



The dance--'where the action was'--Friday night

Students urged to begin with a foreign language

By PROF. EUGENE WILLIAMS
The department of foreign languages, while not one of the largest departments, is, we feel, one of the strongest. There are only two full-time teachers of foreign languages, but two other teachers divide their time between languages and English.

All four teachers have at least their masters degree, and all four have had many years experience teaching on the college level. All of the teachers of the modern languages have studied in the country where the language they teach is the native tongue.

Of our total school enrollment, about per cent take a foreign language. These, we language teachers call the "pure in heart" or the "scholars."

The language requirement is the major difference between the A. A. degree in

liberal arts and the pre-education degree. As the languages-French, Latin, Spanish-are a four semester course, students are urged to begin their study of a language their first semester in school here or they will have to attend summer school later on.

If the student plans to study medicine, pharmacy, law, or the ministry, we suggest that he take Latin. If he plans to teach, study music, enter the diplomatic service, or do graduate work, we recommend French. If he plans to enter the world of commerce-oils, tobaccos-we recommend Spanish.

Frequently a student comes to us offering two high school units in French, Latin, or Spanish. He is undecided about continuing the same language or of starting a different language. If he did reasonably well-C or better-on the language in high school, we recommend that he continue the same language.

His high school work covered basic grammar but rarely does it introduce the student to phonetics, literature, or the culture of the country. As only the large high schools have a language lab, rarely is the high school graduate able to communicate or comprehend the oral language.

If the student did poorly-D or F-on his language study in high school, we recommend that he begin a different language unless he has a strong reason for continuing in the same language.

Our experience has taught us that students rarely do well on a repeat subject. If he did poorly in high school, we recommend that he audit our elementary course as a review-before going into advanced work.

Rarely are students certain about which senior college they will attend or what major they will pursue. They sometimes tell us that the college of their choice does not require a language in their field and consequently that fail to take a language.

Many times have we had them come back later and tell us they have changed their mind about their college and they cannot gain admission because they have had no language. If there is doubt, we strongly suggest that the student begin a language his first semester.

As progress in a language course requires much time and memory work, students should be willing to pay the price when they register for a language class.

The time and effort will prove rewarding as they find themselves acquiring a key to the tongue, literature, and culture of a different nation in a world in which nations are becoming more closely associated.

Smoke Signals will publish bi-monthly

It appears that students at Chowan are not too anxious to have a weekly issue of 'Smoke Signals,' or perhaps it's a matter of being "too busy" to carry out reporting assignments.

Whatever the cause, it is not possible to publish a weekly newspaper without cooperation and assistance. A newspaper editor, however devoted and excellent, cannot do the job alone. See editorial on page 2.

Students talk about Australia with Rotarians visiting campus

By TOMMY GARNER
On Oct. 2 Chowan College held an informal reception for members of the Australian Rotary team which is visiting various parts of North Carolina.

There were two receptions held for these Rotarians in the Askew Student Union where selected students from each dormitory met and discussed various topics of interest.

The Australian team consisted of Frank Robinson, managing director of British Leyland Motor Co., Edward Parish, manager of a 24,000-acre sheep ranch, Ron Robinson, editor of a tri-weekly newspaper, R. S. Harper, a planning engineer, Rev. James Boswell, a Baptist minister, Raymond Watson, an accountant and Bevan Sommerland, a rural youth supervisor.

George Gibbs coordinated their visit in the Murfreesboro area while Dr. Calvin Dickinson and several other faculty mem-

'Astroworld' is theme for gala Homecoming activities

To discuss plans for homecoming was the purpose of the first SGA Senate meeting Oct. 1 in Marks Hall.

Lee Dunn, president, announced that \$15 would be allotted for floats and only an additional \$35 per float could be spent.

The reason for limiting the money to be spent making a float to \$50 is to ensure fairness among organizational competition.

Each organization on campus can have no more than two floats and they will be judged by a committee, which as of now has not been chosen.

Girl's serving in the homecoming court can not be sweethearts too.

The time for the parade Nov. 1 has been set at 10 a.m. and the lineup will be at 9 a.m.

For homecoming entertainment Billy Stewart will play for a free casual dance Oct. 31. On Saturday night a semi-formal dance will have music furnished by Arthur Connelly and admission will be \$3 a couple. Both dances will be from 8 to 11:45.

