

# Who Is The Chowan College Student?

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(The following remarks were presented to the faculty at the spring workshop, January 11, 1971. They are reproduced here because of the opinion that they might be of interest to the entire Chowan community.)

At the beginning of the fall semester, 1970-71, Chowan College faculty members administered to all new students at the college a questionnaire prepared by the American Council On Education. A total of 425 institutions participated in this survey. However, since there was reason to believe that the results from 150 of these institutions were not representative of their entire freshman class because of the particular method used to collect the data, the weighted national norms were based on the data from 275 institutions (53 two-year colleges, 189 four-year colleges, and 33 universities). The survey from Chowan College was used in arriving at the national norms.

It is obvious that the more information we have concerning our student body, the better equipped we are to be effective in both our teaching and advising capacities. For this reason I felt that it would be worthwhile to spend a few minutes looking at some of the more salient features of the survey report.

In terms of racial background, Chowan does not have quite the diversity found generally on the national level. For example, Chowan enrolled 2.4 per cent black freshmen in the fall semester. The national norms in this regard for all institutions was 9.1 per cent and for two-year institutions 14.2 per cent. The norm for all private two-year institutions, however, was only 4.1 per cent.

The educational level of the parents of our freshmen does not differ greatly from the national averages. For example, some 36.1 per cent of our freshmen indicated that the highest educational attainment of their fathers was the high school degree, as compared with a national average of 29.1 per cent. The fathers of 35.7 per cent of our freshmen had at least some college training, as compared with 44.2 per cent on the national level. On the other hand, 28.3 per cent of the fathers of our freshmen have less than a high school degree, as compared with 26.7 per cent at the national level.

In regards to the mothers of our freshmen, 49.2 per cent have the high school degree as their highest level of attainment, as compared with 42.6 per cent nationwide. 32.8 per cent of the mothers of our freshmen have at least some college training, as compared with 35.9 per cent nationwide. Only 17.9 per cent have less than a high school degree, as compared with a national average of 21.5 per cent. Some interesting facts came to light in regards to the occupations of the fathers of our freshmen. For example, 3.7 per cent have military careers, as opposed to a national average of 1.7 per cent. Some 32.7 per cent are businessmen, as opposed to 30.1 per cent nationwide. Only 1.3 per cent are clergymen, as opposed to 1.1 per cent nationwide. 5.4 per cent are engineers, compared with 7.1 per cent nationwide. 7.8 per cent are farmers or foresters, compared with 5.7 per cent nationwide. 10.5 per cent are skilled workers, compared with 12.4 per cent nationwide. 1.9 per cent are unskilled workers, compared with 4.5 per cent nationwide. 1.6 per cent are unemployed, as opposed to a national average of 1.4 per cent.

The majority of Chowan freshmen come from affluent families. Only 30.9 per cent of our freshmen estimate their parental incomes to be less than \$10,000, compared with a national average of 37.6 per cent. On the other hand, 58.8 per cent estimate family income to be between \$10,000-\$25,000, compared with a national average of 51.5 per cent. 11.3 per cent have family incomes in excess of \$25,000 per year, while the national average is 10.9 per cent.

Not surprisingly, 4.8 per cent of our freshmen characterized their neighborhoods as upper class, as compared with the national average of only 2.6 per cent. 84.6 per cent characterized their neighborhoods as either upper middle class or middle class, as compared with a national average of 84.4 per cent. Only 10.4 per cent come from working class neighborhoods, as compared with 11.1 per cent nationwide; while only .3 per cent characterized their neighborhoods as lower class, as opposed to a national average of 1.4 per cent.

Since so many Chowan freshmen come from affluent families, it might be expected that a large number would have attended private high schools. This was not the case. Only 7.4 per cent attended private high schools, as opposed to 17.5 per cent nationally.

Our freshmen students, as might be expected, were not quite so concerned about the matter of financing their education as were freshmen nationwide. In fact, 44.2 per cent of our freshmen indicated no concern about finances, while nationally only 33.8 per cent so indicated. 46.1 per cent expressed some concern, as compared with 55.1 per cent nationwide. Only 9.7 per cent expressed a major concern in this area, compared with 11.1 per cent nationwide.

