

Hunter Resigns President Post

By CAROL DENTON
On March 8, Jim Hunter formally resigned as president of the Iota Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa of Chowan College. He sent his letter of resignation to Mr. Carl Simmons, faculty advisor to the club, also, copies of the letter were sent to Dr. Whitaker, Dean Lowe, Dean Lewis, Dean Dilday, and Dean Tolston.

Jim's letter of resignation was read to the club at the March 14 meeting by the Acting-President Kenny Lundquist. In the letter, Jim stated, "the reasons for this action are insurmountable and you more than anyone has made this action necessary." Jim was asked to explain what exactly were the reasons for his action.

"I found working with Mr. Simmons very difficult. There were many occasions when I sought his advice and was unable to receive a definite answer. Other times I was unable to meet with him to discuss the programs of our meetings.

It was very hard for me to relate to Mr. Simmons those times when I was fortunate enough to catch him in his office. Above all, he did not instill in me the support I needed which would have given me confidence in myself.

Further more no one that I know of likes to be embarrassed while in front of a group of people, whether they be fellow students or not. There were various occasions that this happened."

In the letter Jim also stated that he hoped "the club would be able to find someone who will accept the responsibility that this office demands if a good job is going to be done." One thing is for sure, the year 1971-72 has been a

red letter year for Phi Theta Kappa from a club which was mainly inactive into a club which would not only be active, but would set goals and accomplishments.

In striving to do this, Jim says that the club has met approximately every two weeks on a date and time compatible with the schedule. In comparison to past years the club met maybe three or four times all year. Those times that they did meet minutes were not taken and so there was no record available to the club. Also, another problem was the accumulation of membership certificates over the years.

"Well, through the concerted efforts of the active members of the club these things were taken care of. Other decisions were also made that were in the best interest of the club as a whole."

In an effort to find out what some of Phi Theta Kappa feel about Jim's resignation the following students were interviewed:
"I feel that there was a lack of communication between the offices and the faculty advisor. Kenny Lundquist has taken over the office with no problems. I was sorry to see Jim resign because with his leadership the club moved forward with its reorganizational tasks." This lack of communication will hopefully be solved with the new by-laws recently voted on by the general membership."-Tim Brown

"I feel that since Jim Hunter was dissatisfied he did the right thing by resigning. His resignation was harsh but if that is the way he felt, at least he was honest."-Kenny Lundquist

Writing Class Draws Attention

By PAULINE WIGGINS
The second semester of the Creative Writing Class at Chowan College got off to a good start this year. Under the direction of Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris, the class is moving along as planned, despite the outbreak of flu and other illnesses.

Now in its eighth year, the class has been noted for the varied interests of its members and the miles they travel to reach Marks Hall. One has driven 63 miles to attend class each Tuesday night. Past and present members include teachers, secretaries, nurses, college professors, ministers (five), doctors (two), missionaries, a band leader, housewives, church and civic leaders, wildlife officials, librarians, welfare officers, a ferryman — perhaps the only ferryman in the country to enroll in a creative writing class, newspaper writers college and high school students.

From varied interests come varied topics to write about. However, a Christmas assignment by Dr. Harris turned every thought and pen toward one unusual subject for a story, "Santa Clause Wore Blue." In the assigned stories the jolly old elf appeared on the pages in Air Force blue, in blue jeans, in

policeman blue and bright Indian blue, with plots to match the colors used.

The class is creative and is creating. Its productiveness can be quickly verified by the substantial awards it has received over the years. Outstanding among them are three Playmaker Awards for winning plays, presented by the Carolina Playmakers at Chapel Hill. Plays and short stories have won first place in North Carolina and Virginia Woman's Clubs. Stories, feature articles and columns have been published in magazines and newspapers. Poems have appeared often in today's N.C. Poem. One member has had dozens of these in The Raleigh News and Observer.

Two books have been published by Johnson Johnson Publishing Company, "Southern Home Remedies" and "Strange Things Happen." The reviews of these books in Virginia and North Carolina papers have been most satisfactory. Another class book is being prepared. The first full-length novel is to be published early this summer by a Virginia member, Mrs. Virginia Harding.

