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Ghostly Manifestations in a Graveyard

This is the time of year that anything can happen when the earthly and the unearthly come together, especially amid the weathered tombstones of a rural burying ground. (See related editorial on Page 2.) Photos by Scott White.



Student Aid Hike Okayed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CPS) — In a major victory for President Carter, the Congress adopted the president's Middle Income Assistance Act and, in last-minute politicking before the Oct. 15 adjournment, dropped the tuition tax credit legislation Carter opposed.

The Middle Income Assistance Plan, offered by the president last February as an alternative to tuition tax credits, adds some \$1.2 billion to existing federal student financial aid programs.

Specifically, the plan expands the government's Basic Educational Opportunity Grants, Guaranteed Student Loans, and Work-Study programs. The plan was generally pitched to middle-income families, who presumably want some relief from the rising costs of college education.

Under the act, which the president is expected to sign into law shortly, dependents of families earning more than \$16,000 are eligible for work-study grants for the first time ever. Average grants to families earning \$8,000-\$16,000 per year will go up by some \$200.

Tuition tax credits legislation, which would have allowed families to deduct up to \$100 in tuition costs from their income taxes, passed both the House and the Senate last week. As originally introduced, the bill included the tuition costs of students in elementary and secondary schools as well. Political expediency demanded that elementary and secondary school costs be dropped from the bill, which was then passed as an amendment to a larger tax cut bill.

House and Senate versions of the larger bill, though, were different. When the bill was referred back to a joint conference committee, several representatives insisted on attaching the elementary and secondary school provision to it again. An agreement could not be reached, and while the tax cut bill went on to passage, the tuition tax credit amendment to it was dropped.

Despite the concurrent passage of the Carter plan, Dr. Albert Alford, assistant commissioner for legislation at the U.S. Office of Education, expects that tuition tax credits may make a comeback in Congress' next session. "It's a perennial bill," he observes, "and there's no doubt quite a few representatives intend to sponsor one again. But after the Middle Income Assistance Plan, I couldn't tell you if it (tuition tax credits) will have the same push it did this time."

Viewpoints...

The bobbing up and down of a fisherman's cork means different things: to the pessimist it is caused by the untimely winds of adversity and bad luck. To the optimist it is the beginning of a new opportunity, a fresh challenge, an exciting adventure, and the real possibility of another fish for the frying pan.

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System of Prorating Damages Explained

By ALLAN DAVIS

Residents of a dorm will be prorated for damages done in the lounges and hallways of their dorms at the end of the academic year.

"Boarding students leaving before the academic year has been concluded will be charged for the damages that occurred during their enrollment," Mrs. Alice Vann, director of residence hall life, said.

Hallway damages will be totaled up and prorated to the number of occupants on that hall. Lounge damages will also be totaled and prorated, but to the number of occupants in that dorm, Jack Hassell, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said.

"Damages done to other college property will be charged to the guilty parties if they can be identified, or prorated to the students enrolled," he added.

Damage repair forms are filled out each week by the head residents of the dorms. Once the damages are repaired, a copy of this form with the prorates listed is given to the director of residence hall life, Hassell explained.

If the damages occurred in a dorm room the student will receive a copy of this form and will be billed for damages. But if the damages occurred in the hallway or the lounge, the head resident will receive a copy of this form from the director of residence hall life to be posted on the bulletin board.

This form will list the items that were damaged and the cost to repair them, Hassell said.

"The cost of the items and the labor used to repair will be included in the prorates."

Residences of each hall were prorated for the damages which occurred in the lounges of their dorm last year.

Broken windows, cracked vending machine glasses, discharged fire extinguishers, drapes ripped down, ceiling tiles knocked-out, cigarette burns on furniture, damage to elevators and missing furniture are just some of the damages which were included in last

year's prorates to the dorms, Jack Hassell, superintendent of buildings and grounds said.

The amount of lounge damages prorated to each dorm last year was Parker Hall, \$3831.28; West Hall, \$3227.90; Mixon Hall, \$159.43; Belk Hall, \$1191.30; Jenkins Hall, \$954.63 and East Hall, \$662.34.

Hallway damages were prorated to the residences occupying that floor. Some of those repairs included in the hallway prorates last year were: clogged water fountain; obscenities cleaned off bathroom walls; broken exit lights; bathroom mirrors and toilet tissue holders replaced; ceiling tile knocked out, jammed door locks and flooded hallways, Hassell added.

Damages for each hallway last year were Parker Hall: first floor, \$159.37; second floor, \$225.14; Third floor, \$791.27; fourth floor, \$145.90; fifth floor, \$408.37; sixth floor, \$151.20; seventh floor, \$254.95; eighth floor, \$411.62; and the basement, \$290.

West Hall floors: first south, \$146.77; first north, \$97; second south, \$232.16; second north, \$145.11; third south, \$232.50 and third north, \$169.68.

East Hall floors: first, \$149.51; second, \$180.68; third, \$105. and Mixon Hall floors: first, \$99.18 and second, \$189.96.

Keep Off R-V Tract At Night

An ordinance making trespassing on the property of the the Roberts-Vaughan House during the night hours a misdemeanor was passed by the Murfreesboro Town Council October 24.

Persons found guilty of trespassing between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. will be liable to a fine of \$50 or a jail sentence up to 30 days.

Dean of students R. Clayton Lewis called this ordinance to the attention of all Chowan students, some of whom have in the past used this property as a gathering place after dark.

The ordinance reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person to make entry into the lands and tenements known as the Roberts-Vaughan Village Center owned by the Town of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, between the hours of 6 o'clock p.m. and 9 o'clock a.m. without consent of the Murfreesboro Town Council. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage on October 24, 1978."

