

EDITORIAL

# About Student's Rights

Does Chowan College have the right to violate what should be the student's basic right to privacy?

If the recent search of rooms in Parker Hall was legal, then Chowan College does indeed have that right.

On Sunday afternoon, December 6, Parker residents were interrupted by dorm authorities who were searching the different rooms. The search was authorized by Ronald Reams, former chief of security.

Rooms were searched because of a larceny of some stereo equipment on the third floor the previous weekend. The thieves entered the room by drilling a hole above the lock on the door. An electrical outlet is located near the door.

The theft should not have caused all Parker residents to become suspects, therefore subjecting them to search. A Murfreesboro Police Department member told a student that he did not think the crime was committed by a student.

The Chowan College Handbook's policy on room search says: "A room will never be searched without reasonable cause to believe that (1) activity is taking place in a room which is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of students or (2) substances are contained in the room which would be in violation of Chowan Col-

lege policies. Reasonable cause to believe is determined by a professional member of the Student Development staff."

The policy is vague because of the "reasonable cause to believe." According to the handbook's policy, any member of the Student Development staff can authorize a room search as long as he believes that one of the two regulations have been violated.

That should not, however, give authorities the right to search all rooms because of a theft in one room. One student reported that his desk drawer was opened. That seems like a weird place to hide a stereo receiver and two speakers.

I hope that all steps are taken to insure student's rights in the future. Although Mr. Reams was only trying to recover some stereo equipment, his decision was an unnecessary violation of student's rights.

— Mike Barnhardt

## Flagrant Waste Of Food Cited

To the Editor:

I cannot understand the flagrant waste of food. On Thursday, December 15, apples were served for lunch in the college cafeteria. Presumably, apples were selected by persons who like apples and normally eat them. As I walked down the stairway in Marks Hall just past noon, I observed two partially eaten apples lying on the stairs. Outside the building on the ground lay a huge red apple with one bite taken.

After hearing students complain about the quality of food served to them, I read that impoverished millions around the world are lucky to have a thin porridge to eat once a day. I also read that Americans, who constitute 6 percent of the world's population, consume 50 percent of the world's food supply. At the grocery store apples are priced at 39 cents a pound.

When I reflect upon all of these things, I am first embarrassed, then ashamed, and finally angry. All of us need to be more thankful for our blessings and less wasteful.

Mrs. Dorothy A. Wallace

## Summer Study In Spain Offered

How would you like to spend five weeks this summer in Spain?

The 14th Summer School Program in Spain 1978, offered by Augustana College of Rock Island, Ill., gives students that opportunity, along with a chance to earn nine quarter college credits.

Dr. Arjibay Doreste is the director of the tour, and interested students should contact him at Augustana as soon as possible. The ZIP code is 61201. Dr. Doreste noted that space is very limited.

Last year, 93 students from 25 states, Canada and Puerto Rico made the trip, Dr. Doreste said. The group lived and attended classes at Ciudad Universitaria in Madrid. Each student had his own room.

The students took a break from classes for a tour of La Mancha, and other places related to Cervantes and Don Quixote. Other cities visited included Valle de los Caidos, Toledo, Cordoba and Sevilla. Two days were spent in beautiful Torremolinos Beach, according to Dr. Doreste.

# Smokers May End Movies

By SAM CLARK  
SGA President

There have been some problems with smoking during the showing of movies in Columns. If there are any more signs or reports of this the SGA will not be permitted to show movies there. This is your privilege, please do not abuse it.

Thursday night open house seems to be running smoothly. This is on a trial basis only. Hopefully if everything continues to run smoothly open house will be adopted after spring vacation.

If you have any questions you'd like to direct to the SGA please put them in the SGA mailbox located in Columns next to the business office. Of you have any complaints or would like the SGA to look into a matter drop them off in the SGA mailbox.

10th Avenue will be the band for the Valentine's dance. The dance will be in Thomas Cafeteria from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on Thursday, February 15th. This will be a "jeans" dance. Admission is 50 cents per person.

Student Legislative (SGA floor representative) meetings are held in Marks Hall Auditorium Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be January 30th. Meetings are held every other Monday. If you are a freshman representative and have not changed your chapel seat please contact Ken Dobler. Attendance

has been low and with Spring Festival plans being prepared we need to have a good attendance.

Movies have been cut back to one every two weeks due to low attendance. The less money we lose the more of a budget we will have to work with for Spring Festival.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS

By Richard Barkley

When was the last time you signed away your inalienable rights granted through the Constitution of the United States of America?

Never?

How soon we forget! If you signed the white slip of paper required before you registered for classes, you did just that.

This piece of paper states that you will abide by College Policy.

What is College Policy?

That is a candy-coated expression which means relinquishing many of your constitutional rights.

The College Handbook is the student's interpretation of College Policy. It establishes quite a few "legal" invasions of students' rights.

A) Your room can be searched at anytime without a search warrant.

B) "Individual residents are not allowed to sell anything on campus without permission."

C) Sun bathing is not allowed on Sunday mornings.

D) Sun lamps are not permitted.

However, the Administration fails to realize that College Policy is in direct contradiction with itself.

Page 98 of the Handbook states "Individual rights of all citizens within the College community are recognized and honored. Those who intentionally violate another's rights shall be subject to disciplinary action."

Maybe the College should take a look at itself and possibly even take disciplinary action.

### IMPROVEMENTS?

Improvements in the cafeteria come in the vein of good news and bad news.

Good news: The new partition will prevent the horrible sin of breaking in line.

Bad news: We still must circle the cafeteria for five minutes before we can find a table.

### NOTICE

It's amazing how many notices the college hands out. Most threaten the students. The latest states "Any student who is reported or seen to leave his tray on the table will be subject to disciplinary action involving work assignments in the cafeteria."

Sound familiar?

### WHAT'S THE USE?

Five will get you ten that the petition signed by Parker Hall residents and presented to Dean Lewis found its way to the waste paper basket. The petition asked that the mail boxes remain in Parker until the end of the spring semester. Students' wishes are respected here — until they enroll.

### HIGH COST OF EDUCATION

The Faculty Judiciary Board spent two days reaching a decision involving five students. This not only took up two days during examination week but required the time of eight professors and ten students.

The decision was made, but, with the flip of a pen, Dean Lewis overturned the decision. A waste of time for all concerned.



JACK BRITT  
Chief Security Officer

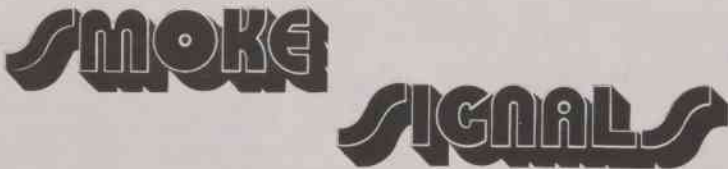
## New Security Officer Named

Jack Britt, a native of Murfreesboro and former member of the local police force, has been named Chief Security Officer at Chowan College, according to an announcement released earlier this week by R. Clayton Lewis, Dean of Students. Britt has assumed his duties and is presently on duty at night, and within several weeks will be on campus full time.

Dean Lewis stated that Britt will be responsible for the safety of all citizens of the college community and will protect the property of students and the college.

Britt is held in high regard by members of the local police department and the Hertford County Sheriff's Department. During his tenure as a Murfreesboro policeman, Britt cooperated with college officials on number of occasions.

Britt was among quite a number of applicants for the position and was appointed to the position in light of his "experience, background, and reputation," according to Lewis.



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