

## EDITORIALS

### Paper's duty is to print facts

"The purpose of the newspapers of a free society is to print the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in a short concise manner."

Newswriting classes get the above statement or one like it drummed into their heads often, but how often does a student get this from his school paper?

On several occasions staff members would be approached and asked why a certain incident was not reported. Or another time someone would say, "You didn't have to put that in the paper, did you?"

The incident of the master keys is a good example. To my knowledge little was said by the paper of the facts concerning those students. I doubt any student on campus at the time could have given you the facts of the matter. To this day some students don't even know who got

"kicked out" or in truth if anyone did. Rumors result and thrive on lack of news. Without a true authority for the foundation of truth there can't be any order in society. This is probably why professional newspapermen look upon their work with pride when they say they are the "backbone of America."

With the news names, places and events must be discussed. It is not the duty of the newspaper to persecute anyone or anything no matter what the popular opinion or even the opinion of the editors. Likewise it is not their duty to protect.

When names must be used it is the duty of the reporter to print the plain truth without opinions. It is the duty of the reader to read the facts and decide for himself. It is a fine line.

Frank Granger

### Time to get involved on campus

By JULIE HOSKINS

It's nearing the end of another academic year, so it's time to elect new officers to the Student Government Association. But how can you elect when there is no one to elect from.

Select means "to select, pick out, or choose," which means you have to have more than one prospective candidate so you can choose. It can hardly be termed as an election if only one person runs for each office. That just means the person got the position because he was the only one to vote for.

That doesn't necessarily mean that the candidate is not fully qualified or competent, it just means that you've had no one else to compare him to; no one for him to compete with.

Students need to be involved in competition. Competition makes a person work harder, to out do his competitors. If you were the only candidate for an office, you know you'd get it, so you probably wouldn't bother with a forceful campaign. But if you had a competitor who did a lot of campaigning, I'm sure you wouldn't sit around and

watch his campaign. You'd try to match or out do his campaign with your own.

This competition is everywhere when there are students who care enough to really want to hold an office. Chowan needs a little competitive motivation.

In many schools there are a few leaders who hold offices in many clubs. These students are responsible workers. They apply themselves and do what is expected of them in their respective positions. But in many instances other students would not compete with the "big man on campus" because everybody knows he'd win

Nobody will know your ideas until you get up and tell them. Why not compete for the office? You have just as much to offer as anyone else.

If you can keep your grades up, work for your position and carry out its duties, you should consider running for an office. Oh, but there is just one more thing you have to have enough interest to care about this position you're filling!

that coke syrup is bad for your parts, it will rust your pipes or something like that.

As a result of my last column, the North Carolina Highway Department has informed me that they do not plan to erect "Men Working" or "Children At Play" signs along the road by the baseball field. Instead, they plan to put up a sign which reads "Slow-Children at Play". I can see their point, after all, this is a Junior College.

Since my last deadline many interesting things have happened in historic Murfreesboro. Walter's Grill has celebrated its twentieth anniversary of service to the people of Murfreesboro. I feel that Walter should be congratulated for this unbelievable accomplishment. Can you imagine twenty years without a waitress? With such outstanding accomplishments as this, it is understandable why Murfreesboro is the "cultural center of eastern North Carolina".

Speaking of historic Murfreesboro, I noticed in the last edition of "Smoke Signals" that Mr. James H. Gatling constructed and flew an airplane twenty years before the Wright Brothers. This must mean that he beat the Russians by at least five years. I asked why this was such an unknown fact and one old timer told me that the Chowan Indians shot him down with antiaircraft fire on his first flight. Got to give these people credit, they really know how to keep a secret. I understand Mr. Gatling is going to get a patent on his invention and build a big plantation at Chowan Beach.

The other day while wasting time in the student union, I noticed a never-before-tried item on sale in Roy's greasy spoon. It was listed as Tomato extra and only sells for a nickel. Take my word and don't waste your money; I tried it and you guessed it, they put too much ice on it.

### The Beach in the Morning

By DIANNE TRUMP

Get up in the morning.  
Look at the clouds  
Over the earth like a blanket  
Of whipped cream.

Cool sand lies upon a silent beach—  
Clean-swept.  
And sleepy waves  
Are nudged by the smiling sun.

The beach creatures  
Scuttle over dunes—  
Among sea-foams  
And Nature's debris.

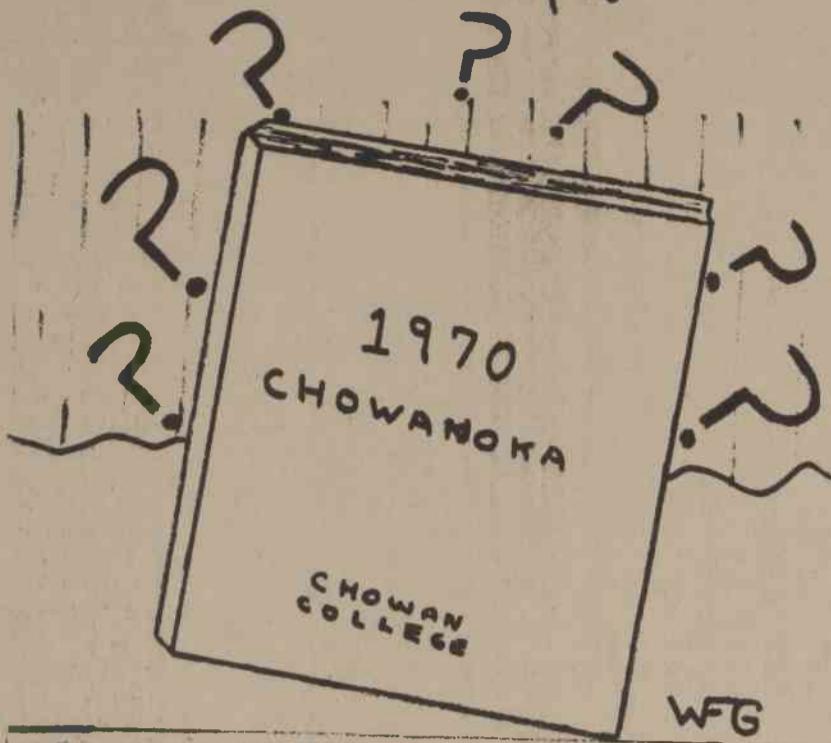
To walk the beach  
In its untouched solitude  
Is a kind of loving  
Eternally new.

