

Student Records Held In Strict Confidence

By D. H. NICHOLSON Registrar

A problem of continuing concern for the college student today is the confidentiality of his permanent records in the files of his college or university. This is a problem because so few students really understand the confidential nature of their records and-or the role of the college or university in keeping the records confidential. With a definite increase in the number of governmental and private agencies which are making demands for more information about students for various reasons, most institutions of higher education have developed very definite and, therefore, rather firm policies concerning the release of information about their present or former students. With the preceding in mind, the rest of this column will be devoted to a summary of the policy of Chowan College which pertains to student records and the obligations of the College to the maintenance and availability of these records.

Registrar responsible

The Registrar here at Chowan as he is elsewhere, is responsible for the maintenance of all permanent records of students, present or former, of the College. He is also generally responsible for the release of any information to agencies outside his office, including other departments of the College; the student; other educational institutions; local, state and federal agencies; prospective employers; or commercial enterprises.

Since student records in the Registrar's office are considered personal and confidential, most information therefrom will be released to sources outside of this College only upon the written request or consent from the student, his parents, his guardians, or his next of kin. However the following information may be released to prospective employers, credit investigators, insurance companies, governmental agencies, either in writing or orally on the phone, without consent of the student: name of a particular student; recorded home and local address; dates of attendance; his degree, if any, and date granted; and his curriculum.

In addition to the preceding general policy concerning disclosure of information about the student's record, other educational institutions may be furnished class standing, grades, reports on disciplinary actions, if these reports should exist.

Generally, transcripts (copies of the student's official educational record) may be obtained only by the student upon request to the Registrar, within the guidelines established by the Registrar and published in the Chowan College Catalog and the Student Handbook. The transcript with the seal of the college and the signature of the Registrar is never sent to the student but directly to the address of the agency or institution to which the student is making application for one reason or another. If the student wants a transcript for himself, his will be without the official seal and the Registrar's signature.

Student is protected

Another area of growing concern and importance is that related to investigative agencies and their increasing demands for information about present or former students. We at Chowan College, feel that we must do everything to protect the student and to insure his right to privacy. Therefore, when processing confidential forms, or other matter, for possible employment with governmental agencies or private institutions, if it becomes event that disclosures of information not otherwise releasable will be in the best interest of the student, the student will be notified at the last known address and requested to make his desire known as to whether or not the information will be disclosed. Impetus for the release of possibly derogatory information must originate with the student, his parents, or his guardians. In cases where the present or former student is involved in a court proceeding, and information is requested by some party for the proceeding, this request will be honored only with the student's consent or a subpoena from the court.

To local, state, and federal agencies such as the FBI, the SBI, to local and state police officers, to the Civil Service and Military Intelligence, et cetera, all academic and personal information, other than that information identified above, may not be released except under approval and supervision of the Registrar. It is assumed that the Registrar will have authorization from the student concerned if the former feels that the release would result in the student's being placed in an unfavorable situation or if that release would jeopardize the integrity of the College.

Upholds privacy

In general, the policy of Chowan College concerning the maintenance and availability of student records is one planned and executed to uphold the privacy of the student's records and to insure the integrity of the school.

In the next issue of Smoke Signals (beginning next January, 1972), we will want to look at the new policies here at Chowan College concerning continued residence in good standing.

Jane Fonda Stopped On Anti-War Show

TOKYO (AP) — Actress Jane Fonda will not be permitted to present her antiwar show at U.S. military bases in Japan, U.S. military officials said today.

They said Miss Fonda's supporters presented a script of her show to the military and it was decided that "the production as proposed would be unsuitable for presentation under the Department of Defense auspices." There was no elaboration.

Miss Fonda, who is now in the Philippines, has encountered similar restrictions in the United States and the Philippines, and she has performed outside U.S. bases.

Christmas Music

A program of Spanish holiday songs and dances was presented in McDowell Columns auditorium recently.

The "Mexican Fiesta" is presented annually at Chowan under the supervision of Dr. Morris Carson, professor of Spanish. This year the program was presented to guidance counselors and Spanish students from high schools of Virginia and North Carolina.

