



## Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT MULDER

Although I can't seem to unearth the source of the adage, the truth of "You can't judge a book by its cover," is perhaps more applicable today than ever in the history of publications. Often while looking around our local racks, I am amazed at the covers of some of the classics, as well as the covers of contemporary fiction.

Not only does it amuse me; it's downright hilarious the way some of the "old favorites" are doctored up on the covers in a mere effort to sell the merchandise.

I'm sure that every reader of this column has read the exciting tale of old Silas Marner. You know, as well as I do, that the book is everything but a pornographic novel. (Though perhaps there was some wishful thinking on the part of Gorgeous George who created it.)

My latest copy of "Silas Marner" (in paperback) would have the reader thoroughly misinformed as to the content. Sweet Eppie graces the cover of this one (It appears that they are out by the woodshed), while guardian Silas eyes her from a distance with a sensuous twinkle in his eye. No harm in looking, however, even if there is more Eppie on the outside of the dress than on the inside. Maybe they were them that way when Evans first published the novel in the 1860's.

Not only do the front covers often mislead the book-buyer, but also the thumbnail sketch remarks on the back covers often send the reader off on a wild-goose chase. One just can't depend on the editors or publishers anymore.

Recently I purchased a paperback titled "Young Sinner" by Elisabeth Gill (Macfadden Publishers, 1968, 144 pp.). Besides the hazy-eyed girl on the front cover, it's the back cover that does it for me.

Here one gets a sneak preview with these words: "Laurie wanted it to be with Ben—the man she was going to marry. She wanted to feel Ben's strong young body against hers as she whispered 'Yes'."

Well this ought to be good for a cheap thrill, one might suppose. The truth is, however, that "Young Sinner" is a beautiful story, written very well and comfortable moving. Laurie is certainly NO young sinner; in fact, she's as pure as they come nowadays, and the reader who lets the cover stimulate his motives will find a disappointment, at the same time finding a delightful story.

One more paperback may prove my case against the misinforming publishers. "The Last Picture Show", by Larry McMurtry (Dell Publishing Company, 1967, 220 pp.) is another disgusting example we read recently.

The plot, while not really giving the reader anything new, is decent enough, as is the plausibility of the characters. Were it not for those "sales pictures" which introduce the book, one may read and enjoy a simple story, developed adequately, and resolved thoroughly enough.

But wait! on page one appear these words: "Booze, sex, and violence . . . Whatever thoughts you may harbor about the neighborly wholesomeness of small towns will drummed out of you by this explosive novel."

This, of course, does not frighten the reader today, but it does tend to build him up for the great let-down. We found no violence and not so much booze in the novel.

There could be some remedy for this. Simple refuse to read the comments on the back and on the introductory pages. Read only the chapters and see how you, as the uninformed reader, react. Perhaps to do so may seem impractical, but it will produce a free-thinking reader.

Then again, perhaps being fooled in our reading is part of the American Game. We still hope that you are enjoying the many good things out today.

## An editorial . . .

The week of Feb. 10 may have proved to be a bit nerve-racking for those tough souls in the maintenance department. Notices were sent out to most boys on campus in regards to the money which they owe for repairs made in their rooms and for repairs made to their hall, such as a few blown out ceilings. The amount for the pro-rate repairs varied from dorm to dorm and from floor to floor. Mixon first floor had the lowest rate of \$1.00 while second floor East has to pay \$11.00 per person.

This writer feels that there ought to be some way in which the college can go about this charging for repairs. It often happens that a student has to pay for damages done to his room that he either did not do, or was done before he entered the room. Would it not be a wise idea to have the rooms checked only when both occupants are there, and any repairs that seem to be needed should be approved by the students since they are the ones who live in the rooms and have to pay for them. Of course if the damage is clearly the fault of the occupants or caused by visitors to their room while they were in it, they should be charged without their approval. Mainly, these small repairs done, such as the replacing of a tile, should be done with the knowledge and consent of the occupying students.

What about this damage done to the halls and other parts of the floor unknown to the Head Residents? Why should each student be required to pay or be dropped from all his classes? Is this really fair? This writer feels that there ought to be some kind of revisal made as to this situation.

What does the Maintenance Department have to answer?

By the way, why doesn't the girls' dorms get checked in the same way? Living there I can say from the first hand that they aren't in perfect condition, and girls do tear things up also. Don't condemn the boys because they're boys. Girls are just as bad.

## Chowanians invited to confab

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — Chowan College is one of 200 schools in the Eastern United States which will be invited to send ten student delegates to a convention-symposium on "The Urban Crisis—The Students' Response" at Wake Forest University March 20-22.

