

EDITORIALS

Students Fear Publications...?

It is quite obvious that students have a fear of publications. The subject was brought up in my English class a few classes back, and most people said they would never write a letter to the editor because they "would get in trouble."

No legitimate letter to the editor will be refused. Praise is always welcome, but students more often find room to complain. Complaining and criticizing is legitimate, but not just for the sake of complaining. Back up what you say with evidence. Offer suggestions to solutions to the problem. Often students come up with very reasonable solutions to campus problems but they are afraid to speak up. The school could benefit from your suggestions.

This is the third issue of "Smoke Signals" and I have yet to receive a letter to the editor. Some people say editorials are for the editor. I must disagree with you there. Editorials are to express varying opinions from the people concerned. Certainly, the editor is concerned, but I would also say that no one on this campus would want to read two columns of editorials written by the same person. Oh, the editor could write from both points of view, but then it would not be honest opinions.

I could write a full column on reasons for the dress code to be changed, but I would also turn around and defend the dress code we now have. That wouldn't accomplish much, but letters from different people would. Girls could get together and write a letter with their reasons why they think girls should be allowed to wear slacks on campus and to town. It certainly wouldn't hurt, and it would possibly help in getting a new ruling passed.

If you have a suggestion and do not know who to see about it, it could always be aired in "Smoke Signals." Possible you do not understand why the post office doors are locked or the downstairs entrance to the cafeteria is locked sometimes in the mornings. If you wrote a letter to the editor, possibly something would be done about it. If not, at least you would get an explanation.

If you have suggestions for "Smoke Signals" feel free to let your opinion be known. It will be greatly appreciated.

News from the Cafeteria Committee Meeting held Oct. 6—The new grill has arrived and will be installed at the earliest convenient time. A suggestion was made by a student that there be more room on the table with the salad dressings, etc., and it was agreed by Mr. Wilson that the table area will be enlarged. New soft drink dispensers have been ordered to double the drinks now available.

Persons not taking their trays up to the dishroom window are subject to some form of disciplinary action. A person or persons, are now on duty to help eliminate this problem. You should not need to be reminded to clean up after yourself.

Sliding Around

By David "Snake" Mayo

It is really getting to be a hassle writing this column because I can only write what I feel is necessary for the students, faculty, and administration of Chowan. I have received much criticism and some agreement with my past two articles. One point I will make clear is I am trying to improve Chowan College by bettering our communication process. No one writes this column for me and I am not the person who will argue with anyone. Read it and make up your mind, then if you need help in any way, I will be glad to explain any part, give ideas or tell where my information was derived from.

The biggest scene around seems to be the way chapel was held for the Homecoming Candidates. It looks to me like our S.G.A. president let us all down by not backing the students who elected him. We the student body should have the right to laugh when things are funny. Who has the right to tell anyone they can't laugh or they will receive a chapel cut? Shouldn't our President have asked us to quiet down if it would have been necessary? NO! Each person is his own leader. We need no one to tell us what to do for we are the most responsible animals of God's creatures. There is quite a difference between telling and asking. The people who got up had every right in leaving and the people who stayed had the same right. This is where everybody is a leader. People, we must do what we feel is right not what someone says is right. I sincerely hope this doesn't happen again. If you'll be your own leader and let your freedom stop where someone else starts things will work out great.

Girls, hang on a little longer for the channels are being gone through to get slacks approved and it really upsets me to listen to girls raise the roof when they know it will always fall back on the house. Your S.G.A. officers are doing all they can to get this dress code improved, so give them some more time.

The Open Forum held on the first Monday of October was quite confusing especially if you were there. WOW! First I want to give me regrets for not having my shoes on but I had forgotten all about them. I'll admit I was wrong for I knew the rule and honestly appreciate the warning I received. Shoes will be a must for me. Things were discussed about our cafeteria which was built for only 600 students. I feel sorry for the cooks but they are doing what they can so don't give them a hard time. Seems we are wasting our money and we don't even care. Why people? Every time you leave a tray on the table some employee has to take it up. This can get very expensive having to pay for work which will only take a few seconds for us to do. Besides your fellow students

have to eat when you are finished and they don't dig eating on a table full of mess. I'll admit I have left my tray on the table many times before, but I won't do it anymore. Maybe this will help keep tuition to a minimum.