We March to Different Drum

By DEBORAH FAULKNER Secretary of SNA

As the world about us changes the Student Nurses Association of Chowan College marches to a different drum. The programs, projects and stands they take are all part of their commitment to improve health. Involvement in the association provides an opportunity for individual growth and development and is the opportunity for students to voice their opinions, share ideas, and grow in deeper relationship with one another.

The National Student Nurses' Association board of directors firmly believes in the potential of the association to improve health care through the impact a national organization can make on established nursing and health organizations and through work with allied health professions to upgrade the entire health care system. These, as always, remain our top priority objectives for this and coming years.

As future health workers, nursing students recognize their responsibility to the consumers of health care. Our motto is that we are not there for the patient but that the patient is there for us. Where as all professionals work together all colleagues to meet each patient's need, student nurses are an important step to collaborate as a team the approach to health care.

"Give A Damn" was the 1970 convention theme. Nursing students at the Miami Beach

meeting translated this to mean not only caring for those in this country who are abused by society, but doing something about their problems. High lighting the convention was Senator George McGovern, whose keynote speech kicked off "Give A Damn Day." Students spent the remainder of that day taking part in group dynamics exercises designed to help erase the hangups people have about "getting involved."

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau

In the world of today one often settles to conformity. This makes a world without love or concern for others. However in order as a student nurse to better increase the health care in the nation or across the seas one must follow the beat that he hears. This means becoming involved and active. Student nurses express their souls by the ability to reach someone, to feel deeply and become a part of what the world is all about. They accept the challenge and the responsibility to serve members of society through years of hard study, experience, and interpersonal relationship with those they come in contact with.

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Relations Group Explained

This issue of SMOKE SIGNALS is the last to be published during the fall semester of 1971-72. The staff of this student newspaper sincerely hopes that you have enjoyed the publication, and will resolve to lend your valuable assistance again during the spring semester which begins in January.

We've made some mistakes, perhaps in each issue that has been published . . . but we're learning. We look forward to producing an even better newspaper in those months which lie ahead, and we ask for your help . . . your encouragement . . . and your support.

We wish for you a joyful and meaningful Christmas season, and hope that the New Year will hold all measures of success and happiness.

We'll see you next year!!!

By Roy G. Biv

This reporter had the opportunity the other day to chat with Mr. George L. Hazelton the local physics teacher and chairman of the Faculty-Student Relations Committee. Since the students and faculty need to do some "relating" as Mr. Hazelton put it, this reporter asked him the following questions about the committee.

Q. What exactly does this committee do?

A. Well, to put it "exactly" would be very difficult for me to say. But in general we meet to discuss any problems which the students or faculty think we may be able to help solve or to bring to the attention of the powers that be. Our particular charge, as I understand it, is to serve as a grievance committee for the college community.

Q. Any problems from the faculty?

A. No

Q. Any problems from the students?

A. Yes! In order that the committee can remain outside of any controversy I would rather not give any details here about the discussions we had in the meetings.

Q. Well, surely you can mention some of the topics.

A. Yes, at the last meeting we discussed at length the problem of later hours for women during the weekend.

Q. Any results?

A. The wheels turn slowly, but we try to keep them going with some respectable velocity.

Q. Can any person meet with your committee?

A. Yes. We welcome any person.

Q. Do you have any rules? That is, what can be presented and how does one go about meeting with the committee?

A. At this point in the history of the committee we have very few regulations. Let me give you several regulations that your readers may find interesting.

1. The Committee will hold closed meetings, if so requested.

In general our meetings are opened to all.

2. If so requested, certain members of the committee will be excused from a meeting.

3. In regards to the above two possible requests, the person must first contact me. I will then decide the matter of a closed meeting or the exclusion of a committee member.

4. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., somewhere in Green Hall.

Q. Who are the members of the committee?

A. Faculty members: Dean Lewis, Dean Tolston, Dean Dilday, Mr. Ishee, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Wallace.

Student members: Miss Carole Porterfield, Miss Olivia Winslow, Mr. Bill Clark, All SGA officers, with Mr. Sternberg as Vice-Chairman.

Q. How does one get on the committee?

A. A stroke of excellent good luck, I guess. No, not really! There is a Committee on Committees that recommends to Dr. Whitaker the people to serve on the committee. The SGA President appoints the three student members.