Ferrum-Chowan game will be broadcast

Live coverage of the Chowan-Ferrum game tomorrow will be presented by coach Bill McCraw over Murfreesboro station WWDR-FM.

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Dr. Decker will present music lecture next week

The chairman of the choral department of the School of Music, University of Illinois, will be on campus Oct. 17 for two appearances in Daniel Hall.

At 9 a.m., Prof. Harold A. Decker will work with Chowan's choir. He will present a lecture at 2 p.m. on the subject, "Choral Music Today and Tomorrow." Students are invited to attend as well as the general public.

His visit is part of the visiting scholars' program sponsored by members of the Association of Eastern North Carolina Colleges.

Dr. Decker has held his present position since 1957. He conducts the University Concert Choir, Oratorio Society and the University Chorale. In addition, he supervises a doctoral program in choral music.

Decker has made a number of European summer tours with U. of I. choral groups in 1958, 1961 and 1965 with the Varsity Men's Glee Club and in 1963 and 1967 with the Concert Choir.

On the latest tour the choir was one of two American groups invited to participate in Europa Cantat III in Belgium, sponsored by the European Federation of Youth Choirs.

Decker was elected president of the American Choral Directors Association in 1966 for a two-year term. He has been a director of the association since 1963.

For 13 years before coming to Illinois, Prof. Decker was head of the voice and choral departments at the University of

Wichita, Kan. He was graduated from Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia., in 1934 and earned a master's degree from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1938.

He has a professional certificate from the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Fontainebleau, France, where in 1953 he studied choral music under the famed teacher, Nadia Boulanger.

Morningside College in 1958 conferred an honorary doctor of music degree on Decker.

During summers he has taught at the University of Michigan, George Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn., and University of Southern California.

New dress in store for marines

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. AP — A snapper outlook is in store for lady Marines.

Col. Jeanette I. Sustad, director of Woman Marines, said Wednesday three New York designers are working on new outfits for the girls.

"We are looking for something more modern to wear," she said. "The uniforms we are now wearing were designed in 1950."

In training, Marine women are getting a grooming course which shows them how to apply makeup and style their hair, Col. Sustad said.

Diciplinary cases are reported

The following is a list of disciplinary cases waived and/or heard by the Men's Council and reviewed by the Faculty Judiciary Committee since the beginning of the academic term.

Case No. 1: Being intoxicated on campus, Preliminary Suspension and 30 days social campus.

Case No. 2: Same as Case No. 1

Case No. 3: Being intoxicated on campus and attempted vandalism of College property. Preliminary Suspension, 30 days social campus, two weeks strict campus.

Case No. 4: Being intoxicated on campus and being disorderly in the dormitory. Preliminary Suspension, 30 days social campus and two weeks strict campus.

Case No. 5: Being intoxicated on campus. Found not guilty.

Case No. 6: Speeding on campus, reckless driving and not yielding to the command of a police officer to stop, fined \$15.00.

Case No. 7: Moving to another dormitory without permission, \$5.00 fine, and to return to original room.

Case No. 8: Reckless driving on campus, \$15.00 fine and denial of privilege of operating car on campus for 30 days.

Case No. 9: Going through Cafeteria line twice. Pay \$1.25 for Wednesday night meal and denial of additional unexcused cuts in Chapel, Assembly or classes.

Case No. 10: Conduct unbecoming a Chowan College student. Preliminary Suspension and no additional unexcused cuts.

Case No. 11: Same charge as ten. Preliminary suspension, two weeks strict campus.

Case No. 13: Taking tea glass from Cafeteria. Preliminary suspension.

Case No. 14, 15, 16: Originally charged with possession and use of marijuana, found guilty in District Court for forcible trespass. Suspension from Chowan College.

The following is a list of disciplinary cases waived and/or heard by the Women's Council and reviewed by the Faculty Judiciary Committee since the beginning of the academic term.

Case No. 1: Being off campus overnight without permission, 3 call downs, a matter of forgetting to get card signed by Head Resident.

Case No. 2: Same as No. 1.

Case No. 3: Signing in another student, Strict campus for 1 week, Preliminary Suspension.

Case No. 4: Behaving in a manner unbecoming a Chowan student in the Cafeteria, 2 weeks strict campus, Disciplinary Probation.

Case No. 5: Infraction of Drug Regulations. Suspension.



