

EDITORIALS

Do It Now!

Mid-term is over. You've gotten grades for your classes—and your parents have gotten them too. Don't despair. These grades are NOT recorded. They're only an indication to you so you can bring them up before the end of the semester when they WILL be recorded.

Probably a lot of freshmen are upset about their first college grades. You've got time to make it up. Start studying and bring those not-so-good grades up. Don't say "I can't," or "He's the hardest teacher. He won't give above a 'C.'" Set your mind to it and DO IT! Sure, it might seem tough at first, but won't it be worth it?

You're here to get an education (or possibly for some other reason, but seeing that you're here, why not learn a little?). It never hurt anyone too much to stay in and study. Not every night...you can't study all the time. Organize your nights that you have the most homework and get it done so you might be able to work on the next night's a little ahead. Then the next night you'll have nothing really pressing for the next day's classes.

Don't say "I'll do it tomorrow." Tomorrow's too late. Get it done today. Then you don't have to worry about getting it done tomorrow. It will already be done. Stay one step ahead of the game. In many classes just keeping up with daily assignments will give you a thorough understanding of the subject. Don't ignore assignments: Do them!

When semester exams come up, you'll wish you'd have kept up a little so the studying wouldn't be so hard. NOW is the time to try a little harder. Don't keep sliding along...DO SOMETHING!

Where's the Silent Majority

There has been much talk about conservatism versus liberalism these days which I, planning to become a political journalist of sorts, enjoy. As I am interested in political thoughts, and being a student at Chowan, I am chagrined at the more or less nonchalant attitude that many Chowanians employ towards the shifty trend of present day politics.

Politics, in my opinion, is the art of leadership, tact, and diplomacy interlocked into the intricate maze of life. The majority of Americans feel politics is just for the government officials. I hold this conjecture to be true in the literary form only. It is also a necessity in the most basic personal relationships. Therefore, within my reasoning, it is important for everyone to hold a basic understanding of the nature of politics.

I am in favor of present day politics settling down to a state of peaceful tranquility (so is everyone else I know), but I am fully aware this will not be the case until everyone or no one is interested in the course of our country. Seems all the lip service comes from only the "New Left" or the "Right rightists". What about the "middle of the road" conservative-liberals, I know there are a lot of you as evidenced by the standing ovation given Representative William G. Whitehurst in Chapel last week.

To you conservatives and liberals—your country needs your help! Get interested! Know what's going on! Promote constructive discussion. Write an editorial to a newspaper. But don't just sit there. It's your country.

Ronald G. Dunn

Have You Noticed . . .

By LARRY HOWARD

Have you noticed that there has been a sneaky dude stalking around the cafeteria, contributing to the pleasure of your tantalizing meal? Have you noticed that the primary reason for the foreign languages is to prepare us if we happen to visit another country? This means you can look forward to vietnamese becoming a part of our curriculum in the near future. We might even be lucky and have a visiting scholar, equal to the distinction of Ho Chi Minh.

Have you noticed the way a lot of our "friendly" Chowan students will practically break their necks eating, to keep from sitting at a table with black students? When someone goes this far out of their way, it gives me a warm, genuine feeling of togetherness.

Have you noticed that if you saved about twenty of our tender pancakes you could make you a "Hot Cake" carpet for your room?

Have you noticed that our football team is together? Boasting a 5-0 record, we are rated in the top ten in junior colleges across the nation? Keep supporting our team, and all of us might take a trip to Georgia.

Have you noticed that mid-term is here, or are you trying to forget it? If your "brain thing" isn't up to what it should be, you have nine weeks to shape it up.

Amoebic Disease Can Be Fatal

The Amoeba is a very small creature. Technically, it is a one-celled protozoan. Amoebae usually live in such places as ponds, marshes, and other bodies of water. Most Amoebae need a supply of oxygen to live, and water usually supplies this oxygen. Many students have seen the Amoeba in Biology lab, these Amoebae, as well as most types of Amoebae, are harmless.

Not all Amoebae are harmless, however. One type of Amoeba, the Entamoeba histolytica, cannot use oxygen to convert food into energy. Therefore, it can only live as a parasite. It sometimes lives in humans, and is well known for causing the disease amoebic dysentery.

Recently, another type of Amoeba which can be harmful to humans has been discovered. It is called the Naegleria gruberi. The Naegleria gruberi rarely attacks man, but when it does, the attack is fearsome and usually fatal.