The creative writing class is also known for its warm and friendly atmosphere.

Petition Presented Dean To Change PE Requirement

By JIM HUNTER
On March 28 a petition was presented to Dean Lowe concerning the policy on the Physical Education requirements for veterans with recommended changes for this policy.

As stated in the petition when entering Chowan College a veteran is given a choice:

- A. Take the required physical education course and receive the grade earned or
 - B. Waiver the course and be granted an academic grade of "C" which is then averaged in with academic courses in the final Q.P.A.
- The petition went on to suggest four possible policy changes for part "B" of this policy. Then were as follows:
1. A veteran may waive the course for no letter grade, but the requirement for P.E. would be fulfilled; or
 2. A veteran may waive the course for a grade of "A" and the requirement for P.E. would be fulfilled; or
 3. A veteran may waive the course for a letter grade no lower than his Q.P.A. upon graduation or transfer, and the requirement

for P.E. would be fulfilled; or
4. A veteran may waive the course for a grade of "C", the requirement would be fulfilled, and upon graduation or transfer these 2 one hour nonacademic course grades would not be included in the final Q.P.A.

The reasons for submitting the petition were given as follows: two, three, four years or longer either on active or inactive duty should not be given an arbitrary grade of "C".

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1. We feel that veterans who have served their country for two, three, four years or longer either on active or inactive duty should not be given an arbitrary grade of "C".
2. Our main concern is for those veterans who maintain a "B" average or better on academic courses. Upon graduation or transfer our Q.P.A. drops from the averaging of 2 one hour nonacademic P.E. courses in with 60 hours of academic work.
3. This policy change may hurt a few individuals, but the majority of us feel that this change should be considered by the administration.

Trustees Approve Change In Chapel, Assembly Schedule to Once Weekly



Surfers riding ocean waves.

Chowan Surfing Club Becoming Active Unit

By WAYNE FERGUSON
The Chowan College Surfing Association was founded in the fall semester of 1969.

The Chowan College Surfing Association was founded in the fall semester of 1969. The current members take pride in this knowing that the C.C.S.A. is not just another one-semester club. Since the club was first formed, the membership has grown from a handful of students interested in surfing, to an active club with 22 members. The officers of which are: Wayne Ferguson, Pres.; Tom Whitehurst, Vice President; Vanessa Holder, Treas.; and Dave Koger, Secretary.

The general purpose of the club is to promote and enhance the sport of surfing on the campus of Chowan College. The members of this club know that surfing is a sport that an individual can really get involved, mentally as well as physically.

The C.C.S.A. is an active club, taking regular trips to Nags Head, Cape Hatteras, and Florida. In the years to come the C.C.S.A. would like to take a trip to Puerto Rico during spring

break. Next year a surfing team will be formed, and if the administration is willing, will surf in competition with other surfing clubs of Colleges on the east coast.

Anyone who is seriously interested in surfing as an advanced and challenging sport may join the C.C.S.A. The dues are \$2.50 a semester, and every penny of this money goes directly back to the members in one form or another. Club members have T-shirts that have the C.C.S.A. emblem screened on the back.

If you should see anyone on campus wearing this shirt you will know that he (or she) is a

member of an organization at Chowan College that is not trying to Rip anybody off. This person will most always be in a good mood, because he is thinking about five foot glassy waves with the wind blowing slightly offshore, and the air temperature is 82 degrees, and the ocean is emerald green.

If this last paragraph doesn't turn you on thinking about what that member is going to find when he goes on his club sponsored trip to Cape Hatteras, don't join the C.C.S.A., because we don't want you. On the other hand, come to the meetings every Monday night at 7:00 in MHA because you will be welcomed.

