

## EDITORIALS

Editor's Note:  
The following editorials do not necessarily express the views of the

"Smoke Signals:" however the staff always welcomes constructive opinionated editorials.

### "Knee-Knocker Blues" in Columns

"Tonight Chowan College will endeavor to bring to the students and citizens of Murfreesboro another evening of quality entertainment. Tonight's presentation will be held in the Columns Auditorium. This auditorium has been the scene of such fine entertainment as the N. C. Little Symphony, Danzas Venezuelan, and the Queen of Spring Pageant.

Tonight's program will be interrupted periodically by such outstanding productions as the hall-length dribbling contest and shot-put competition sponsored by the 2nd floor Residents of Columns. Other interruptions

will be when all present over 5 foot-2 will join together from their seats singing the "Knee-Knocker Blues". They will be accompanied by the Radiator Pipe Orchestra in B Major (very flat and very sharp).

The Chowan Redneck Hooting and Hollering Club will present a series of catcalls and whistles during an exhibition of model airplane design sponsored by the Junior Aerodynamics Club seated in the balcony.

Now on with tonight's entertainment."  
—Frank Granger

### SGA needs a helping hand

In the last issue of the Smoke Signals there was an editorial written by Ronaldo A. Karunungan, a freshman of Chowan College. His article attempted to place eighty-three per cent of Chowan freshman into the category of fools.

The article was "Politics are vanishing into thin air." This statement could be true, but I would say that it is the people and not the politics disappearing. We as a whole are not interested in politics anymore, (referring to the students of Chowan College). Instead of doing something for ourselves, we just sit or stand in corners and complain about what the school needs. We talk about the things that the SGA are not doing. But stop for five or ten minutes and talk about the things that the officers of the SGA are doing. You will find that there is much to talk about, and soon there will be more to talk about.

The members of the SGA are making progress for Chowan, but they need our help to speed them up. We act as if the SGA officers have authority over the SGA Constitution, but they have no more power than we have. They are only representatives for us. We are the power light burning and when our fuel runs out, the officers of the SGA are left in the dark. We are the ones that put them there. They need our help to function and we as a whole are letting them down.

I would say that some people jump the gun too soon and before they know it, they have fired on some one without giving them a chance to make their shield. But before we jump down the throats of the SGA, we must consider their problems, position at the time you need them, and the meetings that they have to attend. For instance, in Ronaldo's previous article he said, "The SGA officers did not even bother to set up the place to fit the occasion, they did not put up any signs notifying the students about the candidates speeches." I feel that if the SGA officers were going around putting up signs all the time, that they would not get any of those things that this institution needs.

That very night, the candidates could have made the first move in showing the students that we can do the small things ourselves, like setting the student union for the occasion, getting the podium and putting up signs. I see no reason why the SGA members should be blamed for this. If the candidate was that interested in giving his speech, he would have seen about this himself.

It seems as if Ronaldo cut down a majority of the Chowan student body, including myself. But I envy him for doing this. We needed this beating a long time ago. I hope with his article he has opened your eyes, he has truly opened mine. And now I am ready to give the SGA officers a helping hand, and I hope that you are too.

I think that Ronaldo knows that if we would have been together on the night of the election, some of the candidates that are in office now might not have been there. I am also aware of and commend him for his thought.

I admire Ronaldo for his interest in politics, I respect him for his intelligence, I condole him for his loss, but I condemn him for the use of false statements. He has witness that Earl Gibson didn't put any signs up, that he thought it was a popularity contest. Well I can assure you that Gibson did put up some signs, but he didn't know that he was so popular, until he saw his signs covered with the word Nigger.

Earl Gibson was the only student to run for president and still he was afraid of not winning. For the simple reason, in order to win you had to get 50 per cent of the votes that were casted. He was alone, just as Ronaldo has said. I say this because out of 680 Freshman, only 161 per cent is black. When he filled out this application, he had no idea that he was going to be running against votes. A person like Earl is going to always have an opponent. I'm going to leave you with my thought and your answer. Suppose there would have been one person running against me, would you have said that it was a challenge between the two opponents, when the ratio of one race was 1.61 per cent of the 680 students? Would not that have been a sure victory?

