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## A successful year

In the last several years, Chowan has not had a student newspaper of which it can be proud. All of us at Chowan hope to make this year the turning point for the Smoke Signals.

Your editor, along with others on the campus are doing their best to bring you news and happenings from your school. It is true that many of the students tag Chowan a "five day school."

That is not what I am attacking. I am merely saying that Chowan can have a paper its readers can be proud of without going out of their way.

The formula for a successful year is a combination of several things. First the co-operation of both student and faculty is necessary. The newspaper staff is but so large, and it is next to impossible for reporters to cover every club and organization on this campus.

Those of you who are presidents of clubs and club sponsors should take it upon yourselves to get any information of the club's activities to some member of the staff, or to the Graphic Arts building, if you are unable to find a member.

This requires little work, merely a listing of the major facts, for a writer on the newspaper staff will be glad to write it up. Along with this comes the support of the student body. If the students would take time to read their paper every other Friday, it would make the staff feel their time and efforts are not wasted.

Too, if you hear something interesting about a fellow student or learn something of interest, please let us know. We want to let you know as much about your fellow students as possible.

And for those of you who are talented in the writing field and wish to write an essay, editorial, short story, or anything of that nature, we will be very glad to print it. This will give all you prospective authors a chance to see your work in print.

I sincerely hope that all of you, as students of Chowan College will give this newspaper your support. We are truly interested in giving Chowan a publication it can be proud of for years to come. —NAM

## Spirit and pride

Chowan students should take more pride in the athletic program here at the college.

If the athletes have enough pride in their school to spend an average of 15 hours a week practicing for only 45 minutes of exhibition, the student should do the athletes and their school the honor or coming to the games and supporting the team.

Support means not only attending the games, which could be improved, but also helping the cheerleaders cheer on the team. This not only lets the people and the other team know that you are proud of your school and your team, but it also makes the players have spirit.

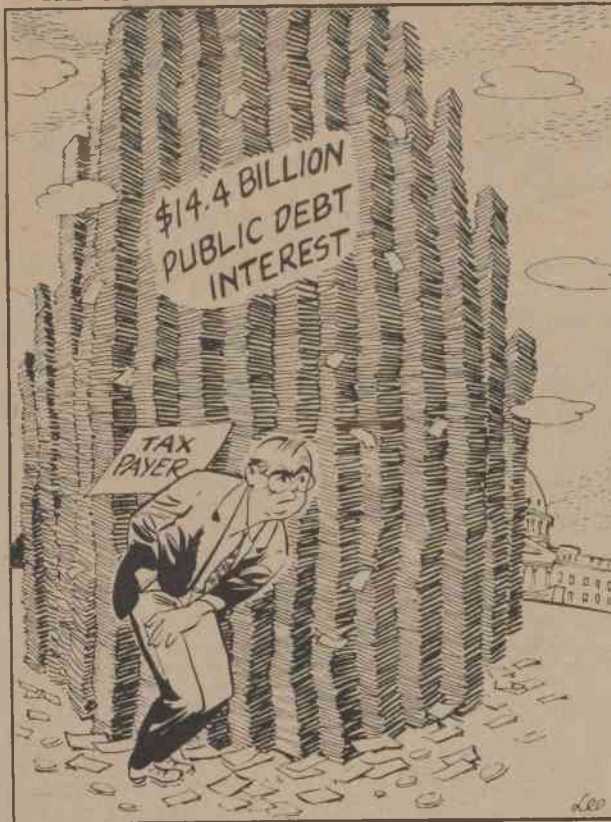
No one but an athlete can know the feeling of a screaming body of students letting everyone know that they are proud of their team and school whether they win or lose.

At the next game let's pack the stands and show the opposing team that we are proud of the Chowan Braves. Support your team; win or lose !!

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## HE COULD PUT IT TO BETTER USE



## Strength for these days

Perhaps the most important spiritual quality that should be expressed toad life is the love of God. When we are aware of His love and make a sincere effort to pour forth this love to all persons and all situations, we have the sure cure for any problem.