It is not surprising, then, to note that 71.4 per cent of our freshmen indicate that their major source of financial support for college is parental or family aid, while only 55.3 per cent on the national level so indicate. While nationally 37.3 per cent of freshmen indicate personal savings or employment as their major source of support, only 18.6 per cent of Chowan freshmen do so indicate.

As might be expected, the academic degree aspirations of Chowan freshmen are not so high as the national average. Three per cent of our freshmen indicate no plans for any degree, while the national average is only 2.1 per cent. 9.5 per cent of our freshmen indicate no plans beyond the associate degree, while the national average is 7.6 per cent. Exactly one-half (50 per cent) of Chowan freshmen do not plan to go beyond the bachelor's degree, but nationally only 38.3 per cent indicate. Nationally, 31.2 per cent plan to go on to the master's degree, while only 24.1 per cent of Chowan freshmen so indicate. Only 4.3 per cent of our freshmen plan to go on to the Ph.D or Ed.D, while 9.7 per cent of freshmen nationwide have this high aspiration.

In terms of political preference, Chowan freshmen described themselves as basically middle of the road. Only 3.0 per cent of our freshmen described themselves as far left, compared with 3.1 per cent nationally. While 33.5 per cent of students nationwide described themselves as liberals, only 23.1 per cent of our

freshmen did so. 49.8 per cent of our freshmen proclaimed themselves to be middle of the road, compared to the national average of 45.4 per cent. On the other hand, 23.5 per cent described themselves as conservatives, compared with 17.1 per cent nationally. Only .5 per cent thought of themselves in terms of the far right, as opposed to a national average of 1.0 per cent.

Freshmen opinions regarding the involvement of the Federal Government proved to be quite revealing. Not unusual was the response of 88.8 per cent of our freshmen that the government should be more involved in the control of pollution (national average-92.9 per cent). 33.9 per cent felt that the government should provide tax incentives to control the birth rate (N.A.-44.4 per cent). 58.3 per cent felt that the government should be more involved in consumer protection (N.A.-66.2 per cent). 33.8 per cent felt that the government should be more involved in the control of firearms (N.A.-48.0 per cent). 69.0 per cent felt that there should be greater involvement in the elimination of poverty (N.A.-79.5 per cent). 89.4 per cent felt there should be a greater attempt to control crime (N.A.-88.3 per cent). Only 24.6 per cent of our freshmen felt that the government be more involved in desegregation (N.A.-49.0 per cent). 41.0 per cent felt that the government should provide more financial aid for the disadvantaged (N.A.-49.0 per cent). Only 21.6 per cent favored a greater military involvement in Southeast Asia (N.A.-16.5 per cent). 31.4 per cent favored a greater effort in the development of an A.B.M. system (N.A.-24.0 per cent). Students generally opposed government control of T.V. and newspapers. Only 16.7 per cent favored more stringent controls (N.A.-13.6 per cent). 40.6 per cent favored greater involvement in the space program (N.A.-31.5 per cent). Chowan freshmen, then, tended to evidence a slightly more conservative attitude toward Federal involvement than did college freshmen, in general, across the nation.

Student responses to a number of questions regarding college life and society in general were quite informative. 90.9 per cent of our freshmen felt that students should be at least

somewhat involved in curriculum design (N.A.-91.4 per cent). Only 36.7 per cent felt that the college should exercise any control of students while off the campus (N.A.-17.0 per cent). 66.0 per cent of our freshmen felt that faculty pay should be based on student evaluation (N.A.-71.3 per cent). 37.0 per cent felt that college grades should be abolished (N.A.-44.4 per cent). Only 46.5 per cent felt that the college had the right to ban a speaker on campus (N.A.-33.2 per cent). 51.8 per cent felt that the college should give preferential treatment to disadvantaged students (N.A.-44.0 per cent). 69.5 per cent of Chowan freshmen felt that the colleges were too lax concerning student protests (N.A.-58.5 per cent). 26.4 per cent agreed that marijuana should be legalized (N.A.-38.4 per cent). 59.0 per cent felt that the United States should have an all volunteer army (N.A.-65.3 per cent). 50.3 per cent favored the liberalization of divorce laws (N.A.-51.5 per cent). 84.2 per cent agreed that abortions should be legalized (N.A.-83.4 per cent). 60.1 per cent felt that the courts protect criminals too much (N.A.-51.6 per cent). 45.3 per cent favored the abolition of capital punishment (N.A.-56.3 per cent). Surprisingly, only 18.1 per cent indicated that they felt that there was a generation gap with their parents, which was almost exactly the same as the national average (18.3 per cent). Only 14.7 per cent felt that women should be subject to the draft (N.A.-21.7 per cent). On the other hand, 72.9 per cent felt that women should have the same opportunities as men (N.A.-81.3 per cent). It is not particularly surprising that 70.7 per cent of our freshmen agreed that everyone should have a chance to go to college, while only 61.4 per cent of freshmen on the national level agreed.

