

EDITORIALS

You're in college now...

By JULIE HOSKINS

You're in college now. Make the most of it. Get involved. Make friends. Do things. Enjoy it. Be happy.

That doesn't mean just freshmen; it means sophomores too. Many returning Chowan students never got involved last year. Freshmen can start now, becoming an active part of Chowan College.

Studies come first—but college isn't just for studying. It's for learning. You'll learn in class but you'll also learn outside of class. Your time is your own; spend it wisely. Get involved in activities. Chowan College has clubs and publications for students. Join a club. Help them achieve their goal, whether it's a luncheon for new faculty members, contribution to the March of Dimes, or sponsoring a pit party.

Join a publication staff. "Smoke Signals" is published every two weeks. Students help and suggestions are welcome. Meetings are always opened to all students. Letters to the editor are accepted in the graphic arts building. No letter will be ignored, but letters must be signed to be printed. An unsigned letter can not be printed.

Chowan also has a yearbook, "The Chowanoka." It's composition is done by students, and approved by the Department of Graphic Arts. You can help with its publication. Go to the meetings and learn how you can be a part of your college yearbook.

All local churches welcome students. Become involved in their activities. Help with church projects. Be part of the community. Help others.

Make friends. Some of the closest friends you'll ever have will be fellow students. We're all alike. We're all on our way to an adult world. Sharing ideas and opinions with others helps you realize the world around you as it is; as you think it is, as others think it is, and as it could be.

Don't let yourself dwell on things that don't work out right. Work to make things better. Help yourself. Help others. Enjoy what you're doing. Smile a lot. One smile—your smile—may help someone more than you'll ever know.

Be a part of the life around you. Being happy is part of your success in college.



By RONALDO A. KARUNUNGAN

This piece can be best described as the first in many ways. It is the first story in this column; the first appearance of this column is the Smoke Signals; and the first issue of the Smoke Signals for this academic year.

The whole "Chowan College Family" looks forward to this year as one of the best years to come to Chowan College. The formation of this goal is quite easy but the accomplishment is much more difficult than one can imagine. It will require a well-coordinated effort from all the groups that comprise the Chowan Family—from administrative officials, student leaders, and students, in general. It is just like playing the piano—using less than ten fingers results in a poor sound. On the other hand, pressing the ten fingers all at the same time results in a terrible noise. It needs coordination among the ten fingers to produce a good melody. The more systematic we are in using the ten fingers, the better the sound of music that we get. If this year we can harness the best harmony from all the sectors of the Chowan Family, then undoubtedly, this will mark the beginning of the best years for Chowan.

If we pry into the existing condition of the college community we will discover that the administration is a major factor in creating the atmosphere of cooperation among other groups. We are fortunate that the administrative officials have confidence in the ability of the student leaders to perform their respective duties. This confidence however, should not be expressed in words only. It must be manifested in action by respecting their views and opinions. It does not imply that the student leaders will have the final say on student matters, but at least, let them govern the student activities with the minimum restrictions. It will certainly stimulate interest and generate new ideas that can be injected into the organization.

As the year progresses, conflicting views will constantly arise within the student ranks. I feel that to criticize the students' shortcomings is essential. It is hoped that in reciprocity, all our fellow students will not hesitate to criticize us, their leaders, and will give us their suggestions. In the same token, they should be aware of their responsibilities and have enough courage to accept them. Let them be reminded that however active a handful of students may be, only a concerted and united effort supported by the student body will work out.

At the commencement of this year, it would be to our advantage to expose the mistakes of the past, without malice to anyone. It is important to analyze it with a positive attitude so that work in the future will be done more carefully and more effectively.

The administration through the faculty committees on two occasions overruled the will of the student body. One was when the student assemblies voted against the dress policy on Wednesdays and Sundays. The other was when the SGA Senate passed a resolution changing the library hours to suit their study schedules. In both instances, faculty committees turned down the students' pleas for reform.

