

EDITORIALS

Responsible men needed

To the Editor:
ELECTION NOTICE
On the 28 of this month the Men's Council of Chowan College will have elections for 6 seats on the council and later in the spring we will fill the remaining 6 seats.

Candidates are self-nominated and approved by the election board. This job is one of responsibility to the college as well as your fellow students. We are now in the process of looking for well-qualified students to take over next year. If you didn't consider running for office, do your part in putting the most capable men in this position of responsibility. The polls will be open from 10 to 5 on Thursday the 28th. Vote, you might need some help sometime.

Sidney Young
President of Men's Council

SGA-sponsored bookstore

TO: Editor of Smoke Signals
RE: On Used Books
This letter of complaint and suggestion has been written collectively by the undersigned. A suggestion of improvement has been submitted to the S.G.A. through their suggestion box in the Student Union.

The conditions surrounding the used college course book sales seems quite ridiculous. The book store won't buy them and neither will most students because they fear the book will not be an issue currently being used in the classroom. Is there a solution to this dilemma?

We are of the contention that the establishment of an S.G.A. sponsored Used Bookstore is in order. The last and first weeks of any given semester should be sufficient time to resell any book that is resellable. An individual wishing to sell a book at half the original price could turn it over to the U.B. for which he would receive a receipt, payable if sold, on a pre-determined date.

This seems a much more feasible system than the "hit and miss" system presently employed via bulletin boards and word of mouth.

We beg of the S.G.A. and the Student Body to help in a little organization. Let's do something now rather than let the situation creep up on us at end-semester.

Becky Cummings
Carl Cunningham
Gayle Morris
Donna Jones
Jete Edmundson
Gary Fendrich
Martha Caslear
Elizabeth Richey

Just Another Peasant

By JOHN SLAY

Born without fortune born without fame,
Used as a pawn to play in their game,
Cannot run cannot hide, has a soul
Which has long since died,
Up to work at the break of dawn,
Hours hard and hours long,
Having to do it all by hand,
So he can eat from the land,
Along comes the man who says,
"This is mine, you live from what you can find."
More work and toil, sweat from brow,
of breaking land and milking cow.
Family needs new clothes, he another rake,
And back again come the men who always take.
Never allowed to refuse,
Because he must pay his dues.
Little freedom to do what he pleases,
And spends that digging, wearing out his knees.
Troubled back and burdened mind
Always nag him at the grind.
Pleasant memories are far and few,
But they seem to get him through.
Tries to save some money, but to no avail,
Something always comes along, drought, flood, gale,
Through all his misery and suffering though,
There is one place he can go.
When comes the day he must die,
He won't complain or out loud cry.
After all he knows it best
Everyman needs a rest.
When he's buried in the ground,
He rises up to look around
There he sees another man,
Trying to work his worn out land.

It's a pity, it's a shame,
The way they used him for their game.
An oppressed man, he may be,
Better him than you and me.
It's that game we now face,
and I don't want to take his place.
I've thought it through and through,
But there's nothing I can do.

Drop that bomb over there,
I don't want no commies here.
You long-haired hippies are the same,
You're all mouth, you have no brain.
This is what we should do,
And proudly display the red, white, and blue.
I am a Hawk, yes it's true,
and there are things we have to do.
Look at the story real,
To survive, you have to kill.

Of all the bombs in our land
Not one can feed a single man.
Of all those things which they destroy,
The most precious are little girls and boys.
How can you restore the life
Of a husband or his wife,
Or hear your brother let out a cry,
And slowly watch him bleed and die?
I am for peace, I am proud to say
and there will be some day.
Yes, I call myself a Dove,
And try to spread the word of love.

All three men gave their view
of how they felt or what they'd do.
The story is still the same,
The peasant is used, in somebody's game.



IN CONCERT— Pepi of the rock group group "Alive 'n' Kicking" is a crowd-pleaser. "Alive 'n' Kicking" played in concert on Jan. 19 in columns Auditorium.



"Alive 'N' Kicking" was very favorable, yet only about two-thirds of the auditorium was filled for the performance. SGA can only sponsor current rock groups with the support of the students. "Mason," "Steam," and "Bill Deal and the Rondells" are scheduled to perform at Chowan this semester. Support your SGA by attending these functions.