The girls' hours were discussed and an idea was given by the S.G.A. to send letters home to the parents to get their views. I knew Chowan had a lot of clubs but I didn't know we had a P.T.A.

Finally I will make no bones about it I believe the call-down system should be changed. I was a minute late for a dorm meeting and I got one calldown. Upon getting this tragic punishment, I said "Big Deal," so I got another one. At the same time my roommate received one calldown for being late for the meeting. He then left and said a few words which we can't print but nothing happened to him. After all the hassle, my Head Resident told me I had a meeting with Dean Dillard on Thursday morning at 9:00. So I got up at 8:00 and got ready for my exciting day to find the Dean wouldn't be back until Monday. What a waste of time! Seems to me Chowan's Blind Justice was used on me for no reason. I accepted the calldown only to get another one. When I accepted them both I got a trip to the Dean's office. What should I do? Fuss about them! I caused no trouble not did I want any because it seems the more you say just means less.

Well, I have to split. Have a good week!

Improve American by first improving yourself!
"Snake"

America

By STERLING GATLING
America is a country in which we love.

I'm sure it is blessed by God above.

You know, people should respect America's name. Because with her the world wouldn't be the same. There are many things in this world for pleasure. But I consider America to be the most greatest treasure.

If the people of America felt the way I do.

Love would replace hatred, war, and selfishness too. If these people wouldn't let hate turn them from what is right.

The street would be a safer place to walk on at night. So the way you can help our country and also your brothers.

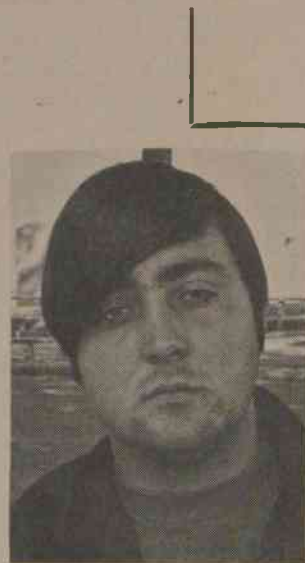
Is by changing your evil ways and you will inspire the others

A chief fashion designer in Paris said that women of today are not fitted to hold top positions in big business firms.

QUESTION: Do you agree or not?

WHERE ASKED: Squirrel Park

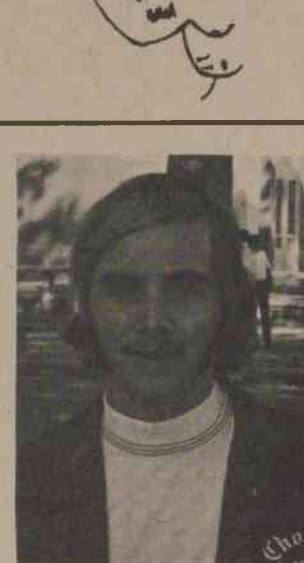
WHOM WERE ASKED:



O.J. WOMBLE, Soph., Portsmouth, Va.—I disagree, I feel that if a woman is capable of holding that position she should do so, but it is usually a man's position.



MAGGIE BARNARD, Soph., Chesapeake, Va.—I think women can hold big business positions, but if they have any business heads at all they will let the men think they are the better businessman and the women can just settle for a partnership.



ED ALLEN, Soph., Portsmouth, Va.—I think women are capable of holding a top business position but the true business of a female is caring for the home.

Today In History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 1970. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

On this date—In 1644, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, was born in London.

In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in Denison, Tex. In 1939, during World War II, it was disclosed that a German submarine had sunk the British battleship Royal Oak, with a loss of some 800 lives.