The student leaders of last year also had some misgivings of their own. They did not give emphasis to informing the students of the various activities going on. They assumed that what they know is already understood by the students. The students consequently lost their sense of belonging to the SGA. As a result, apathy set in, as evidenced by low-voting percentage and very poor attendance in several lectures sponsored by the SGA.

The student body was not entirely blame-free at all. They displayed very immature actions in many Chapel-Assemblies. This can not be blamed on any other sector of the Chowan Family but the students themselves.

These are the mistakes that lie before us. I trust that we can work together to make these mistakes the keys to success this year.

People

By PAM MAHER

People come and go,
But yet we live in
A world that is so,
Great of knowledge,
And this is to
A person at Chowan College,
Who is sweet
In every way possible.
So let a life live.
I love this world
God made; in the world
Religion is the greatest
Thing ever possible.
So everybody is able
To believe in God.
Who came with the sins of Adam
and Eve.
He forgives us in every way
And will make our stay
On earth a happy one.
May God Bless the

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WINDOW

By PROF. WES CORBETT

The following questionnaire was given to 90 Chowan College sophomores in order to gather information on their religious beliefs and behavior. The questionnaire covers the degree of an individual's involvement in the associational aspect of his religion or church attendance, the individual's assent to prescribed doctrines or doctrinal orthodoxy, the individual's devotional orientation or the frequency with which he prays and seeks to determine God's will when he had important decisions to make, and the individual's adherence to some fundamentalist positions.

The sample included fifty males and forty females enrolled in Sociology 205. There were 71 protestants, six Catholics, no Jews, and 13 students who listed themselves as being something other than protestant, Catholic, or Jew.

The questionnaire is divided into two sections, I and II. The figures listed after each answer in section I represent the percentage of students who agreed, disagreed or were undecided about each item. On section II the percentage of students who responded to each answer are given following each answer.

Section I

1. The work of the church could be just as effectively done by the schools and social agencies. Agree 24, Disagree 66, Undecided 10.
2. All miracles in the Bible are true. Agree 25, Disagree 55, Undecided 19.
3. In general I consider church attendance a waste of time. Agree 27, Disagree 64, Undecided 9.
4. Jesus was born of the Virgin in a manner different from human beings. Agree 44, Disagree 39, Undecided 17.
5. God's word in the Holy Scriptures is man's ultimate authority. Agree 42, Disagree 38, Undecided 20.
6. I believe in Hell as a form of existence in a future life. Agree 46, Disagree 37, Undecided 17.
7. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John contain some legendary material. Agree 64, Disagree 10, Undecided 26.
8. God is only a symbol of man's ideals. Agree 29, Disagree 51, Undecided 20.

Section II

1. About how often, if ever, have you attended religious services in the last year: 1- once a week (22), 2- two or three times a month (24), 3- once a month (14), 4- a few times a year or less (26), 5- never (13).
2. Which of the following reasons on this list is the main reason you attend church: 1- Because I've always gone (12), 2- to meet my friends (1), 3- family or friends expect it (21), 4- to worship God or pray (29), 5- God expects it (2), 6- to hear a sermon (2), 7- to learn how to be a better person (6), 8- makes me feel better (7), 9- other (10).
3. Would you say you attend religious services more often, about the same, or less often than you did one or two years ago: 1- more (10), 2- less (56), 3- same (34).
4. All things considered, do you think you are more interested, about as interested, or less interested in religion than you were one or two years ago: 1- more (40), 2- about (39), 3- less (21).
5. Which of the people or things on this list has had the greatest influence on your religious beliefs: 1- friends (10), 2- teachers (13), 3- husband, wife, or children (2), 4- parents (54), 5- ministers, priests, or rabbis (14), 6- books (4), 7- TV or radio (3).
6. Do you take part in any of the activities or organizations of your church other than attending services? Yes (39), No (61).
7. Some people wonder whether there is a God. How do you feel- do you believe there is a God, or not? Yes (82), No (1), Undecided (17).
8. Did you ever believe in God? Yes () No ()
9. Do you believe that God answers people's prayers, or not? Yes (73), No (27).
10. How often do you pray? 1- daily (30), 2- weekly (25), 3- monthly (5), 4- a few times a year (18), 5- rarely (22).
11. Do you believe in a life after death, or not? Yes (74), No (26).
12. Do you believe that in the next life some people will be punished and others rewarded by God, or not? Yes (52) No (48).
13. Do you believe that, when they are able, God expects people to worship Him in their churches and synagogues every week, or not? Yes (42), No (58).
14. Are you at all afraid of God, or not? Yes (45), No (55).
15. Have you ever doubted that there is a God? Yes (54), No (46).
16. When you have decisions to make in your everyday life, do you ask yourself what God would want you to do — 1- often (16), 2- sometimes (57), 3- never (27).
17. Do you feel that you have the right to question what your church teaches, or not? Yes (90), No (10).
18. Have you read any part of the Bible in the last year? Yes (80), No (20)