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## "The Best Kept Secret ON Campus"



## THE CAMPUS WINDOW

### Thoughts Of The Times

As part of a general switchover in jargon under a new administration, personnel at the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington have been instructed to stop referring to "the poor." Instead, says a staff memo, the term should be "low income individuals."

Also to be dropped is "anti-poverty" in favor of "poverty programs," because, says Director Donald Rumsfeld, OEO hasn't enough money to wage an all-out war against such conditions.

Guess that cinches what the Good Book says: You have the low income individuals always with you. — Roanoke (Va.) Times

### 'Free'?

A recent official survey of the Medicare program indicated that in the next 25 years, the cost of Medicare will be 131 billion dollars — yes, billion — more than would be collected under the present level of taxation.

That has brought a request for a tax increase. While estimates now are running 131 billion dollars above income at the present level, while inflation probably will push costs higher, it might be recalled that some people favored adoption of the program because they thought they were getting "free" medical care. — Chattanooga (Tenn.) News-Free Press

male is a woman who feels jealous of imagined (?) male superiority and uses whatever power she has to emasculate (figuratively castrate) all the males she can.

Any male who's had much contact with a variety of secretaries and librarians, particularly in the academic world, is easily convinced that the term is in part valid. But whatever its validity, it's ludicrous to suggest that all feminists are neurotic.

The final hilarity, however, comes from the feminists themselves—the author of an article in a women's liberation publication suggested that all women should study karate and announced, "WATCH OUT. MAYBE

YOU'LL FINALLY MEET A REAL CASTRATING FEMALE."

Lesbian-baiting has become another favorite male tactic. While Freud spins in his grave, a number of men assume that there must be something queer about any woman who believes in the equality of the sexes.

And again the feminists outstrip their opponents by stating that heterosexuality is a form of slavery and—some—discussing seriously whether lesbianism is a realistic alternative to heterosexuality.

At the end of all this pseudo-psychology we have the "Big Bang" theory of women's liberation. Helen Duder borrowed the term from astronomy to categorize the common male belief "... that all any of these women need is really swell copulation."

But as she goes on to point out: "Few men pause to ask whether causing the earth to shake for a woman each night will obliterate her boredom, frustration and sense of injustice each day."

All this cross-analysis occasionally may make one wish to return to the days before psychology started peeping into every little corner, to the days of the horse and buggy—to the days before castrating females, lesbians and women who simply need a Big Bang were entrapped by the slavery of heterosexuality.

## Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

hand by one of the ridiculous souls. Until I do, I'll just accept those who are different with the same grace that they seem to have for me.

### Five Great Books of Poetry

If I had to be stranded on a desert island and could have only five books (in addition to the Holy Bible) there is no question in my mind as to which five books I'd take along. There are no novels, with the exception of "Look Homeward, Angel," that I would like to spend a long period of solitude with; however, there are five volumes of poetry which could amuse and inspire me for an indefinite length of time.

Bachelors are quick to give true and never-failing advice on "how to handle a woman." Even I have served as Cupid in a few cases, and the whole Chowan world knows I obviously don't know anything about how to win an ideal mate.

Still it seems that those who don't really know about a thing are those who sound off the loudest and write most prolifically on things about which they know very little. I've said all this to preface a few choice words on the "hippie generation."

There appeared recently in the "Jacksonville Daily News" an editorial entitled "Take a Long Look in the Mirror." The writer comments on a book by John Holt ("How Children Fail," an educational reform book) which evidently instructs the older generation on how to see things in light of today's generation.

Now it seems that every way you turn someone is writing about the today generation. The only trouble is that it is rarely today's generation commenting on itself. I have become weary of reading what fifty-sixty year olds have to say about why hippies let their hair grow, etc. Why not let the hippies speak for themselves?

Frankly every account I read about hippies is misrepresented, and this is the reason. Educators and slick-philosophers have said enough, it seems to me, to degrade the generation who attempts to practice a little of the freedom of personality and personal appearance for which our fathers died, to use an old phrase.

I don't know very many hippies, but the few I do know are nice people. They have long hair, yes, but it's clean. Their clothes may be different but what are fashions for anyway?

The aforementioned editorial states: "One need not delve deeply into reasons. The sight of a scuffy and dirty hippie, whatever he may or may not symbolize to the viewer, is simply offensive to the eye and oppressive to the spirit, like an overflowing trash can on the sidewalk. The hippie, at his worst, is as much an insult to himself as to everyone who comes in contact with him."

Here again it is the older generation speaking out at the younger. All too often, in the words of Wordsworth, the "tables should be turned."

I have come to place very little stock in what I read about hippies, since it's always thwarted. I've yet to see an accurate account written first-



Did somebody say "smile?"

Joan Cox gives the photographer one of her best smiles. No Joan, we don't think we can use you on the cover of the Chowanian this month.