He just naturally attracts photographers

"Oh no! Not again." Vernon Wilkins said as the shutter clicked. Vernon, it seems, was caught in the same pose several weeks ago and appeared on the front page of the Smoke Signals. When we found out the situation we stopped and talked to the Salisbury, Md., freshman. "It's the best way I know to relax and think," he said. Well, to each his own! You're in there, Vernon.

When you go to Australia, take care; speed limit, accident rate is high

By JOAN COX
On Oct. 2, many of our students had the privilege of attending a tea and round-table discussion with our visiting friends from Australia. For many, Australia is no longer merely a place on the maps.

It is considered a paradise and an exciting place to visit or possibly live.

Australia is by no means a small country. In area, it is the same size as our United States. But, in comparison to our abundant population Australia has a population of 12 million people.

Seven million of these people live in their capital city, Sydney, the remaining five million people are scattered around the countryside.

Due to the fact that an Australian town is approximately the same size as Murfreesboro, our visiting friends felt quite at home on our campus.

The educational system in Australia is a little different than ours. Their schools are divided into levels: one through six level is primary grades, seven through 12 level is secondary or high school.

There are no junior high schools in Australia and each school's curriculum is identical. Each school has its own uniform and every student is expected to wear that uniform.

A school year in Australia is 12 months long with several three-week vacations. The majority of students in this area, do not attend a university.

Colleges are divided into three semesters and cost approximately \$700 per semester. The college attire is also uniform. A student wears a robe to lecture.

The first nursing program to exist in Australia began three years ago at New South Wales University. It is a five-year course in which success is to get to be known. The first three years of their course is equivalent to our registered nurse and the next two years deal with specialties leading to an equivalent of our B. S. degree.

There is a high accident rate in Australia.

The speed limit in town is 35 m.p.h. and on open roads is usually 85-90 m.p.h. The average Australian family drives a compact family car with the steering wheel on the right hand side of the car.

One of the major customs of Australians is to go to a hotel pub every afternoon at 5 p. m. Even though beer costs merely fourteen cents no one is found drunk in these pubs. They are very high class places with carpet on the floor and are occasioned by many women.

Athletics play a big part in the life of an Australian. The major sports of Australia are Rugby (three types), tennis and golf and horsebackriding. Girls and boys begin these sports in the fifth grades and are proficient in each sport by high school.

The length of women's skirts in Australia was determined by their athletic nature. According to their visiting husbands, our skirts are maxi length.

The Viet Nam War has had its affect on Australia, as it has the United States. The Australian population meet this war with great concern and fighting men.

The draft system in Australia is quite different than the U. S. Each boy casts a ballot or joins the reserves. If his ballot is drawn, then he goes to Viet Nam. If his ballot is not drawn by his 21st birthday, then he has no military responsibilities. In other words, after you are past the age of 20 you have no fear of the draft.

Each Australian town has three churches. These churches are United Presbyterian, Catholic, and the Church of England.

The Aborigines (primitive man) of Australia live in their own villages. On most part, they are self-productive and have no need to enter a city. If they do come to town, they are not permitted to enter the hotels. This is because beer is sold in hotels and Aborigines become drunk after drinking two ounces of beer.

For this reason, these people have to illegally obtain their beer similar to that of the American Indian. These people very seldom intermarry, but if they do it is to the low class

Australian. The economical system of Australia is relatively lower than our system. The price of beef in Australia is much lower than here. Steak in the United States costs approximately \$1.25 per pound, in Australia it costs .60 per pound. The kangaroo is used for the need of leather items. To much amazement this is by far not extinct in Australia.

It is summer time in Australia today. Their hottest day of the year is Christmas. The beaches will be filled with surfers and surfguards. The surf in Australia is similar to that of Hawaii and for this reason surfguards save around 1,000 surfers per year. The beaches in Australia are clean and scarcely populated.

An Australian man's concept of a woman is very similar to that of the Greeks. Women are placed on pedestals and await their husbands arrival at home. Their primary purpose in life is to take care of their husbands and to be athletic throughout their retirement in order to maintain their figures.

If you would like to live in Australia and have a college degree, you can go for \$20 over and \$20 back.

Belmont students to hold program

BELMONT, N. C. AP — The Belmont Abbey student government has voted to hold a program on Oct. 15 in connection with the nationwide student demonstration for a Vietnam moratorium.

The day is to be given to "reflecting on how peace can be accomplished," the student government said.

"There has been no indication that classes will be boycotted by the students or suspended by the college.

The programs are to be held in conjunction with classes or after class, according to present plans.