

Why a New Library?

By FRED A BRITT

I remember a saying that went: "A man is what he reads." Maybe the author of that very true statement would not mind if I add: The environment in which he reads is also important. This added statement is especially true in this part of my life — college.

Since I began college, the library has become a real focal point in my study life. Besides finding a wealth in great literature, I find in the library a peaceful and quiet atmosphere in which to study. Many of the students come to study in the library due to the dormitory conditions. Some come because they have found study habits in the library, but whatever their reason — they are coming. Our library is crowded.

Chowan College has a fine library, with many fine volumes. That is fine for the time when Chowan was a Female Institute with only a handful of students. Now Chowan has over seven hundred students and all the build-

ings have become extremely crowded. Not only is there a lack of space for students but also for books, for magazines, and for librarians to do their work.

There is, indeed, a great need for a new library. This fact is realized by students, as well as faculty members. A new library would encourage me to spend more time studying there. An improved section for magazines would help me in preparing for term papers. Oh, there are so many improvements that could be made that would encourage all students to make better use of their library.

What would a new library mean to me? It would be a challenge — a challenge in better study, in more reading! I believe this challenge would not be for one student, but for many.

Paul told Timothy to study hard so that he would be a workman not ashamed in God's eyes. We don't want to be ashamed of our place of study. We need a new library!



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!—Walk into the Chowan College Development Program office and take a look at some real working people . . . all busy at making a success of the \$900,000 building campaign now under way. With John C. Gill, Jr., director of development, aiding the promotion proceedings—when he is not in the field securing pledges with area volunteers—the office hums throughout every day. Desks, and tables converted into desks, are crowded with the multiplicity of forms, papers, letters, records and pledges that are prepared, mailed, recorded and filed by the three young ladies in the picture. They are, left to right, Mrs. Betty Morrisette, wife of the dean of the college and mother of two; Mrs. Louise Rowland, Chowan alumna, whose husband is now in college; and Mrs. Marie McBride, wife of the public relations director and also mother of two. When the campaign is completed, much of its success can be credited to these three attractive workers.



THE DEAN AT HIS DESK

First Semester May Be A-Okey

All in all, the first semester of the 1961-62 college term has been most successful, according to Dean of the College W. Clayton Morrisette.

Since few things are perfect, the Dean reports a number of students on academic probation following the recent grading period. He has great hopes the majority of these students will work very hard to pull their grades up.

Among the finer things Dean Morrisette reported were: Outstanding good behavior of the students during this first semester; out of a total enrollment of 701 in September, only about 30 students have dropped out; there are approximately 40 applications for admission to the second semester or spring term.

As to behavior habits, the Dean and his associates in the control of student affairs, are taking considerable pride in most students not only acting as sensible grownups, but in their cooperation with the student government; in caring for furniture and other equipment,

as well as in their general, good deportment.

The low percentage of dropouts speaks well for Chowan. The fact that more have applied for admission than the dropouts number would indicate much helpfulness has been created by the Dean's "Advisor Program" which was inaugurated at the beginning of the term. Students are being given direct, individual guidance and assistance where needed.

Dean Morrisette said to THE CHOWANIAN reporter: "My staff and I wish for every student a most merry and joyful holiday vacation. We look forward to each one returning in January."

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FOUR THINGS

Four things in any land must dwell,

If it endures and prospers well:

One is manhood true and good;

One is noble womanhood;

One is child life, clean and bright;

And one an altar kept alight.

—Author unknown

Many Hands Help Campaign Drive

Busy — Busy — Busy! is the word for the **Development Program Office** which is the hub of the current **Chowan College Campaign** to raise funds for two urgently-needed buildings—a new library and an adequate classroom - administration building.

From this center of operations there goes out daily to the **Campaign Unit** leaders a stream of materials—reports, brochures, lists of prospective donors, and many other items needed by the Unit workers. The number of these workers has grown steadily during the past few weeks as the **Campaign** organization has been taking its final form.

Counties Organized

As one might expect, the counties closer to the college have been organized more completely than those further away from Chowan. For example, the **Hertford County Unit** has well over 60 persons participating in the drive. The top steering committee of this Unit is composed of: H. K. Burgwyn, Murfreesboro, chairman; Oscar Creech, Ahoskie, special gifts chairman; The Rev. Rowland Pruette, Murfreesboro, pastor chairman; and Joe Parker, Ahoskie, public relations chairman.

The comparable committee in **Bertie County** is made up of: Dr. W. H. Wynns, Powellsville, chairman; Mrs. C. W. Beasley, Colerain, special gifts chairman; The Rev. E. Len Weston, Windsor, pastor chairman; and Mrs. R. C. White of Windsor and Cohen Parker of Aulander are working in public relations.

