

EDITORIAL OPINION

Keep the Campus Cool

The student takeover of the U. S. Embassy in Iran has caused an uproar in the United States. The sight of the angry mobs burning the American flag in Tehran, the humiliation of the blind-folded hostage who was recently paraded around by the defiant students, an effigy of President Carter being set afire, and the students chanting of "Yankee Go Home," and "Death To Carter," have sent waves of shock and pain through the hearts of all Americans.

Soon after the U. S. State Department allowed Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the deposed Shah of Iran, to enter the United States and receive cancer treatment in a New York hospital, Iranian students in Tehran, Iran's capital city, began a protest. They wanted the United States to turn the Shah back over to the Iranian government for possible legal prosecution. When the U.S. State Department said "No," the students stormed the American Embassy, taking complete control of the compound and taking the embassy's 60 to 65 American employees as hostages.

Now the American Embassy remains in the control of the students. No hostages have reportedly been harmed, but threats of the hostages' murder have been made, should the United States try to retake the embassy by force. At press time the State Department was working diplomatically to free the hostages. The students, who have the support of Iran's religious leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini, say the hostages will not be released until the United States returns the Shah, and ceases all involvement in the Middle East negotiations.

The actions of Iranian students 6,000 miles away have had a great deal of effect right here on the campus of Chowan College. As if the actions of those in Iran were directly caused by the Iranian students here, American students have unfairly insulted the Iranians by tacking derogatory notes on their dormitory doors, as well as threatening them with physical harm.

So far the Iranian students here at Chowan have remained rather peaceful. Some have criticized the actions of the U.S. government for allowing the Shah in the United States without a visa. Others are confused over the attitudes of the American citizens who want them deported. Virginia Rep. G. William Whitehurst has even introduced a bill in the House of Representatives that would deport all students whose governments permit or engage in hostile actions against U.S. citizens or property.

Threatening and insulting the Iranian students here at Chowan is most unfair. They have no control over the actions of their countrymen back home so they should not be punished just because they are Iranians. They are in this country to receive the best education possible. Improper actions by some American students could cause the foreign students to hate and distrust the people of this country.

The Iranians are here to learn from us. We should show them that we are indeed the greatest country on earth, not a bunch of hot-headed people who judge all on the actions of a few.

—GREG BASSETT

Exercise To Keep Healthy

By MARIE S. ELLIOTT
Assistant Director of Health Services
How to help Chowan College students keep well has become one of the main concerns of the Infirmary staff. We are constantly searching for new and better information to pass on to you.

A book published in 1976 has recently come to our attention. It is a well-written and entertaining book full of good advice on how to stay healthy. The book is *The Hop Skip and Jump Way to Health*, by Curtis Mitchell and is a Simon & Schuster Pocket Books publication.

Part one gives the background for a perfect exercise: hop skip and jump to health, what exercise does, and how one's body functions.

Part two outlines a personal skipping program and points out things one needs to know, tests for fun and fitness, and some famous skipping programs and steps.

Part three tells the special benefits of rope jumping. These include a faster way to lose weight and use of the jump rope to protect one's heart.

Paragraph one of the chapter on reads, "We don't wear out we rust out, according to Dr. Theodore G. Klump. 'I am convinced that one who sits and waits for death to come along will not have long to wait.'" The author then goes on to say that this rusting process, called atherosclerosis, already afflicts most adult Americans to some extent and even young people are in danger.

Anyone who is concerned and wants to begin a program to preserve his health can find *Hop Skip and Jump to Health*, by Curtis Mitchell in Whitaker Library.

