



## EDITORIAL OPINION No Place for Vandals

It's appalling to see such vandalism and disorder at a college with the religious reputation and demeanor that Chowan College has. The altercations which have arisen on this campus recently constitute without doubt an alarming scene.

Do the students who unveil such immature escapades learn these rituals at home, or do they feel that it is mandatory that they become the school clown and find that destroying and molesting school property a funny venture?

In our opinion, we think it's degrading and shows a lack of intelligence and a flimsy excuse for a college student.

If one doesn't take pride in the school which one attends, he should leave, and thus relinquish all ties with the institution. It will save the school a lot of money and the student a lot of embarrassment when dealt with by the authorities.

— H.P.

## Parking Proposal

Everyday we hear complaints about the problems with parking. Many times we have gone to our cars and have been blocked in by someone parked in the middle of the parking lot. Upon our return it has been difficult to find a space to park.

We have a suggestion to help alleviate part of the problem. We feel each student should be assigned and paid for before the beginning of the fall semester (or the student's first semester). Returning students could select and pay for parking spaces before the end of the spring semester (same process as room selection). A registration deadline should be set and students requesting space after that will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

We know that this would not rid us of the problem entirely. Although we feel that our suggestion could make the parking situation less hair-raising.

C.L. & D.S.

## Summer Jobs Available In State Intern Program

Chowan students who are planning to look for summer jobs may just be eligible for one of about 125 state government internships being made available this summer.

"Thousands of students have gained better insight into the workings of government through the internship program over the years," said Frank Eagles of Wilson, chairperson of the North Carolina Internship Council which was created by the General Assembly in 1977. The council approves projects and also screens and selects students of the Summer Internship Program sponsored by the Department of Administration's Youth Involvement Office.

About 125 students will be placed in 13 different state agencies for 10 weeks, from June 4 to August 10. To be eligible,

a student must be either a North Carolina resident who has completed two years of study at a college or university or one year of study in a technical institute or community college, or an out-of-state student having completed the same studies in a North Carolina educational institution.

In addition to a regular 40-hour work week, interns will participate in seminars to learn more about state government and how it works. Application deadline is February 29. For applications or information about specific internship openings, contact your campus placement office. For additional information, contact the Youth Involvement Office, Suite 115, Howard Building, 112 West Lane Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 or call 919/733-5966.

## Educator Attacks Jargon

(CPS) — The way University of Cincinnati's Dr. John McCall sees it, he's just "taking some proactive steps to enhance the University's output with simpler input on the part of facilitators." In other words, he wants the University to start saying what it means.

McCall is one of a burgeoning number of educators who have begun an active attack on "jargonization." In plain English, "jargonization" means the use of specialized, complicated terms for everyday activities. Educators are worried that such speech may make functional illiterates out of still more people. Some even fear that jargon could be used by powerful special interest groups to "bend the truth without even lying."

Thus, an unofficial movement to stamp out jargon is taking form, and its proponents include not only English teachers, but those who are often most guilty of "language pollution," administrators and government officials. While some doubt the use of jargon can be harnessed (Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Thomas Postlewait says fighting it is "about as wise as the charge of the Light Brigade"), others are optimistically taking the first steps against jargon.

McCall has begun by levying 25 cent fines against University of Cincinnati administrators and deans who use the words "input" or "feedback" in other than their accurate, technical meaning. Furthermore, if the offending word is on multiple copies, it results in an additional one cent fine per copy.

That's just for January. In February, the targets are improper usages of "hopefully" and "proactive," McCall warns.

McCall says his plan is working. Already an administrator recessed a meeting briefly to conduct a fine from another administrator who reported an "input." One dean sent McCall a dollar as advance payment for four mistakes he felt certain he would make.

McCall himself has been fined for a sentence in a letter he co-signed: "It is also worth noting that course work in English as a second language is offered for students whose academic progress might be enhanced by supplementing their communicative skills."

Meanwhile, the *New York Times* reports that the National Council of Teachers of English operates a thriving committee on Public Doublespeak. The committee urges its members to watch their own language, as well as that of their students. The NCTE also awards annual Doublespeak trophies to prominent jargon-users.

President Carter has also asked government officials to write their documents in clear language. U.S. Education Commissioner Ernest Boyer is keeping the faith by conducting clear-writing seminars for key staff members.

The man who popularized this war on jargon, broadcaster Edwin Newman, is reportedly booked months in advance in his nation-wide lecturing tour. Newman, who wrote two books on the subject, speaks, of course, on the language.

## N. Y. Trip Planned In March

The English Department is planning a trip to New York for the first weekend of March.

The trip includes tours of publishing houses, Broadway shows, and other points of interest in the city. The bus will leave Murfreesboro at 11 p.m. Wednesday, February 28 and return at approximately 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 4.

The cost of the trip is \$90. This includes transportation, hotel room, baggage fees and all required tours and museums.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Exception Taken To Critic's Charge

Dear Editor:

After reading the letter from a "Sophomore critic" in your pre-Christmas issue, I was somewhat disturbed at item #2 of the letter. It stated:

Faculty Omnipotence — the faculty can bypass any procedure they wish to get what they wish, regardless of student requests. Most of the movies reserved by students for weeks according to proper procedures, were bumped at the last minute by the drama department to MHA to make room for a rehearsal.