In 1944, British and Greek troops liberated Athens from German occupation forces.

In 1949, Soviet occupation authorities in Germany set up an East German puppet state with headquarters in East Berlin.

Ten years ago: The United States was reported planning an embargo on exports to Cuba.

Five years ago: A December draft call for 45,000 men was announced. It was the biggest draft call since the Korean war.

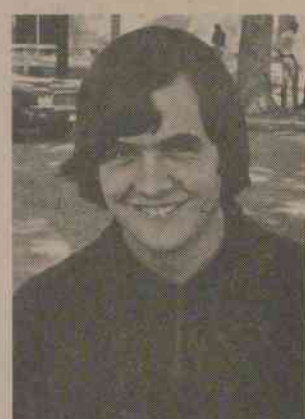
One year ago: The first major desegregation suit in the Northeast was filed by the Justice Department against the Waterbury, Conn., school system.

Adm. Rickover Was Serious

Members of a House appropriations subcommittee recently laughed at the remarks of a star witness who was describing operations in the Pentagon. But the speaker, Vice Adm. Hyman Rickover, the salty outspoken scientist-sailor, failed to see anything funny about the situation. The congressmen failed to understand that the admiral was deadly serious. In view of Adm. Rickover's success in prodding the Navy into the nuclear age, perhaps he should be assigned to correcting the faults he criticized.

Adm. Rickover told the subcommittee that much of the Pentagon activity was a device for employees to make work for each other and that he would rid the building of at least half its employees. He said he would on two successive Mondays fill the first two floors of the building with a sufficient number of workers to do the required tasks and rope off the two top floors. The admiral also was critical of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and said that "if the Navy assigned construction on one of the new high-speed submarines to Portsmouth, it probably would cost \$40 to \$70 million more than construction in a private yard."

We suspect there is truth in what Adm. Rickover said, and like him, we don't find it overly humorous. —Houston (Tex.) Chronicle



MARK MEHALIC, Soph., Portsmouth, Va.—If women put their minds to it I think they should be in business fields because more and more are needed to carry on a society of activities.



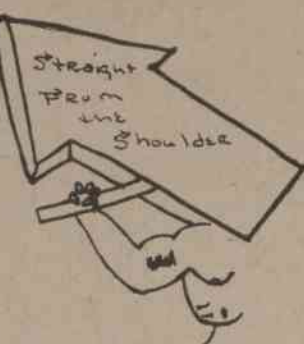
PATTI FORDHAM, Fresh., Chesapeake, Va.—I disagree. Women are as intelligent as men; women can do anything that men can do.



AUDREY WILLIAMS, Soph., Mosely, Va.—I definitely think they are fitted. Mainly because they are more efficient and more precise. Oh! They are.



STEVE BOYETTE, Soph., Portsmouth, Va.—Most women don't have the initiative to try to get a top position in the business world, because they are worried about homemaking and family planning.



W.H. AUDEN'S COMMONPLACES

Are you a notebook keeper? Nathaniel Hawthorne was and in his lifetime he turned much of what he wrote in his notebooks into some profit for himself and uncountable hours of pleasurable reading for the world. Much about the man was revealed when his famous personal notebooks were published.

A modern notebook keeper is W. H. Auden, one of today's most frequently read poets. Instead of merely scrawling "How true!" in the margin of a page of print, Mr. Auden copies the passage in his commonplace book.

The dictionary states that a commonplace book is "a book containing memoranda of passages or events for reference." Such notebooks were once kept by many scholars, poets, and general readers.

Auden is now commercializing on his personal commonplace book. Viking Press has just published his "A Certain World: A Commonplace Book." The volume of 438 pages sells for \$10.00.

Pray tell who in the world wants to pay ten dollars to read "copyings" from a multitude of sources? Many perhaps will, since Auden is somewhat controversial.