## "I'm for the upperdog"

(Part of an address by Miller Upton, president of Beloit College.)

"I have just about reached the end of my tolerance for the way our society at the present time seems to have sympathetic concern only for the misfits, the prevert, the drug addict, the drifter, the ne'er-do-well, the maladjusted, the chronic criminal, the under-achiever, the loser — in general, the underdog.

It seems to me we have lost touch with reality and become warped in our attachments, if not in fact psychotic.

"I feel it is time for all of us to stand up and say, in short, 'I'm for the upperdog!' I'm for the achiever, the one who sets out to do something and does it, the one who recognizes the problems and opportunities at hand and endeavors to deal with them.

"The one who is successful at his immediate task because he is not worrying about some one else's failings, the one who doesn't consider it 'square' to be constantly looking for more to do, who isn't always rationalizing why he shouldn't be doing what he is doing.

"The one, in short, who carries the work of his part of the world squarely on his shoulders.

Not the wealthy, necessarily, not the ones in authority, necessarily, not the gifted necessarily, just the doers, the achiever, regardless of his status, his opulence, his native endowment.

"We are not born equal; we are born unequal. The talented are no more responsible for their talents than the underprivileged for their plight. The measure of each should be what he does with his inherited position. No one should be damned by the environmental condition of his life, whether it be privileged or underprivileged.

"This is an occasion to honor the successful, to say it is better to win than to lose, better to achieve an 'A' than a 'C', that class rank is meaningful, that those who have developed the pattern of achieving in college will go on achieving out of college and because of their achievement, the rest of us will live richer lives.

"Let us stop referring naively to creating a 'great' society. It is enough at this stage of our development to aspire to create a decent society.

"To do so our first task is to help each individual be decent unto himself and in his relationship with other individuals. A decent

society cannot be created out of a vacuum and imposed.

"Our economic system has become the scapegoat for the failures of our educational, religious and family institutions to develop decent and responsible individuals.

"We seem to be in the process of developing a moralism which says that, since love is the one absolute virtue of man, the one way we will solve the problems of poverty, crime, racial discrimination and the like is by forcing everyone to love everybody else.

"This is a hideous abuse of the notion of love that avoids the hard fact that love is a uniquely personal experience.

"The evil about us at the present time is that love is expressed in a masochistic way, as a duty to be performed rather than a blessing to be received.

"Love in its very essence is selfish. Were it not so, there would be none, not real love, only a martyred imitation.

"Our loving should not be restricted to the poor and dispossessed, but should be offered to all. It is in the act of loving that we are redeemed, not in loving the poor alone. It is in the personal redemption of each individual that the hope of the world exists, not in the changing of the other person.

"It is in the act of giving that one feels rewarded. By the same token, it is in the act of loving that one feels loved. If the reward is not experienced simultaneously with the act, it will never be realized.

"The hardest task in the world is to love the person at hand. It is much easier to love in your imagination the Siagon waif than it is to pick up in your arms and hold firmly and lovingly the emaciated sore-covered body of an unwanted child that can be found in any American city or town. This kind of ersatz compassion is not humanitarianism; it is escapism.

"We will never create a good society, much less a great one, until individual excellence and achievement are not only respected but encouraged. That is why I am for the upperdog, the achiever, the succeder.

"I'm for building an ever-better society and this will only be done by those who take seriously their responsibility for achievement, for making the most of their native ability, for getting done the job at hand.

## WORTH TALKING ABOUT

"As we make the American ideal of freedom come true here at home, America will be able, by its example, to help bring a new freedom abroad—a freedom powered not by the force of arms, but by the power of ideas and the force of example. The world is waiting for that kind of a message, for that kind of an idea, for that kind of action. For it has become a world of young nations, and young people, tired of the old isms, wanting the material things of life by also wanting something more. That something more is what America has always meant to the world. And, if America is to heal its spirit and find its soul again, that something more is what America needs today."

Richard M. Nixon

## The Old Timer



"The only people I know who appreciate a miser are his inheritors."