Man shows computer who is boss

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — A computer at the data processing center here has finally got the message—man is its master, not vice versa.
Throughout a number of successive payroll runs, the computer refused to pay Ann Williams, secretary for eight years to Commonwealth's Atty. Peter W. Axson Jr.

In fact, it wouldn't even acknowledge she was an employee. The programmers changed tactics and fed Mrs. Williams' time into the machine as a "new employee."
The computer wasn't to be fooled. "Duplicate new hire!" it snapped. That's computer talk for someone already on the payroll.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 1971. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1880, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for the electric incandescent light.

On this date: In 1756, the Austrian composer Mozart was born in Salzburg.

In 1964, France recognized Communist China.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a fire in their Apollo spacecraft at Cape Kennedy.

Also in 1967, a treaty limiting the use of outer space for military purposes was signed by 62 nations.

Ten years ago: The new Kennedy administration indicated that it would not be opposed to a summit meeting if Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev came to the United Nations in March.

HAPPINESS IS...
A firm specializing in men's evening wear is preparing an advertising campaign based on the premise that happiness can be achieved by going out more often. "... If there's one thing we know about," says the company, "it's being happy. We absolutely positively know that a man who puts on a tuxedo and takes his wife to a fancy place is going to be happy."
Want to bet? — Charleston (S.C.) News and Courier

Literary Musings



By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

A Posthumous Hemingway Novel

Sometimes a man has to die before his best works reach the reading public. While I have never been a big reader of Ernest Hemingway, had he lived he may have produced that GREAT American novel.

The most familiar novels may not lead the reader to accept this fact, and certainly "The Old Man and the Sea" is no masterpiece (at least in my opinion).

Hemingway's tragic death in 1961 silenced a mighty pen, no doubt, but when I read the latest novel "Islands in the Stream." By Ernest Hemingway. Scribners; New York City, 466 pages, \$10.), I was caused to regret again his depressing suicide.

But his death itself has given us its consolation, for it permitted the publication of two fine and valuable works—"A Moveable Feast," his very personal recollections of this early years as a writer in Paris, and "By-Line: Ernest Hemingway," a collection of his journalism that he had evidently had no intention of publishing in his lifetime.

And now we have another posthumous work, "Islands in the Stream," a novel of such length and dimension that it might seem that I and a few other doubters were wrong about Hemingway's ability to land the big one. It is a big one, no doubt about it.

The book is divided into three parts, the first of which takes place on one of the Bimini islands, the second in Cuba, and the third at sea in a long and routinely exciting chase through the keys and islands of the Gulf Stream. Yes, there is action in the novel; these are also a violent

conclusion and the sort of heroics and philosophizing on the hero's code that you might expect to find in a novel by Ernest Hemingway. Which in a way is strange, for fundamentally "Islands in the Stream" documents a man's long downward slide into emotional oblivion.

South Carolina and Salinger
Because Kershaw County school board ordered J. D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye" removed from the Camden High School library, the nine-year-old book has become the most popular book in South Carolina, according to the state's chief library consultant for the public schools. Sheriff Hector Debruhl had complained to the board that the book was "tasteless crude writings, pouring forth from an obviously dollar-seeking writer."

Parents of a 16-year-old girl in a summer-school English class brought the book to the sheriff's attention. The course had included the book for recommended reading.

A New Collection by Oates
There is little disagreement that Joyce Carol Oates is one of the best young writers around. Her novels, short stories, and poetry have gained her an international following because of the intensity of their emotions, their deftly concise characterizations, and their razorlike prose style that captures a world of tragic loves and inner terrors.

Earlier this year, at the age of 31, she was voted the National Book Award for her most recent novel, "Them."
Miss Oates' newest book is a collection of 20 short stories entitled "The Wheel of Love." It represents not so much an ex-

tension of her skill or view of the world as a honing, a focusing down. She is, in effect, rewriting and polishing the same story throughout this book; the stories are so consistent in plot, character, and tone that they could be called "Variations on a Theme." This lack of surprise keeps the collection from being totally satisfying, but the best stories are excellent—and even the weakest are beautifully written.

