

Chowan receives gift from Revelles



Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy Revelle, Sr., of Conway discuss the scholarship fund they have initiated at Chowan College with Ben Sutton, Business Manager.

Chowan College has received a gift of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy Revelle, Sr., of Conway to initiate a scholarship fund for students from Northampton and Hertford Counties.

Through the scholarship fund, to be known as The Revelle Scholars, a scholarship of \$300 will be granted annually to a student based on merit and need. Preference will be given to students from Northampton and Hertford Counties.

The selection of the students for the scholarships will be the responsibility of the college. The Revelles intend to make additional gifts to the fund "as time and circumstances will permit," said Revelle, who is chairman of the Northampton Board of Commissioners, a post he has held the past five years. He has been a member for 16 years.

Revelle said the goal is to advance the endowed scholarship fund to a minimum of \$10,000 and increase the annual scholarship to \$500.

In a letter to President Bruce E. Whitaker, Revelle mentioned their interest in Chowan. "Being natives of Northampton County, my wife and I feel extremely proud of Chowan College and the fine work it is doing and the progress it has made in the past years. We feel that your leadership has played a great deal in this tremendous growth, and it gives us a great deal of satisfaction to be able to have a very small part in its continued growth and development."

He continued, "It is our hope that in the years to come we can have a part in helping a deserving student from our area attend Chowan College."

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Revelle attended Chowan but their son, J. Guy Revelle, Jr., Murfreesboro attorney, is a member of the college's Board of Trustees and chairman of the executive committee of the Board. He is also the college's general counsel, a position he has held since 1964 when he replaced his uncle, J. Craig Revelle (the brother of Revelle, Sr.), who died in December, 1963.

The sister of Revelle, Miss Janie M. Revelle of Murfreesboro, is a Chowan graduate. The Revelles have a married daughter, Mrs. L. V. Lowe, Jr., of New Bern.

During a recent visit to Chowan, Revelle, who has been associated with Armour Agricultural & Chemical Company (recently merged with U. S. Steel) for the past 34 years, called Chowan "one of the biggest assets we have in our area."

Revelle said he considers the college a "blessing for northeastern North Carolina in education" and predicts future growth and development that will add to its prestige.

Revelle's own college education was abbreviated due to the depression. He had spent a year at Wake Forest but was not able to continue as there simply was no money available. Through the scholarship, Revelle and his wife, who is a graduate of East Carolina University, would "like to help some young person to get an education."

Revelle added that he has missed not receiving a college education and is hopeful the scholarship "may be of help in some small way to someone who could not otherwise go to college."

Concerning the gift, Chowan's President, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, commented: "Chowan is pleased and strengthened by the establishment of a funded scholarship for students from Northampton and Hertford counties to be known as The Revelle Scholars."

He continued, "Only time will measure and reveal the tremendous good which this scholarship program initiated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy Revelle, Sr., of Northampton County will accomplish through this beloved institution of Christian higher education. It will further strengthen the program, outreach and service of the college as it undertakes to provide quality higher educational opportunities for serious and needy students from the two specified counties."

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Four 'soul' musicians drown when car plunges into river

(Editor's note: The following news item was clipped from "The Smithfield Herald," Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1970.)

Billy Stewart and three other members of his "Soul Kings" musical group drowned Saturday morning when the 1970 Thunderbird Stewart was driving struck an Interstate 95 bridge a mile south of Smithfield and plunged into the Neuse River.

State Trooper H. M. Bulloch, who was in charge of the accident investigation, identified the four as: William Larry (Billy) Stewart Jr., 32, of Washington, D. C.; Norman P. Rich, 39, of Washington, D. C.; William Cathey, 32 of Charlotte; and Rico Hightower, 22, of Newark, N. J.

Trooper Bulloch said the Thunderbird was traveling south on Interstate 95 when it ran off the pavement on the left side and onto the median, struck a section of the abutment between the two bridges, plunged down the embankment, struck one of the supports under the bridge serving the northbound lane, and then fell into the river in approximately eight feet of water.

"I can't figure why the car ran off the road," Trooper Bulloch said. He said the vehicle traveled in the median for a while before the brakes were applied to leave skid marks for 89 feet before the point of impact.

Coroner V. J. Underwood, who examined the bodies, said all four died of drowning rather than of injuries sustained in the wreck.

Five wreckers were on the scene, and four were pressed into service in lifting the wreckage with the bodies from the river. A dozen members of the Johnston County Civil Defense Rescue Squad and the Benson Rescue Squad worked with others to recover the demolished vehicle and the corpses.

Hundreds of persons gathered at the wreck scene.

The bodies were taken to Sanders Funeral Home in Smithfield, and arrangements were made for shipping the bodies. Stewart's body was shipped to Washington, D. C., Rich's body to Patterson, N. J., Cathey's body to Charlotte, and Hightower's body to Newark, N. J.

