

# THE CHOWANIAN

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## We Are Proud Of . . .

WE ARE PROUD OF BOTH Miss Frances E. White, professor of English and Religion, and Gene R. Eason of Rocky Mount, newly elected president of the Baptist Student Union.

Miss White, for several years, directed the B. S. U. activities at the college, and has been active in other student organizations on the campus. She teaches in both the departments of religion and English, as well as teaching a special course in related English in the School of Graphic Arts. Miss White received a B. A. degree at Radford College, a B. M. T. degree at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, and a M. R. E. degree at Presbyterian General Assembly Training School.

For her interest in the students and in their welfare, Miss White is extended The Chowanian's commendation.

Gene Eason, a sophomore, has recently succeeded the Rev. James Layton as President of the B. S. U. He was vice president last term, Gene is majoring in English with a minor in history. After graduating from Chowan he plans to further his education at East Carolina College.

Gene is a leader among the students at Chowan and a fine influence on the campus. The Chowanian staff extends good wishes, and congratulates Gene on his citizenship.

The support of our newspaper, and help from students and faculty, are both needed and appreciated. In the past years the attitude of the faculty and staff toward THE CHOWANIAN has been very commendable. Also, the organizations, clubs, and students have been most cooperative. Then, too, the individual aid given by our faculty advisors has been of the utmost importance to each edition.

Last year, as some of you know, THE CHOWANIAN received many very fine compliments. We all like to get a compliment once in a while and the best way to obtain this is to earn it. So, the staffers try to put out their best work and so far this effort has paid off.

Many of us think that the experience received by a staffer enables him to accept responsibility more readily. Surely, at the college age each of us should be able to shoulder a task like turning out a good newspaper once a month. And the key to this is hard work and participation in campus activities.

In this edition we want to take the opportunity to urge more freshmen to come out and become full-fledged staffers. To these new staff members will go the duty of getting THE CHOWANIAN out next year. Let's work, you freshmen, and help improve our school paper.

## Less Noise In Dorms

It has been said by some of the professors that the noise in the dorms is not as bad as it was last year. But is this statement true?

Take for instance, the other week in the "Big House" there was just as much noise, if not more, than last year. The boys there, mostly freshmen, have been running up and down the halls fighting with towels and any other available ammunition. Also, there was a lot of scuffling in the rooms and halls.

The majority of the noise was made during "quiet hours" when everyone should have been studying. Several times some of the students have walked up the steps and heard their favorite hit records coming from a good distance down the hall. We do not believe this noise is intentional, but it does disturb the students who are studying.

We don't know about all of the other students in the dorm, but some of us have some studying to do and we would like to study in quiet. The ones making a lot of noise now are making a good start for a quick exit before much longer.

## Thirteen Buildings Erected at Chowan Since Reopening

FRANKLIN — Thirteen new buildings have been erected on the campus of Chowan College at Murfreesboro since the college reopened in 1949, President Bruce Whitaker told the Franklin Rotary Club.

Enrollment at the school, located about 25 miles south of Franklin, has increased from 85 in 1949 to 455 this year.

"We hope to expand our facilities until we can accommodate 750 students," Dr. Whitaker said.

Dr. Whitaker was introduced by Professor Eugene Williams, head of Chowan's language department. Williams formerly lived 35 years in Franklin.

Dr. Whitaker said Chowan College was founded in 1848 as the Chowan Baptist Female Institute. It remained a girls' school until 1931 when the first male students were accepted.

The college became a two-year school in 1937.

First classes were held in the Mulberry Grove home of the former Dr. Godwin Cotton Moore. The home still stands between Rich Square and Ahoskie. In 1850 the college was moved to the present site in Murfreesboro.

One of the first buildings purchased cost only \$1,225, Whitaker said. The first president, Archibald McDowell, received a salary of \$750 a year. Students were charged \$100 for a five-month semester, which included room, board and tuition.

The first graduate was Miss Annie J. Ward in 1853. The son of an 1863 graduate, Miss Mary O. Parker, still lives in Emporia today.

He is Rufus Green, 93, who in 1955 donated the money for the erection of a science building on the college campus.

## Rules of the Game

"I am giving you the ball, son, naming you quarterback for your team in the game of life. I am your coach, so I'll give it to you straight. There is only one schedule to play. It lasts all your life, but consists of only one game. It is a long game with no time out and no substitutions. You play the whole game all your life."

"You'll have a great backfield. You're calling the signals, but the other fellows in the backfield with you have great reputations. They are named Faith, Hope, and Charity."

"You'll work behind a truly powerful line. End to end, it consists of Honesty, Loyalty, Devotion to Duty, Self-Respect, Study, Cleanliness, and Good Behavior."

"The goal posts are the pearly gates of heaven. God is the referee and sole official. He makes all the rules, and there is no appeal from them. There are ten rules. You know them as the Ten Commandments, and you play them strictly in accordance with your own religion. There is also an important ground rule. It is 'as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise'."

"Here is the ball. It is your immortal soul! Hold on to it. Now, son, get in there and let's see what you can do with it!"

The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. Genesis 31:49

## A Message From The President

It is my privilege again through our newspaper to welcome you to the campus of Chowan College. My hope is that this will prove to be a good year for each and every one of you on every level of life and activity. At the outset, I want to challenge our student body to make this a "friendly campus". If we maintain a warm, friendly and congenial campus atmosphere, each new day will prove to be a challenging and joyful one. Moreover, I want our college family to be considerate and friendly in all contacts with permanent residents of Murfreesboro, as well as with visitors who are frequently on our campus.

I want to congratulate you upon your choice of Chowan College as the institution where you will pursue your higher educational experience. You have chosen well. Chowan College is a church-related institution; it is one of the seven colleges owned and supported by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which Convention owns and controls its institutions through the Board of Trustees who are elected by it for four-year terms of service.

Moreover, Chowan is a Christian college of Liberal Arts. We are justly proud of our two vocational or terminal programs of Graphic Arts and Secretarial Science. Your institution is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. If you choose a course of study, and pursue it for four years, you will not lose any credits when you transfer from Chowan College, as a two-year institution, to a four-year college or university.

Please let me challenge you to a year of academic stewardship. Put the best you have into study, work and play. Make it your goal to gain at least one true friend this year, which there is no more priceless possession. Henry Churchill King, *The Laws of Friendship, Human and Divine*, has said that the basis of friendship is fourfold: (1) integrity, breadth and depth of personality; (2) some deep community of interests; (3) mutual self-revelation and answering trust; and, (4) mutual self-giving. There is no greater capacity than the capacity to grow, and be a friend. The greatest gift from man to man is friendship. There is nothing you need more than friends. These needed friends are both human and divine.

Come to my office when I can help you. I want to get to know each and everyone who is a part of the Chowan College family. And remember, let us make this a friendly campus.

—Bruce E. Whitaker, President

## Work Cut Out For Staff

We, the staff members of THE CHOWANIAN, realize the importance of our assignment this year. It is important to each of us that we continue to get out an attractive and interesting edition each month.