Students were questioned concerning their participation in a number of activities during the year before they came to college. 79.1 per cent indicated that they had participated in a student election (N.A.-68.0 per cent). 28.4 per cent had played a musical instrument (N.A.-38.5 per cent). Only 32.4 per cent indicated that they had frequently studied in the library and only 50.1 per cent indicated that they had frequently checked out books. Nationally, only 32.7 per cent of freshmen indicated that

they had frequently studied in the library, while only 44.3 per cent had checked out library books. Of our freshmen, 23.8 per cent indicated that they had overslept and missed a class during the past year (N.A.-23.0 per cent). 43.0 per cent indicated that they had frequently discussed the future with their parents (N.A.-38.7 per cent). 80.7 per cent admitted to being late with homework assignments (N.A.-71.5 per cent). 40.6 per cent admitted that they had argued with a teacher in class (N.A.-51.5 per cent). 94.2 per cent indicated that they had attended religious services (N.A.-87.6 per cent). Only 9.3 per cent indicated that they had frequently done extra reading for class (N.A.-15.6 per cent). 4.3 per cent had taken sleeping pills during the previous year (N.A.-5.3 per cent). 47.8 per cent had read poetry not required for a course (N.A.-57.2 per cent). 6.9 per cent had taken tranquilizers (N.A.-7.8 per cent). 20.3 per cent had frequently discussed religion (N.A.-26.9 per cent). 60.5 per cent had taken vitamins (N.A.-58.5 per cent). 66.4 per cent had visited an art gallery or museum (N.A.-68.8 per cent). 41.3 per cent had participated in a high school political campaign (N.A.-38.9 per cent). 3.4 per cent indicated that they had frequently missed school due to illness, exactly the same as the national average. 21.3 per cent indicated that they had frequently discussed politics (N.A.-26.8 per cent). 64.2 per cent admitted that they had drunk beer (N.A.-56.6 per cent). Only 27.6 per cent of our freshmen indicated that they had frequently asked teachers for advice (N.A.-22.6 per cent). 60.8 per cent had had vocational counseling (N.A.-52.9 per cent). 5.8 per cent of our freshmen—primarily female students—indicated that they had cried frequently during the year (N.A.-9.0 per cent). 14.9 per cent admitted to having cursed or sworn frequently (N.A.-21.4 per cent).

In looking at these statistics concerning our students in light of the national norms, some differences can be observed, such as the fact that Chowan students tend to be just slightly more conservative than students in general across the nation. By large, however, one is impressed by the fact that attitudes evidenced among our freshmen are typical of what is to be found throughout the country.

## Ferrum Blisters Chowan Braves

By DONALD PATTEN

Ferrum, with its hopes up high after an impressive victory of 107-90 over COA the night before, was to have its 11-2 record challenged by a powerhouse of Braves.

Ferrum's only lost was to the Duke and Tennessee Freshmen. Chowan, still a little tired after that long Christmas vacation, was to try and better their 8-4 record.

