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Khomeini Government Supported By Iranian Students at Chowan



SOLITUDE — A lone couple braves the falling snow for an intimate walk at the stadium. Photo by Ken Clark

Chowan Professor Co-Author of Text

By SANDRA PERRY

Patricia B. Edwards, a professor of Business Education at Chowan College, has co-authored the revised edition of TRANSCRIPTION HOMEWORKBOOK FOR COLLEGES with Dr. Audrey Dempsey, an Emeritus Professor at East Carolina University.

This is a text workbook which includes exercises for correction of English grammar, shorthand and machine transcription, word processing and effective business communications. It is oriented to be used with a reference manual or a list of grammar rules.

Mrs. Edwards said the workbook is a much needed tool for teaching office education more effectively. "I had wanted to write my own book and I realized this as the chance to combine some of my 17 years teaching experience with the prior book," the professor said.

It has already been adopted by several schools from North Carolina to Washington. "Business educators have agreed that students who complete these exercises perform better in all areas of office administration," Mrs. Edwards stated.

When Mrs. Edwards came to Chowan in the fall of 1961 she had already achieved her B.S. degree in business education from Appalachian State University and lacked only one session of summer school before getting her Master of Arts degree in business education and junior college teaching. She had achieved this in a span of four years. She now has her M.A. She has



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three children and her husband is a local businessman.

She set up her own publishing company to distribute the workbook, PEB Publishers. The revision took about six months.

Mrs. Edwards is a member of the National, Southern and North Carolina Business Educators Association and has been named to the first edition of "The World's Who's Who of Women in Education." She is also involved in many civic activities in the Murfreesboro Community.

Sadly Breaks Chowan Ties Coach Ferguson Resigns To Accept Elon Offer

By HARRY PICKETT

Sitting in his office filled with plaques, athletic photographs of the past and a sticker on his door that reads: "DEFENSE IS NO. 1", Linwood Ferguson softly spoke with a humble smile and moisture in his eyes, as he reminisced about his experiences at Chowan College as a coach and as a football player, on his last day at the school, February 16, 1979.

Ferguson resigned as instructor, assistant football coach and head track coach at Chowan to accept the job of assistant coach in charge of the defensive front line at NAAI football runnerup, Elon College. The 28-year-old coach, wife Paula and daughter Heather, left Murfreesboro Monday February 19 for their new home.

Ferguson, who enjoys a close rapport with the Chowan football players, said that he regretted leaving them because they are a "super bunch" of guys. "They are going to be great next year," he said as he looked saddened not to be a part of the players' future glory.

The Chowan graduate, known as a fiery and intense player at the school, carried these characteristics over to the coaching level where many of his players have described him as being "as mean as ole Satan himself". Ferguson said he's coached at every level, starting out as a graduate assistant at East Carolina, except the junior high position.

Ferguson elaborated on his intense coaching tactics: "I felt you had to be enthusiastic on the field and off the practice field. I'd like to think I'm a motivator. Sometimes you can make players better than they really are by motivation," he explained.

Chowan head football coach and athletic director, Jim Garrison, saddened by the loss of his former player and top defensive aide, described his young assistant as an outstanding young man, player and coach. "He did an outstanding job, the last two years in particular.

"He's developed a sense of pride with our kids on defense. He's been very, very close to the kids on defense," Garrison noted.

Garrison said he "hated like the devil" to lose the coach. He said that Ferguson has his sights on the coaching fraternity and now the team must learn



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to win without the fierce defensive genius just like they won with him.

Elon got the services of Ferguson over many top 4-year schools in the state after their assistant coach resigned to take a position at Duke University. He said the job was a good opportunity. "I hope the players don't think I'm betraying them," he lamented.

and working here as a coach. It has certainly got to be close to me, but I have long-range goals." Ferguson then strolled over to his bulletin board, picked up a picture of Rick Vogler, his first All-American on defense, and stared at the photo for a moment. "He was All-American in 1976." A framed portrait of Jerry Holmes, an All-American last year, rested nearby, and Ferguson gazed upon the athlete and then identified the player: "Jerry Holmes, he's at West Virginia now."

Lying on the far end of the bookcase near the board were two 8x10 unframed photos faced down. Ferguson picked both up and looked pensively at 1978 All-Americans Hal Henderson and Rick Stottlemyer. "I've had four All-Americans in four years," he beamed. "I've had three defenses ranked in the top 10 in the nation. I'm proud."

Ferguson, who was Region 10 coach of the year in track after posting a 23-2 record during the course of three years, said it's always a coach's dream to coach at his alma mata. "I thought it was a great thing."

And so did the people of Chowan.

End Seen To Oil-Gun Swapping

By HARRY PICKETT

Eleven East Hall Iranians spoke freely of their country's revolvments for the past year. Smoke Signals spoke to the Middle East students and got some very candid observations, Sunday, February 18.

QUESTION: There is a lot of controversy surrounding your country's new government, its new leader and its religious implications. Could you give us more insight on the new regime?

ANSWER: Abbas Affshar, 24, Tehran. "Almost a year ago . . . 99 percent of my people of my country didn't have satisfaction from the Shah, and the revolution was necessary because most of the people of my country wanted to change everything for themselves.

QUESTION: Was there a particular group of Iranians who tried to put an end to the Palavi dynasty or was it a combination of all Iranians?

ANSWER: Every student and every educated people in my country wanted to change my government because the leader of my government (Shah) didn't do anything for my country especially for my people, the majority.