The symposium is called "Challenge '69" and is held every other year at the Winston-Salem, N. C., school on various problems confronting the country.

Speakers who already have accepted invitations include the keynote, Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine); Harvey Cox, author of "The Secular City"; Saul Alinsky, director of the Industrial Areas Foundation of Chicago and the newly formed Midas Foundation; Robert Wood, former under-secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Herbert Kramer, former aide to Sargent Shriver and presently a consultant to the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Other speakers who have been invited include Sen. Fred Harris (D-Okla.), a member of the Kerner Commission; Daniel P. Moynihan, urban affairs adviser of President Nixon; and Michael Harrington, author of "The Other America" and chairman of the board of the League for Industrial Democracy.

The symposium has three major divisions. The first day delegates will consider the student's role as a citizen and voter, on the second day his role as a volunteer and on the third his role as part of the university's participation in community problems.

Officials from over 200 major Eastern cities have been invited to conduct workshops which the delegates will attend in addition to lectures.

According to Miss Norma Murdoch, executive director of CHALLENGE '69, "our program exists as an expression of our anxiety over our nation's plight."

She added, "CHALLENGE '69 will bring together authorities from the various sub-areas of the problem to plant seeds for constructive action by students and their universities."

She urges any students interested in being delegates to contact Emmitt Totty, president of the student body to whom detailed information will be sent the week of Feb. 17.

## 'Pub' announces change; to now have 'happy hour'

By TOMMY GARNER

Good news for all the Pub goes here at Chowan! The Pub has changed. Yes, that's right, the Pub has changed.

As of this past weekend, the Pub has started having a "Happy Hour" each Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. Are you ready for this ?????? A pitcher of beer will cost only 35 cents, bottle beer will remain at the regular prices.

As many of Pub-goers know, Sandy Nelson of the drums has been done away with. Now there is no cover charge to pay in order to retire to the back of the Pub to dance. There is a juke box in the back to provide music. Although the music machine doesn't have too many of the new songs, it serves the purpose.

Friday night is band night at the Pub. Admission will usually run from \$1 to \$1.50 depending on the type and size of the band. Friday night is reserved for Chowan College students, giving them access to the whole Pub and Village Squire side.

Reservations may be obtained by phoning the Village Squire, 398-3250, or by giving them to one of the waiters at the Pub.

The owner of the Pub told this reporter that on Saturday nights, he will try his best to work couples into the back dancing area by 8 p. m. But due to usually heavy dinner reservations that this time will have to be flexible. See you at the Pub!!!!

## A Reminder

Some of the students on Chowan's campus are still looking for their lost articles. They seem to have forgotten that all items lost can be looked for at the switchboard in Columns, and all found articles can be turned in here, also.

In every issue of this paper, a list is printed of the articles that are being held. Don't forget to check at the switchboard first, before you say that someone lifted your article.

## Member chosen

Pricilla Renn, of Belk Hall, is the new member of the Women's Council. She is replacing Judy Duncan who withdrew at the end of the fall semester. It is felt that her addition will help to upgrade our Women's Council.

## A student contribution

Now as I stand, care you to hear,  
Few words of mine, should cause no fear.  
But as the fire causes smoke,  
So must the oxen break the yoke.

Why must we forced in class to sit?  
While teacher cause to have a fit.  
They try to teach us wrong from right,  
But never they can see no light!  
Each learned prof will push too far,  
As though we were but one fast car.  
Each night hard pushed, are forced to cram,  
But heartless prof give not a damn!  
Within this school for which we pay,  
Why can we not do what we may?  
Girls back to dorms, early each night.  
Seem to say our morals aren't right.  
But who so smart that he can say,  
Our thing not done, each and every day.  
Chowan seems to want our money.  
Just as bad as bears want honey.  
The food they serve not fit to eat!  
Smells just as bad as poor man's feet!  
And like a drunk behind a bar,  
I sing my song without guitar.  
Now through these words to make you see,  
We are but far from truly free!  
So with your pen, your gripes write out,  
If do this not, you're fools no doubt!

—John of Norfolk

## We've each a path

We've each a path that we must take  
That wanders to and fro,  
And tarry not we really must  
— For we've some way to go.

Up mountain side or rocky road  
Through dismal looks the dawn,  
Through rain or sleet or chill or heat  
— We must continue on.

Along this path of life it seems  
That each is looking for,  
Around each bend a special friend  
— With whom he feels secure.

But, we must pause to catch our breath  
Though momentarily,  
Twas at one pause I noticed you  
— And there you noticed me.

We sipped the sweetest wines on earth  
And as a paid did sail,  
Where beam the warmest rays of sun  
— Together down the trail.