The Naegleria gruberi lives in water, including in some cases, ponds and swimming pools. The Amoeba attacks a man while he is in swimming. They enter through the nose, and reach the brain by eating their way through the olfactory tract. They then attack the brain, penetrating deeply into it, and cause encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain.

The only initial symptom of the disease is that the victim feels like he has a cold. The amoeba move more quickly than antibodies can be formed, and encephalitis and unconsciousness occur before the Amoeba can be detected. By the time encephalitis sets in, treatment is useless. This means that the disease usually cannot be detected in time for treatment. It can be successfully treated if (a big if) detected in time.

Since 1967, four deaths in Virginia have been attributed to these Amoebae. Deaths from the disease have also been reported in Czechoslovakia and England.

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Circle K News

There are many clubs and organizations at Chowan which offer both service and social opportunities to interested students. The Circle K Club is one of these organizations.

The Circle K Club of Chowan College is a service organization for college men operating on campus and is sponsored by Circle K International and the Kiwanis Club of Ahoskie, North Carolina. The Club offers opportunities for college men because it provides a means of leadership in a college community where service clubs are giving in the business and professional world.

Having elected the officers for this year, they are as follows: President, Steve Marlowe; Vice-President, Larry Hale; Secretary, James Burnam; and Treasurer, Frank Snyder. Also, the new members are Bruce Young, Sidney Young, Al Hollowell, Paul H. Howard, Jr., Jack Leatherwood, and Henry Jova.

In the past the club has offered its services to the college, community, and fellow students. The club has found a unique way to combine a fund-raising project and a service project. Sponsoring the movie, "The Bible," was one of its projects. A low admission fee was charged. The expenses of the movie were paid from this admission and the remainder was placed in the club's treasury for future project use.

It has also assisted the S.G.A. in dances and concerts by selling drinks. Planned for the future are a Food Drive, scheduled for November sixth and seventh and a Street Address Project. The food collected by the Food Drive will be given to some needy family in the community. The Street Address Project is scheduled following the Food Drive. Also, the Circle K has made a \$15.00 donation to the recent Rescue Squad fund-raising drive.

All students who have earned a 1.5 grade point average are eligible to join and are invited to submit an application for membership.

Book Review

The Protest of a Troubled Protestant

Harold O. J. Brown, an ordained minister in the Congregational Church, sets forth to determine if there is a place for the believing Christian of today, and if so, where. His answer is not simple nor pleasing to the ear for its cuts deeply into many modern views of Christianity.

He begins with the Christians themselves, denouncing their syncretism as playing both sides of the fence with God. Mr. Brown makes comments on why America is not a Christian Nation such as: "... but no one would seriously say that it (America) is motivated by a concern to love and obey God." He shatters many Christians political motivations with down to earth common sense.

O. J. Brown compares many of the controversial civil rights laws with the old prohibition laws. He makes the statements, "Protestants recoil in horror at the memory of prohibition, which they look upon as an intolerable attempt to interfere with human freedom. But in reality the current fervor of many liberal protestants for civil rights legislation has much in common with the old zeal for Prohibition. It is an attempt to enforce moral behavior before and without providing any foundation in moral conviction."

In conclusion, Mr. Brown makes his points quite clear, using metaphors from the Bible combined with logical reasoning. In my opinion, The Protest of a Troubled Protestant is a must for all conservatives interested in Religion, the state, and themselves as a Christian —R.G.D.

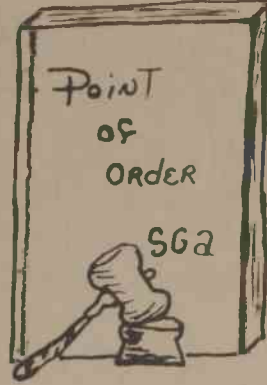
WeissSpoke to Students

Dr. Charles M. Weiss, professor of environmental biology in the department of environmental sciences and engineering, University of North Carolina, spoke recently in Marks Hall auditorium at Chowan.

A graduate of Rutgers University and John Hopkins University, Weiss' topic was "Man and His Impact on the Environment."

He is with the School of Public Health at UNC. He has also served as principal investigator in nine projects in water pollution control financed by research grants from the state and federal governments and private sources.

The largest grant was \$94,966 from the National Institutes of Health for research on "The Use of Fish to Detect Organic Insecticides in Water."



