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Christian Focus Week Offers Excellent Program



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Distinguished Guests Coming To Participate

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Doubtless many on the campus are asking the question: "What is this Christian Focus Week we have been hearing about?"

Briefly, it is an enlargement of the familiar Religious Emphasis Week held in the spring of each year in a Baptist denominational institution. Its purpose is "to make a definite and effective application of the Christian message to every area of college life and activity." It is, therefore, a campus-wide activity, and not one restricted to members of the Baptist Student Union, though this organization aids greatly toward its success.

The administration, faculty and student body work as a

NEW STAFF

In order that the Chowanian may always have some experienced personnel on its staff, it has been decided to elect a new staff at the end of each first semester.

The editor-in-chief will select the entire staff, he being elected by the faculty publications committee.

Grover Edwards, who has been editor-in-chief since the opening of school in September has done a superlative job, and will be student advisor to the new staff.

The new editor-in-chief, elected by the faculty committee, is Joe Sumler. Both Edwards and Sumler are Graphic Arts students. The latter is a freshman. The entire new staff membership can be found on page four.

By electing a freshman editor-in-chief at the close of the first semester each term, it is expected he will be selected from the reportorial staff, and with the experienced retiring editor-in-chief becoming student advisor, The Chowanian leadership should have the experience and desire to make this publication one of the best in the country.

High School Basketball Queen Crowned Here; Many Beauties

Heavy rain followed by snow apparently did not hinder or dampen the spirits of the 19 youthful beauties who gathered on the Chowan College campus Saturday evening, February 1, to compete for the title of "Miss Chowan High School Basketball Queen for 1958."

These lovely young ladies, accompanied by their escorts, their high school principals and their wives came from as near as Murfreesboro and as far as Nashville.

John Gill, director of college relations, was on hand with a friendly word and a handshake for each queen and her escorts as they entered the columns building. Mrs. Gill stood nearby pinning white carnations tied with blue ribbons on each queen, thus having each young lady carry the college colors.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitaker were also welcoming the guests as they arrived.

At 6:30, the guests assembled in the college dining room and after being introduced, Mike Johnson,

president of the student body, extended a most cordial welcome to all present.

Dr. Bruce Whitaker, president of the college was asked to pronounce the invocation. After again welcoming each and everyone, he evoked God's blessing upon the food and all the other activities of the evening.

After a delicious turkey dinner served by Mrs. J. F. Beamon, college dietician, and her staff, Mr. Gill introduced those who were seated at the speakers table. They were Mrs. Ross Cadle, Mrs. John Gill, Mrs. Bruce Whitaker, Mr. A. R. Burkot, dean of Campbell College and Mr. and Mrs. J. Irving Brooks.

The young ladies were then introduced. They were Jewel Snipes, Ahsokie; Ruth Leary, Chowan; Mary Ann Ricks, Conway; Ruth Stokely, Edenton; Annie Lou Billups, Enfield; Judy Hobbs, Little-

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Baptist Heritage is Subject Five Talks

"The Baptist Heritage"

A series of five Chapel talks on "The Baptist Heritage" was completed on Monday, February 17, by Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, chairman, department of science. The other speakers were The Rev. Oscar Creech, associate to the president; The Rev. John Gill, Jr., director of public relations; The Rev. Rowland Pruette, pastor of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church; and Dr. Bruce Whitaker, Chowan's president.

As Dr. Whitaker stated in his talk, it was not the purpose of these chapel meetings to attempt to persuade any student of another faith to become a Baptist, but to outline the history of the Baptist religion in order that all students and faculty members could have a better understanding of the aims and purposes of the Baptist church-related college they attend and work with.

"Baptist Beginnings"

Mr. Creech spoke on the "Baptist Beginnings", and Baptist (See BAPTIST, page 5.)

A TYPICAL DAY'S PROGRAM

- 7:00 Breakfast.
- 8:00 Class Visitation Begins.
- 11:10 Chapel Services.
- 1:00 Class Visitation.
- 4:00 to 5:30 Recreation and Personal conferences.
- 5:30 Dinner and Meeting of team and local committees.
- 6:30 Vespers.
- 7:30 Seminars.
- 9:00 Social Break.
- 10:00 Informal discussions (dormitories).

coordinating force to bring about a deeper Christian atmosphere and growth on the college campus.

On Monday through Friday, March 24-28, the campus will welcome guest speakers who will lead conferences, chapel services and vespers each day. These personalities will come from wide areas and varied fields of learning. Their utmost purpose is to prove a blessing to the students whom they will serve.

Some who have accepted the invitation given them by the Southwide Student Department are listed as follows, with brief biographical data.

Mrs. Dorothy Phillips Cansler, of Chapel Hill, who has an A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina, will be the only woman in the group. She has been director of girls and women's activities of Y. W. C. A., Petersburg, Virginia. At the present time she is working as a wife and mother. Her interest is in the general area of marriage and family. She would like to become a marriage counsellor.

Rev. Harold Cole, a native of Greenville County, South Carolina, is a graduate of North Greenville Junior College and Furman University. He received his theological training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Cole was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama, and has served on the Baptist State Executive Board of Alabama. He is now Secretary of the Baptist Student Union of North Carolina.

Claude F. Gaddy, of Raleigh, attained his A. B. degree from Wake Forest College and his

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CROWNING THE QUEEN — Miss Annie Lou Billups was crowned High School Basketball Queen by Dr. Bruce Whitaker, President of Chowan College, during halftime of the Campbell-Chowan basketball game. Shown above left to right are Dr. Whitaker, Miss Annie Lou Billups, 1958 High School Basketball Queen, Enfield; Miss Jane Laurance, second runner up, Mars Hill; and Miss Jewel Snipes, first runner up, Ahsokie.

Lots of Smoke But Little Fire

At 10:30 PM the 12th of February, the big siren on the water tower began to wail. The blast lasted several minutes. People in bed awoke and wondered where the fire was, and if it was very bad. They looked out of windows to see if there was a glow in the winter skies.

Presently the wails of smaller sirens on the Ford pumper and those of firemen's cars began to sound out. The procession halted in front of the Columns Building on the campus of Chowan College. Grey smoke was rolling out of the doorway to the basement, and it made eyes water in the spacious hillways of the old landmark. Girls were nervously standing in the cold of the February night, stamping their feet and trying to keep warm. Firemen, bustled here and there with extinguishers and electric lanterns.

Soon the cause of the smoke was discovered. An excess of coal had been banked in the firebox and it overheated causing the smoke and heat. There was no damage done, thanks to the crack Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Department, who were quickly on the campus, and to Mrs. Sybil Grymes, dean of women, whose quick acting in calling of aid saved Chowan College's pride and joy from probable serious damage.