The scene was set as Ferrum went right into a full court press to force the Braves into numerous turnover situations, and to go ahead 11-3 with only 3:57 seconds of the first half gone. Ferrum tormented the Braves with the inside and outside shooting of Young and Robinson respectively. Ferrum's strength under the board was centered around Thomas and Robinson, and Hill seemed to be the biggest thief as he made an infinite number of steals, to power their team to an 18-5 lead with 14:36 seconds left in the half. The Braves continued to threaten as Michie scored twice to cut the lead to 27-16. With only 6:11 seconds left in the half, Thomas scored as he stole the ball and made an easy lay-up to heighten the score to 33-18. At this point Ferrum moved to a ball control game and continued to score.

Chowan looked to be still sleepy after a very long sleep as Ferrum humiliated them. Brigman with a fantastic shot brought the Braves to within 10 with 1:14 left in the half to 39-29. The half ended with a basket by Robinson to give Ferrum a 43-31 halftime lead.

The second half opened with no noticeable change from either

squad. Crenshaw from the outside made the first basket for Chowan, but to no prevail as Ferrum matched baskets to increase their lead to 51-33 with 16:40 left in the game. Flipping added a little magic with his powerful hook shots, while Ross saw the need for additional points as he drew the lanes for the easy

## European Work Plan Announced

Earning a summer in Europe can be profitable in more ways than one. With a temporary paying job in Europe, any student is able to get out and see some of the world and gain a human insight into Europe while paying his way and earning some money besides.

Any student willing to earn his way can now see Europe without the usual expenses because of the availability of more temporary paying jobs requiring no previous experience or knowledge of a foreign language. The SOS-Student Overseas Services, with headquarters in Europe and offices in the U.S.A., screens and places every applicant before he leaves for Europe.

Temporary paying jobs available in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain include resort work, hotel and restaurant work, factory and construction work, sales and office work, farm and forestry work, and camp counseling and governess positions. All jobs pay cash wages ranging from free

room and board plus \$125 and tips per month up to \$600 a month for the highest paying jobs. To assure everything goes smoothly, students get off to their jobs on the right foot by means of a 5-day orientation upon arrival in Europe. These orientation periods provide an excellent focal point in Europe as they are held through the summer in a 100-room, 17th century castle where the briefings, get-togethers and other activities are carried out.

Applications should be filed early as jobs, work permits, travel documents and other necessary papers are issued on a first come, first served basis. Interested students may obtain job application forms, job listings and descriptions, and the SOS Handbook on earning a summer abroad by sending their name, address and \$1 (for handling and airmail return from Europe) directly to Placement Officer, SOS-Student Overseas Services, 22 Ave. de la Liberté, Luxembourg, Europe. After receiving and reading the material, all personal letters will be answered.

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ECU to play in a 6:30 contest. Chances of a J.V. is standing on the rim waiting to fall through. Girls remaining with our squad and the opponents squads will determine it.

### Schedule

Feb. 2, Christopher Newport, (H), 6:30; 6, West Hampton College, (H), 2:00; 10, Old Dominion Uni., (A), 7:00; 20, V.C.U., (A), 2:00; 23, Christopher Newport, (A), 6:30. Mar. 3, Campbell College, (H), 7:00; 5, Virginia Wesleyan, (H), 7:00; 16, Atlantic Christian, (A), 6:30.

score 59-47. Michie added points to make it 59-49 with 10:25 on his clutch free throws. Chowan came to within eight as Brigman hit from beyond the perimeter with 9:20 left which made the score 59-51. Ross, not wanting to be left alone, also added one to cut the lead to six with 8:49 left at 59-53. Ferrum realizing that games are won off points made five quick points to go ahead 64-53 with 7:47 seconds remaining. Ross with a sure two made it 64-57 as they neared the rope. Chowan, becoming more optimistic of a victory, moved from its fame zone coverage to man to man. The tension began to mount as Ferrum put the Braves in check. A three-point play by Hill for Ferrum gave the visitors a 67-59 lead with 2:53 to go. The lead was cut as Bostain and Ross hit to

make the score 67-63 with 1:39 to go the Braves closest penetration since the outset. Baskets by Sandy for Ferrum and Ross for Chowan made the score 70-65 with 39 seconds left. At this point Ferrum could surely declare check-mate. The final score was 70-65 which gave the Braves an 8-5 record. The high scorer for both teams was Ross with 23. Other players in double figures were Chowan's Flipping with 14, Ferrum's Robinson with 16, Thomas 16, Young 16, and Hill 13. Chowan