By Ronaldo A. Karunungan
Julie Hoskins was griping because she has yet to receive a letter to the editor from the students. I am lucky in a sense because when I opened the SGA suggestion box at the student center I found eight garbage notes and six short ones.

The first one suggests that alcohol should be allowed on campus. Sorry, it cannot be tolerated in a Baptist junior college like Chowan. The second one says that girls should be allowed in boys dorms, and visa-versa. Well, we are having it right here in McDowell Columns dormitory.

The third note came from Herb Lee of South Hall dorm. He is worried about the increasing file of the dead mail. I know that our postmistress is trying to do her best to implement our new mailing system. I suggest that we should always put our box number every time we send a letter, so that in return when other people write us back, they will know our box numbers. If the letters do not have the box number, then it takes quite a while before the student help in the post office can trace our box numbers. The fourth note came from a responsible student who knows how to respect the rights of his fellow students. He is concerned about breaking in line in the cafeteria. Some may recall that last month I commissioned two students at each meal to police the line. But weeks later, students came to me complaining that my monitors are not reporting for duty. So, I decided to relieve the monitors of their duties. This problem was discussed in our first two meetings of the cafeteria committee, but we did not arrive at an adequate solution to the problem. To me, the best solution to this problem rests in the hands of the students.

All we have to do is observe common courtesy of falling in line, and the line will be held to a minimum.

The fifth one came from someone who is scared that his term paper might not beat the deadline—which is Thanksgiving. He is asking what time does the library open on weekends. Saturday, it is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Sunday it is open from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. This will go on a trial basis for six weeks. If students will use it, then it will become somewhat permanent in nature. It might interest some to know that the first Sunday there were 84 students who used the library. The succeeding Sunday, 127 students went inside and studied. The third Sunday 80 students decided to take a trip to the library and do their homework. Students should know that the SGA owes gratitude to Mrs. Daisy Lou Mixon, Miss Rebecca Kinneman and all the members of the library committee who recommended this change to Dr. Lowe and Dr. Whitaker.

The last note that I received is about one of the two hottest issues of the year; that is, girl's curfew. In our SGA cabinet meeting of October 1, 1970, a petition signed by 241 coeds was presented to us. The said petition is asking for 1:00 a.m. permission on Fridays and Saturdays, 12:00 midnight on Sundays and 11:00 p.m. on weekdays. The SGA cabinet unanimously agreed that it should be submitted to a student vote by secret ballot on October 15, 1970. As we all know (I assume) only 41 per cent of the entire student body voted. There are gripes here and there blaming the SGA president for students not voting or were not able to vote. The first common reason is that they claim that they were ignorant of said referendum. The second alibi is that they didn't have their I.D.'s. I would like to answer, the second before the first. I believe it is every student's responsibility to keep up with his or her own I.D. and not someone else's.

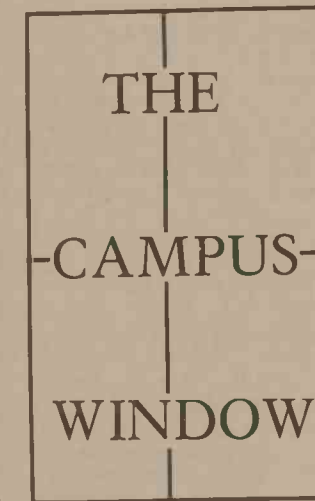
Now, what have I done to inform the students of the said referendum? I announced it in the SGA Open Forum last October 5, 1970. I instructed our Historian to stencil and mimeograph paper posters, but unfortunately the machine was not working properly at the time (broke down). I instructed the SGA vice-president to request the chaplain to announce it in chapel. I made at least three posters myself. I instructed the SGA secretary to announce it in the cafeteria at breakfast and

lunch. I put it in my last column in the "Smoke Signals." A "cutie" told me that she never gets a copy of the "Smoke Signals."

Maybe if a letter is written to the editor, Julie Hoskins, she might put a copy of every issue in the post office box of that "cutie." Another "cutie" told me that many do not read my article. Well, I surely cannot tell her what to read and what not to read. I write things which I believe are important on our campus life. But if students choose to read stories about personal experiences, that is their privilege.