Student Forum

To the Editor

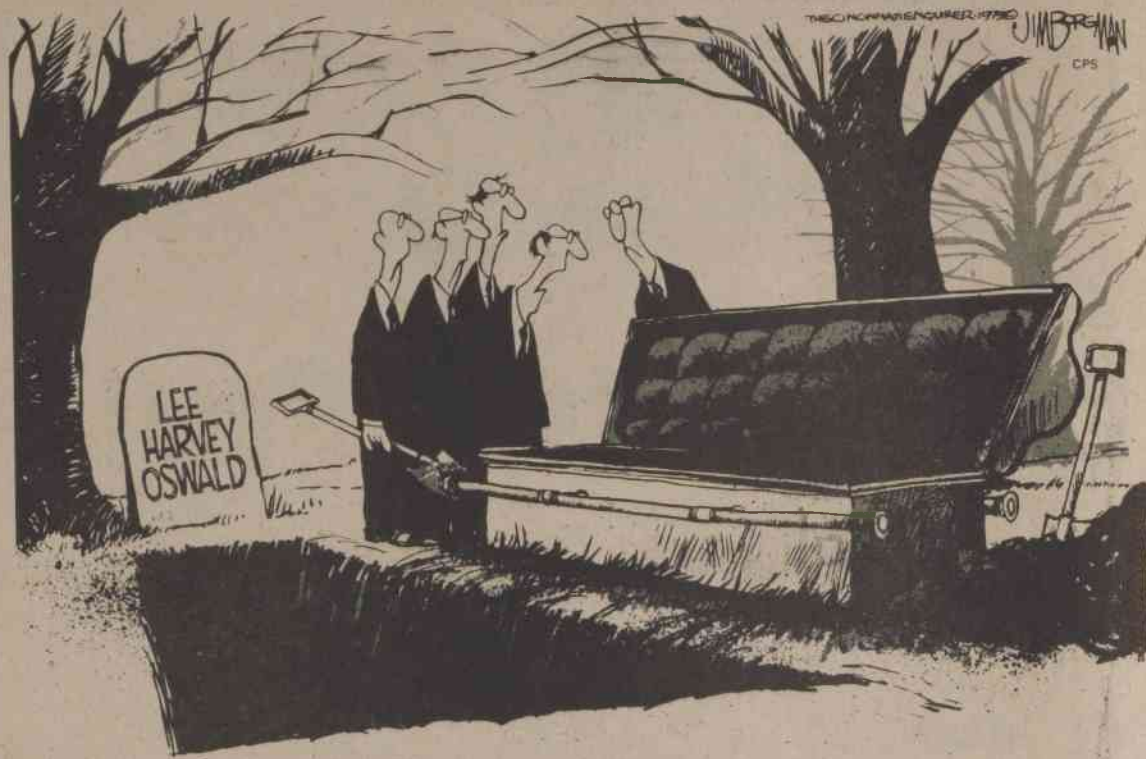
I'm writing in response to the events that occurred Wednesday, October, 17 at the 9:30 showing of the Student Government Association sponsored movie, "Jaws". We had the largest crowd ever for a movie that night. It was also the most expensive movie of the year, costing the students \$600. The average price for our movies is around \$200. Unfortunately a few students ruined it for many. We had on the night of our best movie the WORST behavior of college students this year. This will not be tolerated.

I would like to remind everyone that the use of Columns is a privilege, not a right. In 1975, Rober Walther, the SGA Vice President then, and other students were able to get Dr. Whitaker to approve the use of Columns for movies on certain conditions. Very simply put, we have got to take care of Columns and persuade others to do so. That is the reason I make the announcements at the beginning of the movies.

My fellow students can help wash away the bad memories of Jaws. When they see someone talking loudly, or anything else that might endanger the showing of the movies in Columns, if they would just say something to them. The members are working hard to provide great movies, but they can't do it all. It is not going to get better unless the students want it that way. So I say again, don't let the actions of a few ruin the show for everyone. By working together we can enjoy the movies.

Sincerely,

Greg Kaserman
SGA Social Co-Chairperson for Men



"GOOD GLORY, GENTLEMEN! IT'S PAUL MCCARTNEY!"

GUEST PERSPECTIVE

By BILL GAMBRELL
Sophomore Class President

"The Chowan Experience" is a phrase presented to each and every student during his orientation. Throughout the year the saying can be heard on any given day. What is the Experience? Is it just a choice group of words used by the college faculty and administration? No! The Chowan Experience is real, and it is concerned with the two years of a student's life which could determine his or her future.

Chowan College is a place where a student takes that step away from those years as high school material and opens doors that are much closer to life as it will be for the rest of one's existence. Granted there are policies which may seem over-bearing, but they too can be looked back on as beneficial. Patience is virtuous and tolerance a tool that can open doors which seem locked. I am not praising the policies, just accepting them. I strongly believe that they will benefit me later in my life.

