

Trustees approve budget; hear campaign report

Chowan College trustees adopted a budget of \$7,750,000 for 1986-87 during their semi-annual meeting in September in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker. This is an increase of \$300,000 over the budget for the past year.

The trustees, headed by chairman Felix Arnold of Enfield, met jointly with the Board of Advisors, led by acting chairman J. Guy Revelle, Jr. of Murfreesboro.

Dr. Whitaker reported that the college concluded the past academic year operating in the black for the 28th 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." He said Chowan is scheduled to receive over \$888,000 from the 1986 mission program and budget of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dean of Students Clayton Lewis reported the enrollment for the current fall semester is 881 full time students.

Reports were presented by chairmen of standing committees of the Board of Trustees which meet prior to the general

meeting. They included: academic, Shelby Freeman of Morehead City; student affairs, Miss Emma Gay Stephenson of Pendleton; development and finance, Robert Spivey of Windsor; and religious life-denominational relations, Dennis Bazemore of Chadbourne.

Bazemore said the program presented by Chowan at the Nov. 12, 1985 meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte "helped in making the college known to the Baptist churches in the state." He reported the Baptist Student Union, headed by Chaplain Hargus Taylor, has an active program including weekly rest home ministry and prayer breakfast.

Resolution Adopted

Spivey offered a resolution which was adopted by the trustees and advisors. The resolution stated, "That in light of the service provided to the commercial printing industry by the Chowan Department of Graphic Communications, the college solicit gifts and pledges from the printing industry toward the purchase price of a new Heidelberg press for the Department of Graphic Communications." Spivey said the press will cost \$174,000 and will be used to prepare young people for the job market and to print jobs for the campus at a savings to the college.



Standing committees of the Board met prior to the joint session.

Miss Stephenson praised the work of Clayton Lewis, dean of students, and the Student Development staff members under his supervision. She said they have made great strides in providing services to the students including counseling, admissions, financial planning, student activities, student center and intramurals, health services, residence life and student discipline, residence halls, campus security, and career development.

Freeman reported that the departmental chairmen gave brief reports on the work and needs of their respective departments. Freeman said that members of faculty "hold credentials well in excess of the minimum requirements of the accrediting agency."

The trustees and advisors heard reports on two financial campaigns, the Annual Giving Fund

and Mission Excellence. Bobby Cross, director of development, said it is "absolutely essential" that the college succeed in reaching its \$125,000 Annual Giving Fund goal.

Bob Spivey, chairman of the \$4 million Mission Excellence program, said that more than \$1,600,000 has been received in pledges and gifts to fund student aid/scholarships, endowment for teaching and administration, program development, and renovation of facilities.

Success Prediction

Spivey said that 40 of 58 major leadership gifts have been received. He challenged the trustees and advisors to make their pledges and to seek gifts from others. He said the campaign "will strengthen the college well into the future" and predicted the campaign would top its \$4 million goal.

He asked the college leaders to seek to involve people in the life of the college. He said once they know the mission and service of Chowan to young men and women they will respond with their support, including financial.

Report on Self-Study

Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, chairman of the Department of Business, reported on the involvement of the faculty and staff in an institutional self-study leading to reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mrs. Wallace, chairman of the steering committee, said the self-study is required every ten years. She said the college was involved in the study throughout the 1985-86 year and the four principal committees and their sub-committees will continue to meet throughout the current academic year.

Mrs. Wallace explained the faculty will consider and adopt a final report in September, 1987, prior to an evaluation from a visiting committee of out of state peers during the spring semester, 1988. At the December, 1988 meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Chowan will seek Reaffirmation of its accreditation from the Commission on Colleges.

Support for Amendment

Ben Sutton, business manager, asked the trustees and advisors for their support of Constitutional Amendment No.1 for Higher Education, which will be on the November ballot. Sutton said if approved by voters, "the amendment will allow independent colleges and universities located in North Carolina to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds to pay for construction and renovation of facilities."

Sutton said the passing of the constitutional amendment is supported by the non-partisan North Carolina Friends of Higher Education, a nonprofit organization established to inform the voting public of the importance of approving Constitutional Amendment No. 1 in November.



Trustees and Advisors hear reports on the operation of the college.