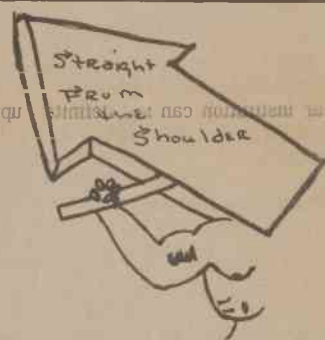
RELUCTANT LADY
An 18-year-old girl in Wilmington, Del., a news story tells us, jumped out a second story window of her home and broke her ankle when her boyfriend tried to kiss her.
It is indeed startling to learn that any girl in these modern times would prefer a broken ankle to being kissed, and that by her boyfriend, yet. — Dallas (Tex.) Times Herald

SOME DISH
GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — There was a giant platter 80 pounds of cooked spaghetti — no sauce — see.
Two University of North Carolina at Greensboro students had prepared it lovingly as their modern art exhibit at the Weather spoon Art Gallery on Jan. 11.

Another student, Miss Pat O'Shea, startled viewers by jumping into the spaghetti — nude.

She was charged with "unreasonably disturbing or alarming the public by appearing in the nude."
Her trial was scheduled in Guilford County Tuesday, but was continued to Feb. 9.

By Ronaldo A. Karunungan
With regards to the Woman's Liberation Front a U.S. House representative commented that there is a big difference between a horse chestnut and a chestnut horse.
QUESTION: What is your comment?
WHERE ASKED: Around campus.
WHOM WERE ASKED?



JONI PRICE—Freshman Hampton Va. For one thing, I thought it was a big problem. But now I feel they are settling down. It is a good idea but I would not carry it to an extreme. I feel that men of today are liberal enough to tolerate such movement. Why should they be sex symbols? To my judgment that is not the woman's purpose. I think the Japanese are wrong in their belief that women are for entertainment of men.



TOM MOLIN—Freshman, Wilmington Del. I can understand their demand for equal job opportunity and equal pay. But some of the stuff they are asking for are downright ridiculous.



SUSAN RIGGS—Sophomore Cherry Point N.C. Sure, they have the legitimate cause to ask for everything they are demanding for. They shouldn't be drafted not because they are women but because nobody should be drafted. The trend that the "bras" are diminishing in many business offices and campuses is a healthy sign of women's liberation. "Power to the chicks."



JILL RHODES— Freshman Washington, D.C. I am not prejudice but I am all for women. I think they are not too weak to perform things that an ordinary man can do. I believe that sex shouldn't be a barrier in the women's flight for progress. I believe they can maintain their femininity even in their pants.



CATHY MULLANEY— Freshman Norfolk, Va. I believe that they have the right to a certain degree in asking for some equality but other stuff about complete equality is for the birds. I do not believe they should become presidents. To me, a woman is a sex symbol and they should remain as sex symbols. They should be allowed to wear hot pants on campus.



BILLY HILL—Sophomore Murfreesboro, N.C. The idea behind the movement is pretty silly. I strongly believe that they are inferior to men and that they are sex symbols. I think that if a woman is very demanding she does not possess enough femininity to attract men anyway.

Help me!

I am a prisoner in North Vietnam. Being a prisoner of war is not a very enjoyable occupation, here or elsewhere. The Geneva Convention guarantees me certain privileges, receiving and sending mail is one of them. My captors will not allow me to receive or send mail. I love my family dearly and would like to hear from them. I would like to tell them not to worry; that I am OK.

The North Vietnamese believe that Americans do not care about us prisoners. Please prove them wrong. Write them a letter. Since I cannot send mail, this letter is being written by a friend of mine who cares about victims of war, not only political gain. I am in your hands.

Thank you,
Joe Prisoner

(It could be "you," your husband, brother, or father)

He and hundreds like him need your help. Six cents may save a life. For your convenience, pre-written letters are in the Student Union. These and addressed envelopes have been provided by our Student Government Association. The letter reads as follows:

I am very concerned about our prisoners in Vietnam. Won't you tell us where our men are? Please allow our prisoners to communicate with their families.

Regardless of how I and other Americans feel about the war, we are united against inhumane treatment of the prisoners of war. Please identify them and release them soon.

The one possibility of getting them released seems to be through public pressure. "You" are the public! The letters are sent to: Hanoi, C-O WBTV, Charlotte, N.C. 28208
Your letter will be delivered to the North Vietnamese. Do it now! Chao—RGD.

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