But when the sun began to sink  
We found the path did part,  
And I chose left and you chose right  
— And thusly did we start.

When in that dusk the tolling came  
Of yonder evening bell,  
Twas there and then to one fine friend  
— I bid farewell, farewell.

—By Kim

## Dr. Franklin Lowe appointed dean of Chowan College

Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., has been named dean of the college at Chowan College, according to an announcement by President Bruce E. Whitaker and the college's board of trustees, following the semi-annual meeting on Feb. 10.

Dr. Lowe received the B. A. degree from Furman University, the B. D. Degree from Southeastern Seminary Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. degree was earned at Emory University. A native of Rock Hill, S. C., Dr. Lowe has been serving as acting dean and director of summer school for the college for the past eight months. HE has been a professor in the college's Department of Religion since 1964.

The new dean is a former infantry officer who transferred to the Chaplains Corps. He graduated from the Chaplains School at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and the Advanced Course for Chaplains at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. He was named to the 1968 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." Dr. Lowe is in wide demand as a public speaker.

Dean Lowe is married to the former Peggy Williams of Carson, Va., and they have two children.

## Glenn Yarbrough to perform here

Glenn Yarbrough, who will be appearing at Chowan College on Feb. 25, 1969, is an avid boat enthusiast. Yarbrough owns a 40-foot cutter, the Armored, presently being fitted out for a South Pacific cruise. He also owns the Tiki, which was used in the "Adventures in Paradise" television series. The Tiki is now in charter service in the Caribbean.

## Gymnasium to be opened for students on Saturdays

By TOMMY GARNER

Starting Saturday the gym will be opened to Chowan students, faculty and staff members. The gym will be opened from 10 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. on Saturday, and from 2 to 5 p. m. on Sunday.

As soon as the intramural basketball season is over the gym will be opened for students Monday through Friday from 3 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

A check out cage has been erected in the gym. Students, faculty, and staff members will be able to check out anything from basketballs to ping pong balls; tennis rackets, ping pong paddles, volleyballs; almost anything the P. E. Department has, with the exception of track shoes.

The check-out cage will be attended by a student who will be in charge of the gym while it is open. Each student is held responsible for what he or she checks out and failure to return the articles will result in the person whose name is on the check-out list being charged with the price of the article.

Any student wishing to find employment here on campus and would be interested in working in the gym checking out gear and acting as a supervisor while the gym is open, please contact the Physical Education Department for further information concerning the job openings. The pay will be \$1.30 an hour and you will be required to stay probably one weekend a month on campus to work.

The swimming pool schedule Monday thru Friday is from 3 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. On Saturday and Sunday the pool is opened from 2 to 5 p. m.

The Physical Education Department welcomes any suggestions of improvement by any member of the Chowan College family.

## Letter to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few comments on the Chapel-Assembly of Feb. 6, 1969. I would like also to express a few comments of my own on some of the issues discussed during the aforementioned Chapel-Assembly.

I would like to start off by saying that the 40-minutes I spent in that particular Chapel-Assembly turned me more against Chowan College than the three semesters I have spent here. It proved to me that the administration of Chowan College is not trying to work with the student problems, rather they are making lame excuses as to why the problems can not be solved.

For example, school spirit. Chowan College has a great deal of school spirit. But what is the use of trying to express school spirit when there is a "force" trying to suppress it?

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Take for example, the "pep band" that appeared during the basketball games. What ever happened to them? They were told they could not play during the game. Is this not a form of suppressing school spirit? How can we show our team that we are 100 per cent behind them if we are forced to sit in the stands like a conglomeration of cadavers?

## Basketball team improves record to 11-8 count

By SPEEDY SKINNER

The cage team, winning the last six games, has upped their record to 11-8.

Last week Chowan defeated Southwood by a score of 117 to 88. Harry Flipping was high scorer with 24 points and following in double figures were Harry Gray, William Brown and Ronnie Hardy. The play maker, Louie Fiore, had 15 assists and 10 points.

The Braves' team evidently was fired for the entire game for the score at the halftime was 60 to 31. Scoring in the game was fairly well divided among the top players. Nine players combined their talents at the net to obtain their high score of 117.

Flipping	24
Gray	16
Brown (W.)	15
Hardy	15
Fiore	10
Martin	7
Sosabee	7
Griffin	4
McConnell	4

The ball game with the College of Albermarle came right down to the wire. The Braves played well together and won the game by 3 points. The final score was 78 to 75.

Wayne Martin came off the bench with two minutes remaining in the ball game and scored 8 points, keeping the winning streak alive.