I know that students are very fond of griping. To properly channel these gripes, I would like the students to know whom to gripe to on particular matters. If you don't like the SGA constitution, then you can talk to Snake Mayo, Skeeter Key, Paul Battaglia, and O.J. Womble. They are the members of the Constitutional Amendments Committee. The chairman is Marilyn Browne. If you have a complaint about elections, these are the persons to get in touch with: Amy Wynns, Chairman; Steve Bates, Tom Molin, Paige Buren, Toni Kamp, Jan Daughtry, and David Oxendine. With regards to the clothing and etiquette committee our student members are Bill Dodson, Diane Wondergem, and Billie Davis.

Before I end this piece, allow me to remind the 59 per cent of the student body that if they want a change, they should do their part. Again I will re-state the SGA theme of the year—TOTAL INVOLVEMENT!



By Joe. D. McLean

The first half of this semester has been filled with significant happenings, both within and outside the Chowan College community. While Religion 101 students were studying the divine-human drama of the Exodus, the wilderness wanderings, the conquest of Canaan, the period of the judges, the United and the Divided Monarchies, a modern drama flavored with religious overtones was taking place on the same Middle East stage. The stage itself, with its vast expanses of desert wastes, remains much the same as it was during the first of these dramas some three thousand years ago. The Iron Age chariots of the first drama probably created as much of a stir as the Space Age jumbo jetliners of the modern drama. The hijacked jetliners were blown to bits on the same sands where the chariots at times mired up to the axles. The would-be conquerors and chief players on the modern stage, the Palestinian guerrillas, had their counterparts in the nomadic Hebrew conquerors of the earlier drama. Guerrilla warfare was the chief tactic in each case. To take possession of the "Promised Land" was the goal each time. The deep conviction that what would be conquered already rightfully belonged to the conquerors was the motivating force in the lives of the participants in each campaign.

The inter-Arab fratricide of Jordan's nine-day was in and around Amman seemed like a re-release of the three-thousand-year-old story of Abimelech's slaughter of his seventy brothers in his power-play attempt at monarchy at Schechem. Or maybe it was more like the mutinous military-religious coup of Jehu and his army's wholesale slaughter of King Jehoram and his heirs and courtiers plus the queen mother Jezebel and all her prophets and worshippers of Baal in the mid-ninth century, B.C. People of the Middle East don't seem to have learned very much of lasting value from these earlier blood baths. Have people anywhere? "When will we ever learn?"

Revolution has come to have a great many evil connotations. But that need not be so. One meaning of the word revolution is "total or radical change," and that can mean change for the good. In this sense, the most effective revolutionary character of all time is Jesus of Nazareth, who offers an inner revolution as the best alternative to violent and bloody and destructive outer revolution. May He lead us in revolution, right on!

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Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER



Irwin Shaw's latest novel ("Rich Man, Poor Man," Delacorte; New York City, 763 pages, \$7.95) may never be declared the novel of the year; however, it surely will see the best seller listing. The novel includes some of everything: violence, sex, big-business, wheeling and dealing, Hollywood sidelights and all.

The plot centers around the Jordache family and takes place in 1945. Scratching out a living from a small bakery, the elder Jordaches have three totally unlike children: Thomas, who is a rough-hewn immigrant from Germany relying on violence as the solution to all problems; Gretchen, who has heard all about the evils of sex from her mother but who enjoys a sexual affair with one of the richest men in town; and Rudolph, who is the obvious favorite of parents and town being a born leader and ambitious worker.

This family saga covers several years in a rather sporadic manner. Where there is a lack of plot, the convincing characters hold the reader's interest until something exciting does happen.

The sympathy of the town is with Rudolph, who deserves better than the parents he inherited, so they feel. "He sometimes thinks so himself. At a posh party during his senior year,

Rudolph provides a recapitulation of the previous 248 pages by wondering 'if they'd have invited him if they knew that his father had killed two men, that his brother had been in jail for rape, that his sister was pregnant and living with a married man, and that his mother had demanded \$30,000 from his father if he wanted to go to bed with her.' So it goes with the Jordaches."

This novel does not do everything the dust jacket promises, though very few do that. It does not capture the sweep of the country since World War II; it does not solve the Cold War, McCarthyism, or Vietnam. Here are, however, very interesting people absorbed in a realistic plot. The novel itself makes for several hours of pleasurable reading.

Every Last One
—Even the Rooster
When I was ten years old, my parents and I moved to the farm which was eventually to become our own. Neither my mother nor I were accustomed to rural living, but as a youth Daddy had been reared on the old homestead to which we moved.

