

EDITORIAL OPINION

When Michael Burke sought the office of Student Government Association president in the spring of 1979, he told constituents and the campus community that he wanted to be "a voice" to the students here at Chowan.

Since that time, Burke and the SGA have been the target of much criticism and "flak" from the student body because of their means of attaining and spending money, most of which is allocated by the administration, and some of which is collected from the students. Burke, on the rebound, readily admits that the organization is somewhat inexperienced and has made mistakes—and he takes the blame for most of them—as the executive should: "I've made a lot of mistakes since I've been in office," he said recently. "Anytime you're doing something you're going to make mistakes... anyone who sits back and does nothing doesn't make mistakes."

Mrs. Alice Vann, one of two of the organizations advisors (the other being Mr. Steve Nelson), said she was hesitant to evaluate the organization's progress because she hasn't attended any of the meetings thus far. SGA Vice-president Nancy Loy said she would not comment on any action taken by the group's executive officers.

It came to our attention that other than receiving criticism from the students abroad, the officers were themselves, on numerous occasions feuding amongst themselves. When asked if this speculation was true, Burke did not deny the accusation. "I think if there was any dissension among the officers," he said, "most of it is clearing up."

Burke thinks the dissension and disagreements between him and his officers are over; but we don't. This group of officers, composed of Burke, Loy, Steve Whittemore, treasurer; Terri Arnold, secretary; and Greg Kaserman and Pat Csigi, the club's social chairpersons, each have minds of their own—each very independent. Three weeks ago, after an executive session in which officers strongly disagreed on a proposal, Burke said the problem with his cabinet is "jealousy", and each wants to be the "center of attention."

"I don't care to please the officers," the music major asserted. "I'm here to please the students, as long as I can do what's right. Burke, who said he hasn't been able to study at nights because of his devotion to the students on campus, said he is convinced the SGA is "becoming just like" the U.S. Government.

Presently the major concerns of most of the students is to have a variety of entertainment on campus. According to the president, the SGA will sponsor several dances before the year's over. But he didn't say whether or not he would stop charging students 50 cents for the price of admission at the SGA-sponsored movies at Columns Auditorium.

Returning students who didn't pay pay admission to the movies last year, represent the majority of the angered students. Most feel showing one's ID card is enough, since they have already paid a student-activity fee.

The SGA, according to Whittemore, will purchase 15 movies, by approval, which will total roughly \$3,200. Other expenditures thus far by SGA includes three canoes, which cost \$641.65, including paddles and life jackets; and the Sammy Hall religious concert, performed early in the year; it cost \$1,200. Chaplain R. Hargus Taylor took \$500 out of the Baptist Student Union Religious Activities budget for the concert.

Burke seems to feel the canoes could be the remedy of to many of those dull, boring afternoons here. He says the money spent on the canoes was well spent, even though the use of the canoes will be limited during the winter months, and they will have to be stored away until spring.

Saturday, Sept. 8, SGA sponsored canoe races at Lake Vann. Whittemore, who signed the requisition for the boats, said he was "overwhelmed" at the turnout of students. He said he supported the proposal to purchase them from the very beginning, although some members objected.

We support the SGA, and will so for the remainder of the year, but that doesn't necessarily mean we will agree with everything the Burke Administration may do. During the remainder of the year, it's inevitable that the organization will become closer-knit leaders, and hopefully, more conservative.

— HARRY PICKETT

Herpes II Becoming Problem

By SARAH G. WRIGHT
Director of Health Services

When we think of venereal disease, usually we refer to gonorrhea or syphilis but the increase in Herpes II has become a real problem. Herpes II is not reported routinely as syphilis and gonorrhea is, so an accurate count can not be made.

Because the symptoms of Herpes II are similar to those of the potentially life-threatening, but curable, syphilis, it is important to see a doctor if you suspect you have contracted the virus. An outbreak of the characteristic lesions resembling cold sores may also be accompanied by fever and flu-like symptoms.

Reactions to the infections can range from minor discomfort to incapacitating pain. It is not uncommon for the lesions to heal in a few days or weeks and appear again sometime later. A recurrence of the outbreak is often brought on by emotional stress or physical trauma. In rare cases, the disease can be transmitted even when there are no visible symptoms of the virus.

