

Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the editorial "Days of Wine and Roses" by David Talton, I would like to express my feelings without condemning Mr. Talton as an individual, but some of the things he believes in.

First I do not believe that Mr. Talton was forced to come to Chowan College. I come here because I was accepted here as the individual that I was and not what I thought I was. My decision to come to Chowan is quite different than that of most students. But be that as it may I was not forced to come here.

Secondly Mr. Talton mentions progress. I think that Chowan has had the reputation of being a school that has turned out students of quality. Something has happened here at Chowan that has happened in a majority of higher schools and that is that quantity has been substituted for quality. When a human being (the student) is looked at as a dollar symbol instead of as a human being with human values it is bad. When it happens in a religiously oriented school it is tragic. This is not progress in my eyes.

Another group of words used by Mr. Talton is "liberalized society", and "independent." I cannot see how much liberalized society can be when an individual cannot protect himself without fear of prosecution. When parents have become so lenient that even the real young tell parents what to do or the parents will be disgraced in the eyes of their friends. In a liberal society young men and women can go live together without thoughts of the consequences. Being an independent youth is not such a great thing, but to be a dependable youth is ideal. To be dependable is desired by not only young people but adults as well. Being independent means that one does not need anyone or anything to get by in life. The idea that a person can stand on his own two feet and can make it by himself is hogwash! There are going to be others along the line that are going to contribute to his dependability whether he gives them the proper credit or not. A dependable person is one to be trusted. Being trustworthy is a quality that many strive for and few obtain.

Responsibility is another point of Mr. Talton's. Here at Chowan the student has one of the greatest opportunities to assume responsibility than he will find any place in the search for his life's ambitions. The student has the responsibility of study in order to put or keep his learning abilities in good working order. There is the responsibility of being prepared to study. There is a responsibility that many students do not realize—that of being the kind of student that will not cause another to fall. If a student does not show the proper attitude toward a course of study he may cause another to be unconcerned. If this small responsibility of preparedness in school cannot be handled by the student how will he be able to cope with the tremendous responsibility of society.

Chowan College is an institution of higher education with many qualities. It has opened its doors to people, like this writer so they can learn some new ideas about people and relationships to these people. It has provided this writer an opportunity to meet some of the finest students that a school can ever have. Chowan

has provided this writer with instruction and concern from professors that many schools cannot boast about.

Enlightenment will come to any college and, especially Chowan, when the students become responsible for their actions and standards they set and learn to improve themselves so that when society accepts them they can hold their head up high knowing the joy of heart that he can be trusted with any and every responsible task given him. Enlightenment will come when professors can smile and be true to themselves and their students and tough, but concerned about their students as human beings.

The moral fiber of Chowan will depend on the faculty, staff, and students working together to mould the minds of all concerned. The moulding of clean thinking, responsible individuals, willing and able to accept the trials of society, will be a great asset to God and the world.

—Edgar Pittman

Morning-After Pill Under Study

By JOHN STOWELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says it will decide within a few weeks whether to approve "morning-after" birth control pills, already in use on college campuses.

The agency said it will keep secret the recommendations of an advisory committee.

The most commonly prescribed "morning-after," or postcoital, birth control drug is diethylstilbestrol (DES), recently linked to rare vaginal and uterine cancer in scores of young women whose mothers took it during pregnancy to prevent miscarriages.

An estimated two million women were exposed to DES.

Dr. A.L. Herbst of Harvard Medical School told the advisory panel last Friday that he has identified 137 victims of genital cancer. Investigation of 66 of the victims, aged 8 to 25, showed 48 were exposed to synthetic estrogens while in the womb, he said.

DES is available as a prescription drug for several maladies including postmenopausal vaginitis, breast cancer, prostate cancer and relief of breast engorgement after childbirth.

She told the panel that DES works by preventing the fertilized egg from implanting itself.

Car Stolen

TORRINGTON, Wyo. (AP) — Leaving a private club early in the morning, a local resident discovered his car had been taken from in front of the establishment.

So he called the sheriff's office to report his car stolen.

About a half-hour later, the sheriff's office received a call from a slightly inebriated man saying he had mistakenly driven the wrong car home. The man said he left the same club, hopped into what he thought was his car, saw the keys in the ignition and drove home.

The missing car was turned to its rightful owner. The sheriff's office said the cars owned by the two men were the same color but different makes.



RECEPTION—A reception was held last Thursday evening in the home of President and Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker for the honor roll students of the fall semester. The pictures above were taken of the receiving line which was made up of members of the administration and heads of the various departments.

WRA Begins Semester Activities

By LYNN DEANER

The WRA Varsity basketball team has just begun its season by playing East Carolina University on February 1, 1973. Unfortunately they lost this game, 74-31. The sophomore members of the team are: Jean Craven, Becky Currin, Karen Dillow, Nancy Sullivan, Barbara Sykes. Freshman players are: Brends Brown, Sylvia Duke, Sandra Fuller, Kim Jones, Betty Riddick, and Lois Young and Marty Faircloth. The two managers are Virginia Barrett and Ernestine Clark. The varsity coach is Mrs. Janet Collins. Their next game will be on the 15th against Peace College at 7:30. It is an away

game.

The intramural teams have just recently finished two contests. One was an Around the World Shooting Contest. This was held on January 29. Jenkins 2 won first place, Jenkins 1 won second and Belk 2 won third place. On February 5 a Foul Shooting Contest was held. Jenkins 2 won first, Belk 2 won second and Jenkins 1 won third place. The intramural teams will be playing basketball until March 5th. They will play half court with five players. They will also play double elimination.

During the first semester six major events took place. They were softball, the Bicycle 500,

tennis, card night, homecoming, and volleyball. The teams receive points for their playing that will go toward the winning of a plaque at the end of the year when all the points are added up. The overall points for the first semester are as follows: Jenkins 2 is ahead with 88 points, College Street and Day Students with 73, Belk 2 has 59, Jenkins 1 has 55, Belk 3 has 45 and Belk 1 has 21.

On March 1, WRA will sponsor the Spring Pageant. It will be held at 7:30 in Columns auditorium. The three student chairman are Nancy Long, Gaye Barden, and Brenda Flythe. These are in charge of the pageant.