Activities at Chowan are numerous during the week. The Student Government Association has done a fine job in bringing outstanding movies, good

bands and providing a good deal of extra-curricular activities to Murfreesboro. Unfortunately the SGA is composed of mortal people who can not be expected to stimulate everything that occurs here at Chowan.

As individuals and respected students in a small college community, you are the nucleus and things happen because of, or for, you. Therefore it should be you who help stimulate activities. If college policies seem to be a deterrent, don't give up. Extend your ideas and plans outside the gates of Chowan College, it's a great big world. Ideas can often be too much for one person to undertake, share your ideas, join clubs and organizations. Organizations and incorporation can have a greater impact than one person here and one person there.

Chowan is your home away from home, and like any place there are limitations; these are guidelines. What you do as individuals can be reflected as what we do as a group. In the coming months I and many other people, are hoping to find enjoyment, good times and memories in Murfreesboro. I sincerely hope we find them. That's what I'm talking about!



GAMBRELL

Current Issues

Radical Groups Cite Justice, But Eventually Lead to Hate

By DEAN LOWMAN

Outbreaks of violence by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, the Workers Viewpoint Organization and other associations based on racial "protection" have brought nothing but hatred since their conception.

Such organizations are not bad in theory. However, once they attempt their protection procedures, they tend to lower themselves and their ideas until they reach the point of doing exactly what they condemn others for doing.

Founders of these groups would have one believe that they are "looking out" for an impoverished minority, a victimized majority, or a virtually suppressed idea. In doing so, they lose

track of their supposed sense of justice and wind up attempting to reach their goals by tearing down someone or something else rather than building up their organization.

This hypocrisy is evident in their propaganda. The organizations advocate, generally, non-violence, yet their rallies frequently erupt in violence, as was the case in Greensboro earlier this month. Some of these factions express a desire for everyone to live as one happy family, yet they insist in attempting to desire for everyone to attempting to destroy rival groups.

Inevitably, these contradictory statements and action breed a sense of hatred toward the founders of the organizations. This hatred causes many

marches and or rallies to erupt in violence.

However, when these groups become violent, they thus break the law and should be punished.

Nevertheless, the groups will probably remain a part of our society even though their closed-minded attitudes are shared only by a few. Unfortunately, it will be the generations of the future that will be most affected by these associations they will either grow up learning to love their fellow man, regardless of his color or beliefs, or they will grow up learning to hate, destruct or kill anything which may not be in the accordance with their beliefs.

For everyone's sake, here's hoping for the former.

THE AMERICANS REFUSE TO EXTRADITE THE SHAH, YOUR AYATOLLAHNESS — BUT THEY DID AGREE TO TURN OVER HIS GALL BLADDER IN EXCHANGE FOR FIVE HOSTAGES!

PRaise ALLAH! TELL THEM WE'LL FREE TEN MORE FOR A HAND....

RETURN-THE-SHAH DRIVE



Something You Want To Say?

Write a Letter to the Editor.

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Editor, Smoke Signals:

On Sunday, November 4, 1979 in Iran, Khomeini's revolutionary terrorists invaded our country's embassy in Teheran. With no provocation they bound and blindfolded 60 of our country's citizens and burned our flag. Why? They demand the return of the Shah and his family to be murdered in exchange for 60 Americans.

The Shah is our friend. As Shah he supported our government's cold war policies allowing us to assist him in the modernization of Iran. With our technology we developed that country's chief product: oil.

We cannot allow the present government of Iran to make such an unreasonable demand. We cannot offer our friend and his family for "trial" (which we all know translates to murder). We cannot abandon those 60 American citizens.

What can we do?

Our government should demand immediate release of the kidnaped Americans. If they are not released unharmed and allowed to leave Iran we should close all Iranian Embassies and Consulates and deport all Iranian citizens. If these measures fail then I recommend a total economic embargo of Iran, closing all air, land and sea routes; recovery of all oil fields and the allocation of the oil to all countries.

It is time that we Americans assert our position as a strong nation refusing blackmail and threats and willing to take any action necessary to preserve this position.