

EDITORIALS

Time to Change

Chowan College is a unique experience. As an institute of higher learning it is outstanding academically. The education which is received here is very good.

However, there are a few areas which need change. First of all, the atmosphere of change and the attitude of people in positions of authority need to be altered. Many of the students who are mature enough to try and talk about change and get something done without resorting to force are often scared off because as soon as they try they must ask themselves "Which do I want most?" A change to better my living conditions or keep my mouth shut and maybe I can get out of here with an education and forget this place." For a student who wants an education the answer is to keep his mouth shut and try to get out. The people who work at Chowan often wonder why many of the students who go here never return. The simple answer is they got what they came here for, an education, but they didn't like the environment they had to get it in.

For the past two years the dorms of East, West and Mixon have been trying to get a mailbox put between the three dorms. This matter has been brought up before the so-called governmental bodies here on campus but so far no action has been taken.

The drink machines are a thorn in the flesh to almost everyone. Half the time the drink falls before the cup does or the machine takes your money with no results. The solution to this problem is simple, drinks in cans. The price would be higher but one would be sure of getting a whole drink.

The attitude towards girls here is outrageous. Many girls are kept out of the social events simple because they do not have a date. How do people get to know one another if they cannot socialize? The rule on the telephones in the girls dorms is ridiculous, especially after midnight. The telephone is suppose to be a public service. However here at Chowan it is a privilege governed by the Head resident and the Resident Assistants. If I am not mistaken this is an infringement upon the private rights of an individual and an obstruction of the telephone in functioning as a public service. I think it would be interesting to see this rule enforced if the girls had decided to have a phone installed in their room.

The policy upon the girls and boys lounges is outdated. What is the purpose of a lounge if not to relax? If a girl and a boy want to be together why not in the lounge? There are few other places in this area where this can be done. If there is any question of immorality which often comes, there is little to worry about if the boy and the girl are self-respecting. Besides, how many people go out on a date with a chaperone? Here again, if I am not mistaken this concept died out quite a few years ago.

The obligation of any college, Chowan included, is to provide a student with every opportunity for a formal education he or she has paid for. Not to tell a student how or how not to lead their personal lives. There are few jobs on the outside which go this far. The responsibility of the individual is to perform their academics well and lead their lives as an individual and in their own good taste.

-James L. Crawley

Finding the Fault

Chowan College, what do you as a student know about it? I'm sure anyone of you could state the history of Chowan, the number of students, and the administrative rules that should be followed. You know all these things because you are reminded of them every day. Chapel-assembly programs for example give the incoming student an overall view of Chowan as far as the origin and history of the college is concerned. As a freshman, you are required to take a test on the administrative officers. But what about the Student Government Constitution of Chowan? These are your rights on paper. Do you know what they are? More than likely you don't. Who is at fault, the SGA? They are given time by the administration to hold meetings with the student body, so it appears at first to be their fault.

The only time the administration has given to the SGA has been the assembly programs on Thursday.

Now when you go to an assembly program, are you interested? Do you listen? You should because you are required to go to chapel-assembly so you might as well say you are required to listen.

A question: If someone tells you to do something, are you going to do it?

Relating this thought to the students knowledge of the SGA Constitution, ask the question again. Who's fault is it that student doesn't know and understand his rights? I don't think it is the student's or the SGA's. There is only one left.

Well how can you as a student find out what is going on? The answer to this question is a simple one., The formation of a Student Legislature.

The president of the SGA, Bill Hutchens, saw the need for such an organization and created one.