I cannot comment generally on "faculty omnipotence." As a new faculty member myself this year, I am learning of campus policies as time progresses. However, I can comment on this event in particular. There was one policy I did learn early, but one with which Mr. Hitchens seems unfamiliar. The policy regarding scheduling of campus events says that the calendar kept in the public relations office is the official calendar of the campus and whatever event is scheduled on that calendar FIRST for a particular place and time is the one that has precedence.

If our critic would like to review the campus calendar for the fall semester, he would find that NOT ONE STUDENT MOVIE WAS BUMPED for a play rehearsal. The fact of the matter was that play rehearsals were scheduled first on the calendar (far in advance) and therefore took precedence.

When it came to the attention of the drama department that some rehearsals were interfering with movie showings in Columns (that had not been placed on the campus calendar in advance) concessions were made both by students and the drama department in the spirit of compromise.

It seems to me that the problem in this case was not faculty, but students, who "bypassed proper procedures."

But perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from all this. Had I known earlier that students wanted to use the stage on some evenings for movies, some rehearsals would have been changed. But I did not receive a call or note beforehand, when something could have been done. I learned about the "upset" much later when nothing could be done about it. In the future I believe open communications and following established procedures would be to the advantage of us all.

Sandra Boyce  
Director of Drama

### Writer Recants Part of Letter

Dear Editor,

I wish to clarify a statement I made about the drama department in the last issue of the *Smoke Signals*. I stated that the department shifted the location of the campus movie to make room for rehearsals — it was an erroneous statement. The students whom I talked to believed that they had filed for the Columns Auditorium in time to reserve it, when in fact Ms. Boyce had proper priority to the building. Exactly where the mistake occurred I can't determine; both the student body and drama department felt they had followed procedure when only the drama department had been on record as doing so. I regret discovering this mistake too late to correct before being published and accept responsibility for it. However, despite my erroneous statement in this case, I still feel that there is little to prevent the faculty from overriding student requests and this should be corrected.

Sincerely,  
Wilson W. Hitchens

## SGA Voting Scheduled For Feb. 28

By SUSAN PATE

Elections for the 1979-80 SGA officers will be held Wednesday, February 28.

Nominations can be submitted at the SGA office, which is located in the Student Center. The SGA office is open from 1:30 to 4 on Monday and Wednesday, and from 2 to 4 on Friday. Nominations can also be submitted at Mrs. Vann's office, which is located on the bottom floor of Columns.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 23.

The offices open for nomination are as follows:

president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, social co-chairperson for men and social co-chairperson for women.

## Iranian Student Deported

SAN ANTONIO, TX (CPS) — Though the Carter administration began its program to deport Iranian citizens studying in the United States in anger over the Jan. 2 violent demonstration of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's mother's Beverly Hills Home, the only subsequent deportation action to date has been against a student at San Antonio College.

Hossein Jahanfar, 29, is suspected of participating in the Beverly Hills riot, in which 35 were hurt and eight were arrested. Jahanfar was jailed on \$40,000 bond after leading a peaceful protest march on Jan. 17 to the Alamo, in San Antonio. The marchers were jeered at along the way by students and local residents, to whom Jahanfar retorted through a bullhorn, "Help us stop the shah from coming to the United States." Immediately afterward, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) arrested him, saying his visa expired Dec. 31, and that he had not re-enrolled for this semester at San Antonio College.

While Jahanfar is the first arrested for deportation since the California disturbance, the Carter administration has tried to deport Iranians — especially those studying in Texas — before.

Last year, for example, the INS had the Houston police arrest one Medhi Mashi, a student at Galveston College for demonstrating without a permit. Mashi's jail stay forced his absence from class, and he eventually had to drop a four-credit physics course. But as a result, Mashi passed fewer than 12 credits that semester, and thus was subject to deportation.

On Dec. 11, though, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the deportation order against Mashi, saying Mashi had been forced to drop the course only because the INS kept him in jail 12 days without a hearing. Immigration laws, the court said, were not designed to deport foreign students "in the middle of a diligent and successful college career because they are forced to drop one course in the final weeks of one semester."

Some of the Iranians, moreover, leave the United States to go on to bigger things. Ibrahim Yazdi, a former professor at Baylor University at Waco, is reported to be in line for a high-level position.

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. *My Mother, Myself*, by Nancy Friday. (Dell, \$2.50.) The daughter's search for identity.
2. *The Women's Room*, by Marilyn French. (Jove/HBJ, \$2.50.) Perspective on women's role in society: fiction.
3. *The Thorn Birds*, by Colleen McCullough. (Avon, \$2.50.) Australian family saga: fiction.
4. *Centennial*, by James A. Michener. (Fawcett/Crest, \$2.95.) Epic story of America's legendary West: fiction.
5. *Doonesbury's Greatest Hits*, by G. B. Trudeau. (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, \$7.95.) A mid-seventies revue.
6. *All Things Wise and Wonderful*, by James Herriot. (Bantam, \$2.75.) Continuing story of Yorkshire vet.
7. *Daniel Martin*, by John Fowles. (Signet, \$2.95.) English playwright influenced by Hollywood: fiction.
8. *The Amityville Horror*, by Jay Anson. (Bantam, \$2.50.) True story of terror in a house possessed.
9. *The Immigrants*, by Howard Fast. (Dell, \$2.75.) Italian immigrant's rise and fall from Nob Hill: fiction.
10. *Dynasty*, by Robert S. Elegant. (Fawcett/Crest, \$2.75.) Saga of dynamic Eurasian family: fiction.

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