

EDITORIALS

Selecting a Queen

When are the students of Chowan College going to wake out of their slumber and demand their rights?

Every year in the fall, a Homecoming queen is elected to represent the entire college at the annual Homecoming activities. Even though she represents over 1,500 people, only 40 varsity football team members has the privilege to vote.

Is this fair?
The S.G.A. has already made great progressions in true student representation by revising the student Senate. A change in procedures of election of the Homecoming Queen is long overdue. If you feel you deserve a vote in the Homecoming Queen elections, write the S.G.A. and make your opinions known.

—Richard Jackson

A New Committee

As a member of the Dorm Council, I have the duty to try my peers that have accumulated five call-downs or some other minor offense.

However, the only true authority the Dorm Council has is to direct how long the punishment, generally social-campus, will last.

When a person comes to us he has already been found guilty by the administration and it is our job not to try him, but to sentence him.

I wouldn't mind sentencing a person if I could actually give the person a trial-by-jury, but according to the administration this is not our job. Our job is only to try a person who has already been found guilty by the administration.

I propose that the Dorm Council should change their name from Dorm Council to "Sentencing Committee."
—Norman Eddleton
Social Co-Chairman,
South Dorm

Just Complaining

Having gone to Chowan for two years, I have heard more than enough whimpering, whining and complaining about Mr. Graham. The general consensus among students seems to be that his purpose here is to play buddy-buddy to the sophomores and nursemaid to the freshmen. His real purpose is to rid the campus of drugs, see that we are not all mown down by drunken drivers or murdered in cold blood for the dollar our mother sent us from home.

I maintain, that the reason so many of us can not see eye-to-eye with Graham is not necessarily, or at least not wholly his fault. I hear talk of individualism here at Chowan and see it demonstrated nowhere. What I do see is a flagrant attempt on the part of the student body to mass together out of fear of being different or not enough initiative to think for themselves. Either way, not much personal value is being gained, except the safety of being in the middle of the mob where everyone looks alike and therefore no fingers can be pointed.

All the dissent against Graham is merely another thing for the Chowan students to complain about. Such a feeling of rapport is established among students when they have someone in common to hate. Graham has become quite a legend and people here seem to dislike to break tradition. Many of the things he is hated for are merely heresy, a most reliable source of information. Many of those who gather this information do not take the time to even digest it before they pass it on to whoever is standing on their immediate right or left.

Graham is a great universal joke; a topic in which the students feel comfortable. When conversation lags at the dinner table, after moaning about the miserable food, homosexual teachers and how there is nothing to do in Murfreesboro there is still "The Tactics of Graham" to complain about.

Do not mistake me. I am not speaking for or against Graham. I do not work for him. I was not paid to write this article. I have something to say about the disgust engendered by those members of the student body too lazy to try and discover the facts, with not enough sense to keep their mouths shut when they don't have the facts. My final word is this: Do not listen to everything your neighbor says—he may know as little as you do.

—Diane Freda

Student Dissension

Ever since my enrollment here as a freshman last year, I have time and time again heard students complain about various things on campus. The complaints were far-reaching and covered a variety of areas.

Nothing is done on campus that is to the liking of these complainers. While I admit that many of these complaints are legitimate, they are usually not brought to the attention of the proper personnel.

If one has a complaint about the food in the cafeteria or something that has to do with the cafeteria, it does little good to voice this complaint to your friend sitting across the table from you where you are eating. Rather, I am sure that Mr. Wilson would welcome any and all suggestions that would be helpful in improving the situation.

The same goes for a lot of other things on campus. While one person might argue, that it would do little or no good to voice opinion to the proper person because a solution to the liking of the complainer would not be brought about; on the other hand the complainer might receive an answer that justifies the way things are set up in that particular situation. Here again, is something that many students fail to recognize.

Some things are set up the way they are, not to intimidate people but because it has been proven that this way works the best for that given situation.

Another complaint that is often heard around campus is that the Smoke Signals is not the sounding board for

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Roving Reporter

QUESTION: How would you like to see Chowan changed?



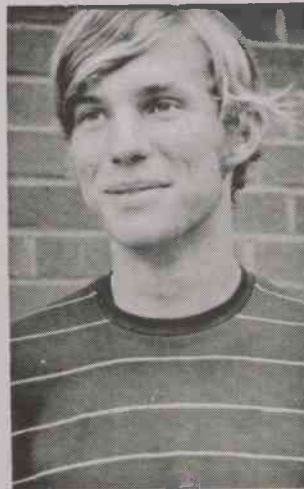
CRICKET STRAWDERMAN
I would like to see later hours for girls. The food should be improved, also, for what we pay. I would like to see Chowan get more liberal minded teachers. What happened to the washing machines and dryers that were supposed to be in the girls' dorms?