Bennett	12
W. Brown	12
Gray	12
Fiore	10
McConnell	8
Martin	8
Hardy	6
B. Brown	6
Flipping	4

The third game won by the Braves was with the Newport News Apprentice School from Virginia. The win was obtained when the Apprentice School forfeited at halftime. The score at this time read 38 to 26.

William Brown was high man for Chowan with 16 points. Louie Fiore had an excellent night as play maker with 15 assists.

W. Brown	16
Gray	9
Flipping	5
M. Bennett	4
Fiore	4

## Spring pageant tomorrow night

By PAULINE ROBINSON

The annual Spring Pageant sponsored by the WRA is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. A prelude to the pageant will be the Queen of Spring Pageant Feb. 20. From this pageant will come the Queen of Spring, Freshman Princess and the Spring Pageant Court. The Queen will reign over the festival.

Chowan's Queen of Spring Pageant's purpose is to introduce the Spring Festival Court candidates to the student body and to allow competition between them. Freshmen candidates will be competing for attendants and sophomore candidates will be competing for attendants and queen with the to five being chosen.

The queen and court will be chosen on a basis of five attributes: beauty, poise, talent, personality and dormitory support with each category being judged on a ten-point basis.

Judges for the pageant are made up from four residents of Murfreesboro,

Also discussed in the aforementioned Chapel-Assembly was the Men's and Women's Councils. My personal feelings are this: What is the use of having a Men's Council, Women's Council or an S. G. A. if they are non-functional? What I mean by non-functional is this; no matter what the S. G. A. suggests, the administration has the final decision.

Maybe I am wrong but I was under the impression that S. G. A. was set up so the students could govern themselves. Here at Chowan College the S. G. A. is nothing but a functionless figurehead. The same applies to the Men's Council and the Women's Council. They should be disbanded if they are not to be allowed to function as they are meant to. There is a minority of immature students here at Chowan College, but the majority of the students are quite mature and capable of governing themselves. The administration should suggest and the students should decide. After all, was not the college established for the benefit of the students?

Also brought up in Chapel-Assembly was the subject of dancing on campus. The administration is not fully to blame for the students not having this privilege. The final decision lies in the hands of the Baptist State Convention. However, the administration has the right to present it to the Convention and they must not be pushing it very hard. This is evident in the fact that Wake Forest, Campbell College and other Baptist supported colleges have sanctioned dancing on their campuses. The administration should take this into consideration, money being spent to rent neighboring armories, fire houses and gyms could be going to the school for rent of our own gym or of Thomas Cafeteria.

I would like to bring up one more point, school pride. I feel that school pride goes hand in hand with school spirit. When there is spirit being suppressed, pride can not exist.

In closing, I would like to say that I do not dislike Chowan College. I came here because I wanted to. I am still here because I want to be. If the administration expects the student body to act like their ideal adults, they will have to give the student body adult responsibilities. After all, we are no longer children.

Sincerely,  
Jerry M. Winnett

## Group goes to Memphis for book meet

By JOE BRADFORD

On Saturday, Feb. 2, Professor Ed Wooten, Emmitt Totty and Joe Bradford began the long but exciting trip to Memphis, Tenn., for the National Entertainment Convention. What began as a somber trip to the Greensboro airport, turned out to be one of the most exciting events in their lives.

Flying from Greensboro to Atlanta, Ga., and then on to Memphis, the group arrived in Memphis and get settled in the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel. They toured the scenic city and it was a little chilly and damp but they were determined to see the Mississippi River.

Sunday, they were obligated to several meetings such as the State Coordinating meeting. These involved the actual booking of groups for the next year. Different schools would tell when they would like to have certain groups and then all the schools would arbitrate on a group of dates in succession for certain entertainment.

At night, they were entertained by a "showcase" of stars such as The Happenings, The Dells, Herbie Mann and his Jazz Combo, and The Impacts of Brass. Most of the entertainment was very good.

During the day they visited exhibits put on by the different agencies. They received many photographs of famous groups and individuals.

The most unusual thing that happened was meeting so many people they knew. This happened not only at the convention, but in the airport terminals.

Much to their hopes the convention was a great success as much as a first time happening. They were proud to announce the groups that were booked for next year. Among these are The Happenings, and The Classic IV.

including the mayor, one of WWDR's disc jockeys and two women; two Chowanians students; the president of the Men's Council and President of the Women's Council; and two faculty members, a male and female.

Each dormitory elected and sponsored both a freshman and sophomore candidate requiring that they have nine quality points and nine semester hours for those attempted during the first semester and must not be serving social probation.

Sweethearts of the girls' dorms and presidents of the boys' dorms will serve as escorts in the pageant and festival. Mrs. Janet Collins arranges and coordinates the two related events.