



Outside and inside of South Hall



Chowan College's new superstructure, South Hall, is nearing completion. The nine-story building, above, towers over trees, showing itself as a new landmark. Inside, the rooms have built-in beds and desks, with two men to a room.

Sophomore Slump

Each year of college presents its own special challenge. Being a sophomore means that you have learned something about self-discipline. You managed the freedom you found in college. You gave some time, perhaps not enough, to your studies. In short, you are not an UDO, Unwilling Drop-Out, those who were not permitted to return because of academic failure, misbehavior or illness.

Sophomores are "with-it!" At Chowan you are "in the driver's seat." Do not construe this as meaning that "You've got it made." In August, 1969, 480 sophomores registered at Chowan. Of these 480, approximately 200 graduated, about 42 per cent. Something went wrong! It always does during the sophomore year.

The name of the universal epidemic, seldom escaped by sophomores, is SOPHOMORE SLUMP. Some victims recover without serious effects. Others become UDO's. Can SOPHOMORE SLUMP be avoided? Knowing some of the conditions which produce the slump might help sophomores keep away from it or recover more quickly.

Overconfident sophomores are the first victims of SOPHOMORE SLUMP. Such sophomores cut classes hoping their roommates' notes will fill the gap. Many have carefully selected their professors and, having gathered from the class ahead complete scouting reports and all tests, they feel at ease, knowing what to expect. They are overconfident but do not know it. Overconfidence not only destroys sophomores but people in all walks of life. Personally, I think it is better to "run a little scared."

Some sophomores, although this is not true of many at Chowan, become involved in too many activities. Education takes place outside classrooms and laboratories. Leisure time is needed. Activities give one a needed change of pace and add zest to academic endeavors. This is why we have extracurricular activities at Chowan. However, such activities are secondary to studies. The associate degree is what you want. That is why you are at Chowan. Go easy on the extracurricular activities until you know what is expected of you by your professors.

Being in the wrong program of study often produces SOPHOMORE SLUMP. The sophomore year is the time when many students, for the first time, become suspicious of being in the wrong curriculum.

Many people enter college without knowing which curriculum is best for them. Faculty advisers, the Director of Counseling, or any personnel dean can be of help to the student who is concerned about being in the wrong field of study.

Sophomores often suffer from a loss of purpose, become moody, restless and indifferent. Such a state may last a week, a month or a semester. For some people the experiences of the freshman year shake their values and ideals. What is true? What is false? What is right? What is wrong? Things which used to be so clear may now be a bit fuzzy. Perhaps sophomores feel their studies are not relevant, not exciting and not worth the effort.

SOPHOMORE SLUMP will be completely avoided by very few. Staff members in Student Personnel and faculty members can help many recover without serious after-effects. There is little excuse for so many slumping out of college, becoming UDO's. Do not neglect the first symptoms of SOPHOMORE SLUMP. Seek the services of someone who can be of help.

Ideas for this article are based on experiences and readings from "The College Student's Handbook," Abraham Lass and Eugene Wilson, David White Company, New York, 1970.

Amazing Precision

The publication, "Missouri Conservationist," is in print with the information that "In the past 10 years the United States has sacrificed 100,000,000 fish to pollution." And that's a real job. Not the sacrificing, but the reckoning.

Ten years ago, in the 1960 census, the nose-counting team went out on its job, and with all the facilities available—and the people at hand—still overlooked an estimated 5,000,000 of them. But according to the publication quoted, pollution's fish toll is precisely 100,000,000. It is not the figure but the precision that astounds—especially on the part of a state whose nickname is "Show Me."

Maybe they just measured the smell and multiplied by 1970.—Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.

What Is A Newspaper?

A newspaper is many things to many people, but the following, taken from the Dallas (Tex.) Times Herald is rather unique and tells a story in simple but rather picturesque terms:

"Born in a far-off forest to the ringing cry of 'Timber!'"

