

# EDITORIALS

## Orientation program has a purpose

After reading the editorial, "Are Three Closed Weekends Necessary?" I felt the need to react, not in an argumentative manner because a contradiction is not necessary. My purpose is to present a more comprehensive view of the orientation program. The need for an organized orientation program became evident last fall, and we in Student Personnel asked members of the Student Activities Committee to present a proposed program which would enhance student involvement in the Chowan College community.

A group of students and faculty members were appointed to make suggestions to members of the Student Activities Committee. Their ideas were studied, restudied, and presented in written form under the title, "Proposed Initiation Program." With administrative approval, the proposed plan was entitled "Approved Initiation Program" and placed in the "Student Handbook."

The purposes which members of the Committee hoped to accomplish can best be explained by residents of the College community asking themselves a series of soul-searching questions. Who am I? Are my values and attitudes provincial? Why am I in college? How do I expect to be changed by Chowan College? What do I want to be like after earning the A. A. Degree from Chowan College

and the B. S. Degree from a senior institution?

Of course, answers to such questions will change as one gains experiences through the study of academic courses, especially the behavioral sciences, and through involvement in activities in the College community.

Our academic community is composed of 1,300 students, all different in purpose and needs, and approximately 150 employees of the College—faculty, staff, maintenance, etc.

If a community spirit is to be created, newcomers need time to acquire a feeling of belonging and to learn what an academic community is like.

The environment in such a community is best maintained when all elements are involved and focusing their energies on the needs and objectives of its citizens. (The orientation program is currently being evaluated for the purpose of determining its effectiveness.)

The needs and objectives of those engaged in the initial years of higher education are not realized immediately. The man of the freshmen class is not the man with an A. A. Degree. The differences are striking. Such differences will inevitably affect one's whole pattern of thinking and value judgments in every area of life.

Dean Clayton Lewis

## Let's get with it Chowan!

Down the steps comes a college co-ed wearing in the best of taste a stylish pants suit looking as though she stepped out of "Glamour" magazine. Her date and she leave for a fraternity party.

Following suit 900 more girls arrated as smartly as the occasion might call for leave campus with dates. Where is this haven? Why, Meredith, one of Chowan's sister Baptist colleges.

Imagine that! Those girls can dress as fashion dictates, not their school. Why should they wear a dress, most like-

ly a mini which exposes too much, when long decent slacks are "the thing" in our fashion world?

And yet this is the story of Chowan's girl's fashion rules—nothing but dresses are proper! And what's bad is that the length of these dresses often seems so improper, but that's not controlled by rigid rules.

It seems much more logical to allow long slacks to be worn than the mini's. So why this strict rule? Let's get with it, Chowan!

Pauline Robinson

## Our 'groovin' thanks go to the SGA

Groovin with the Classic's IV was last weekend's No. 1 scene and quite a scene at that! It must have taken some doing to secure and accommodate such a renown group.

So who do we thank for this great entertainment? The SGA, of course.

This Student Government Association is made up of some students on campus who have taken the initiative and responsibility of making Chowan's 1969-70 year the best. So far they're succeeding, and to them we are indebted.

Have you ever thought of the responsibility they shoulder? Their attempts at satisfying our student body desires have certainly been effective.

Of course they can't please everyone nor can they do all that is requested for they are limited. But seemingly this organization is doing its best.

Next time you see one of our representatives why not thank him for his efforts. After all, without their assistance our social life might be non-existent.

Pauline Robinson

## Many faiths represented by students

While Virginia and eastern North Carolina dominate, geographically—and the Baptists and Methodists, denominationally—the 1,316 students enrolled at Chowan do represent a variety of locales and religious traditions. They come from Hawaii and Massachusetts, Washington and Florida.

### You can still get a job on the 'Chowanoka'

By DAVID "SNAKE" MAYO

The "Chowanoka," Chowan's yearbook, is underway for the 1969-70 year.

Editor Carol Gunter met with five returning staff members and 11 new members to get things started for the best yearbook ever. She said, "The purpose of the annual staff is to improve the book and make it better than last year's. It will be hard work, but also very rewarding."

Her associate editor this year will be Nelson Jeffreys, and production editor is Phil Ferguson.

It is still not too late to help on the annual. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p. m.

The Baptists and Methodists are joined by Moravians, Unitarians, and students of the Jewish faith.

Virginia and North Carolina account for 93 per cent of the students enrolled this term. Fifty-five of Virginia's counties and 20 of her independent number residents among those enrolled at Chowan.