Literary Musings



By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

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This column marks the beginning of my fourth year as author of this section of the student newspaper. As in former years, I shall attempt to keep my remarks related to things of a literary nature; however, there will be times when I shall have to deal with my pet concern, ghosting and mysticism.

Last year after I had related one of my personal experiences with a ghost, somebody stopped me on the campus and said: "What's that got to do with literature?"

"Everything," I said to him.

The truth of the matter is that ninety percent more material is being published now on wonders of the psychic world than was produced ten years ago. Being an avid fan of the psychic, I have purchased a good many of these publications. In future issues I shall review some of these works.

Soldier's in Heaven, President Tells Boy

During the summer a ten-year-old boy named Gordon Danese of Essex, Md. wrote to President Nixon concerning his brother, Rick, a much-decorated soldier killed in Vietnam. In the letter the boy told the President that his brother liked the army and that he was proud when his brother's thirteen medals were given to him.

Young Gordon concluded his letter by asking the President the following question, "Do you think my brother is in heaven now?" The following is President Nixon's reply.

"Dear Gordon:
...When you lose a brother, it can be very, very hard to be brave. Yet since your brother was a hero, I know

for religion classes? 1- daily (6), 2- weekly (8), 3- monthly (7), 4- a few times a year (31), 5- rarely (48).

20. Do you feel there are any disagreements between what science teaches and what your religious group teaches? Yes (89), No (11).

21. Would you say that these disagreements are: 1- very serious (25), 2- somewhat serious (48), 3- not very serious (27).

In analyzing the responses in section I, a majority of students were in agreement with four items. The majority disagreed that the work of the church could be replaced by other institutions, that church attendance was a waste of time, and that all miracles in the Bible contain some legendary material. Through breaking down the responses by sex, items one, two, and four show rather large percentage differences in male and female responses. Thirty-two percent of the males agreed with item one, as compared to 13 percent of the females. Thirty-eight percent of the females agreed to item two as compared to 18 percent of the male respondents, and 36 percent of the males accepted that Jesus was born of a Virgin birth as compared to 55 percent of the females.

In section II it can be seen that the majority of students go to church at least once a month. A majority also attend church less than they did a year ago and do not take part in activities other than church services. However, a breakdown by sex is necessary to see a true picture of church attendance. While a majority of the students surveyed go to church at least once a month, 54 percent of the male respondents attend church a few times a year or less while only 20 percent of the females fell into this category.

Another large difference in religious behavior of males and females is seen in the number of times both sexes pray. Thirty-eight percent of the males pray at least once weekly while 58 percent pray a few times a year or less. Females, on the other hand, pray much more often with 78 percent praying weekly or more while only 17 percent pray a few times a year or less.

In the total sample a majority stated that they have never doubted the existence of God. However, once again there was a large difference in the responses of males and females. A majority, 66 percent, of the male respondents had doubted the existence of God while the female response for the same item was 37 percent.