Nursed and cared for in its infancy by the advertiser, who sees in this undeveloped youngster the potential of reaching thousands, the thousands who will demand his goods and services.

Taught to walk by reporters, columnists and photographers who cover the news beats, dig out the amusing, appealing features and snap the pictures that quench a thirst for information.

Sent off to school by advertising men and editors, who have the savvy, the skill, the background, the knowledge, to develop a package that fills a need no other media can handle.

Brought to maturity by the magnificent meshing of men and machines, swiftly, almost miraculously turning the written work into metal, and the metal into the printed page.

Sent out into the world by mail, by the simple act of putting a dime in a little rack on the street corner, by men in trucks, by young boys tossing papers on doorstep after doorstep.

Led through a useful life by the men, women and children who find in its pages the answers to many questions and the fulfillment of daily needs.

Laid to rest, as a friend by its friends.

And every day, to be born again."

What's Happening

By RONALD G. DUNN

All you kids remember the "Pit Party" that turned out to be an "Under the Bridge Party" Saturday, Aug. 29? Seems there were a couple or three people present at that event who like to play with matches (if you know what I mean). I personally love myself and value my freedom enough not to jeopardize that freedom for just a few hours of bliss that these "matches" can bring. Certainly any self-respecting student wouldn't want to jeopardize his friends and fellow students' freedom for a completely selfish, pleasure-seeking endeavor!

Myself, I plan to abbreviate all contact with these people and other people like them. Furthermore, I urge each and every member of our student society to do likewise. All in favor say aye!

Any complaints, questions, answers, or just plain gossip anyone would like generated around the campus? Don't be selfish! Send them to "What's Happening? Box 196 Chowan College.

Observed on West Hall restroom door: YOU ARE NUMBER 84. PLEASE HAVE A SEAT AND WAIT UNTIL CALLED.

Things are getting so good in the Student Union that if you are starving and in a hurry all you have to do is claim someone else's Mathias Burger (if they are unfortunate enough to be engrossed in a TV program). Isn't that right Mr. Cohen?

Noted on a new Freshman's beanie: HELP STAMP OUT RAT COURT: Become a sophomore today.

If you're somebody, you talk like it
If you're somebody, you walk like it
If you're somebody, you dress and act like it
If you're nobody, it really doesn't make any difference.

(anonymous)

If wisdom's ways you wisely seek
observe three things with care:
of whom you speak
to whom you speak
and how, and when, and where.

(anonymous)

Chowan Art Gallery Exhibition Schedule

Sept. 20-Oct. 4
Oct. 11-Nov. 1
Nov. 8-Nov. 15
Dec. 1-Dec. 18
Jan. 12-Jan. 31
Feb. 7-Feb. 28
March 7-Mar. 26
April 18-May 16

Currier and Ives Prints.
Tom Hammond, recent work.
Aba Wielhorski, paintings.
Vincent J. deGregorio, paintings.
Student Exhibition.
Joe Chris Robertson, recent work.
Sculpture Exhibition.

Get Your Degree

By D.H. Nicholson, Registrar

One of the primary concerns of the faculty and administration at Chowan College is that relating to communication: How can the faculty and administration best relate to the student in a meaningful way, outside of the normal classroom or administrative procedure?

Here on this campus perhaps, the most familiar vehicle for this communication or necessary dialogue between the Chowan official and the Chowan student is the advisor-advisee relationship which is established the very day that the student formally arrives on campus for his first registration.

Another familiar, and important, vehicle for this necessary communication between faculty or staff member and student here at Chowan College is "Smoke Signals:" The Voice of Chowan.

As a rule, next to the advisor-advisee relationship, a well run and a well written student newspaper can make an important contribution to the efforts at bridging the proverbial credibility gap which can exist between faculty and student and administration and student on any campus. We here at Chowan feel that "Smoke Signals" is no exception to this rule.

