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END OF A DRIVE — Ron Williams releases the ball for an easy layup after driving down the lane in Chowan's final home of the season against Virginia Wesleyan College. George Drawhorne (21) and William Bogues (32) are poised for the rebound that never came. David Deese (23) and

four visiting players watch intently as VWC's Number 33 makes a futile attempt to block the shot. (Photo by Ralph Kuhnley) More basketball pictures and post-season tournament story are on Page 4.

SGA Elections Coming Up Soon

By MIKE BARNHARDT

The elections for Student Government Association officers and the Student Judicial Council will be held soon according to Dean Clayton Lewis.

Nominations for SGA officers close at the end of this week. Positions available for the 1978-1979 year include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, social co-chairperson for women, social co-chairperson for men, auditor and historian. Candidates are self-appointed and application forms are available at the switchboard in McDowell Columns.

The candidates' pictures will be taken in McSweeney Hall on April 3, with the pictures to be posted on the bulletin board in front of the cafeteria the following week.

Candidates will be presented in assembly programs on April 10 and 12, Lewis said, with the elections being held in front of the cafeteria April 14.

The Student Judicial Council will consist of one member and one alternate from each dormitory, and the day student's association.

Nominations open April 17 and those interested may obtain an application from Dean Roy Winslow. Nominations close April 26.

Elections will be held in the residence halls April 27, at a time and place to be announced by the Head Residents, Lewis said.

RA Bids Invited For Fall

By SUSAN PATE

Applications for Resident Assistant (RA) positions in the residence halls for 1978-79 are now being taken.

The forms for applying for RA positions can be obtained through any head resident; Mrs. Alice Vann, Director of Residence Hall Life; or Roy Winslow, associate dean of students.

Applicants must have lived in a residence hall for at least one semester and acquired a cumulative grade point average average of 2.00, including spring semester grades.

Other requirements include participation in various job training activities during the spring semester and a pre-school workshop prior to the opening of residence halls in the fall.

Duties of an RA include assisting the head resident and the associate head resident in managing the dormitory. In order to do this the RA must know and enforce the rules, regulations and policies which are stated in the college handbook.

A student in the RA position should be aware of the needs of the residents on his or her floor and know how to relate to each one individually. An RA serves as a peer counselor and should be able to identify and assist students who have problems or concerns.

An RA should serve as a role model and demonstrate a genuine concern for other students at all times.

Residents should be able to consider the RA a friend, someone whom they can identify with easily.

Bikathon Set By Sorority For Heather

Phi Theta Kappa discussed plans for a bike-a-thon with the proceeds going to the Heather Nelson Trust Fund.

Heather is the daughter of Chowan's director of student activities Steve Nelson. It was discovered recently that Heather has leukemia.

PTK held its annual invitation to new members and about 75 to 80 people attended. Ranger Tucker and John Meador provided entertainment.

Club members agreed that the recent hot dog sale at open dorms was successful. The club plans to send members to the national meeting in Orlando, Florida with the profits.

Several activities were discussed at the meeting. They included a bake sale, a raffle and the operation of a concession stand at home baseball games.

Proceeds of Book Sale To Benefit Sick Child

Proceeds from the sale of a new book of poetry by Professor Robert G. Mulder will benefit the Heather Nelson Trust Fund.

The book, entitled *Backyard Cowboy*, features "poems of a father's love for his son," according to Mulder. The book includes several photographs of the Backyard Cowboy, Micky Mulder, by Hugh Lewis, Chowan graduate and former photography instructor in the School of Graphic Arts. Lewis is now studying photography at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mulder said the book may be purchased by students at the college bookstore for \$1 per copy. All proceeds will go to the fund.

Mulder explained he had already completed the manuscript when he learned that Heather, 3 1/2-year-old daughter of Chowan's director of student activities and wrestling coach, Steve Nelson, and his wife, Zenith, had acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Mulder said it struck him that a "perfect use" of the book about a child would be to aid another child. This motivated him to get the manuscript and photographs together in final form for the printer. He said the book has been printed and he is now ready to fill orders.

Concerning the book, Mulder explained the poetry is "not children's poetry, but poetry about children." The English professor, who has authored three other books, said the poetry is about my relationship to Micky and being a father rearing a child.

In a recent memo to the Chowan College Family, Nelson said Heather has started her treatment at Children's Hospital of King's Daughters in Norfolk.

Nelson said the hematologist expressed that today leukemia patients have a 50/50 chance of remission enough to live a prolonged life. But when dealing with cancer each patient reacts differently and statistics are meaningless unless Heather is capable of responding to treatment, he added.

Continued Nelson, "The doctors feel she has a lot going in her favor. But there are no certainties." He said Heather has returned home after her initial hospital treatment, which lasted almost two weeks.

Heather is presently under treatment as an outpatient one day per week for the next month. She will re-enter the hospital after that time for 2 1/2 weeks of radiation therapy. "If all goes well, Heather will then undergo a three-year program of medication, chemo-therapy observation and treatment," Nelson noted.

Nelson said his daughter has responded "well" to treatment, and is cheerful and in good spirits.

For best treatment results, the doctors are urging the parents to treat Heather as normally as possible. The doctors said Heather should not be pampered and thus are discouraging individuals from sending gifts to her.