Trooper Bulloch said the nine-member Billy Stewart group was traveling in two vehicles, the four in the Thunderbird in front followed by a van with five other members and the instruments. He said he was told the group had performed in Rocky Mount Friday night and were en route to Columbia, S. C., for a show.

The two occupying the front seat of the van—Nathaniel Duncan of Washington, D.C., the group's manager, and Clarence Johnson of Washington, D. C., one of the performers—told Trooper Bulloch that they witnessed the accident.

It was 2½ hours before the wreckage and the bodies were recovered. During that time, Trooper W. M. Sykes assisted Trooper Bulloch in the accident investigation, while Sergeants George Stewart and J. G. Wilson and Troopers J. E. Farmer and M. O. Eaton assisted with the handling of traffic. At times only single lanes could be used for the northbound and southbound traffic.

The four deaths brought to five the number of persons who have died as the result of motor vehicle accidents in Johnston County during the first 17 days of 1970.

Billy Stewart's music and recordings spanned the rock and roll era of the 1950's and the recent hard rock era. From an almost obscure recording of "Billy's Blues," he climbed to a nationwide hit version of "Summertime" a few years ago. Other hits were "I Do Love You," "Fat Boy," and "Sitting In The Park."

Here's a good way to beat cold dorms

(Editor's note: The following short originated at Appalachian State University and came via Associated press wire service. It may be good to file . . . just in case.)

There was heating plant trouble in some women's dormitories at Appalachian State University in Boone where temperatures dipped to minus 14 degrees Friday morning.

But university officials said the coeds stayed warm through the night anyhow.

Dorm counselors said some coeds, in addition to using electric blankets and sleeping in sweat shirts, blue jeans and robes, used hair dryers to blow hot air under their covers.



Billy Stewart sang at Chowan

Billy Stewart and his 'Soul Kings' performed in the Chowan cafeteria on the Friday night of the 1969 Homecoming weekend.

Total solar eclipse to be Mar. 7

Scientific interest comes from the fact that certain experiments can only be done in the path of a total eclipse.

The entire show is expected to last several hours, but the total eclipse (that point where the sun is totally covered by the moon) will last less than three minutes.

All through history man has recorded the strange happenings connected with solar eclipses. Mighty armies engaged in combat layed down their arms at the disappearance of the sun and made peace.

The earliest recorded eclipse occurred on October 22, 2137 B.C. in China. The Royal astronomers Hi and Ho had the job of shooting arrows and beating drums to frighten the huge dragon which was to devour the sun.

Hi and Ho celebrated their appointment to the position with a few glasses of wine. As fate would have it they celebrated too much and were dead drunk when it came time to scare the dragon. The resulting confusion and panic not only cost Hi and Ho their jobs, but also their heads.

Scientist have collected the following facts Any uninformed person may get the shock of his life early this March when suddenly at mid-day the sun disappears and the earth takes on a night like darkness.

The reason is this section of North Carolina will be in the path of a total solar eclipse on March 7 at about 1:30 p.m.

Vast sections of North America will witness the eclipse but only a lucky few will be in the path of the total eclipse. The difference comes in where a person is in reference to the center line of the path of the total eclipse.

The eclipse will cut an 80 mile wide path beginning at Mexico's Pacific Coast and running through Florida up the coastal southern states into the Atlantic. In North Carolina the center line will run through Elizabethtown, Greenville, and Elizabeth City.

Murfreesboro is about 40 miles off-center and just will make the total eclipse area.

The Eclipse is expected to draw large numbers of scientists, amateur astronomers and interested groups to this area. Most will gather at East Carolina University in Greenville and Elizabeth City. Some groups are coming from as far away as Canada.

which seem to say nature gets turned around during the eclipse;

Birds have been known to go to their nests and remain until the following dawn.

Night crawlers come out of their holes. Insects, mostly gnats and mosquitoes, suddenly swarmed over the country side looking for human targets.

Animals grazing in the fields suddenly started beating a path for the barn.

Chickens returned to their coops, but failed to lay eggs.

Experts caution observers that there are "no filters generally available through which it is safe to view an eclipse directly." Over exposed photographic negatives, sooted glass, welders' goggles and two pair of sunglasses are no good for eye protection, the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness reported.

In 1959, 170 Australians went blind permanently after viewing the eclipse. They were the victims of macular burn, an injury that occurs when an enormous concentration of the sun's energy sears tissue in the eye.

Experts say their optical systems had served as a magnifying glass, focusing the rays of the sun on a fine point in the eyes retina until that sensitive fiber center had literally been cooked to the boiling point.

"North Carolina State" magazine gives a safe method of viewing the eclipse using the projection method in the December 15 issue. A pen hole punched in a piece of white cardboard serves to project and focus the image on a piece of white cardboard below it.

The size of the image can be altered by changing the distance between the pieces of cardboard. All of this must be enclosed in a box with a hole in the bottom to shut out unnecessary light.