By Earl Jr. Gibson

### Epitaph

By RICK KELTON

The sun fades red for all is past,  
We hear the wind-no death resounds.  
Worn jangle-mud, the imprints there for all who come,  
And once again the ants are crowned.

### Lost and found

The following articles can be found at the desk in Columns: a maroon varsity jacket with the letter "J" and a pair of gold earrings. Lost by Faye Overstreet was a room key in a blue key case. If found return it to the desk in Columns.

### Better voting method suggested

By PAULINE ROBINSON  
Another election is approaching March 25. SGA officers are to be voted on and as usual the voting is to take place in the student union.

Is it really fair to place the polls in the student union? In terms of student body percentage very few students frequent the union, and those that do are often the ones that live there.

Elections are supposed to be democratic. In principle those held on campus are but in reality well, it is obvious that they are not.

Very few people ever bother to vote to be exact only 17 per cent of the eligible voters for the last election exercised their voting privilege.

Why is this the case? Too many people, in spite of the publicity, forget to go down to the union to vote, especially if they seldom go there. Day students do not always make the scene either. Maybe one could term this this as not enough school pride, however, if the polls were placed in a more obvious position, perhaps there would be a higher representation of voters. It would seem much more

logical to have the polls placed where most students have to see them and are reminded of their responsibility. Even a conscientious citizen forgets. To make the election a success the voting polls should be moved. The foyer of Marks Hall is one of the best places to set up ballot boxes for practically all students have a class in the building at least once a day.

Another possible place is in front of the cafeteria or in the cafeteria lobby. Most students, with the exception of day students, find their way to the cafeteria for meals.

Chapel catches all students and ballots could be distributed with chapel cards to ensure a total chance of student voting.

The above are simply constructive suggestions to improve our present political scene at Chowan. None is expected to vote if he prefers not to; however, there is a large number who would vote if the election boxes were stationed before their eyes.

To have the best leaders we must evoke the best methods choosing them.

### Dogs on campus are a problem

One of the problems that is facing our campus today is that of stray dogs. There is much unrest among the cafeteria staff and faculty about this problem.

This is understandable for these dogs are unsanitary, and in many cases need to be vaccinated. Still, another side of this problem, not to be overlooked is the attachment of the students to these pets. Many students have risked the penalties of keeping these pets in the dormitory to keep them out of the hands of the dog-catcher. Just today when I asked the dog-catcher if he intended to shoot the

captured dogs, his reply was, "Well I have to do something with them." To me it seems like there should be another alternative.

These dogs must have rabies shots and identification collars. This is the only sanitary way to keep these amiable pets on campus. Dean Lewis suggested today that if this issue is taken to the county instead of a private veterinarian the cost will be much cheaper.

Since this is true, with the interest and cooperation from the staff and student body, it will be possible to keep these animals on campus.

Melissa Bowers

### Chowan is having a good year

Most citizens in the Chowan College Community agree we are having a good year. Certainly no element in the community is more responsible for this success we are experiencing than the leaders of the Student Government Association.

When I say leaders of the SGA, I mean not only Lee Dunn, Bucky Griffin, and other executive officers, but I include Tom Keithley, Priscilla Renn, and other members of the Men's and Women's Council as well as dormitory officers.

Within a few weeks most of our 1969-70 leaders will graduate and their responsibilities will pass into the hands of new officers who will form the 1970-71 Student Government Association.

These new leaders will be elected on Wednesday, March 25, 1970.

The attitudes and abilities of these newly elected SGA officers will shape the way of life in the Chowan College Community next year. What is done now will determine, to a great extent, the 1970-71 year at Chowan College.

More responsibility is given student leaders every year. Their influence is felt by the student personnel section of the College administration. Therefore, I, as Dean of Students, urge all citizens of the College community to join in an effort to see that only our most capable students are given the honor of serving and representing us as leaders.

Dean Lewis

### Constructive criticism offered

By DIANNE TRUMP

I have often been annoyed at the fact that I have had to fit my schedule around chapel and assembly twice a week. Does it really do any good? Well, I do sometimes do my homework or find that person I needed to see, or hear an announcement, but I am not put into a spiritual mood by mass-voicing of the Lord's Prayer, neither do I think it is possible to herd students into the auditorium and realistically believe the majority are in a reverent mood. Faculty and administration members themselves admit:

We have to. We're supported privately and controlled by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

What would they say if we didn't want chapel?