Therefore, with the preceding as a brief preface, this column, from this very first issue to the last issue in late spring, will be an effort to communicate to the student information which will be of importance to him during his tenure here and to his future elsewhere when he leaves Chowan with his associates degree.

One subject with which we may wish to begin, and a subject probably most important at this early point in our series of articles, is the necessity of the student's completing work already started at Chowan College.

When an applicant is accepted for admission to Chowan, it is automatically assumed by the Director of Admissions and the Admissions Committee that the prospective student intends to pursue work in a curriculum which will lead to a degree or diploma. Of course, whether or not a student does this can be, to a large extent, his own decision.

However, we as members of the faculty and the administration of the College strongly recommend that a student stay in a degree program and get that associates degree, especially if he intends to continue his education at a senior institution.

We recommend completing the work for the two-year degree because we know that, increasingly, senior institutions are requiring that transfer students from junior colleges and community colleges hold the associates degree before they are admitted.

Accordingly, we may see this as a growing trend in the admissions offices of more and more senior institutions as the two-year programs become more widely accepted, and respected. For instance, many colleges and universities are attempting to initiate with many junior colleges what is referred to as the direct transfer programs or agreements. Under these agreements, a senior institution, generally, adopts a more liberal attitude to the holder of the two-year degree. Hence, the senior institution, may under the direct transfer agreement place the two-year graduate into the junior class, though the student may have D's on his transcript and even though he may have some courses which are perhaps not offered at that particular senior institution.

Still, discounting the possibility of direct

transfer agreements between selected junior colleges and senior institutions, there is a growing number of the latter which are recommending that two-year students complete their degree programs before transferring. For instance, North Carolina State University at Raleigh now strongly recommends that a transferer from a two-year institution hold the associates degree as an added advantage over the transferer without such a degree or attainment.

There is another emerging advantage of having the two-year degree: many senior institutions by increasing numbers are beginning to consider accepting "D's" in transfer providing, generally, that the student applicant has an over all "C" on work attempted and the associates degree.

For example, Radford College in Virginia, Catawba College here in North Carolina, Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla., along with East Tennessee State University will accept "D's" in transfer if the applicant has an over all "C" average and if the applicant has the associates degree.

Since approximately 80 per cent of our enrollment anticipates going on to senior institutions for the baccalaureate, this 80 per cent should address itself early to some of the questions involved with transfer.

One of the most important questions is whether or not an individual should plan to complete the program here at Chowan College for the Associates in Arts, the Associate in Science, the Associate in Graphic Arts, the Associate in Nursing, et cetera.

We of the faculty and staff feel from experience that those who plan to transfer to four-year institutions should first earn their associates degree.

Next week, in line with some of the points introduced in the above statements, we will begin a series of articles which will summarize a study initiated this summer in the Registrar's office.

The study involved a questionnaire sent by this office to 200 colleges and universities throughout the South. And the questions asked these institutions relate directly to the Chowan College students and their transfer plans.

For instance, there is one inquiry concerning whether or not a student can be accepted by certain institutions when he has "D" work and repeat hours on his transcript here at Chowan.

Read this column next week for a description of this current study and how it relates directly to the Chowan College students.

Toyo's Smog Ordeal

For a glimpse of how the pollution "chain reaction theory" works, take a look at last weekend in Toyo. When the thermometer hit 98.6 degrees, millions of Japanese took to the roads to find relief from the choking air pollution. The exhaust of their autos and motorbikes worsened conditions.

Before the ordeal was over, 60 persons had drowned, 41 were dead in traffic and uncounted thousands had been hospitalized with oxidants or damaged eyes.

Japan is an example of the mixed blessings of a heavily industrial economy. Although Toyo has been for centuries one of the most congested areas in the world, it was only after World War II, and especially during the last 15 years, that so many Japanese were able to afford cars and cycles.

Now that they're catching up with affluent America, some Japanese may take a wistful look at what they're leaving behind. —Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.



A mirage in the desert? Not really!

The BSU was one step ahead of the game when freshmen moved into Chowan