It will be along time before this reagon sees another solar show of this kind. For some it could be the only one of a life time so don't miss it. If you do, you might be able to catch the next one in Alaska in 1972.

It's a boy!

Wm. B. Sowell, associate director of graphic arts, became the proud father of a five pound, 11 ounce son, Richard Joseph on Jan. 23. Richard was born in Franklin, Va.

How will you fare in the lottery?

(Editor's note: There is a preponderance of news and information regarding the new lottery system as it pertains to selective service. All of this information is valuable to students at Chowan. The following questions and answers are furnished by William H. McCachren, state director, Selective Service system.)

1. Q. When is a registrant considered available?

A. An "available registrant" is any I-A or I-A-O registrant to whom the local board could immediately issue an order to report for induction to fill an outstanding call. He has been examined and found qualified, his appeal period has expired, he is not eligible for deferment or exemption, nor does any other reason exist to prohibit the local board from issuing him an induction order to fill an outstanding induction call. A registrant who is already under an induction order is not a part of this group.

2. Q. What is meant by "administrative delay"?

A. An administratively delayed registrant is one whose number is reached while he is Class I-A or I-A-O, but he cannot be mailed an order to report for induction because he either has not been examined and found acceptable, or his appeal period has not expired, or State Headquarters and National Headquarters may have called for his file for review. The foregoing reasons and any similar reasons are considered "administrative delays."

3. Q. My birth date was drawn number 227 in the lottery. I am in school and will be until June 1971. Will the 227 number apply when I enter the pool in 1971 or will that year's apply?

A. Once you get a sequence number, that number stays with you during your entire Selective Service eligibility time.

4. Q. I am 227 in this year's lottery and I-A. What are my chances of being drafted?

A. There is no way to determine when any registrant in I-A will be called for induction.

5. Q. I am 19 and classified II-S. My lottery number is 227. When I lose my deferment in 1973, will I be drafted immediately or in sequence with the 1973, 19-year-olds?

A. Under existing rules and regulations, you will be slotted in by sequence number with the 1973, 19-year-olds if you become available.

6. Q. I am 19 and classified II-S. My number is 227. If I dropped out of school and received a I-A classification and was not called in 1970, would I be called later?

A. It is difficult to say whether you will

First in a series

By D. H. Nicholson, Registrar

A problem most in the minds of many male college and university students at this time is that which concerns the new Selective Service lottery, or what is officially called the new "Random Selection Procedures."

This article, the first in a series pertaining to the lottery, will be concerned with the following questions and answers which are most frequently asked the local boards about the new system of selection for induction.

The Selective Service, through Local Board No. 47 of Hertford County, has requested that the registrar publish the questions and answers in order to inform Chowan College student-registrants and their parents about the newly inaugurated system of random selection that will be used to fill future induction calls.

or will not be ordered later. All I-A and I-A-O registrants in the current prime group will be called first, then those in the next lower group if needed.

7. Q. If I were 19 years old and had no basis for deferment and were not inducted in 1970, could I be inducted in 1971 or in subsequent years?

A. Yes, you could be unless you are deferred.

8. Q. I am 19 and have a II-S deferment. If my lottery number isn't called this year, will I still be drafted when I lose the deferment?

A. You will be slotted into the current year of availabilities when you become I-A available.

9. Q. I am 19 and am classified II-S. Is my name included in this year's lottery, or when I lose my deferment?

A. This year's lottery since you became 19 before January 1, 1970. You were given a lottery number by the drawing that took place on December 1, 1969.

10. Q. Presently, I am Class II-A, but this deferment will expire on February 28, 1970. I have number 306 from the lottery. I will become 26 on May 1, 1970. If the local board does not reach my number before my 26th birthday, what will my status be?

A. If you become available, you will go into a low category.

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Whitaker listed in publication

The president of Chowan College, Bruce E. Whitaker, has been listed in the 1969 issue of "Personalities of the South," recently published by the American Biographical Institute.

According to the editor, E. H. Sparks of Raleigh, "Personalities of the South" "contains the biographies of five thousand outstanding southern leaders including Governors, United States Senators and Representatives."

Continued Sparks, "This publication has received nationwide acclaim as being a worthwhile method of honoring deserving citizens as well as a comprehensive production of the South's leaders."

Those honored include ministers, physicians, businessmen and women, educators, governmental leaders, and others who have distinguished themselves in specific vocations or community activities. Dr. Whitaker was also listed in the 1968 issue.

Graham gets assistant

Bill Holt, a former policeman in Norfolk and a present Chowan student, is assisting Billy Graham by relieving him 25 hours a week. A veteran, Holt is married to a teacher in the Northampton County School System.



Tests? And we haven't begun classes!

New students for the spring semester found time during those hectic days of unpacking and registration to take placement tests. Pictured is Bobby Dunlow, an entering freshman.