Graham Breaks Forgery Cases

As a result of an investigation conducted by officers of the Chowan College Security Bureau, two male students of this institution were arrested for forgery on April 11th and 12th, 1972. These students had entered the dormitory rooms that were unlocked and had removed the checks and had then forged the names and had cashed them locally. Mr. Graham warns that this is a felony in the state of North Carolina and a federal felony if it involves a bank across state lines. Considering the large number of students from out of state who draw on accounts at their home bank, it would be wise to heed this warning. The statute for this crime cites from four months to ten years as punishment, plus a fine at the discretion of the court. Also, no one can delegate another person to sign his or her name to any draft, security, check, note or collateral document that is subject to scrutiny by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, unless said authority is delegated through written power of attorney.

A student was apprehended for the theft of two tape players from South Hall parking lot by Officers Bradshaw, Murphy, Rutherford, Klevance and Beach. After a lengthy investigation the student involved was suspended and compelled to make restitution for the items stolen. These thefts occurred on the 23rd of March 1972. Mr. Graham requests the cooperation of all students in reporting thefts of such articles promptly and the

recording of the serial numbers of such articles.

You are reminded to lock your dormitory room door each and every time you leave, regardless how long you will be. A number of thefts have occurred during a quick trip to the bathroom.

The new number for the Chowan College Security Bureau is 398-4103. An officer is on call at that number at all times during the normal work day and until 12:00 midnight in the evenings. The night patrolman can be reached by two-way radio by calling the Murfreesboro Police Department at 398-4151.

Golfers Lose Second Match

Chowan's golf team lost its second straight match of the season Monday, March 27, away to Louisburg, 289-322.

The Braves were defeated by Sandhills, 319-322 March 23. Victories have been over College of the Albemarle, Southwood and Ferrum.

Louisburg, termed a "great" club by Coach Jim Garrison, was paced by Bob Hayes with a 71. This was seven strokes better than the round recorded by Joe Wynns, Jr., who led the Braves with 78.

Scores of other Braves include Charlie Herring, 80, Warren Hogue and Jim Pedigo, 82.

Among the recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees of Chowan College in its semi-annual meeting on February 21 was one which will mean a substantial change in the scheduling of the chapel-assembly series, beginning with the Fall Term, 1972. The recommendation from President Whitaker came to the Board following prior approval by the faculty-staff on February 18.

Essentially, the change calls for attendance upon chapel-assembly once each week on the part of all full-time students. Chapel-assembly will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday of each week, with students assigned to attend one of these programs. However, all students will be required to attend certain events throughout the year in addition to their regular weekly attendance. The policy on the number of permissible unexcused absences—and the possible penalties for violating that policy—remain as they are currently stated.

A basic consideration involved in recommending such a change was the amount of time currently "blocked out" each week in the curricular schedule for purposes of the chapel-assembly series (6 hours). Schedule conflicts—especially with labs—should be largely eliminated under the new arrangement. An "open" period on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. would also present some new options for the scheduling of class or club meetings, SGA meetings, advisor-advisee days, faculty-student conferences, and the like.

In presenting the proposal to the faculty and to the Board of Trustees, the college Administration noted that such a change in scheduling should not be interpreted as a "de-emphasizing" of the role of the chapel-assembly series within the overall curricular structure. Occasions for worship and the scheduling of special convocations and/or assemblies—at which attendance is not only expected but required—will continue to be an integral part of the curricular design of Chowan College.

The text of the approved recommendation appears below. All members of the campus community should familiarize themselves with it.

I. Beginning with the Fall Semester 1972 the scheduling of the chapel-assembly series will be moved from 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday-Thursday, as currently scheduled, to 10:00 a.m. on Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

II. All incoming freshmen boarding students would be

assigned attendance at chapel-assembly on Monday of each week at 10:00 a.m. (Except as noted in V below.)

III. All returning students (freshman and sophomore) and all day students would be assigned attendance at chapel-assembly on Wednesday of each week at 10:00 a.m. (Except as noted in V below.)

IV. The 10:00 a.m. period on Friday would be free for the scheduling of advisor-advisee meetings, club meetings (if desired), class meetings, SGA meetings, judiciary hearings, faculty-student personal conferences, etc.