The American Social Health Association, a nonprofit medical organization, has started an information service for victims of the disease. The Association publishes a quarterly newsletter cataloging the latest research on the disease, available from: H E L P, Box 100, Palo Alto, California 94302.

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Student Forum

To the Editor:

I have been here at Chowan now for four weeks and, for the most part, I'm thoroughly impressed with what I see. I like my classes, professors, and my schedule.

All the guys on my floor get along well and are able to help each other out if anybody needs it. In general, the people are friendlier, even more so than at my high school, which is the size of Chowan (approximately 950 students).

The planned activities are adequate enough to take the place of most city activities. The other activities are filled by going to Hill's Pub; and the Pig Picken's, sponsored by the students of the different dormitories on campus.

The dorms and library provide good study habits, except when students who have nice stereo systems begin to show them off by "cranking" the volume.

The one aspect that doesn't contribute to good study habits is the food served in Thomas Cafeteria. Most of the food served in there is basically starch. The best part of the cafeteria is its salad bar, but I look at it this way, who can mess up a salad?

For breakfast you get running, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, pastry, and cereal; all basically starch, not a well balanced diet at all. I don't eat lunch very often, so I don't know what's generally served. For supper, however, we're served tasteless food and fatty meats which is just as bad as starch.

This college has it made with modern facilities and a good reputation, but if the administration wants to make a perfect place — spend a little more on the food!!

Sincerely,
Gary Joyce

Current Issues

What Is It That Gives Kennedy The Front-Runner's Position?

By DEAN LOWMAN

With all the recent speculation about Senator Edward Kennedy's possible bid for the Democratic nomination for president, I feel it is time to examine possible reasons for the public feeling the Massachusetts senator will be a shoo-in for the nomination. That is of course, dependent upon whether Kennedy actually wants the candidacy. However, in spite of his preference, there are several reasons why many people (particularly the "Draft Kennedy" forces) foresee him having no problem in winning the candidacy and the eventual presidency.

The first of these reasons is public sympathy. The pro-Kennedy forces realize that the majority of the American public remembers the assassinations of his brothers former president John

F. Kennedy and former senator Bobby Kennedy. These forces assume the public is sympathetic and will therefore vote for their candidate.

A second reason is the upper-class rearing of Kennedy. With factors like inflation, unemployment, poverty, and crime affecting virtually all of the American populace today, Kennedy's proponents apparently feel the public is looking for someone to lead them in the direction of Kennedy's upbringing (e.g., better education, no monetary problems, etc.).

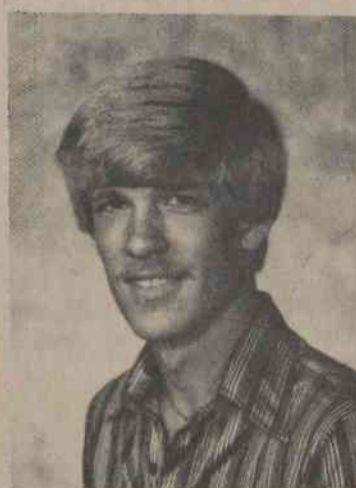
The third and most important factor is the recent ineffectuality of the other contenders for the Democratic nomination, namely President Jimmy Carter and California's governor Jerry Brown. Carter's policy while in

office has taken on a "let's hope they like it" attitude in attempting to get Congress to implement legislation on such issues as the energy crisis, the SALT II treaty, and economic measures. On the other hand, Brown, even though he has effectively cut California's governmental spending, has appeared to be "wishi-washi" on the issues. These appearances can do nothing but harm Brown and Carter.

It seems obvious, therefore, that the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination is Kennedy. If he wants the position, however, he must first step forward and claim it. In making this claim, he must take care not to divide the party. If this division were to occur, a repeat of the 1976 landslide victory by former president Richard M. Nixon could take place.

GUEST PERSPECTIVE

By SCOTT WHITE
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As co-editors of the 1979-80 Chowanoka, we would like to welcome those who are returning and those who are beginning the "Chowan Experience."

In planning for this year's annual we have compiled a set of definite goals. We will follow these goals in order to produce a book of excellent quality.

Contents of the Chowanoka will be varied to include color photographs, art work, full feature pages, picture stories, student interviews and candid photos to cover all aspects of campus.

The Chowanoka staff has just been formed and shows to be a most talented and motivated group of individuals. In working together we will produce an annual of which we can be proud.

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