

Reynolds Foundation Gives \$25,000 Toward Gym Construction

Chowan College has been awarded a \$25,000 grant by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem to assist in the construction of a gymnasium-physical education center, it was announced recently by President Bruce E. Whitaker.

The Reynolds Foundation, which was established in 1936, is restricted by charter to making grants to non-profit institutions and organizations in the State of North Carolina. Through the years, the Foundation has made grants in 91 of the state's 100 counties.

The new facility will replace the present gym, which Dr. Whitaker called "overcrowded and inadequate." It was built in 1954 for a student body of 300. Chowan now has an enrollment of some 1,000 students.

Whitaker said Chowan appreciates the support of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in helping to provide for the cultural and physical needs of both the college community and entire area and region.

"A new gymnasium-physical education center is an urgent need for Chowan's students," remarked Whitaker. "Through its gift, the Foundation is helping Chowan increase its service to its students in the area of academics, physical fitness, and recreation. But the Foundation is also

helping Chowan meet the needs of the area and region for a facility for cultural, religious and civic events."

Continued Dr. Whitaker, "Thousands of people, including our students and citizens of the area and region, will benefit from the new gymnasium-physical education center. We appreciate the Foundation's support and continuing interest in helping Chowan serve the needs of many different individuals and groups."

Whitaker said the grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation also will provide momentum for Chowan's "Accomplishing Our Mission" campaign. "We must now continue to move forward to reach the minimum \$2 million goal. Many gifts, from many different sources, will be required to reach our goal and finance construction of the new facility," he said.

Whitaker said the features of the new gymnasium-physical education center include three full-size basketball courts, two classrooms, weight room, mini-gym, four courts for handball and paddle tennis, steam bath, sauna, therapy room, laundry room, and an Olympic size swimming pool.

Whitaker said the facility will provide 63,000 square feet of space and seating for up to 5,000 people.

Grad Wins Photo Awards

Free-lance photographer Joe Parker, of Rappahannock Academy, Va., and a 1977 graduate with an Associate Degree in Photography, recently won three awards at the 80th Annual Convention of the Professional Photographers of Virginia in Arlington.

Parker, among 90 photographers who submitted over 450 photographs, was awarded two blue ribbons. One was for a photograph of the interior of the Mosque in Richmond in the architectural photography category. The other was in the pets and animals category, a closeup of two purple martins.

He was also awarded a white ribbon in the pictorial category for a photo of a fawn silhouetted at sunset.

Parker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Parker of Rappahannock Academy.

Top Golfers Sign For Chowan Team

Roanoke Rapids High School's top two golfers last season have signed to play on Chowan's golf team.

Coach Bill Sowell said Thomas Wheeler, Jr., and Odie "Butch" Griffin, Jr., who alternated between the no. 1 and no. 2 positions last year on Roanoke Rapids' team will play for the Chowan team.

Sowell said three sophomores will return including the team's medalist last year, Bobby Sears of Murfreesboro. Other veterans are Greg Ailsworth of Keysville, Va., and Tim Martin of Chesapeake, Va. Sears has won a number of tournaments this summer including the East Coast Junior Invitational Golf Tournament in New Bern.

Sowell said the two new golfers are two handicap players and together with the three returning lettermen should give Chowan a strong team in 1979.

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Linda S. Nelms . . . of Suffolk, Va., will serve in her native state in her new position with Chowan as Associate Director of Admissions.



K. Douglas Gatewood . . . a graduate of the Class of 1976, has returned to his alma mater as Associate Director of Admissions.

D. Gatewood, Linda Nelms Join Staff In Admissions

Kenneth Douglas Gatewood, class of 1976, has been appointed Assistant Director of Admissions and assumed his duties with the college on August 1, and replaces Neal Peterson, who resigned recently to join a Virginia pharmaceutical firm as a sales representative.

In making the announcement, Dean Clayton Lewis stated that "Gatewood will represent Chowan throughout the state of North Carolina, and we are quite pleased that he has returned to serve his alma mater." The Dean of Students further related that "Doug Gatewood is indeed committed to the purpose of Chowan College."

The new admissions representative received the B. S. degree in business administration from Atlantic Christian College. While a student at Chowan, Gatewood was active in intramural sports and various campus organizations.

Prior to accepting the Chowan post, Gatewood was employed as a group leader for the Youth Conservation Corps.

Miss Linda Sue Nelms of Suffolk, Va. has been employed as Assistant Director of Admissions. While her responsibilities vary from recruiting to interviewing prospective students and their parents, her primary concern will be to acquaint college-bound Virginians with the benefits available to students who study at Chowan College. She will represent Chowan at most of the college and career day programs sponsored by the secondary schools in Virginia.

Miss Nelms is a recent graduate of Elon. "She has a pleasant personality," said Dean Clayton Lewis. "I am impressed by her enthusiasm." Her hobbies include swimming, (During the past summer she served as coordinator of the swimming program sponsored by the Red Cross in Suffolk.), arts and crafts, biking, tennis, racketball, cooking and music.

EDITOR'S QUOTE BOOK

No man is quite sane. Each has a vein of folly in his composition—a slight determination of blood to the head, to make sure of holding him hard to some one point which he has taken to heart.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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