	G	F	T
Crenshaw	4	1-2	4 9
Bostain	3	1-4	5 7
Brigman	1	1-3	0 3
Flipping	7	0-0	4 14
Ross	3	3-4	4 23
TOTALS	28	1-9	20 65

	G	F	T
Robinson	5	6-8	3 16
Thomas	8	0-0	0 16
Fitzgerald	1	0-0	0 2
Stevens	2	0-0	3 4
Young	7	2-4	4 16
Coleman	-	0-0	1 0
Sandy	-	3-7	1 3
Hill	5	3-6	3 13
TOTALS	28	14-25	15 70

Chowan	16	15	17-65
Ferrum	25	18	16 70

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## SGA Minutes Published

By RONALD G. DUNN  
SGA Staff Journalist

The minutes of your Student Government Association Meetings will be published in each issue of the "Smoke Signals" to better inform you, the student, of plans, proposals, and SGA activism.

Student Legislature Minutes  
On Thursday, December 10, there was a meeting of the Student Legislature. Steve Cooper called the meeting to order and Jay Collins called the role. Ronaldo Karunungan attended as a guest.

After discussion on the girls curfew hours and a vote it was decided that the request will be sent to Dean Lewis for his opinion.

Paul Battaglia made a report to the Student Legislature from the constitution committee. The report mentioned amendments that the constitution committee will propose

1. That the girls have room check.
2. More power to the dorm councils.

- a. They should be able to take away call-downs.
- b. There should be one person out of every 50 in the dorm elected by the residents of the dorm to make up the dorm council.

Steve Cooper gave a report about the suggestions in the suggestion box. The main suggestion was to lower the price of the songs played in the student union. After discussion it was decided by a unanimous vote to lower the price to ten cent a play or a quarter for three plays. Tom Molin will present this to Mr. Sutton for discussion.

It was suggested that we have mail boxes placed at different locations on campus.

The meeting was adjourned. Cabinet S.G.A. Minutes

The last meeting of the S.G.A. officers for the first semester was held on Thursday, December 10, in Marks Hall auditorium. Tom Patt attended as a guest.

The president called the meeting to order and the first business discussed was the picture taking of the S.G.A. officers for the annual. After discussion it was decided that the officers will dress formal for the picture taking.

Spring semester Paul Battaglia will be in charge of the bulletin board and Steve Cooper will be in charge of the suggestion box. The S.G.A. officers have

decided to write up another questionnaire. This will be approved by all officers before going to the administration.

Ron Dunn has been appointed the new news correspondent of the S.G.A. He made the announcement that the article he wrote in the "Smoke Signals" referring to the S.G.A. was not meant as it sounded. He also

## Counselors Meet

A meeting of area high school counselors will be held in Marks Hall on Feb. 2. This meeting is to acquaint the counselors with what Chowan has to offer prospective students.

Schools within a radius of 110 miles have been invited. If you would like to chat with your high school counselor, their schedule includes a coffee break in Marks Hall from 10:40 to 11:00 and lunch in Thomas Cafeteria from 12:00 to 1:00.

## CHOWAN GRAD ALL-CONFERENCE

Friends of Peyton Barton who was a student at Chowan in 1969-70 and transferred to Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, will enjoy knowing that he was recently selected to the first team All-Southern Conference Team as an offensive tackle.

wants to submit a questionnaire to the faculty referring to the students of Chowan College.

Steve Cooper discussed the suggestions found in the suggestion box. Most suggestions refer to the juke box and improvements in the student union. Also there have been some complaints about the buzz sound coming from the lights in the library.

The meeting was adjourned until next semester.

Take an active interest in the workings of your Student Government Association. They represent YOU!—RGD

## Draft Assistance

The Marine Corps Officer Selection team will be on campus Feb. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to interview students.

Marine Corps representatives will be in the Student Union.

The purpose of this visit to Chowan is to interest students in a two-year program of service. Prerequisites are that the student be in Marine Corps training two summers prior to attending a senior college and enroll in ROTC at a senior college. Upon graduation from the senior college, the student is a commissioned officer.

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