Richmond-Henrico County leads all Virginia locales with 92 students. The City of Norfolk has 64; Virginia Beach, 61; Southampton County, 36; and Fairfax, 34.

In North Carolina, Hertford County 75; Halifax, 64; Northampton, 38; Wake, 31; and Bertie, 30. Seventeen other states, the District of Columbia, the Republic of the Philippines, and Sweden are also represented.

Following the Baptist preponderance among the religious traditions is the United Methodist Church, with 22 per cent of Chowan's students claiming membership and/or preference with this second-largest Protestant denomination in the United States.

No other denomination reaches as high as 10 per cent in terms of the students represented at Chowan.

Listed in the order of their numbers at Chowan, the following religious traditions

claim the allegiance of members of the student body: Baptist, United Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, "Protestant," United Church of Christ, Jewish, Friends, Church of Christ, Assemblies of God, Free Will Baptist, Pentecostal Holiness, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Church of the Brethren, Moravian, and Unitarian. Twenty-two students indicated "None" or "No Preference" when asked about religious affiliation.

### 'Coffee House' is proving popular

By LARRY N. MATTHEWS

The Chowan College "Coffee House" sponsored another night of entertainment in the Student Union Monday night. The group, composed of local talent, performed before a capacity crowd from 8-10 p. m.

"Ivan and the Ivy Tones" is the name of the group. It is headed by its vocalist, Ivan Daniel, from Como, N. C.

Ivan started singing when he was nine years old. He and three of his brothers had a church quartet known as the Daniel Brothers. Ivan was drafted into the Army in 1965. He spent 18 months in Long Binh, Vietnam as a medic.

When released from service he stayed in New Jersey and recorded for Atlantic Records. He had very good success with a song called "Photostatic Memories." This was a song he wrote himself about a girl he met while in Vietnam.

Recently Ivan's father became an invalid, so he came home with the intention of giving up his singing career and just taking care of the family.

Other musicians in the area convinced him he should try a local group just for kicks and to make a little extra money. Ivan says the local group is really good and maybe in the future, well, who knows.

The group usually consists of ten people but only six were present Monday night. Two were away taking induction physicals, one is a student at another school and one had a prior engagement.

Julie Hoskins

### Tennis courts lighted and ready for night use

The new, lighted tennis courts located beyond the football field have been completed.

Jack Hassell, head of the maintenance department, commented, "I hope all the students will take advantage of the new courts, for a lot of time and money have been invested. They are available at any time for student use."

After tennis season, basketball goals will be put on the courts as well as volleyball nets.

### Places to get paper on Friday listed

There has been some confusion as to where each week's issue of "Smoke Signals" can be found. To eliminate any further misunderstanding, the newspaper staff makes the following announcement.

Your newspaper is published each Friday morning and will be available at the McDowell Columns in the main entrance. It may Hall, at the Student Union, infirmary and cafeteria



## Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

### The Ballad of Cherry Chipmunk

Reflections Based on Observations from a Limb in Squirrel Park

The limb was long, the tree was tall,  
And nothing seemed to block the view  
Where Cherry Chipmunk guarded all  
Our maidens innocent and new.

Throughout the summer he had been  
The guardian keeper of young hearts;  
When into Squirrel Park they came  
To practice meditative arts.

Just two short weeks of rest he got,  
When summer students went back home;  
And lonesome were the hours spent  
When Cherry Chipmunk was alone.

Those empty benches soon would buzz  
With action set between the classes;  
Another crop of freshmen Braves  
Would work on some illegal passes.

The limb was long, the tree was tall,  
Into the Park two beanie came;  
And Cherry nestled under branch  
To see the fractions of the game.

Said he: "I'm sure you wouldn't mind  
For me to rest my aching arm."  
Said she: "Not if you'll promise me  
That where you rest won't do me harm."

Some time elapsed and Cherry saw  
That she was sitting in his lap;  
But soon she had to block his pass,  
And Cherry heard an awful slap.

"I fear that I must cry," said he,  
"Your slap is sure to spoil my day."  
Said she: "You overstepped the line,  
And now a flag is on the play."

"You're not that tired," said the girl,  
"Sit up or you will find me slipping  
A little further down the bench,  
And you'll be charged indecent clipping."

What means this talk," our Chipmunk thought,  
"This blocking, clipping in the Park?"  
But later as the evening fell,  
The game continued in the dark.

"Of Course, I never kiss and tell."  
The Chipmunk heard the young Brave say  
Said she: "I don't intend to lose  
This game and let you have your way."