It's good for announcements. Aren't these sacrilegious reasons to "bring out the Bible," so to speak?

Today was a good example of how the students felt toward the hypocrisy of the whole situation. I agree that some students showed a lack of respect for Rev. Calkins, but it seemed a futile attempt by Rev. Taylor to "punish" us. I am of the opinion that Rev. Taylor is an educated man who shouldn't waste his time on such duties. Why can't something be done to make this time more useful to everyone?

### The Pencil

By JOHNNY WILLIAMS

The Pencil writes—  
The words flow gently across the paper.  
The page is full.  
But the pencil destroyed itself for nothing for with all its desire and effort the beautiful meaning of the words was lost in the wind.

### Time

By DICKIE BLACK

There is a time to see  
There is a time to be  
There are times to be free  
Now you see me  
Now you don't  
Now I am free, just being me



I would like to start this week by offering my congratulations to the owner of that tan Buick sedan with the radio ariel on top, I understand he got up to bat recently, even if he did strike out while trying to swing at a sharp curve.

Having had no repercussions from my last column, I will attempt to broaden your minds with another chapter from the "College Students Survival Textbook." This week I will explain to you how you can tell when Spring arrives and what you can do to take advantage of it.

How do you know when Spring arrives? Some people say it comes with the first robin, others can tell by the start of baseball season, but the best way I think is to watch people and you will know almost to the minute when Spring arrives.

First, the number of class cuts begins to increase, all excused of course. "Uncouth" Research Inc. has discovered that the average Chowan students' grandparents die 2.6 times per year, and everyone knows that a death in the family deserves free cuts. Did you ever notice how tanned everyone looks when they return from their grandparents' funeral?

The traffic on the baseball field will become so congested that I hear the College is planning to hire a new deputy just to direct traffic. However, the State is also considering helping out with this problem by placing signs along the road. As of today they haven't decided whether to put up "Children at Play" or "Men Working".

Another sure sign of spring is the mid-term grading period. There are many ways to handle your parents with this problem. Two of the most widely used are as follows. Tell them that all the D's are now C's or that the professor grades everybody low to make them work. The only falicy with these two explanations is that they can't be used but once, so save them, the next grades may be worse. If these two methods don't work you can always resort to tampering with the mail, and innocently state that the policy of mid-term grades has been stopped.

If you really want to take advantage of the coming spring days, here is a method that will never fail. Take your blanket off your bed, get all the books you need to study from, get some ice from Thomas Restaurant and what ever goes with it and find a nice spot in the sun. Incidentally, the books are used to prop under your feet to keep you from going into shock after you have eaten all that ice.

I am sure you will all take this advice and have a most successful spring vacation so you can rest up for spring break.

In closing I would like to leave you with this old Pango-Pango proverb, "If your 'Dog' chases cars, chain him to the front gate."

### Backstage Helpers

By DIANE TRUMP

Many people don't realize the tremendous work that is carried on to present a production like "The Taming of the Shrew."

You've probably heard students from cast walking around calling each other Lucentio, and Kate, or Tranio or Bianca. These people almost live the parts and have even started talking in Shakespearean style!

But also in our big "family" we have crew members that stay behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly. Cindy Barrett and Russell Jones are two members that we couldn't do without.

Cindy has diligently helped us for a long time, making posters, painting sets and fixing up the dressing rooms. She's the girl "back there" with paint all over her and quietly working away.

Russell has done a fantastic job of fixing up our light room. We now have new spotlights and an amplifying system, as well as steps instead of an old ladder going up to the light room. The make-up room really looks professional with lights around the mirror, newly painted walls, linoleum on the floor and an electric outlet on the counter for electric curlers.

These people have helped us greatly with several things backstage that add to the entire appearance of our stage. We appreciate it!

### SGA plans election

SGA elections are scheduled for Mar. 25 in the student union from 12:00 to 5:00. Campaigning is to begin Mar. 16.

On Mar. 23 at 7:30 in Marks Hall there will be a political rally and following, free cokes will be served in the student union with a band to provide entertainment.