The purpose of these comments is not to sell "A Certain World." Moreover, I should wish that more of our readers keep commonplace books of their own, keeping them in their pockets for quick attainment.

One advantage may be fewer student assignments forgotten. Another may be a more convenient place to scribble biological functions rather than on the tops of my desks in the classroom.

Trashy Books and Money—Someone has now stated that pornographic business brings in around two billion dollars annually. Other experts set the figure at five hundred million.

Big figures? Yes, and also not agreeable as to accuracy. One thing is certain and that is the fact of the growth of trashy literature.

What with movies, television, magazines and books, no one could deny that much of today's world is centered in the "sex exploitation" business.

An editorial clipped from the "Nashville Tennessean" (2-22-70) states some shocking (maybe) news on the issue: "Why is pornography good business? Who buys it and why? The answer cannot be precise, but there is general agreement within the industry that the bulk of its customers are middleclass, middleaged men and white-collar and blue-collar workers. Hyman's book store in Des Moines, Iowa, reports that its most consistent customers are the doctors, lawyers, and dentists from nearby office buildings. The owner of the Monument Square smoke shop in Portland, Maine, said: 'My customers include all kinds, but there are plenty of businessmen who come in and carry out the books in their briefcases.'"

Thoughts at Random—A new play graced the stage in Kinston last weekend. The outdoor drama, "Diamonds and Deeds," was written by Mrs. Roger Crook of Raleigh.

Of interest to Chowanians is the fact that our Mrs. Edith Larson of the English department is director of the outdoor production. She and members of her Chowan drama class have made several trips to Kinston recently to the Kennedy Home orphanage where the production was staged.

Everybody feels compelled to comment on long haired boys so my observations follow:

In June, 1970, the Supreme Court sustained the right of two Wisconsin boys to wear their hair long.

The ruling which had restricted the two boys involved read: "Hair should be washed, combed and worn so it does not hang below the collar line in the back, over the ears on the side and must be above the eyebrows. Boys should be clean shaven; long sideburns are out."

The boys refused to cut their hair, took the case to court, won it, and returned to their high school the following statement from the Great White Throne: "The right to wear one's hair at any length or in any desired manner is an ingredient of personal freedom protected by the United States Constitution."

And have you heard what

Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

happened in Chapel Hill last week? A male cheerleader was shaven of his responsibilities because he wouldn't cut his hair. After much scorching disagreement, one of the elders of

the university took the blame, had the young man reinstated, and the case was dismissed.

Youth is a wonderful thing these days; it's a shame it's often wasted on young people.

THE CAMPUS WINDOW

By EARL H. PARKER

You may not have thought about it, but you are a philosopher. John Baillie of Edinburgh was one of the most able theologians of the twentieth century. It was his habit to tell his students of theology that "every man is a theologian," that "every man has ideas about God," that the task of theological courses is not to make theologians but to make theology informed and consistent. Every man also has ideas about reality, human nature, the good life, beauty, truth, politics, and the like. Will Rogers had commonsensical ideas about nearly everything, articulated his ideas in homespun words, and delighted my father's generation. In our own day Hugh Hefner has many avid readers of his influential but superficial "Playboy Philosophy."

The Playboy has his philosophy of life. Every man does. Every one has his ideas about life. In this sense you are a philosopher. But what kind of philosopher are you? Are your ideas adequate? Are your ideas consistent and without contradiction, are they informed and reasoned? Philosophy literally means "love of wisdom." The professional philosophers (those who teach and who write about philosophy) do not concur unanimously on a definition of philosophy, but the majority agree that philosophy is the quest for the whole truth.

Philosophy differs from the individual sciences in its scope. An individual science has a very limited scope of inquiry. For instance, botany limits its search for truth to the study of plant life. Philosophy is unlimited in its scope. Its field of inquiry is the whole of life. It asks the basic questions about all of life. What is real: the concrete things of experience, the idea, or both? What is human nature? Is man simply another animal? Is the soul immortal? How does the body effect the mind (and vice-versa)? Does God exist? What is the nature of God? What is the good life for man? What is the ideal society, the ideal government? What is beauty? How do you know? And more. Philosophy questions everything: the reality of God, human freedom, and everything else that might be regarded as sacred or taboo.