Thus in generalizing about student religious behavior it can be stated that an overwhelming majority affirmed the existence of God and a near majority attend church regularly. Few students are strict fundamentalists and over half the students are highly devotional (55 percent praying weekly).

you will want to act the way he did, and by showing your bravery, remind others what a wonderful young man he was.

"You asked me if Rick is in Heaven. I'm sure he is. He is also in another important place - in your hearts and your spirit. Don't ever forget that your best brother was a hero not because he liked to be in the war, but because he wanted to save you and millions of others from ever fighting in a war..."

"American history is often rammed down the throats of students from the grade-school level to college graduation. They should get plenty of it, of course, but they should get more than they do from original sources—not after it has been filtered through indifferent textbooks and doled out by too many teachers who think they have done their duty when they 'held the book on the class.'

From long years past I can remember a stubby book of some 300 pages that attempted to cover the whole range of American history from Columbus to William Howard Taft. I am glad that I have forgotten the author's name, because I just might put a curse on him for all the misery he brought upon me. My teacher, a wide eyed brunette of 21, had gone to normal school for two years and then descended upon us with 50,000 watts of enthusiasm and a brain the size of a barn swallow.

Miss Primrose - I'll call her that - thought the textbook had all the authority of Holy Writ and that her chief duty to mankind was to see to it that every date was committed to memory. The achievements of Millard Fillmore's administration were more important than the swing of Pleiades or the sounding of the Last Trumpet. So we labored over every president from George Washington, learning the dates of every battle in the War of 1812 and memorizing the Emancipation Proclamation.

She meant well, did Miss Primrose, but she gave it up a few years later. Last I heard of her, she married a dirt farmer some miles up the Susquehanna and the two of them were raising rutabagas in the garden and pigeons in the attic."

Science Organization Being Formed Here

An organization called the Chowan Science Service Organization is now being formed on the Chowan College campus.

This organization will bring various science programs to the campus, and will try to make science interesting and understandable.

This organization will also participate in college functions such as the spring festival, and homecoming.

Membership requirements are seriousness and willingness to get things done. Anyone with these qualifications who wishes to become a member is urged to apply. For information, talk to Mr. Hazelton or Mrs. Dewar in Green Hall, or Arthur Riddle, South 816.

Death

By STERLING GATLING

Death is a very unwelcome guest
That comes at unexpected times.
So while you are living you should do
your best
To stay prepared for dying.

To get prepared you should love your
brothers
And put your trust in Christ.
You should also begin by helping
others
To lead a Christian life.

It's no need to cry when people die
Because it's what God wants to be
In the graves where the people lie
They will stay till eternity.

Then when Judgement creeps around
In the sky the thunder will roam
The sinful sinner will stay in the ground
And the Christian will go on home.

So in this poem you should have learned
That you weren't put on earth to stay
Because Judgement day it will be
tend to be more orthodox

Students Vote on Constitution

September 17 in chapel-assembly we, the students of Chowan College, will vote to accept or reject the proposed constitution of the Student Government Association. Before you vote, consider what you're voting for. Do you know what it does not include?

The constitution defines the legislative powers of the student body through the Student Legislature. The Student Legislature contains no part of the Men's and Women's Judiciary Councils. Men's and Women's Councils have separate Constitutions.

The Student Legislature is limited to 27 sophomores and 12 freshmen, regardless of student enrollment in the school. The Constitution provides standing committees for Elections; Constitution, Regulatory, Speakers, Popular Entertainment, Movies, Orientation, Special Events, College Boosters and Budget.

Judicial power is invested in councils; Dorm Councils, Men's and Women's Councils, Joint Council, and a Faculty Judicial Committee.

Article III of the constitution gives the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Cabinet.

Can You Imagine???

Note to the reader: The following column is presented strictly to add a little humor. The situations described are not necessarily so. Anyone who is described in these situations that is offended or embarrassed should notify the reporter staff for an immediate personal apology and we, the staff will publicly apologize in the next issue.