Those interested in SGA offices are to pick up applications in Dean Dillard's office and return them by Mar. 18. Also dorm presidents and men and women's council members for next year are to be elected at this same time. A "C" average is required for all offices.

## Literary Musings



By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

By PROF ROBERT MULDER  
NOW YOU SEE IT,  
NOW YOU DON'T

A few of my student friends have been keeping the roads hot recently by making pilgrimages to place near Ahoskie where they report seeing strange lights. Now I've been told about these happenings by at least two sources of a fairly commendable nature, so I'm not doubting their word.

Being somewhat of a visionary enthusiast myself, I find their reports interesting—so much so, in fact, that when I get the chance, I'm not going over there myself.

It should not be too strange to residents of North Carolina for when it comes down to speter count, our state has its share of the supernatural, explainable events. I refer to an article in a recent edition of our local paper.

Folks around Wilmington are very familiar with the famous Maco Lights. Supposedly it's Joe Baldwin, a railroad man hit and decapitated by a train in 1860's, looking for his head. Scientists and psychologists have been mystified by the light for years; local people are assured that they know what causes the light.

Near the town of Bath may be found the Magic Horse Tracks, a series of shallow holes in the ground which resemble hoof prints. This story over one hundred and fifty years old recounts how a citizen was racing his horse on Sunday and remarked to the horse, "Take me in a winner or take me to hell." As the story goes, the horse threw the rider against a tree killing him instantly. The hoof prints which remain today maybe filled with dirt at night but will be empty the next day.

I have seen near Siler City what is known as the Devil's Tramping Ground. Though somewhat weird to view, no visit to Siler City is complete without seeing this phenomenon.

My list could continue, however, I shall close with statement that if you are concerned about the strange and interesting, see me in person and let me tell you about ghosts I have seen recently.

## Photo exhibit planned for Spring Festival

"Smoke Signals" will sponsor a PHOTO EXHIBIT at the Spring Festival on April 25, 1970. All Chowan students, faculty members, and staff are invited to participate. Persons wanting to display pictures in the PHOTO EXHIBIT are asked to meet at 8:15 Monday night, Apr. 13, to finalize plans. At

this meeting on April 13, we will decide how many entries each participant can submit.

All entries must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students by Monday, Apr. 20, 1970. Entries will be edited by Pauline Robinson, editor of "Smoke Signals."

The following guidelines are to be used by participants in displaying entries.

Photographs may be of any size; photographs may be mounted or unmounted; and each participant will display his work in an assigned section. Participants who display only one entry will be assigned to a particular section of the exhibit area.

Each print or section of print must be identified by the name of the photographer; each print may or may not be titled; and the photographer does not have to be present at the exhibit. Prints are displayed at the risk of the photographer. "Smoke Signals" is not responsible for any damage done to the entries.

Photographers may display, at their own risk, the cameras which they have used in taking the pictures on display.

Interested persons in the Chowan College community should contact Larry Matthews, Frank Granger, Mark Abrams, Ken Lassiter, or Gary Whitley if they have additional questions concerning the PHOTO EXHIBIT. Ken Lassiter can be of help to participants who are interested in mounting their entries.

### Theme is chosen

The theme chosen for Spring Festival scheduled for April 25 is "Campus Carnival." The coronation of the court called the "Big Top Show," will be held at 3:00 and following from 3:30 to 5:00 a carnival will be sponsored by various clubs and dormitories on campus.

Each organization has been asked to sponsor a booth. The maintenance department will set up the framework and rope off the area for each booth. The cost of each booth may range from a penny to 25 cents per person.

Each group will be responsible for decorating their booth but the name of each group must be on the booth. The booths are to be set up that Saturday morning by noon but can not be opened until 3:30.

Booths will be judged on decorativeness, originality, and participation and interest of students. A \$10 prize will be given to the best booth, which will be awarded at intermission of the dance on Saturday night.

Booth ideas in complete detail must be turned in to Dean Lewis' office by Monday, Mar. 23. These will be approved and returned by Apr. 6.



Editor Pauline Robinson  
Associate Editor Julie Hoskins  
Business Manager Larry N. Matthews  
Advisors  
Herman Gatewood Malcolm Jones