But Nelson said many people have expressed an interest in helping, and this has led to the establishment of the Heather Nelson Trust Fund. He said contributions to the fund will be useful to Heather throughout her treatment period. Gifts may be made to the fund mailed to Steve Nelson, 210 Spring Avenue, Murfreesboro, N.C. 27855.

"For us, Heather has been a gift from God," stated Nelson. He thanked Mulder for his support "and all the members of the Chowan family and others who have reached out to us in our time of need."

Concert Off; SGA Cites Funds Lack

Citing a lack of funds, the risk of putting \$12,000 into a one night event that could possibly be rained out, and a lack of volunteers as the reasons, SGA president Sam Clark announced that the SGA will not sponsor a spring concert this year.

The money will be used to provide good entertainment for the rest of the year Ms. Clark said. The movie, *CLOCKWORK ORANGE*, will be shown in Columns Auditorium at 7 and 9 p.m. on April 5. No admission will be charged.

The SGA is now taking suggestions for movies for the week of Spring Festival. These suggestions may be put in the SGA mailbox in Columns or given to Ms. Clark or Joanne Jones.

The SGA sponsored a free St. Patrick's Day dance March 15. The band was Power Steering.

Big Mac — How Many Burgers

By MIKE BARNHARDT

The Chowan College Board of Trustees authorized its Executive Committee to proceed with advertising for bids for the construction of the new gym in its semi-annual meeting February 13.

E. L. Hollowell, chairman of the capital campaign, said \$87,000 has been raised in pledges and gifts. Chowan's trustees contributed \$219,000 of that amount, while \$174,000 came from the college advisors and \$115,000 came from the faculty and staff.

The trustees elected H. Douglas White of Rocky Mount chairman, Mrs. Mary Alice Matthews of Hamilton, vice-chairman and J. Guy Revelle, Jr. of Murfreesboro, chairman of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Dorothy H. Brown of Murfreesboro, chairman of the Annual Giving Program, said that \$39,000 has been received toward the \$50,000 minimum goal.

Dean of Students Clayton Lewis reported that the number of applicants for the 1978-79 year has increased over the same time last year. Fifty more applications have been received from North Carolinians than last year, while Virginia applicants are 12 ahead of last year's pace.

Chowan president Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker said the Chowan's financial condition is "very sound". He said Chowan is headed toward operating in the black for the 20th straight year.

(CW) — There's evidence that curious student minds have not yet become too bogged down with academic subject matter this school year. For instance, the student newspaper action line columns, a good indicator of what's bugging students, are filled with items such as this one from the Purdue Exponent: "When McDonald's hamburgers claim 'over 60 million sold,' do they count Big Macs as two since they contain two patties?"

Now a student is racking a drain over that question just can't too burdened down with calculus or Chaucer.

Or how about the two University of Texas students who conducted an extensive extracurricular project that determined that M&M candy consists of 12 percent green and light brown, 20 percent orange, 23 percent yellow, and 33 percent dark brown. The students also determined that in taste tests, the green candies won over all the others, even when the subjects were blindfolded.

Oh, by the way, McDonald's counts its sales by the number of buns used so a Big Mac does count as only one

Eubank Named to State Arts Group Post

Douglas E. Eubank, director of the Division of Art at Chowan College, has been elected to the State Advisory Commission of the American Arts Association.

The announcement was made by Dr. W. R. Sinclair, president of the American Arts Association. Eubank will assist officials of the arts group in holding seminars, exhibits and competitions.

Sinclair explained Eubank will serve as juryperson for the awards program which provides cash awards of \$2,235 for architectural design; \$4,300, film production; \$3,295 for graphic arts; \$3,800, painting; \$3,500 in choreography; \$16,845, photography; \$4,500, nonfiction writing including newspaper reporting and magazine reporting; novel writing, \$8,500; poetry, \$1,000; drama, \$3,000; and music, \$5,000; plus an opportunity to participate in the International Competition in Kingston, Jamaica in September of 1978.

Among his initial responsibilities, Eubank will take part in judging the state competition at Pine Bluff, Ark. and Spartanburg, S.C. He will also judge the North Carolina competition.

At Pine Bluff, Eubank will work with Dr. V. J. Coleman of the University of Arkansas; Dr. George Coats, Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington,

Ky.; and Dr. Peter F. Cook, Austin Peay College in Clarksville, Tenn.

At Spartanburg, he will join Y. F. Chen of Orangeburg State, Dr. Christopher Clausen, the University of Virginia, and Kenneth Collins, Northeastern Oklahoma State University in judging the South Carolina competition. The new state advisor is a Lexington, Ky. native. He came to Chowan in the fall of 1971 as a painter and printmaker. Since then he has become well known as a potter. His interest in ceramics dates to the summer of 1972 when he studied pottery at Penland School of Crafts.

In 1974, Eubank was invited to spend three days on the famed Art Train in Washington. He was one of several artists who demonstrated the art of pottery-making to thousands of visitors.

Eubank has served as an instructor for a number of ceramics workshops at colleges and has displayed his pottery and demonstrated pottery-making at many shows and exhibitions throughout the East.

Eubank graduated with the B.A. and M.F.E. in art from Morehead State University in Kentucky. He is married to the former Molly Goggin and they have one child, Lance Talton. Eubank is a past president of the Ahooskie Arts Council.



Eubank Potters With Pottery

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