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He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof, saying the beholding of them with their eyes?

—Eccl. 5:10. 11

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Best Wishes to Graduates

In September, 1963, some 514 students enrolled as freshmen at Chowan College. Each of these was qualified—on the basis of past performance, a test score, etc.—to make of college life a learning experience. The faculty members found at Chowan were well qualified—on the basis of academic training and past experience—to teach those subjects for which they were responsible. Yet, each of these students was told that one vital ingredient remained to be measured: the motivation, the sense of purpose which each had brought with him or would acquire en route.

This vital ingredient has now been measured, with varying results. A large percentage of the 514 soon discovered that they could muster no motivation or purpose; that their interest—if discovered at all—lay elsewhere than in college. Their education at Chowan terminated in withdrawal. Several others kept the educational goal in mind, but, for various reasons, transferred to other institutions of higher learning. A few were academic failures.

Approximately 200 of that initial 514 will don academic caps and gowns on May 30 and receive appropriate recognition for having completed the tasks which they assigned for themselves. Some of these will continue their education in senior colleges or universities. Some will find job placement. Some will follow up May graduation with June wedding bells. Wherever you go, we will follow your undertakings with great interest and sincere best wishes.

You are these 200. Wherever you may find yourselves in the years ahead and at whatever tasks you may be engaged, I hope you will reflect upon these three things:

1. Motivation, a sense of purpose, that which has carried you to this point in life—in whatever degree it may "possess you"—is not a lesson or possession that is attained once-for-all. The necessity of maintaining a sense of purpose will follow you all the days of your life. To the extent that you neglect it or reject it you will be a failure as a person.

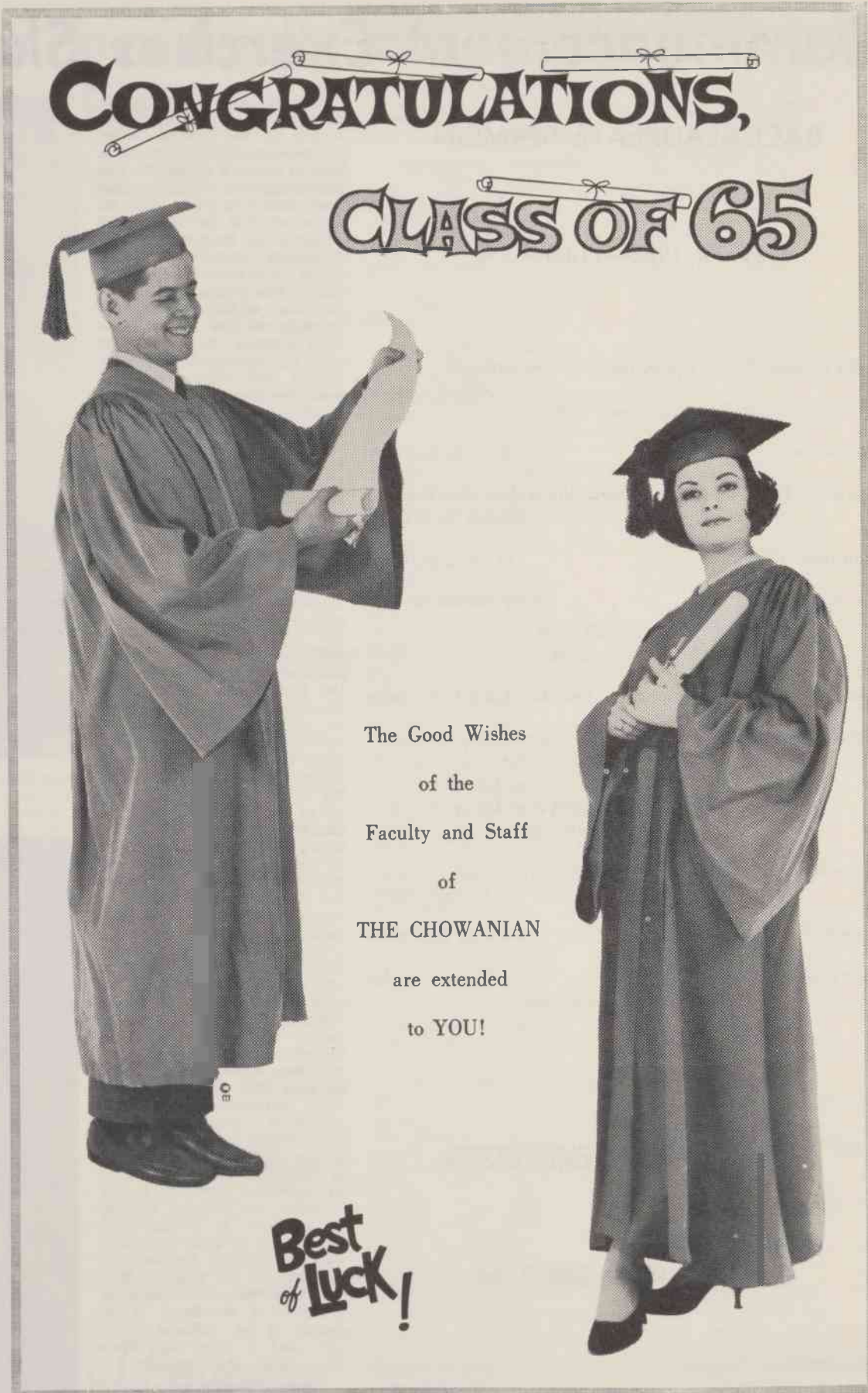
2. If you are among those who have managed to reach graduation, but have really given very little of yourself to the task; if you have done just enough to get by, remember: life ahead will demand more of you, not less. Be prepared to give more. Or else, do not be unduly surprised if you find life less rewarding than you had anticipated.

3. Chowan College has sought to be a nurturing community. With respect to learning Chowan has sought to open up new vistas of knowledge in such areas as humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, the fine arts. With respect to faith, there has been the ever-present possibility of enriching and developing the life of the spirit, a possibility which the College has advanced unashamedly. None of us is so naive as to believe we have been 100 per cent successful! What you have done with learning and with faith has been pretty much what you wanted to do.

A candidate for graduation is much too close to the stresses, tensions, and agonies of college days to be able to evaluate his experience with any suitable degree of objectivity. When, in the years to come, you are able to make this kind of evaluation, it is my hope that you will be able to say: "Chowan College was, for me, what she indicated she intended to be." If this proves so, we will not have failed you, nor you, us.

Through all the years to come, I am confident we can count on you for interest in and support of your Alma Mater.

—Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker



The Good Wishes
of the
Faculty and Staff
of
THE CHOWANIAN
are extended
to YOU!

How True, How True!

Recently a copy of THE CHOWANIAN was sent to the Associated Collegiate Press at the University of Minnesota for criticism. Their critique is most interesting.

In all areas, save one, the critique was complimentary. THE CHOWANIAN had excellent photography, good planning as to layout, fine printing, outstanding departmental features.

The area of criticism was and we quote: "There was little actual news of a current nature. Since you come out once a month, emphasis would be best on upcoming events, in order to keep news from being hopelessly dated."

Of course we know this criticism is sadly true, but the blame lies at the doors of the students and the faculty. Since last September advisors for THE CHOWANIAN have begged, pleaded, and even had the President of the college urge students and faculty to cooperate in furnishing news to THE CHOWANIAN staff members. Particularly at fault are the officers of the various campus organizations.

We look ahead to 1965-66 session and hope that incoming students will have a greater interest than has been the case during 1964-65.

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