside the classroom such as volunteer work, summer jobs or internships, and field study are becoming increasingly important in helping students to decide on a field of interest, and it may help them in landing a permanent job.

The concept of a career is also changing. Current trends indicate that individuals will have three or more careers rather than irrevocable commitment to one career for a lifetime. Career choice will mean more than choosing an occupation; it will involve choosing a lifestyle as well as choosing where you will live, the people you will work with, the hours you will work, and the time set aside for leisure activities and pursuing outside interests.

Career choices are important choices and Chowan College provides its students with a variety of career materials to assist in developing career goals and preparing for that first important step into the job market and/or senior institution.

Family Donation Largest \$200,000 Gift Sets Challenge

Chowan College has received a gift of \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Andy) Brown of Murfreesboro to help the college provide its students with a new gymnasium-physical education center.

Chowan's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, said the pledge is the largest received to date from an individual to assist with the present campaign. He said it helps bring the total received in pledges and gifts to over \$634,000.

Brown is president of Northeastern Oil Co. A Murfreesboro native, he graduated from Guilford College. He is a member of the Cedar Grove Friends Church in Woodland. Brown is a member of the Murfreesboro Rotary Club and vice president of the Murfreesboro Historic Assoc.

Brown's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Brown, is serving as general chairman of Chowan's 1977-78 Annual Giving Program. His father, the late Edwin P. Brown, during his lifetime was one of the leading benefactors of the college.

Dr. Whitaker thanks the Browns for their support of "Accomplishing Our Mission," Chowan's development program to provide the new \$2 million gymnasium-physical education center.

"We appreciate their interest and involvement in this campaign. Obviously, a gift of this size is important in itself. But it is also important to Chowan because of the spirit in which it is given. It is in keeping with the tradition of a family that through the years has shown its love and devotion for Chowan."

No-Coin Washers Urged for Dorms

The Student-Faculty Relations Committee recommended that washers and dryers be installed soon in both the men's and women's dorms at its meeting Nov. 9.

The committee felt that the washers and dryers should not be coin-operated, but the cost of operation should be included in the student's activity fee. One member suggested that the machines be placed in an area supervised by a student worker.

Chairman George Hazelton agreed to look into the washer-dryer situation in the women's dorms. A student raised the question of the justice in having a washer-dryer on each floor of Belk to serve 60 students, while Jenkins has only one to serve 80 students.

The committee discussed the problem of having too many events scheduled for the same night. Some members felt events should be spread out. Others felt that campus life should give the impression that much is going on.

A challenge gift of \$200,000 from an anonymous source has been promised Chowan College to help provide a new gymnasium-physical education center.

The announcement was made by Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker and E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, national chairman of "Accomplishing Our Mission", Chowan's development program to secure a new facility.

Dr. Whitaker said the challenge gift is being given on a one-to-two basis for pledges and gifts above the \$625,000 mark. He explained that after Chowan receives the next \$400,000 in pledges and gifts, the college may anticipate receiving the \$200,000. At that point, Chowan will have received \$1,225,000 toward its \$2 million goal, the anticipated cost of the new gymnasium-physical education center.

Chowan's president said the \$200,000 gift is the "largest gift from an individual, corporation, or foundation in the history of the college."

Whitaker said he was "extremely pleased" with the amount of the gift. "This is a significant challenge gift," he noted. "It is encouraging to all of us who are working to help Chowan provide its students with a desperately needed new gymnasium-physical education center."

Whitaker said the immediate milestone goal is to reach a minimum of \$1 million by January 1, 1978. "The challenge gift makes reaching this milestone objective both doubly important and obtainable," Whitaker noted.

Hollowell said the many features of the new gymnasium-physical education center will increase Chowan's ability to train young men and women for their future lives. He said these features include three full-size basketball courts, two classrooms, weight room, wrestling room, four non-regulation courts (handball and paddle tennis), steam bath, sauna, therapy room, laundry room, and an Olympic size swimming pool.

Hollowell said he is confident Chowan will reach its \$2 million goal. "This substantial challenge gift is going to help, naturally. We believe it will encourage our many other friends who believe in the college and the important role it is playing in the field of Christian higher education," he said.

Hollowell said area campaigns are meeting success in Murfreesboro and Ahoskie. He said campaigns will also be held in the following areas: Halifax Co.; Northampton Co.; Martin Co.; Bertie Co.; Elizabeth City-Albemarle; Edenton-Hertford and Gates Co.; Rocky Mount-Tarboro; Wilson; Greenville-Washington; Henderson-Oxford; Raleigh-Triangle; Kinston-New Bern-Goldsboro; and Piedmont Triad.