"Well, that beats all," the Indian said,  
"I think you're just another gasser."  
"You may be right," her answer spoke,  
"At any rate I roughed the passer."

The talk all sounded pretty good  
And Cherry knew the girl was victor,  
Until he heard some sighs of joy  
And saw the Chowan Brave had licked her

O there were kisses long and sweet  
And long embraces, to be sure;  
The Chipmunk tired of the scene --  
Just how much more could they endure?

Said he: "I like the game you play,  
This beats those long and tiring classes;"  
Said she: "I feel we'd better go,  
I think you're sitting on my glasses."

The limb was long, the tree was tall,  
And Cherry had seen quite a show.

## Away we go to Baltimore

By KENNETH LASSITER

"All right, everyone on the bus", were the words of Coach Green as the football team started the trip to the Community College of Baltimore.

With a five-hour trip ahead, the team tried to get as comfortable as possible. There were a few shifts as linemen eased into seats made for the average person. A few players went over game tactics, while others slept. The Blue Bird rolled on.

An hour or so later, we were riding on the Petersburg Turnpike, just outside Richmond. The day was ending and cars started opening their eyes to the night. The coach followed suit, flipped the light switch, the dash, and the bus lit up, with its lights penetrating the Virginia highway.

Just below Fredricksburg, the Blue Bird stopped for a meal at a Texaco gas station. There were a few groans as the team disembarked to stretch their limbs, and to replenish their own food supply... everyone was asking for change. The concession stand was almost emptied by the time the bus pulled out.

The miles rolled under the wheels of the bus, and I tried to go to sleep. I was just about under when I heard "Hey! There is the building with the point on top!" It was the distinctly-southern voice of Ray (Carolina) Ewing.

Eyes swung to the left, and there was the Washington Monument. The Potomac River was below, and Baltimore was ahead of us. Thirty minutes later the Baltimore Beltway was our thoroughfare, and the most interesting building we passed was the Carling Brewery.

That night the Boxwood Motel was the team's home.

The next morning some of the team had the pleasure to meet one of the flankers for the Baltimore Colts, Jimmy Orr. He was a very pleasant person to talk to, and seemed interested in the football team. With Jimmy Orr was another Colts' player, Tommy Maxwell, a rookie from Texas A. and M.

From the motel the team went to the Community College of Baltimore. Upon reaching the college, everyone ate a late breakfast, as it was 11 a.m.

The game started at two o'clock. There was a comment from one of the coaches of the Baltimore that I think the student body would appreciate. It was reference to the Chowan supporters who had traveled to Baltimore. "You sure can hear'em, can't you?"

### Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,  
Having read the editorial concerning telephones, I feel the following statements should be made:

First, for every pay telephone there has to be a large monthly guarantee to the telephone company. It is doubtful that extra telephones would bring in enough to pay the guarantee.

Second, additional telephones in the dormitories will bring more confusion in the hallways telephones ringing.

Third, there is no need for an emergency telephone in the dormitories. Emergency calls should come through the deans or head residents. To place telephones in dormitories for emergency use is fruitless in that soon they would be used for non-emergency calls.

Thank you for letting me give my response to the editorial.

Sincerely,  
C. S. Collins, Director  
Guidance and Counseling

### Assembly is entertained by drama frat program

By PAULINE ROBINSON

Student Assembly Thursday was sponsored by Delta Psi Omega, the drama honorary fraternity. The purpose was to introduce the club and its requirements for membership.

Mrs. Edith Larson, drama director, introduced the program and Pauline Robinson, president of Delta Psi Omega, read the organization's constitution.

The 1969-70 drama agenda was discussed by Libby House, who also told of the rewards of working in a drama production.

Diane Trump informed students of the trips taken by the Chowan players for educational purposes.

A skit from last spring's production of "Pygmalion" was performed by Tom Garner, Dale Willard and Brenda Trimmer. An excerpt from "The Lantern," a play dramatized by the children's theatre, was given by Jerry Lynn Hawkins and Tom Garner.

He wondered all about the kids  
Who practiced making-out below

No need for these kids to rebel,  
What reason there to demonstrate?  
A few short periods in the class  
With hours left to meditate

Such capers I have never seen  
Since first I moved into this park;  
The Braves get braver with each year,  
And lovers still prefer the dark

"The whole darn mess looks odd to me,"  
Thought Cherry just before he napped;  
"This hugging, kissing, clipping all  
These human beings fondle-clapped"

The limb was long, the tree was tall,  
But gave our Chip proud surprise;  
How good it is that they can't talk  
And Squirrel Park's not blessed with eyes

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