

Board of Advisors Offered Challenge

Chowan's Board of Advisors were challenged to help the college reach its 1974-75 Annual Giving Fund minimum goal of \$50,000 during their recent meeting.

Meeting in the office of Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker, the advisors were told by Bobby Cross, Director of Development, that \$31,000 has been raised through gifts and pledges.

He thanked them for their support, both through their own contributions and contacts with potential donors. Cross asked advisors to help the college receive an additional \$19,000 by May 31 in order to reach the goal. He explained the \$50,000 is a budgeted source of income and

Chowan needs to raise that amount to operate in the black for the 17th consecutive year.

Foundation Proceeds

In another financial matter, Dr. Whitaker announced that the college received over \$7,000 in interest in 1974 from the Grady D. Askew Foundation. He said proceeds from the foundation are divided equally among Chowan, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, and Harrellsville Baptist Church.

Dr. R. Hargus Taylor, Chaplain, reported on progress on the major renovation of McDowell Columns' auditorium-chapel. The \$100,000 project will include central air-conditioning and heating, seats, carpet, and lighting and sound system.

Memorial Gifts

He stated the college will solicit memorial gifts to help underwrite the cost of renovation. He said 600 seats will be installed in the chapel-auditorium. The work is expected to be completed this August prior to the opening of the fall semester for the 1975-76 academic session.

The spring semester enrollment picture was presented by Dean of Students Clayton Lewis, who reported a student body of 908 students from 19 states and 17 foreign countries. He said he was "very pleased" with the spring semester enrollment.

Additional Funds

Business Manager Ben C. Sutton, reported on the efforts of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to secure additional funds for needy North Carolina students attending the 39 representative colleges. Sutton suggested that the advisors express their interest by contacting their area state representatives and senators.

Participating in the discussion was J. Guy Revelle, Sr., state representative of Conway, a member of the Appropriations Committee of the North Carolina General Assembly.

New Members

Revelle is one of three new members of the Board of Advisors welcomed by Advisors' chairman, Dr. Melvin Kunkle of Portsmouth, Va. The other new members are Henry S. Johnson, Jr., of Hamilton, and State Representative Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., of Ahoskie.



R. EARL PARKER

ALUMNUS NAMED TO VICE-PRESIDENCY

R. Earl Parker, Chowan College alumnus, Class of 1960, has been named vice-president of Pension Administration at The Life Insurance Company of Virginia. Parker joined Life of Virginia's actuarial staff in 1962, was named actuarial associate eight years later, and was elevated to his most recent post as manager of the Pension Administration Division in 1971. A native of Pendleton, Parker and his wife, Katherine, have a daughter, Emily, and reside in Mechanicsville, Va.

President of Chowan Named to 'Who's Who'

Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, Chowan president, has been named to the 1974-75 edition of *Who's Who In America*.

He is one of two presidents of the seven colleges related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to be named. Wake Forest's president, Dr. Ralph Scales, has also received the honor.

Dr. Whitaker has previously been listed in *Who's Who In the South and Southwest*, *Who's Who In American Education*, and a number of other professional and honorary volumes.

During his 17-year presidency, Dr. Whitaker has received numerous other honors including "Tar Heel of the Week" by Raleigh News and Observer, Murfreesboro Exchange Club's "Outstanding Citizen for 1961," "Boss of the Year" by Mur-

freesboro Jaycees, 1971, and "Boss of the Year" by North Carolina Jaycees in 1971-72. He is known as the dean of the state's active Baptist college presidents.

Inclusion in the edition is automatic to members of the U. S. Congress, members of the President's Cabinet, Federal judges, and all state attorneys general, among others. As in the case of Dr. Whitaker, admissions is also based on individual achievement. The editors note, "to be elected on this basis, a person must have accomplished some conspicuous achievement—something that distinguishes him from the vast majority of his contemporaries."

"To be admitted to the pages of *Who's Who In America* is an honor accorded to only a select group of persons," state the editors.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT—Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker shows Sears-Roebuck Foundation spokesmen, Doug Cox, left, and Leroy Spivey, a statement of financial support the college has received from individuals and groups. The men delivered a check for \$1,000 representing an

unrestricted grant to the college from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Dr. Whitaker said the gift has been applied to Chowan's Annual Giving Fund. Cox is the Sears authorized sales merchant in Murfreesboro and Spivey manages the Sears store in Roanoke Rapids.

Sears' Grant Aids Education

Grants totaling more than \$47,600 have been distributed to 39 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, a spokesman stated recently. In Murfreesboro, Chowan received an unrestricted grant of \$1,000.

The 39 colleges and universities are among almost 1,000 private accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,300,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1974-75

academic year. Funds may be used unrestrictedly as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of special-purpose programs in elementary, secondary, higher, and continuing education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of almost \$2,750,000 in 1974 for its education activities.

Graduates Succeed After Transfer

Chowan students transfer to many senior colleges and one which is attracting a growing number of former students is Elon, reports Barry Bradberry, senior. He graduated from Chowan with an Associate of Arts degree in pre-law in 1973. Bradberry told Chowan's Director of Admissions, E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., (photo, right) that a number of former Braves played instrumental roles on the Elon team that finished with a 10-1 record and district playoff berth. Elon starters who once played for the Braves include three from the offense, Martin Page, Richlands, quarterback; Tim Kelly, guard, Charlotte; and Andy Smith, Dunn, tackle; and two defensive tackles, Jerry Goney, Portsmouth, Va., and Ricky Locklear, Fairmont. Another former Brave, Eddie Brooks, Fairmont, will be promoted to the varsity team this year after receiving a year of seasoning on the scout squad. Page three for four touchdowns in one game, recalled Bradberry, who said the former students meet periodically for fellowship and to rehash memories of their days at Chowan College. "We appreciated Chowan when we were here by more so today," noted Bradberry, who said the students are also pleased with Elon.