For months before this important transition from city to rural living, Mother had dreamed of having her own hens and raising her own fresh country eggs for cooking.

A gracious neighbor welcomed us on the Saturday morning we moved with six hens and a rooster, a good start for our very first flock. Needless to say, Mother was completely elated and talked throughout the morning of gathering her eggs later in the day.

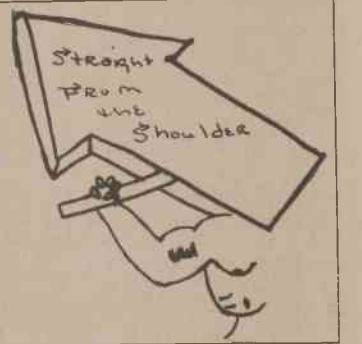
"Don't expect miracles," my father warned her, feeling that his own knowledge of country living was superior to hers. "Chickens are peculiar creatures. They won't usually lay in a strange place, at least not on the first day." But Mother would hear nothing of this nonsense; her chickens were special, she was convinced.

Not willing for her to be disappointed on her first day in the country and being somewhat of a wit himself, Daddy secretly procured six nice eggs during the afternoon from a country store nearby and slipped them appropriately into the nesting area of the small henhouse.

One hen broke the pattern of not laying in strange places, however, and that evening when Mother took the little wicker basket to gather her eggs, it was not long before she rushed from the henhouse in tears of joy and excitement.

"Honey!" she called to my prankster father, "Every last one laid an egg — even the rooster."

QUESTION: Do you think we have a good quality of faculty members here at Chowan College?
WHERE ASKED: Around campus
WHO WERE ASKED:



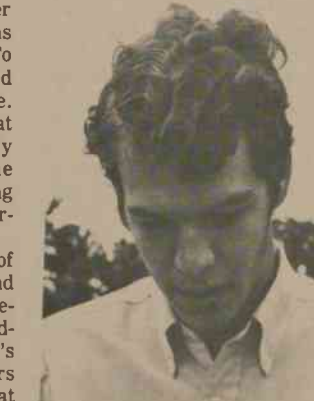
LARRY WALKER—Sophomore, Pawley's Island, S.C. Some of them don't care to talk to students and help them in any way. Teaching quality is good. I think faculty members should spend more time to the interest of their students. I believe there should be a more oriented program between students and faculty.



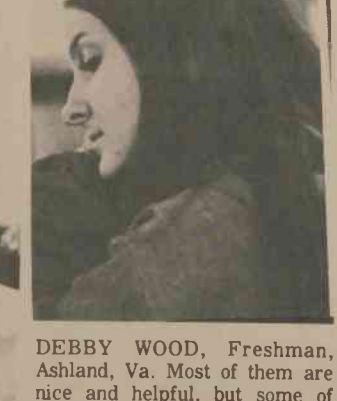
BENNIE WILLIS, Freshman, Morehead City, N.C. Yeah! All my professors seem to know what they are talking about. I couldn't compare them anywhere else but according to my standard they are fine. Seemingly they are fair in giving grades.



SUE GARNER, Freshman, Newport, N.C. I think they are interestingly intelligent. They try hard in helping me with my problems. I really dig them.



TOM PATT, Freshman, Salisbury, Md. Unlike most colleges the faculty here are not finished teaching after classes. They are always ready to listen. They make up by being understanding what they lack in a comparable classroom of big universities.



DEBBY WOOD, Freshman, Ashland, Va. Most of them are nice and helpful, but some of them are not so good in their style of teaching. I observe that they take interest in their students. That's all.



ANDREA LUCE—Sophomore, Hampton, Va. I think they are fairly good. In most big colleges faculty members don't care but here they take time out for the students. They are great.

Ives Seeks Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Burl Ives, 61-year-old folk singer and actor, is seeking a divorce from his wife, Helen, after nearly 25 years of marriage.

Mrs. Ives, a writer, lives in New York City. Ives, in his Superior Court suit Tuesday, listed irreconcilable differences and aid the couple, married in Chicago, had lived apart since 1956.



MIKE GIBSON—Sophomore, Richmond, Va. We have some hard ones but overall they're good. They grade fairly and are eager to help students. I don't like the hard ones.



SHIRLEY CROOM—Freshman, Kinston, N.C. We have a very good quality of faculty members. They will give you a lot of cooperation especially when you need help. They'll try to understand your problem and show you how to solve it.