V. The policy on absences would remain as it is now stated, except that all students will be required to attend Fall and Spring Convocations, Founder's Day programs, Honors Day, and all scheduled chapel-assembly

programs during Campus Evangelism Week, Religious Emphasis Week, and Christian Focus Week. Unexcused absences at any of these functions would be considered double-cuts. Such an arrangement (where all students are required to attend a given event would necessitate scheduling such events in the stadium and/or the college gymnasium.

In terms of the academic schedule, the above-suggested arrangement would involve the elimination of all classes at 10:00 a.m. on Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

It would also mean that any labs scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Monday would have to be sophomore labs; and any labs scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday would have to be freshman labs.

Campaign Drive Is Nearing \$750,000

Chowan College's "Mission Possible" campaign to raise \$1 million toward cost of construction of a new science-engineering facility has surpassed the 75 percent mark with a total of \$751,131.53 reached in gifts and pledges.

The announcement was made by Don G. Matthews, Jr. of Hamilton, general chairman of the drive. Matthews called the response of the public to the campaign "an expression of confidence in Chowan College." He pointed to the work of volunteer leaders in 25 areas in North Carolina and Virginia as "the key to the success of the development fund program."

The "Mission Possible" general chairman thanked individuals, civic clubs, businesses and industries, foundations, churches and other groups for their support. "Although Chowan is a private, church-related institution, it is enjoying the widespread support and confidence of a cross-section of the public," Matthews indicated.

Matthews said that reaching the three-quarters mark was "another indication of the steady progress and success of the campaign. As we continue the Mission Possible program, we do so with the confidence that we are 'on target' in relation to the goal of securing \$1 million," Matthews stressed.

He continued, "We are grateful for the public's acceptance of our call for assistance in providing

the critically needed new science-engineering facility. The person who will ultimately benefit, of course, is the student. The new building will help Chowan to continue to offer a quality education to its students."

The new science-engineering facility will cost \$1.2 million equipped. It will replace the present center of the science program, Green Hall, constructed in 1956 when Chowan had less than 300 students.

Matthews noted that the new three-story, 43,000 square foot structure, will feature classrooms, laboratories, offices, library and resource area, storage area, lecture hall and environmental study area. The Hamilton businessman explained the new facility will serve the students by providing space for eleven laboratories equipped for learning in biology, mathematics, chemistry, botany, physics, micro-biology and anatomy-physiology.

The facility will be located to the rear of McDowell Columns building and will join Robert Marks Hall as the second major classroom facility of the college.

ADVISOR-ADVISEE DAY
Wednesday, April 26
4 P.M.
Same Locations
Advisor-Advisee Day

Brannon Reshapes Drama Department With Changes

College the moving effects that can only be created in near professional tragic and comic drama.

Two other plays by James Prideaux, "Lemonade" and "The Autograph Hound" have opened up a new concept of drama to Chowan College, the theatre in the round.

These plays were presented in the new circle seated production hall under the library in the Daniel Eall of Fine Arts. The use of this theatre in the round enables the audience, as well as the actors, to become more involved in the production. The reason for this being that in some places the audience is no more than five feet away from the acting area. Many other plays are being planned in accordance with this hall's spectacular visual and acoustic effects.

Not only is Steve Brannon an excellent director and actor, but he is also experimenting in writing a play. This year's annual production of

the "Children Drama Tour" is to be written and directed by him, and if it is anywhere near as successful as his directing, I am sure it will be another "must see" production. The name of the play is "The Laugh Factory."

Another drama organization that has been greatly aided by the talents of Steve Brannon is the cast number 149 of the Delta Psi Omega national drama fraternity. This organization is composed of participants of drama productions at Chowan College, who have achieved outstanding recognition in the fine art of drama.

Steve Brannon, a member of Alpha Psi Omega the father fraternity of Delta Psi Omega, has given this club the recognition and stature it justly deserves. Steve Brannon has started the snowball down the hill, and it is building every inch of the way. In a few years this snowball will be a mountain of talent that Chowan College can be proud to claim.