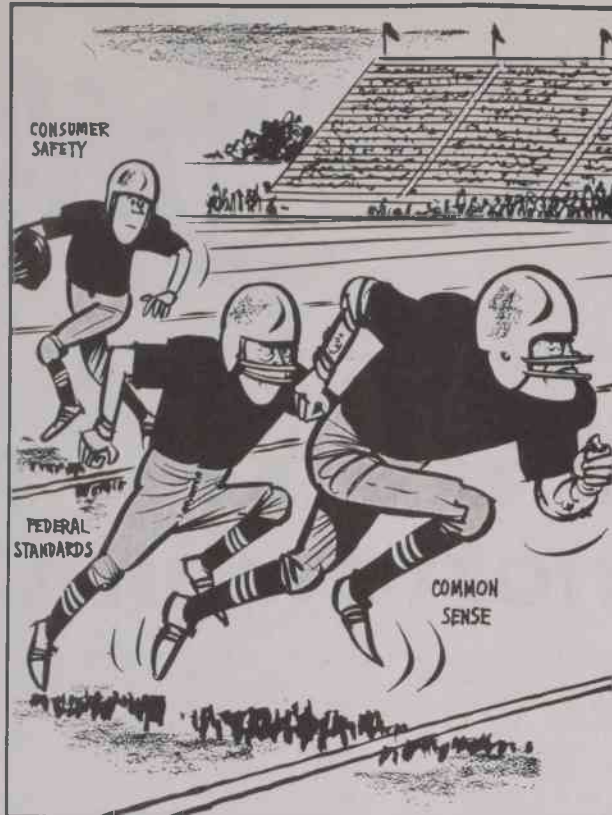
Representation from every hall in every dormitory have the responsibility to go to the meetings of the Student Legislature, find out what is going on (or being pulled off) concerning the rights of the students, and then hold hall meetings to let the whole student body know about it.

Unlike the assembly program these meetings are not mandatory. (This means you won't get a call down, if you don't attend). The reason for this is that only only the concerned student will attend the meetings. The concerned student is the student who wants to know his rights, and wants to protect them. The concerned student is you! Support your Student Legislature!

"When the administration is working for the benefit of themselves, and the students are working for the benefit of themselves, what happens to the college?"

-Wayne Ferguson

LEADING THE INTERFERENCE!



MARTI LYNCH

Know Your Student

By MARY TOWNSEND

Last Wednesday, I had an opportunity to interview a sophomore student. Her name is Marti Lynch, and the course she is taking is Spanish.

Marti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lynch of Virginia Beach, Va., and the youngest of three sisters, who are all married.

When asked what did she think of Chowan she said "I think the faculty is above average compared to any college, whether it be a junior college or a senior college."

When Marti graduates from Chowan she is planning to enroll at Old Dominion University or Virginia Commonwealth University.

Marti is on the legislature of the Student Government Association, the Woman's Recreation Association board and social co-chairman of the Spanish Club.

Marti is presently taking a course in Drama Appreciation. When asked why she chose it, she said "as a hobby I would like to be an actress." Marti has always enjoyed acting of any kind but prefers realistic drama.

Marti is now spending her nights practicing for the spanish play which will be presented in early December. The play will be performed by Dr. and Mrs. Carson's Spanish classes, and is under the direction of Steve Brannon. The play is called "Mexican Fiesta" and it involves Spanish songs and dance customs.

Sincerely and prayerfully,
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Professor of Speech

Letter To The Editor

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Dear Miss Shoulders:

Today, October 28, gave us another insight into the tremendous potentials all of you students have within you. James R. Engle and officers of the Chowan College Student Education Association enlightened everyone with possibilities for service among those who are in need. James and Jo Ann were effective in their presentation of denotative and oral language for the deaf. We can applaud them for their efforts to interest others.

Two ministerial students gained experience as they led the worship service in chapel of Tuesday. We had an excellent opportunity to find answers for ourselves as we listened to the provocative and searching message given by Robert Lee Wrenn.

You were responsive to Mr. Zack

Alexander and the Chowan College choir during campus evangelism week. This shows that you care.

The enthusiasm portrayed in activities of Parents Day on October 16 was wonderful. This spirit of fellowship carried over into the teamwork of the football team throughout the remaining hours of the day.

I wish to thank you and your staff, also, for the many articles being presented in each issue of the SMOKE SIGNALS by different members of our entire Chowan College family. You are to be commended for the compilation of varied opinions which are recorded for evaluation and positive thinking. You are a wonderful group of students. We wish you well in all of your highest goals for good as the festivities of this week and the weeks to come give you added pleasure.