Mrs. J. Grady Bridgers of Jackson is chairman of the **Northampton County Unit**. Top leaders working with her are: Dr. Raleigh Parker, Woodland, special gifts chairman; The Rev. J. L. Walter Moose, Seaboard, pastor chairman; and Perry Martin, Rich Square, public relations chairman.

The three Units listed above are together designated as **Campaign Area One** and the overall chairman is Russell P. Martin of Ahoskie, superintendent of Hertford County schools.

Campaign Area Two

Campaign Area Two is composed of three Units also—**Halifax, Nash-Edgecombe**, and

the **Neuse River Unit**. Chairman of the Halifax group is Ike Rochelle of Roanoke Rapids. His associates on the steering committee are: Edwin Branch, Enfield, special gifts chairman; The Rev. B. M. White-Hurst, Roanoke Rapids, pastor chairman; and W. D. Harden, Scotland Neck, public relations chairman.

The **Nash-Edgecombe Unit** is piloted by Larry Eagles of Tarboro. Other steering committee members are H. D. White, Rocky Mount, and Dr. J. G. Raby and W. J. Batemen, both of Tarboro, special gifts co-chairmen; The Rev. Lowell Sodemman, Rocky Mount, and The Rev. Stanley Howard, Tarboro, pastor co-chairmen; and A. L. Brandon, Rocky Mount, public relations chairman.

Leon Mills of Wilson, who was recently elected by the **Baptist State Convention** to term of service on the **Chowan College Board of Trustees**, is presiding over the work of the **Neuse River Unit**.

In **Area Three**, the **Martin County Unit** is headed by Urbin Rogers of Williamston, with Bruce Wynns, also of Williamston, as the top leader in the special gifts solicitation. The Rev. Gordon Conklin, a Chowan trustee who is pastor of the **Williamston Memorial Baptist Church**, is pastor chairman for the unit. The **Pitt County Unit** and the **Southeastern Unit** (Washington, New Bern, etc.) are scheduled to be operated on a slightly different basis.

Campaign Area Four

Campaign Area Four has as its overall chairman, another Chowan trustee, J. Ed. Ferebee of Camden. Within the Area, Mrs. Walter Ward of Corapeake is serving as the **Gates Unit** chairman. P. L. Hoffler of Gatesville and F. H. Rountree of Sunbury are special gifts co-chairmen; The Rev. Donald Stewart, Gates, is pastor chairman; and A. C. Newsome, Gatesville, is public relations chairman.

Also within the same Area, the **Chowan-Perquimans Unit** is chaired by Nick George of Edenton. On his committee are also: Carroll Holmes, Hertford, special gifts chairman; and The Rev. Norman Harris, Hertford, pastor chairman. Chowan trustee Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City is chairman of the

Unit of the same name, and Dr. R. W. Kicklighter, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Church in Elizabeth City and another trustee of the college, is pastor chairman.

The general Unit which covers those parts of North Carolina which are not specifically mentioned in other Units is under the direction of State Senator John R. Jordan, Jr. of Raleigh, a Chowan alumnus.

A **Campaign Executive Committee**, chaired by Don G. Matthews, Jr. of Hamilton, has been giving direction to the important efforts of these volunteer workers and the many others who have been enlisted in various communities. Working with Matthews in this capacity are: The Rev. Felix Arnold, Enfield; Edwin Branch, Enfield; E. R. Evans, Ahoskie; J. E. Ferebee, Camden; George Gibbs, Murfreesboro; Russell P. Martin, Ahoskie; Dr. Raleigh Parker, Woodland; The Rev. Rowland Pruette, Murfreesboro; Charles L. Revelle, Sr., Murfreesboro; The Rev. Isaac Terrell, Ahoskie; and H. D. White of Rocky Mount.

This **Campaign** organization was carefully developed over a period of more than two months and is now engaged in intensive solicitation within most of the designated areas. **Campaign** leaders have been greatly encouraged thus far by the already apparent willingness of the many friends of **Chowan College** to have an active and generous part in this Development effort. The goal of \$900,000 represents a tremendous challenge for the people of Eastern North Carolina. Still, all signs are pointing to success in this significant effort and it is anticipated that the early days of the **New Year** will be celebrated with a **Victory Dinner**.

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OF THIS AND THAT

Drive so that your driver's license will expire before you do.

There is no substitute for the good neighbor.

Most young couples have a plan for the future—it's called the installment plan.