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Sandy, the Magician, otherwise known as Jean Sanderlin, adjusts the sword she has just thrust through the quivering throat of Teresa Hill (left) and then blows cigarette smoke through the hole left in the unsuspecting



Teresa's neck (right). As proof of Sandy's magical prowess, no permanent damage was sustained.

Dorm RA is Here To Help

BY DONNA SWICEGOOD

The Resident Assistant on each dormitory floor may well be the person new students will see the most. The Resident assistants commonly referred to as RA's are students who are there to help the individual student with his minor problems.

The resident assistants are selected for their maturity, leadership, experience, scholarship, and desire to help others realize their potential for self-development. The people who serve as resident assistants are trained to assist residents with personal, social and academic problems and to interpret college philosophy and residence hall policies and procedures.

The resident assistants are assigned to each floor in each dormitory. There is usually one resident assistant per floor although some dormitories may have two per floor.

Ben Sutton, business manager, has approved allocating Belk Hall two additional resident assistants and Jenkins Hall one additional RA this term. This brings the total to six resident assistants for Belk Hall. Belk Hall previously had four resident assistants and Jenkins Hall three according to Mrs. Alice Vann, director of residence hall life.

Resident assistants for the 1978-79 academic year are as follows:

PARKER HALL

BASEMENT: Jerry Harrell
1st Floor: Benny Bridgewater
2nd Floor: Reed Nibley
3rd Floor: Joe Hill
4th Floor: Victor Holland
6th Floor: Craig Armons
7th Floor: Mark Kennedy
8th Floor: Frank Kelly

WEST HALL

1st Floor South: Bob Trout
1st Floor North: John Kirchnier, III
2nd Floor South: Terry McLaren
2nd Floor North: Andre Foster
3rd Floor South: unassigned

EAST HALL

1st Floor: Micheal Matthews
2nd Floor: Brian Swartz
3rd Floor: Johnny Hawthorne

MIXON HALL

1st Floor: William (Bill) Ross
2nd Floor: William (Bill) Cowper

BELK HALL

1st Floor South: Lari Helfand
1st Floor North: Cindy Lee
2nd Floor South: Gena Gant
2nd Floor North: Annie Marie Harrison
3rd Floor South: Susan Pate
3rd Floor North: Pam Hall

JENKINS HALL

Floor South: Andrea Tillet
1st Floor North: unassigned,
2nd Floor South: Lynn McKinney
2nd Floor North: Joy Braswell

The 5th floor of Parker Hall and the 3rd floor north of West Hall assignments are reserved for the associate head residents of those halls.

The resident assistants are also trained to help work to create and maintain a healthy environment for both the academic and personal growth of students. They also will give personal assistance to individual students or refer the student to someone who can help whenever they may be unable to provide the needed assistance.

Mild-Mannered Secretary Shows Talent as Cut-Throat Magician

By DEBBIE SAWYER

Few members of the Chowan College community know what talent lies behind her columns. Would one believe a magician?

"Sandy," whose hands are known to be quicker than numerous eyes, poses each work day as mild-mannered Jean Sanderlin, secretary to Clifton Collins, financial aid director.

College Life Can Aid Personal Growth

By YUSUF SHABAZZ

Students attending college can acquire useful contributions to their growth in personal values.

I believe that the most important contributions are those which relate to academic, social, moral and spiritual values.

The primary purpose of a student attending college is to learn. However, I believe the student must have a very personal interest in his academic pursuit for it to be of any special benefit to him. I believe that there must be a special interest, because usually one will retain only the kind of knowledge that will enhance him personally.

Therefore, a wise student should take courses that are a part of or related to his personal interest. With this in mind, any student who employs good study habits such as note-taking, class participation and daily reviewing of subject matter is more likely to achieve academic success.

The second contribution college can make to the student's growth is in the social context. Socially, college exposes every student to new and certainly broader horizons; and because of this exposure, the student is surrounded with an array of many cultures, ideas and beliefs within — and of course outside the classroom. These concepts will specifically affect the student's awareness, enabling him to develop new meaning and purpose in his life.

Interesting People on Campus

English Literature Never Boring For Students in Mulder's Class

By RICHARD BARKLEY

On registration day for this semester it is almost certain that Mr. Robert Mulder's sophomore and freshman English classes will be the first to be filled.

Mulder has the talent for taking difficult courses such as English Literature and making them enjoyable. His colorful comments, quick wit, and biting sarcasm do anything but leave his audience bored.

Mulder has even been known to bet a student a dollar that the student cannot recite a poem from memory in front of the class.

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Mulder went on to say however, that he does go to New York twice a year and to Washington four times a year on business for a change of scene.

He observed that the attitude of the

college has changed greatly since he went to school here.

"When I was a student here they didn't allow dancing on campus. We had to go up to Franklin, Va. to dance. And if you were caught drinking in town you were suspended," he recalled.

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Mulder publishes his own poetry magazine "The New Earth Review".

The Magazine has 1,200 subscribers from every state and eight countries. He has had 24 short stories and 150 poems published in various magazines.

He has published five books of poetry, The Shepherd That Stayed Behind, The Tenor of My Song, When My Heart is Breaking, Born to Blush Unseen and Backyard Cowboy.

Mulder is also editor and publisher of a newsletter for creative writers, "Writers Forum". He also teaches a creative writing class for which one hour of English credit is given.

Asked if he would like to see any changes here, Mulder replied, "Yes, I'd like to see the students' attitude towards the administration change. I feel President Whitaker and Dean Lowe are blamed for policies that the Baptist State Convention has adopted."