"The heart of education is the education of the heart." God bless you!

United We Stand

It has been brought to my attention that the students here at Chowan are a real select group, when it comes to getting the people together. If you have noticed here at Chowan, when something is brought up that all the students are for or against, that they all talk of it and say they are going to do this or that about it. Well if you have noticed, the students are a bunch of hot air. They talk but never do. If the students at Chowan did as much as they talked about, Chowan would be the most rebellious college on the east coast.

There was a rally planned a couple weeks ago to support our legislators, I will estimate that there were about two or three hundred there. Before this rally took place, the week before, three-fourths of the student body were ready to come out and support the legislature. Two or three hundred is no even half of the student body. When it comes to vote for something no one takes the time to vote. Now when something comes up the students say "Lets do something to show we mean it." Well, how do you expect to show you mean something, when no one wants to take the time to show it. Unless a group works as a whole, they will never have anything.

The next time something comes up for everyone to vote or to unite together for a cause, don't just talk about it. Do it. We must unite ourselves as a complete unit and show our strength to those who feel we have no power. Everyone has heard of the saying "united we stand, divided we fall." Well remember this saying and the next time something comes up remember those loners who have fallen to the dogs. For a cause they wanted but people were just to afraid they would be in trouble.

This article was written to knock a little sense into your heads because some people are just to afraid to speak out and say what is wrong with the Chowan student body.

-TERRY ELLIOTT

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Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

A COLORFUL, MELODIC TOUCH OF OLD MEXICO

Any stroll around the halls of second floor of Marks Hall (particularly at night) may gather some very pleasant sounds for those who may stop to listen. Having inhabited a portion of this hall for several years, I know what these sounds foreshadow.

One of the most important chapel-semblies of the school year is held prior to Christmas holidays and sponsored by the Spanish students. On that day even the secretaries stop typing memos for faculty boxes and attend the gala event.

This year the program is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, at both the 9:30 and 11:00 gatherings. Before this presentation, however, the program will have been presented to hundreds of other students in high schools of the area. Instrumental and vocal solos, duets, group numbers, dances — all are promised in this year's best-yet production.

Many hours of labor go into the production of one of these programs; and so much results for the audiences. Colorful costumes, authentic music, interpretative dances are all carefully rehearsed under the supervision of Dr. Morris Carson.

We all may look forward to some easy-listening, relaxed educational entertainment on December 2.

CHOWAN PLAYERS PRESENT WILLIAMS PRODUCTION

By the time these lines are printed, the curtain for the first performance of *Summer and Smoke* will be history. Director Steve Brannon and his drama students will have already performed before footlights to several selected groups, and our students will be viewing the outstanding play on November 13, 14, and 15.

This is the first time in at least ten years that Tennessee Williams has ventured (by invitation or otherwise) to Chowan College. Recent years have seen Anne Frank, Clarence Day, and Thornton Wilder, but to our knowledge the controversial Williams has kept his *Streetscar* and *Hot Tin Roof* elsewhere. But no longer!

In many ways *Summer and Smoke* is Williams' finest drama. Though it did not enjoy such a long run on Broadway

as others of his, this play has held its own off-Broadway and on the screen. The thought-provoking plot unfolds a revealingly shocking core as do so many of this author's works.

Williams received little notice until 1945 when the *Glass Menagerie* won the Drama Critics Circle Award. Far more violent in its treatment of sexual frustration and dream-world fantasies was *A Streetcar Named Desire*, his next play which won the same award in 1955. All three have enjoyed motion picture and television popularity.

Tennessee Williams' visit to our stage is not a coincidence. Director Brannon, himself an authority on Williams (complete with M.A. thesis), can talk about the man and his plays for hours at the drop of a cat. He will surely have for the audience an interesting and accurate interpretation of this two-hour plus play.

We hope that students, staff, and faculty will make certain to see *Summer and Smoke* in Columns Building this week.

