

# Campus doubles size

The Chowan College Board of Trustees set machinery in motion to double the size of the school's campus during semi-annual sessions held recently, authorizing the administration to purchase 120 acres of land near its campus.

The 120 acres, known as the Bryant farm, adjoins the campus to the south and will bring its total size to 240 acres.

The board also approved a record \$2 million budget for the 1968-69 year at its semi-annual joint meeting with the board of advisors, and took part in the dedication of two campus facilities—Whitaker Library and Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts.

The addition would provide expansion room for the college which has continuously increased enrollment since 1956.

The expansion would be the largest single land acquisition in the 121-year history of the school, which began with a single building and a small plot of land.

Negotiations between the owners and the school administration for the property have been underway off and on for some time.

The trustees did not release a figure on how much was authorized for the purchase of the

land. Chowan president Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker said the action was believed by the board of trustees "to be in the best long-range interest of the college" both for future expansion and protection of the school's present interest.

He said the action had been under consideration for years and that the trustees, "feeling it was now in the college's best interests, launched out in this step to guarantee further carefully planned, systematic development of Chowan."

The board approved the record \$2,060,000 budget recommended last July by its executive committee.

Salary increases for the school's faculty, the \$850,000 for the two new facilities dedicated recently, and general escalation of academic costs on every side are represented in the new budget which was increased from \$1.9 million in 1967-68.

Anticipated expenditures include \$702,150 for instructional expenses; \$234,350 for administrative and general expenses; \$151,000 for plant maintenance; \$450,000 for auxiliary expenses; \$56,000 for special activities; and \$125,700 for scholarships and grants.

## Federal loan is granted for high-rise dormitory

Chowan College will receive a \$925,000 federal loan to finance construction of a nine-story dormitory which will be the tallest building in the Roanoke-Chowan region. First District Rep. Walter B. Jones has announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development is making the funds available on a long-term, low-interest rate through its college housing program.

College officials report that the high-rise structure, to be on a plot near the school's baseball field, will house 288 male students.

Plans call for construction to begin in 1969 and it is hoped that the dormitory, which will include recreation and lounge areas, will be ready for occupancy in 1970.

In addition to the HUD loan, the college will add \$25,000 to complete construction and furnish the facility.

This dormitory is the next step in the school's long-term \$10 million development program.

Most of the funds to meet the college's goal are expected to come from gifts, but the college expects to raise a quarter of the total amount through grants and loans, such as the one received for this high-rise dormitory.

## Another record enrollment begins classes at Chowan

A record enrollment of 1,326 students, registering for classes August 28, has begun the 1968-69 year at Chowan.

College officials reported that growth in enrollment and facilities during recent years has shown a steady increase and, although a record, this is only slightly more than 1,292 students registering last year and 1,234 two years ago.

Freshmen and transfer stud-

ents account for 844; sophomores and returning students 449; nursing students at Duke Hospital in the final session of Chowan's 33-month program of education for nursing, 12; and there are 21 students in other classifications.

New enrollment records have been established by almost every semester since 1957, according to statistics released by the Registrar's Office.



## Dedication ceremonies pay tribute to leadership

Delivering a stirring dedicatory address, Claude F. Gaddy spoke to multitudes of people crowding into Chowan College's football stadium for services of dedication for Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts and the Whitaker Library. A Baptist layman who has served in numerous leadership positions throughout the southeast for many years, Gaddy is a member of the college's board of advisors who serves as senior vice-president of Gaddy Real Estate Company in Raleigh and whose many positions of leadership include service as acting general secretary-treasurer for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Impressive dedication ceremonies were held along with semi-annual sessions of the college's board of advisors and its board of trustees. Those joining Gaddy on the program included H. Douglas White of Rocky Mount, chairman of trustees; Dr. Ben C. Fisher of Raleigh, executive secretary for the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who delivered the dedicatory prayer; Rev. Oscoar Creech of Ahoskie, former acting president and director of development who is the only "Honorary Life Trustee" ever elected by the college's trustees; Mayor Ricard T. Vann of Murfreesboro; and Irwin Belk of Charlotte, chairman of the college's board of advisors, who presided.

## Contributions of Daniel and Whitaker families honored during ceremonies

Challenging other colleges to join Chowan in creating "A society not crushed by defeat but filled with vibrant enthusiasm, Claude F. Gaddy called developments of the past decade at Chowan College "A modern miracle, such as can be seen nowhere else in the world."

He delivered the main address for Thursday afternoon ceremonies dedicating the campus recently-completed Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts and the Whitaker Library.

The college's board of advisors member and former acting general secretary-treasurer for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina credited the "modern miracle" to devotion and dedicated service from "leaders such as the late Professor Jeannette Snead Daniel, President Bruce E. Whitaker and their families."

Ultra-modern Daniel Hall, containing space and the most up-to-date equipment for music, drama and the arts, was named in memory of Professor Daniel—wife of long-time state senator Walter E. Daniel of Weldon. The college's music department has for many years been known, in tribute to the late Professor Daniel, as the Daniel School of Music.

The Whitaker Library was named in tribute to the administration since 1957 of Dr. Whitaker as president of Chowan College. He led the college from an enrollment of 235 students and less than \$1 million in total

assets to its present plant evaluation of \$6 million, with 10 modern campus structures being added during the past decade.

This three-story library, to shelve 100,000 volumes, contains seats in several reading areas for more than 400 students and faculty. It also contains an Antiquities Room for articles of historical interest to the college and region.

Unique programs of Christian higher education, as well as these which have stood the test of time, were credited by the senior vice-president of Raleigh's Gaddy Real Estate Co., to "President Whitaker, who has given—and is giving—his life to Chowan college."

Irwin Belk of Charlotte, president of Belk Stores and former state senator who is chairman of the college's board of advisors, presided and commended Dr. Whitaker for serving longer than any other 20th century Chowan president "indeed playing the leading role in the life of this great institution as he worked for the welfare of its students."

Introducing the featured speaker was H. Douglas White of Rocky Mount, chairman of the college's trustees, who had the Daniel and Whitaker families "stand for a moment, so that you may be accorded proper recognition" by a capacity crowd in the college's football stadium.

Naming of fine arts facilities was made possible by Dr. Donald Snead Daniel of Richmond, a

member of the college's board of advisors who has contributed financial support to Chowan, on behalf of himself and other children of Professor and Senator Daniel.

Other children are Mrs. Jeanette Daniel Dunn, Scotland Neck; Louis Poteat Broadus Daniel, New Bern; Mrs. Narcissa Daniel Hargroves, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. W. E. Daniel, Jr., Charlotte; John Wallace Daniel, Raleigh.

President Whitaker is the son of Mrs. F. A. Whitaker of Cleveland County, and the late Mr. Whitaker. His wife is the former Esther Adams of Conover, now a professor of Religion and English at Chowan, and they have two sons: 15 year-old Barry Eugene and nine-year-old Garry Bruce.

Other program personalities included Dr. Ben C. Fisher of Raleigh, executive secretary for the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and Rev. Oscar Creech of Ahoskie, former acting president and director of development who is the only "Honorary Life Trustee" ever elected by the trustees.

Student Government Association President Emmitt F. Totty of Chesapeake, Va., received the afternoon's longest and most rousing applause when he thanked the Daniel and Whitaker families for making possible the type education given Chowan's students, "teaching us not only how to make a living, but how to live."