JOHN ZACHARIAS
I'd like to have Chapel once a week. It should be one hour with an organized program. Some of the programs now are a waste of time. I'd also like to see more activities here. There ought to be more privileges for girls.



NANCY LAUGHLIN
I would like to see the dress code, curfew, and rules, made more lenient.



BILL RUDD
I would like to see the dress code changed. I also feel that the way girls must sign out should be changed. This school has good potential but it would be better if it were not Baptist because of some of the rules imposed upon us.



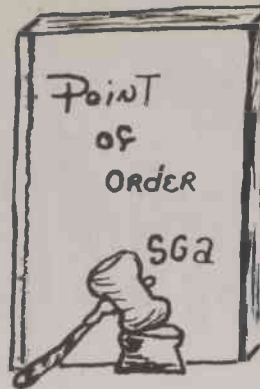
KEITH MAPLES
The rules and dress code are too strict.

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students, rather it is filled with eccentric stories from the AP teletype system and news concerning President Whitaker and the college. While their complaint is valid, few of these students are doing anything to help alleviate the situation. What the editor of "The Smoke Signals" needs more than anything is for students to write student news for the paper. If they have complaints, they should write a letter to the editor voicing this complaint. While the language used in voicing this complaint should be refrained, all students should be able to properly state his complaint so that it can be printed in the paper.

In closing this article, I leave with you one thought I hope you will remember it when complaints begin to get you down. Please go to the proper people, don't just talk among fellow students and let it go at that; and last but not least, voice these complaints in a letter to the editor.

—Jim Hunter



If the student government was at all effective last year its success was due only to a minute segment of its membership. The majority of legislature did not even attend the monthly meetings and when they were in attendance they spent more time arguing about what would pass through the administration than what would pass in their own chamber. The real reason for their ineffectiveness was due to a large extent to their not having a specific constituency. By being elected at-large from the student body they had no actual constituency to answer to. In fact you could find a handful of people on this campus who even knew who the legislators were. Because of this, Student Legislature ended in dismal failure with each branch of S. G. A. blaming the Student Legislature failure on the other branches. After watching this farce, I was convinced there had to be a better more efficient way to run this segment of Student Government.

During the summer I gave the problem much thought and came up with a complete plan of reorganization for the Student Legislature. This plan would make each member of the legislature responsive to his constituency.

There would be a 38 member legislature. Each floor, of each major dormitory, would elect one of its members to the legislature except in the cases where there are 70 or more residents on one floor. In this case an additional representative would be elected. The remaining dormitories would elect one of its members to serve in the legislature. Under this plan, South Hall would have 9 legislators, West and Belk Halls would have 6 each. The day students would have 4 representatives. East hall would have 3 members. Jenkins, Mixon and Columns would have 2 representatives each. Barricks, College Street, Ttone Hall and the off campus students would have 1 representative each. These legislators would be elected as soon as possible to serve for first semester, and would be eligible for re-election in January to serve for second semester.

This would place each legislature in contact daily with the people he represents. I feel this will make him represent them more faithfully and give the legislature in general a better cross section of opinion.

Tomorrow in chapel you will be asked to vote on this plan. I urge you to vote yes on measure. I am certain that this is a viable route to successful Student Legislature.

Bill Hutchens
S. G. A. President

SGA Movie Schedule

October 20, "The Cardinal", Tom Tryon, Carol Lynley. Religious drama.

November 3, "W.C. Fields Film Festival", W. C. Fields. Comedy.

November 17, "Wait Until Dark", Audrey Hepburn, Richard Crenna. Suspense Thriller.

December 1, "The Mouse That Roared", Peter Sellers, Jean Seberg. Comedy.

January 19, "The Ambushers", Dean Martin. Spy-Comedy.

February 2, "Laurel and Hardy Film Festival", Comedy.

February 16, "Wild in the Streets", Christopher Jones. Student Drama.

March 1, "I Love You Alice B. Toklas", Peter Sellers, Leigh-Taylor Young. Comedy.