FATHER OF BARTER THEATER DIES

We were deeply saddened last week to hear of the passing of Robert H. Porterfield, founder and managing director of the now-famous Barter Theater in Abingdon, Virginia. Governor Linwood Holton said: "Porterfield WAS the Barter Theater. He not only enriched the lives of countless Virginians, as well as other Americans, but through the theater he established and the plays he produced, he made the Barter into one of America's foremost training grounds for aspiring actors and actresses."

The necessary practice of bartering farm, home and garden produce for both theatrical talent and audiences during its earlier, less productive and financially unsound months gave the theater its name.

Among those who are indebted to Mr. Porterfield for an early start on the Barter stage are Academy Award winners Helen Hayes, Gregory Peck, and Patricia Neal.

Virginia and the stage have lost a great exponent of drama, but the theater he founded will for years to come keep alive and appreciated the name he created for himself.

A Letter from Parson Jones

"Attendance at church last Sunday was mighty poorly. I don't reckon I oughta grumble 'cause I had a bunch of sick members and when you add to that all my shut-ins we don't have a site of perilllers. So I went ahead and preached to what I had. Only thing was the echo in the near empty church hurt my ears. My madam said I needed to get out and ride awhile and let the fresh air clear my head. It done the trick. Our little ride not only cleared my head, it made me feel right good inside. I saw miracle after miracle.

Ole Hezekiah who had been deathly sick that very morning had roused up and was riding down the highway with his fishing poles. No, notin but a miracle could have rescued ole Hez from the jaws of death and in such a short time.

Now there was Rufe's brother. Rufe told me Sunday morning that his brother's back was in such fowl shape that they was afraid an operation was gonna be necessary. Well, we remembered him in our prayers and lo and behold at 2 o'clock there he stood at the driving range hitting golf balls. If that wasn't quick recovery I don't know what it is.

All told, about 20 of my sick folks had roused up and was taking nourishment in one form

or another. But what really made me happy was to see so many of my shut-ins out riding around enjoying the world.

Hezekiah's paw, who don't attend church cause he can't stand the crowds, was heading for the drag races. Sister Nell's mama, who was took weak to get out the house was in town shopping. Ellie Nickelsinger's sister, who can't come on account of her kidneys, stood in line two hours to get into the show. It was a show about "The Miracle Worker." I thought it right appropriate, seeings as how a

miracle had happened to her.

Yes Sir, it thrilled my heart to see what I saw. I ought to have a packed house next Sunday with all my sick folks being healed and my shut-ins being set free. I just hope they don't overdo themselves before next Sunday and have a relapse. I gotta go now and play with my smallest youngun. He is gonna be the farmer and I'm gonna be the goat. The cans will be easy to eat after what I swallowed."

(West Chowan Baptist Associationl Bulletin for October, 1971. W. H. Stough.)

Desperation Is..

By SHARON JOHNSON

... begging for one more point to pass English.
... wanting something you can't have.
... wanting to be loved.
... trying to get to the ABC store before it closes.
... cheating when you know the teacher is looking straight at you.
... not being able to find a topic for a research theme.
... studying for four tests on Monday.
... bumping in to him on purpose to get him to notice you.
... receiving one day's notice on a book report.
... looking for a Friday night date at 5:30 Friday afternoon.
... having to go to the bathroom and the teacher won't let you.
... looking for someone to love when you're a girl 6'1", buck toothed.
... having to eat in the cafeteria!
... realizing the night before that you have a five page theme due at 8:00 the next morning.
... having a nicotine fit in an hour and a half class with an hour to go.
... walking through Squirrel Park alone.
... winking at someone that doesn't even know you.

... listening to WWDR.
... reading your assignments.
... trying to study when you have phone duty.
... having your key duplicated for the third time.
... buying a corsage for Homecoming even if you don't have a date.
... checking your mail box every hour.
... cramming for a test on Friday morning after a pit party Thursday night.
... going to the nurse with a hangover.

My Neighbors



"He has an all-time average of 5 proposals of marriages per week."



"A psychiatrist is a fellow who makes you squeal on yourself."



"Anybody who's throwing his weight around isn't pulling it."