

Trustees approve \$8 million budget

Chowan College trustees adopted a budget of \$8,010,000 for 1984-85 during their semi-annual meeting September 10 in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker.

The trustees met jointly with the Board of Advisors. The budget for 1983-84 was \$7,825,000.

Dr. Whitaker reported that the college concluded the past academic year operating in the black for the 26th straight year. He said many groups and individuals made this possible through their contributions to the college, to include the Annual Giving Fund.

He commented, "This achievement over the years could not have been done without the increasing support of North Carolina Baptists through the Cooperative Program."

Reports were presented by chairmen of standing committees of the Board of Trustees which met prior to the joint meeting. They included: academic, the Rev. Bennie Pledger of New Bern; student affairs, Mrs. Frances Farthing of Durham; development and finance, Sen. Vernon E. White of Winterville; and religious life-denominational relations, M. E. Valentine of Raleigh.

Approve Recommendations

Trustees approved two recommendations from the latter committee: that a semi-annual newsletter be prepared and distributed to North Carolina Baptist pastors, and that Chowan ex-

plore the possibility of publicizing the college on the Southern Baptist-supported American Christian Television Service (ACTS).

In other business, the Board of Trustees considered a report and recommendation from a special committee chaired by E. L. Hollowell. This committee was appointed in January, 1984, by Randy V. Britton, past chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, in consultation with J. Guy Revelle, Jr., then chairman of the Board.

To Construct Home

This special committee recommended that as a tangible expression of appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker, the Board of Trustees authorize the construction of a retirement home as a gift, with construction to take place on a lot owned by the Whitakers on Quail Hollow Road, Murfreesboro.

Members of the Board of Trustees, joined by the Board of Advisors, enthusiastically endorsed this proposal. Board of Trustees Chairman Felix Arnold stated that the house, which will be constructed by the college Maintenance Department, will not involve the expenditure of any Cooperative Program funds from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

During the meeting, trustees and advisors expressed their gratitude to Dr. Whitaker for his loyal,

dependable, and effective leadership during his 27 years as President. They also praised Mrs. Whitaker for her devoted and loyal service as a member of the faculty over a period of 27 years.

In announcing the gift of a retirement home, the trustees and advisors acknowledged the many contributions of Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker to Chowan, the community, and the state, as well as Dr. Whitaker's leadership in regional and national higher education concerns.

"Exemplary Leadership"

Trustee Chairman Felix Arnold said that the trustees and advisors wanted to express "their abiding gratitude to Bruce E. Whitaker and Esther A. Whitaker for the depth of their devotion and the commitment which they have brought to their responsibilities, while rendering exemplary leadership."

The attitude of the two Boards was summarized by trustee J. E. Ferebee, who said "We are proud to be doing this. It is merited; it is right that we should do this, not as 'pay' for services rendered, but out of appreciation and our high regard for President and Mrs. Whitaker."

Chairman Arnold also noted that this gift was being made not because the retirement of President Whitaker is immediately imminent, but in order that such a home be available whenever he



Expressing appreciation for gift

President and Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker express their gratitude and appreciation to the Board of Trustees for the retirement home gift, as the Rev. J. Felix Arnold, chairman, looks on. The home, to be constructed by college maintenance personnel, will be built on Quail Hollow Road, Murfreesboro.

should make the decision to retire.

Dean of Students Clayton Lewis reported that the enrollment for the current fall semester is 899 full time students.

Computer Center

Ben Sutton, business manager, told the trustees and advisors that McSweeney Hall, formerly used for the graphic communications program, has been remodeled and converted to a Computer Center. He said the facility provides four labs, three classrooms, and faculty offices.

Sutton also noted that work is progressing on the expansion and renovation of Green Hall. He explained that expansion will provide an additional 4,000 square feet of space for classrooms, studios, art gallery and other uses by art students.

\$5 Million Endowment Goal

Director of Development Bobby Cross challenged the trustees and advisors to help the college reach its endowment goal of \$5 million. He encouraged endowed gifts through estates, trusts and wills.

President Whitaker emphasized the importance of the North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant which provides \$850 to each North Carolina student attending one of the state's 38 independent colleges and universities.

Resolutions Adopted

Trustees adopted resolutions of appreciation to two former employees, Edith Matthews Parker and William Julian Parker. Edith Parker retired as receptionist and PBX operator on Dec. 31, 1983, after nearly 20 years of service to the college. She was cited for her courtesy, efficiency,

helpfulness and commitment to Chowan.

W. J. Parker retired on May 31, 1984, after 14 years of service as bursar. He was praised for the contribution he made to the financial operation of the college through his "professional knowledge, skills, and expertise in the area of accountancy."

The trustees were led in the meeting by the Rev. J. Felix Arnold, chairman. Dr. Melvin Kunkle of Portsmouth, Va., headed the advisors as chairman.

Spouses of trustees and advisors toured the new Computer Center and participated in computer demonstrations, while the joint meeting of the boards was in progress. They also viewed chemistry demonstrations in Camp Hall.

Clark selected as RD in Parker

David Lamar Clark, a graduate of Terry Sanford High School, has been selected by Associate Dean of Students, J. Earl Dilday, to serve as a resident assistant in Parker Hall, a residence facility which houses approximately 280 men. He is a student of business administration.

Clark is the son of Glenn Lamar Clark, 2301 Vandemere Ave., Fayetteville. He is affiliated with Synder Memorial Baptist Church. "His father is remembered as an outstanding football player and campus leader while studying business administration at Chowan in the 1960's," concluded Dean Dilday.



Mrs. Frances Farthing, a trustee from Durham, addresses the trustees and advisors at the September joint meeting. The boards heard reports that the college had operated "in the black" for the 26th consecutive year, as well as reports from various members of the administration.