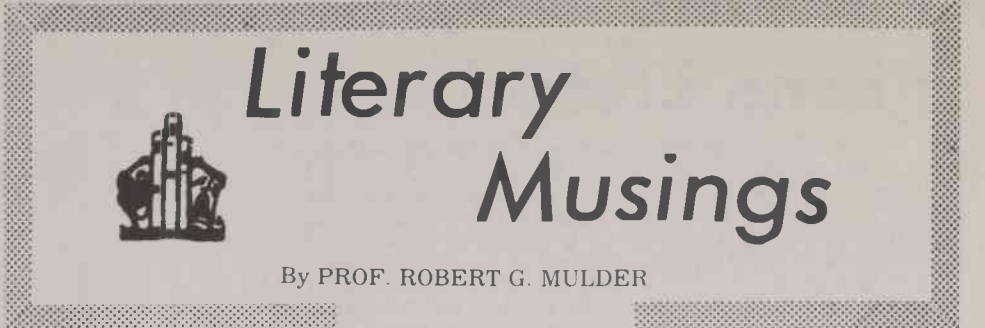
March 15, "Dead Heat On A Merry-Go-Round", James Coburn, Aldo Ray. Exciting comedy.

March 26, "The Professionals", Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin. Action-packed Western.

March 29, "Little Rascals Film Festival", Comedy.

April 12, "The Last Man On Earth", Vincent Price. Horror Flick.

April 26, "The Good Guys and the Bad Guys", Robert Mitchum, George Kennedy.



Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

"Oh! Say, Can You Sing?"

Some people never stop looking for things to meddle with.

George London, artistic director of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, would like to see the United States get itself a national anthem that can be sung by untrained voices (whatever that means).

Mr. London declares that at football games almost nobody sings "The Star-Spangled Banner" from beginning to end. The disgrace here, in my opinion, is not with the song but with the American public.

London suggests that the music was borrowed from an old English drinking song and that the song "is impossible to sing if you're sober." So there! You see where the problem lies.

I've attended quite a few football games in my day (Chowan games not to be included in the following, please!), and I'll venture to say that a large majority of those present couldn't, because of their liquid pollution, sing "Come to Jesus" in whole notes.

An American football game is a poor lab in which to test the suitability of our national anthem.

One solution might be to retain Francis Scott Key's stirring lyrics while pulling down some of those high notes, especially the notes that ignite the rockets' red glare, the phrase which always topples the inebriates if they strain for it.

In all due respect to Mr. London, we own a great deal more to Americanism today than to throw out "The Star-Spangled Banner." Lower the key, shorten the range, perhaps—but discard it never.

Graham is a Pig

For several months now, I have read the above statement on the stairway leading to the second floor of Marks Hall. Obviously it was written by some disgusted student who probably should have inscribed: Graham has done it again!

People in the News

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bethesda Naval Hospital officials and spokesmen for Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black's office refuse to issue any information about his condition or the reason he is under medical care.

The hospital confirmed Sept. 2 that Black was a patient, but all other questions were referred to Black's office. Inquiries have gone unanswered. Black, at least unofficially, is expected to be on hand when the court reconvenes Oct. 4.

ROME (AP) — Violinists Henry Szeryng and Yehudi Menuhin met at the Rome air-

port, traded violins and then improvised a serenade for an audience of 10, including Menuhin's wife. The music in a private room at the Rome airport lasted for about 15 minutes Monday, then the two violinists boarded the same flight for Paris.

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The Fischer quintuplets, born to a \$100-a-week stock clerk and his wife, celebrate their eighth birthday Tuesday. The quintts—Mary Cann, Cathy, Margie, Maggie and Jimmy—are second graders at a Roman Catholic School in this city of 27,000.

Their father, Andrew Fischer, now owns and operates an 800-acre farm purchased with funds from contracts with a magazine, publishing company, national dairy foods firm and from other sources after the birth of the quintts.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Georgia Jackson, mother of slain San Quentin convict George Jackson, says she will ask the United Nations to probe the death of her son at the California prison Aug. 21.

One of the so-called Soledad Brothers, Jackson was shot to death in what prison officials have called an abortive escape attempt. Two other convicts and three guards were also killed.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Manson, cult leader sentenced to die for the Tate-LaBianca killings, has lost his visiting privilege for 10 days because he set fire to the bedding in his cell, authorities say. Manson, 36, currently on trial for the murders of musician Gary Hinman and stuntman Donald "Shorty" Shea, set fire to a towel and blankets Monday before going to court, authorities said.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actor Ernest Borgnine, who won an Oscar for the film "Marty" and later starred in the "McHale's Navy" television series, has been sued for divorce by his fourth wife.

Donna Anna Borgnine, 38, asked Superior Court Monday for division of community property and support of their children, Cristofer, 5 and Sharon 6. The Borgnines married in 1965.

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