QUESTION: Do you think the change of government from Monarchy to an Islamic form will strengthen the growth of your country. The Shah always made compromises with other countries, most notably the United States. Will Khomeini's new government bring a more religious way of life for the people of Iran?

ANSWER: I think Khomeini is an honest leader. Most of the people really like American people; but Khomeini doesn't like American policy, and Carter's policy about the people of my country.

QUESTION: Could you tell us what the situation is in your country?

ANSWER: Abdolreza Torbati, 19, Mashad. The oil in my country has a long story. Iranian oil was being hunted by foreign countries for many years. When the Shah had power he sold oil to the United States and Israel in exchange for sophisticated weapons; which is not useful for us. Now my country is Islamic republic. We shall not sell oil to Israel or South Africa.

QUESTION: Do you think Iran would prosper better if they modernized? Would you rather have a democratic government?

ANSWER: Nasi Shiasi, 21, Abadan. Visiting Norfolk State University student and former Chowan student. Yes. We want a democracy and we hope the government makes the country modernized. (11 Iranians agreed with Shiasi)

QUESTION: You don't think Khomeini will bring democracy to Iran do you?

ANSWER: The religion of Islam brings the democracy to Iran, not Khomeini. Khomeini just follows the holy book of religion which is called Koran.

QUESTION: Do you think the Shah tried to modernize the country?

ANSWER: He did just something for himself and his followers in Iran; but he did not do anything for people. He did something for Carter, and Israel. He was the "puppet" of U.S. in Iran.

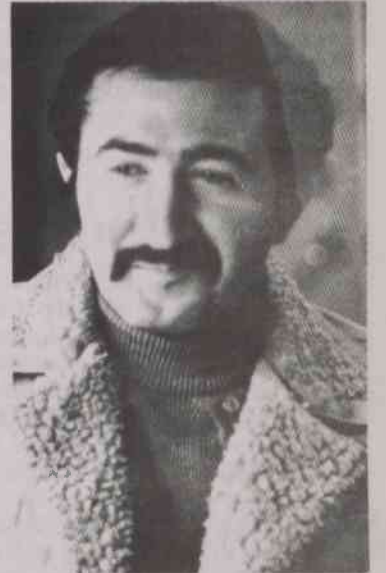
QUESTION: Don't you think it's good to have good foreign relations with these countries and don't you think that defense spending is practical?

ANSWER: The Shah sends oil to the United States and gets some weapons and machine guns and we never can use them, and we do not want them. The Shah was the police of the Persian Gulf. He was supported by Carter and his government — and they got all of our oil.

Massoud Mahallati, 20, Tehran, summed up the views of the group on the recent turmoil in Iran as follows:

We all think we had a lot pressures from the Shah's side. We had about 100,000 political prisoners, and these people were all bright people, educated and knowledgeable. They were engineers and doctors and Ph.D's. They were prisoners because of a difference of opinions; namely they didn't like the Shah personally, and his system.

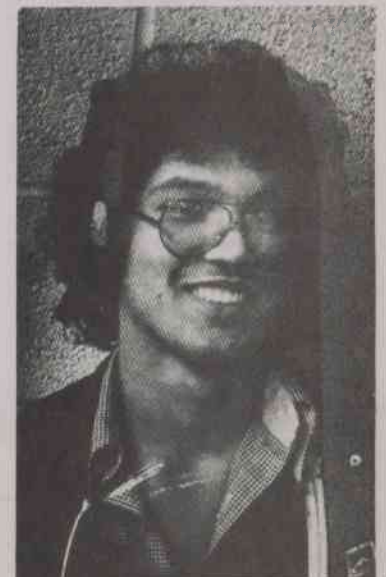
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Shah himself, the agriculture was destroyed by him. Also the secret police, SAVAK, used to shut people up. Fortunately SAVAK was canceled by people, and since it was politics, they said Bakhtiar canceled it, which was not true. Our people were fed up with SAVAK, they did not want it because a lot of young people, a lot of people who had talent to build up our future and our culture were killed.

The most important aspect that we all are concerned with, and also is Khomeini's concern, is Iran's oil. We used to give you oil, to be honest, for nothing. We gave you oil, and we got back, army equipment, pistols, rifles and all that. We didn't really need them. We've got plenty of them. We are all for Khomeini and his new government. If we give you oil, and if we have our friendship, still, we're going to get things that we need. As far as agriculture goes, if we need any machinery, of course we'll trade, but otherwise, as far as army equipment — no, no way.

QUESTION: What's going to happen to the Shah, you think?

ANSWER: Well, Khomeini has already asked Morocco to send him back to (Continued on page 2)

Dorm Rap Sessions Offered

A "rap session" which could be a forerunner of others was recently conducted in East Hall by Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilcox, college guidance counselor.

The purpose of the "rap session", according to Mrs. Wilcox, is to interpret the Strong-Campbell Interest Inven-

tories, to present hints for staying in College, to explain how to determine one's quality point average and to help students resolve their concerns.

Mrs. Wilcox is now in progress of setting a date for a session in Mixon Hall and is willing to hold one in any residence hall upon receipt of an invitation.



INFORMAL CHATS — Despite the crowded atmosphere at the reception for honor students at President Bruce E. Whitaker's home February 13, some were able to find a quiet spot for one-on-one conversation. At left, Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, dean of the college, shares a thought with Melvin T. Matthews, day student SGA representative. Above, basketball must be the topic between Harry Pickett, who has covered most of the Braves' games this year for Smoke Signals, and Chaplain R. Hargus Taylor, who rarely misses one. Photos by Wilson Hitchings.