—100 per cent Chowan students participation in campus activities.

—Chowan College becoming a University next year.

—The 33-month Nursing Students going over to the hospital five days a week (leaving at 6 a.m.)

—The guys wearing suits to classes.

—100 per cent freshmen wearing their beanies every day until Sept. 13.

—Ronaldo A. Karunungan running for Governor of Murfreesboro.

—The entire faculty playing hooky from class on Sept. 13, 1970.

—Mrs. Collins wearing a mini skirt.

The Importance of Christ

By STERLING GATLING

Have you ever realized the importance of Christ

Or how good he's been to you in your sinful life?

You know being without Jesus is like spring without fall

And with the absence of His love we're nothing at all.

If you would only stop to think how good he's been

You would start being a Christian and never go back to sin.

Jesus said that He is coming back to this earth one day

To leave the sinners and take His Christians away.

You don't know when he's coming so you should always be good

Then you will go with Jesus where a Christian should.

To see Jesus Christ there is something you must do

And that is do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

If you follow this rule and do the best you can

Then I, am quite sure one day you'll reach the promise land.

So in conclusion I would like to state

All elections are SGA sponsored. Amendments may be proposed to add on to or alter this constitution in future years.

When you vote; know what you're voting for. Don't vote in ignorance. Read the proposed constitution in the Student Handbook Supplement. For further information attend the open forum Sept. 15 in Marks Hall amphitheater at 7:30 p.m.

Vote wise. Ignorance is no excuse.

Sliding Around

By David "Snake" Mayo

This column will be published bi-monthly in Smoke Signals not because I enjoy writing but to let you know what is happening or happened here at Chowan.

By now most freshmen have adjusted to life here at Chowan College. This year's freshman class seems to be the friendliest in a while according to the returning Juniors. It is pretty easy to get into Chowan but hard to get out with a degree. So freshmen this may sound like your old lady but study. There is another way to get out but I hope none of you get out that way; seems no one has it in mind when they come but it always happens. It is very easy to get thrown out once this school gets your money. Hope all you freshmen and sophomores play it cool this year for I have already been asked to withdraw because I was at a party under the bridge where some funny cigarettes were supposed to be going around. So all who have long hair here are probably labeled as drug users.

It takes only two persons' signatures to get you thrown out of here if they say they have seen you use dangerous drugs or marijuana. I hope all you students have come down here for an education. It isn't much fun being accused of smoking marijuana and being questioned by the Dean and our two security officers when you wanted to sleep. I guess it would even be worse if you were guilty. But it is your life, but at least do your smoking or whatever when you go home. If you don't believe the advice, you'll see, and you will regret you are so brave. But take it with as many grains of salt as you like, but I promise you it will result in a bad scene for you and your family. Officer Silva and Officer Graham know what's going on around here all of the time. Both are good at their jobs and should be respected, for it's a hard job. So don't think you've got them snowed, for you will find you're on thin ice. I really hope nothing about drugs happens on this campus any more for I know I want my name clean of the subject and so does the school.

Hope everyone has their car registered but if you don't you will get a ticket. If you get the ticket, don't complain that you didn't have the \$15 and that \$15 is too much. We all should have complained about the way parking was handled for \$15 is out of reach, especially if you have to walk from West to South to ride down to the Pub. Everyone should park where their stickers says for if you don't it'll be more money. Money! Money! Money!

The S.G.A. had a good band the first weekend. Karmya was really enjoyed from what I hear. It only takes a few minutes to tell some members of the S. G. A. how much you like something or dislike it. They are here for you and they can help us have a better year. It's a hard job so let's make it easier for them!

Persons are needed to write on the Smoke Signals. It's our paper and our last chance to bring us together. Freedom of the press prevails here at Chowan, so use it.

My roommate just told me he wishes his classes were at three in the morning, so I'll take the hint. Have a good week.