The council took the action to eliminate the partying and beer drinking which had been observed behind the building and in the gazebo on the property. The site will be posted to warn citizens of the new regulation.

Day Students Plan Active School Year

By SUSAN L. PATE

There are many organizations on campus. But there is one that most of the students know very little about. This is the Day Student Organization.

There are approximately 87 Day Students enrolled at Chowan this year. These students are planning many activities for the remainder of the '78-'79 academic year.

In the past the organization has been very active. Last year one of their main projects was sponsoring a faculty basketball game. The money which was made from this event was given to the Heather Nelson Trust Fund.

This year the Day Students' main goal is to win the President's Cup. They also hope to get the Day Students more organized and more involved in campus activities. Another goal is to let the other students know that they exist.

The officers of the Day Student Organization are Eric Jackson, president; Jean Sexton, vice president; Cindy Drake, secretary-treasurer; and the SGA representatives are Robin Minton and Melvin Matthews.

Interesting People on Campus

Johnny Johnson Has Eyes on 1980 Olympic Medal

By HARRY PICKETT

Johnny Frank Johnson stretched his 6-foot-6 inch frame, rocked back on a chair in his basement floor dormitory, and pulled an assorted group of track and field medals from his bulletin board.

"I got this one in Tennessee, this one in South Carolina, this one . . ."

Johnson has won many track and field medals, ribbons and other awards for his track exploits since he joined the Tarboro High School track team his sophomore year. However, the biggest gem for the 18 year-old is the medal he received in Lincoln, Neb. this summer in the AAU Junior Olympics. Johnny finished fourth out of a field of 30 contestants in the triple jump event.

Johnson, the son of a farmer, is here at Chowan on a basketball grant-in-aid. He will play the forward and center positions on the basketball team, positions he has played all through high school and will compete in the discus, long jump, and of course, triple jump for Coach Linwood Ferguson's celebrated thincalads.

Head basketball coach Jerry Smith says that with the addition of Johnson, Chowan College could receive the national exposure it has lacked for some time now. Smith believes Johnson has the potential to be an All-American.

"People will look at Johnny and see how good athletes here at Chowan really are," the coach stated.

Smith describes the 213-pounder as a "real good kid. Personality-wise, he's as good as you can get."

The coach believes Chowan was

Testing Organization Facing Tests Itself

By JAY STEVENS

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. (CPS) — Camouflaged in the gentry cantilevered hills of Lawrenceville is one of the most influential unknown corporations in America.

Critics like to characterize it as an unchecked monopoly, a gatekeeper, a cradle-to-grave arbiter of social mobility.

Forbes Magazine, after noting the 370 acres of prime real estate, the artificial pond, the real ducks, the \$3 million conference center, the tasteful brick buildings, the savvy investments, called it one of the hottest little growth companies around.

Information officer John Smith calls it a very concerned organization, with a lot of integrity.

The IRS calls it non-profit.

Most Americans have little to say about the Educational Testing Service (ETS). They know it only as a multiple choice test that stands between them and college, grad school, law school and now more than 50 professions ranging from podiatrist to CIA agent. Last year over a million students took the ETS-designed Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Another 800,000 sat down to one of a battery of graduate exams.

Countless others, from pre-schoolers to auto mechanics, were measured, assessed, and say the critics, judged by an ETS test.

These programs, plus grants from government and the private sector, netted ETS \$70 million in 1977, with a profit margin of about \$1 million. ETS, in short, is a very successful non-profit company.

"For too many students, the decision to take a standardized admission test creates a statistical shadow which follows them through life, often without their knowledge or control," says Congressman Michael Harrington (D-Mass).

Harrington has introduced a "Truth in Testing" bill designed to open standardized testing to public scrutiny and control. California recently passed a similar bill, and one is now pending before the New York legislature.

This action comes 30 years after the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the American Council for Education and the College Board Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) established ETS as a separate entity chartered to construct educational tests.

Of this triumvirate, CEEB was and is

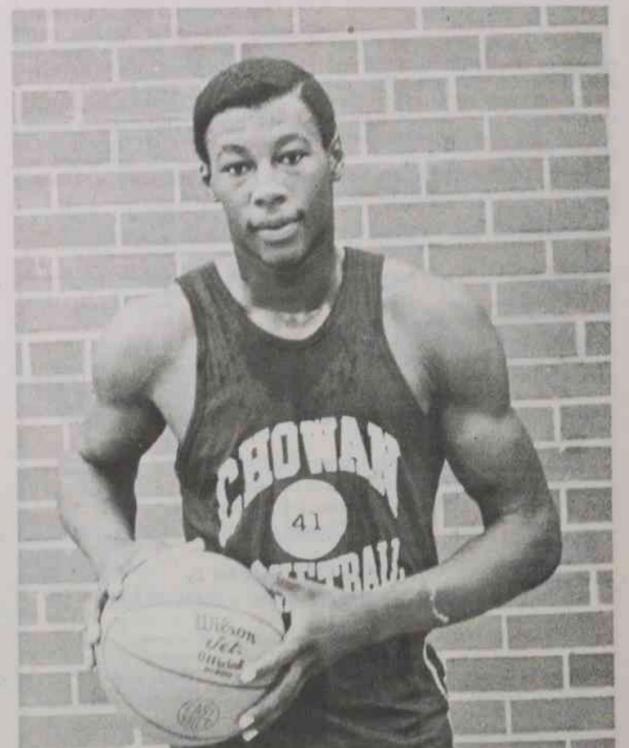
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Exam Schedule In Next Issue

The complete fall semester examination schedule will be carried in the next issue of Smoke Signals.

Examinations will begin on Friday, December 15 and will continue through Thursday, December 21.



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