Q. Anything in particular you would like to say about the committee?

A. Yes, to quote a famous American, let me make this perfectly clear: The committee has no powers, we can not make policy for the college. What we can do is to listen to any grievances and make comments, suggest possible actions, or carry the matter to the proper college officials. We can only recommend changes. If some one thinks he cannot get a straight answer, come to us. We also hope we can cut down the output of the local rumor mill. For example, none of the faculty are part-time CIA agents.

Well, students there it is. If you have a real grievance about life at Chowan and cannot get a good answer to your problem, see the Faculty-Students Relations Committee.

Vote on Student Legislature Curfew Bills Is Unanimous

STUDENT LEGISLATURE BILL II	Name	Vote	Thompson M.	absent
We the duly elected members of the Chowan College Student Legislature, being the legal representation of the student body of said college on this the second day of November, 1971, in accordance with Article I, Section I, part G of the SGA Constitution, do deem it necessary and proper to suggest to the administration of said college the following change of the open hours of women's dormitories:	Barnes, A.	absent	Turnbull B.	yea
	Bass, P.	yea	Turner, F.	yea
	Chandler, F.	absent	Wane, R.	yea
	Cobia, B.	absent	Whitley, E.	yea
	Davidson, D.	yea	Williams, H.	yea
	Dennis, L.	yea	President pro-tem Massey, A.	yea
	Dent, T.	yea	President of Legislature Steinburg M.	did not need to vote
	Downy, G.	yea	Final Vote	
	Engle, D.	absent	26 yea 0 nea 12 absences	
	Ennis, S.	absent		
	Fest, W.	yea	day students have not elected but one representative.	
	Faulkner, D.	yea		
	Fuller, T.	absent	1st Nixon representative has never shown up.	
	Gray, M.	absent		
STUDENT LEGISLATURE BILL I WOMEN'S CURFEW ON WEEKENDS	Knitzer, C.	yea		
	Leony, M.	yea		
	Lynch, M.	yea		
	Lindensweig, B.	yea		
	McCain J.	yea		
	Montagna, F.	absent		
	O'Berry, E. F.	yea		
	Ragland V.	yea		
	Russo M.	yea		
	Schaible J.	yea		
	Slade, D.	yea		
	Smith, R.	yea		
	Steed D.	yea		
	Sulton C.	yea		

Circle K Club Collects for Needy

By JIM HUNTER

Members of Circle K conducted a Thanksgiving Project during the weekend starting on Friday, November 19 through Saturday, November 20. Many thanks are in order to the people who did their part in making this project for the needy families in Murfreesboro a successful one.

Dean Lowe was instrumental in encouraging members of the Faculty and Staff in the placing of food items, in a container which was placed in the Faculty Lounge on Friday, November 19. This container remained in the lounge until noon Saturday, November 20.

The WWDR radio station was especially helpful, in that, they made an announcement about the Thanksgiving Project which was on the air late Friday afternoon and all day the following Saturday.

In addition to the placing of the food containers in the Faculty Lounge, members of Circle K placed signs and containers in the following stores: Chef's Open Air Market, Murfree Foods Inc., Rich's Supermarket, Ruffin Brothers I & S Supermarket, Vann's Red & White Supermarket and Wise's IGA Foodliner. Also the members stood by the containers and encouraged patrons to purchase an extra item for distribution to the needy.

Through the outstanding efforts of Roy Loyd and Clifton Taylor, the collecting of the food items was most successful. In all there was 80 pounds of food contributed to this cause. Also \$38 was contributed by concerned citizens.

The food was divided up evenly for four needy families in Murfreesboro. The monies received was used for buying four turkeys and fruit cakes which was added to the food collected. Mr. George Hazelton and Jim Hunter distributed the food on Monday afternoon, November 22.

A special note of thanks is in order for the concerned citizens of the area who contributed to our needy neighbors. They can rest assured that the food and monies contributed made a better Thanksgiving for someone less fortunate than they.

G-W Now Accredited 4-Year School

MIAMI AP— Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs, N. C., was fully accredited as a senior college last week by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

The action came at the association's annual meeting at Miami.

Gardner-Webb, founded by the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in 1926 as a junior college, became a four-year school in 1969. Its first seniors graduated in May.

The Baptist-owned institution now has more than 1,400 students.