Small town life and being the best at what he does should keep Mulder here for a long time to come.

Welcome Issued New Students By President

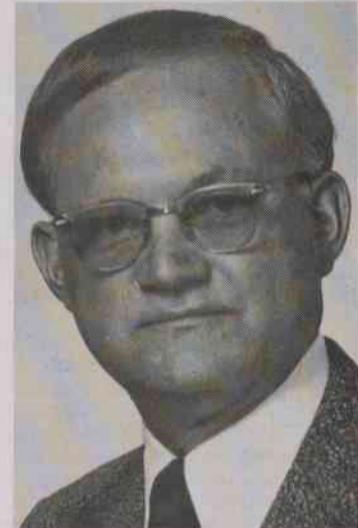
As we begin the 130th year in the life and service of Chowan College, we welcome each of you to the campus. We anticipate fellowship, work, and growth in association with you.

This special edition of "Smoke Signals" has been prepared for you, especially those who are new to the Chowan campus. We want you to know through this newspaper and in every way possible that your faculty and staff are interested in you and dedicated to helping you find success in your college career.

A guiding principle in all our work and relationship is that Chowan is an institution of Christian higher education related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This guiding principle determines to a great extent the work and functions of all of us who are a part of the college community. The love and support of North Carolina Baptists have helped to make Chowan one of the top two-year independent colleges in the United States.

We hope that you can and will come to catch the "Chowan spirit" in a brief period of time. We believe that this special issue of "Smoke Signals," along with the Student Handbook, will assist you to this end.

Bruce E. Whitaker
President



DR. BRUCE E. WHITAKER
18 Year Olds
Drink Up

LANSING, Mich. (CH) — Michigan has become the third state to raise its legal drinking age, continuing a trend which has seen no state lower the legal age since 1973. In 1971, after passage of the 26th Amendment granting national voting rights to 18-year olds, 18 states lowered their drinking ages. But more than a dozen are now considering raising the legal age.

Beginning December 3, Michigan will join Minnesota and Maine as states that have raised the age from 18 to 19.

The problem of 18-year-olds purchasing alcoholic beverages for their under-18 high school classmates was the primary reason for increasing the age. In Michigan, alcohol related accidents increased by 55 per cent among those under 18 and by 123 per cent among those in the 18-20 age group in the years following the lowering of the legal age from 21. A survey of Michigan high school principals showed that 92 per cent favored raising the drinking age from 18.

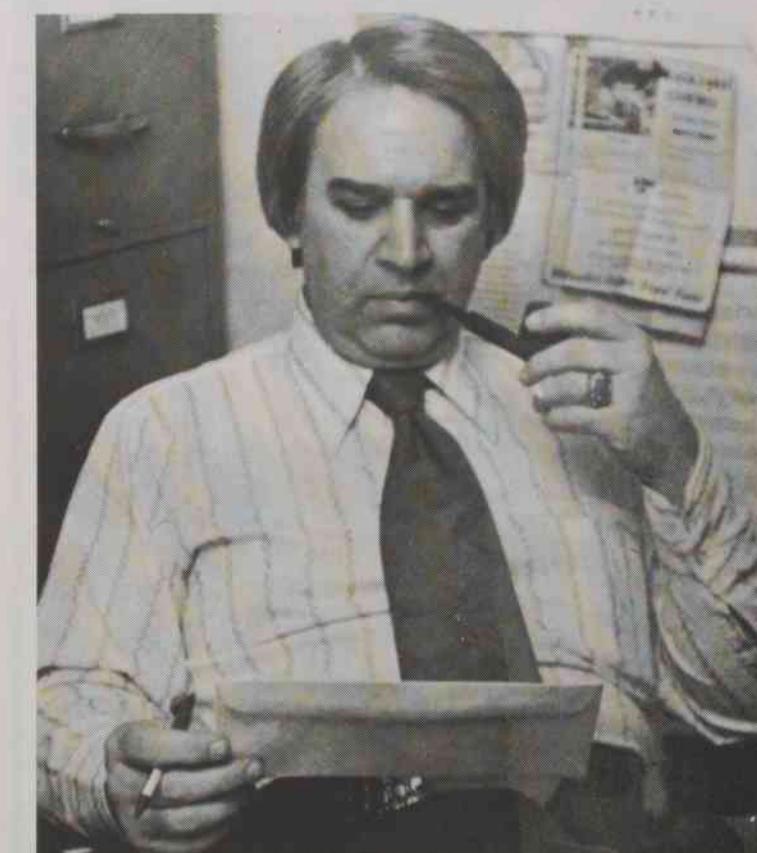
Campus Alumni Chapter Offers Involvement

Cheat

UNIVERSITY PARK, Penn. (CH) — The Penn State University Daily Collegian swears the story is true. A student who was observed cheating on a test was stopped by the proctor as he was about to hand in the test. "Do you know who I am?" asked the student. The proctor said he didn't. "Do you know who I am?" the student asked the remaining students in the class. And the students said they didn't, so the student quickly placed his test in the middle of the stack of test papers and walked out.

By SUSAN PATE
The Campus Chapter of the Chowan College Alumni Association is an organization which was formed to provide communication between the Student Body and the Alumni.

The Campus Chapter, which was formed last spring, will give the students the opportunity to get involved in the activities of the Alumni Association. As members of the Campus Chapter, students will provide service to the Association and the college. This chapter gives the students a voice on the Board of Directors of the Alumni



ROBERT MULDER