My first philosophy teacher, Dr. A.C. Reid of Wake Forest, defined philosophy as "the sincere, fearless, persistent search for truth, wherever manifestations of truth may be found." In the quest for truth nothing is beyond questioning or examining. At his best no philosopher is a mere skeptic (one who denies truth) but is a seeker (One who hungers after truth). The philosopher seeks moral and spiritual truth as well as physical truth. He wants to have the whole truth and to see it clearly. Anything less than the whole truth clearly perceived is inadequate. Partial truths and half-truths are like lies in that they are misleading. They are worse than lies in that they are deceiving. The objective of the true philosopher is the whole truth.

Philosophy is not an easy discipline. It requires an open mind and clear thinking. The sixteenth century English philosopher, Francis Bacon, pointed out that this requires getting rid of the obstacles to thought (which he called "the Idols of the Mind"). The quest for truth necessitates a purging of the mind of impediments to thought. Philosophy is hard work.

Philosophy 201 is one of the newest courses to be offered at Chowan College. It was offered for the first time in the second session of summer school. It is being presented for the second

consecutive term during the current semester. It is a course in the history of philosophy, a study of the great ideas of the great thinkers in western civilization. It is not a "snap" or easy course; it is not a "cram" course—one that can be stuffed in the skull overnight. On his first philosophy test paper one student wrote the following confession: "I know that through my studying which was not enough, I got more confused than anything else."

Philosophy requires constant study. A course in philosophy may at first be confusing and even upsetting. Philosophy is the search for truth and it tramples upon ill-founded prejudices and half-baked ideas. When my roommate and I were about halfway into our first course in philosophy at Wake Forest, he confessed to me that he did "not any longer know what to believe." The purpose of philosophy, however, is not to confuse or confound. Its purpose is to find the truth. My college roommate discovered what he could honestly believe. Today he is the pastor of a Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Philosophy 201 is a thought course. It presents the great ideas of great thinkers in order to provoke thought or to get students to use, what Plato called, the "highest faculty of the human soul—reason." On the next to the last day of summer school a student asked me, "What is this course (Philosophy 201) supposed to do for us?" I replied, "Exactly what you are doing. It is supposed to get you to think, to ask, to use your judgment."

Thinking is hard work. You might very well wonder whether it is worth the effort. What then is the value of philosophy? What does philosophy do for one? It has been said that "philosophy does not bake bread." This is to say, philosophy has no tangible value that can be measured in dollars and cents. Its value is neither an economic nor a financial one. It has also been observed that "philosophy makes a man a better baker." This is to say, philosophy makes one a better and wiser person.

Socrates, the wise old man of Athens, asserted that "the unexamined life is not worth living." Unless one knows who he is, where he is headed and why, nothing has any real value for him. Through an honest examination of life one may find out who he is, where he is headed and why. Then his life is well worth living. This seems to be a very ample reward for the hard work of thinking.

You are a philosopher. Is your philosophy adequate? Are you open-minded and receptive? If not, sooner or later your philosophy will be rent asunder by the floodwaters of life. Think. Think high thoughts. Think deep thoughts. Think hard.

Better And Better

How doth the busy little bee? Insofar as we know that question never was officially answered back when Isaac Watts asked it a couple of hundred years ago. But there are some encouraging statistics now:

Agricultural authorities report that Tennessee's 1969 honey production and yield per colony were the highest since 1951. Production last year totaled 3,942,000 pounds, up 67 per cent. Bee colonies last year numbered 146,000 (up 7,000) and the average yield per colony was 27 pounds.

How doth the busy bee? Well, he or she doth right well—or at least did last year. —Nashville (Tenn.) Banner

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