



## EDITORIAL OPINION

### A Look at the 70s

In just a few days the 1970s will be over. The decade that taught us so much will become history filed away in our brain. By some, the 70s will be remembered as economically difficult, politically unstable, violent and morally lax. Others will remember the decade as one filled with fads, scientific discoveries, self-help books and heros.

But to those of us who spent the 1970s reaching towards adulthood, the years will simply be remembered as "the good old days."

Most of us were ten when the turbulent 60s ended. We were old enough to see what was going on around us but too young to fully understand it. As the decade grew, so did we. Our parents were determined that the 70s wouldn't be as tumultuous as the 60s. They almost wanted the new decade to be like the one they grew up in — the care-free 1950s. Nostalgia became an epidemic.

The 50s had its share of fads and lifestyles that have been transplanted into today's world. Although the 70s had its own special fads and unique ways of living, much of what our generation does is borrowed from the 50s. There were revivals of the toga party, roller-skating, the infamous panty raid, and even the high school prom.

The 70s were rich with fads. There were streaking, skate boarding, back packing, the CB radio, those yellow smiley faces and the "Have a nice day" expression.

There were a new breed of heros in the 70s as Jimmy Connors, Chris Evert and Billie Jean King helped rocket the tennis explosion. John Travolta had everyone dancing; Hank Aaron showed that even the great records were breakable; Steve Martin made us believe that dumb is funny; Anwar Sadat showed that one man could instigate peace; Mohammad Ali proved a tough comeback is possible; the crew of Apollo 13 taught us space exploration is a risky business; and Gerald Ford proved that nice guys finish last.

Just as he did in his famous "Checkers" speech of the 1950s, President Richard Nixon tried to convince the world "I am not a crook." Perhaps if he had had the toothy smile that helped Farrah Fawcett sell a zillion posters, the disgraced leader could have survived Watergate.

Hollywood did well in reflecting the public mood of the 70s. "Grease" and "American Graffiti" and "Animal House" responded to the demands for nostalgia; "Star Wars," history's biggest grossing motion picture, "Superman" and "Alien," provided us with the necessary science-fiction for imagination; "Jaws" turned everyone into a shark expert and had us swimming carefully; "Patton" showed us war while "Coming Home" and "The Deer Hunter" showed us its effects; "The Exorcist" and "The Omen" both had us suspicious of little kids we knew; Woody Allen made great comment on society in all of his movies; and films like "The Sting" and "Rocky" had us smiling.

Yes, the 70s were good to all of us. They were the years that witnessed our most precious moments: the relief of finally becoming a teenager, the thrill of shaving, getting a driver's license, the nervousness in the first kiss, the joy of the high school prom, proudly accepting our high school diplomas and the challenge of making it on our own in college.

Years from now we'll be telling our grandchildren all about the days when we were a teenager — the good old days — the 1970s.

—GREG BASSETT

### Another Hour Would Help

We understand why it is necessary to have a closing time for the dorm lounges. We recommend, nevertheless, that the dorm lounges be kept open an hour later on Friday and Saturday nights than the established 12 o'clock.

Some television shows that are popular among Chowan students do not go off until 1 a.m. Many couples like to watch these shows together but are unable to because the residence hall lobbies are locked at midnight. We suggest that the lobbies be locked at 1 a.m. on weekends only, as this would not interfere with academics. Other students study together and, occasionally, this rule interferes with studying because students who are studying together have to quit at midnight and have nowhere to resume their studies.

We suggest that the 1 a.m. closing be tried for one semester to determine its feasibility.

—WILLIAM HOBSON

## Haigler

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last year's talent show. His present band, Class Action, was formed this summer. They play their own material as well as songs by other artists most of which is country rock. They usually play at small private parties and bars in the northern Tidewater area. They also gave a concert at the Urbana Oyster Festival in Virginia this past October.

Joe has had twelve of his songs, all of which were written while he was with Caribou, copyrighted. He is waiting until he finds a publishing company to copyright the rest of his material. He ultimately wants to make a living with his music, but he also adds, "Music is a very competitive field and the chances of me becoming a star are slim."

## Scabies Warning Issued

By SARAH G. WRIGHT

Director of Health Services

Scabies has been making a widespread comeback in the last few years. The public schools have experienced an increase in the number of people seen with the condition.

Due to the close contact among school children, scabies can spread rather rapidly. Since it is that time of year when college students are returning home for the holidays, there will probably be more contact with the outside community.

The nurse is often asked what is scabies. The following is a printout provided by the Hertford County Health Department titled, Scabies, 10-18-74.

### SCABIES

Scabies is a skin infection caused by the "itch mite", a very small eight-legged creature that burrows into the skin. This results in severe itching. Mange in dogs is caused by a mite similar to the one that usually affects humans. The dog mange mite can spread from dogs to humans, causing a form of scabies that is usually milder than that due to the human itch mite.

In adults and older children the itching rash of scabies is found most often between the fingers; the wrists, armpits, waist, and thigh areas are also commonly affected. Children under five years of age may have scabies anywhere on the body.

Itching does not usually begin until the mite has taken up residence for one to two months. Unless treated, the human form of the disease can last for years.

Human scabies is spread from person to person by close physical contact and is generally a problem only among members of the same household. Spread from infested bedding or clothes can occur but is thought to be rare. The adult mite can survive away from humans for two or three days.

Treatment of scabies consists of applying Kwell ointment (cream, lotion) to the entire body (except the face and scalp) after a bath in the evening. The ointment is left on overnight and another bath is taken the next morning to remove the medicine. Kwell is a prescription drug. Some physicians may prefer to prescribe a different drug and/or different directions. Retreatment may be necessary in some cases but is not usually required.

Since it takes such a long time for itching to develop after a person first becomes infected with the itch mite, all members of a household should take treatment at the same time whether they all have symptoms or not. Clean clothing and bedding should be used beginning immediately after treatment.

### Current Issues

## Hypocrisy of Iran Regime Bared by Embassy Takeover

By DEAN LOWMAN

The recent capture and takeover of the American embassy in Teheran has not only created a sense of world concern and sympathy for the hostages, but has also revealed the obvious hypocrisy of the Ayatollah Khomeini-controlled government of Iran.

Although the revolutionary students had a good idea in attempting to get the exiled ex-shah to return to Iran, they went about it in a totally absurd fashion. They failed to realize the political and economical impact that the takeover could cause.

Approximately 90 per cent of the

countries that have sided with either Iran or the United States with regard to this incident have sided the U.S. These countries have mainly been concerned with the safe release of the hostages even though the tactics of the ex-shah are being protested.

Those few countries that have sided with Iran have done so largely for religious reasons (most of these countries are Moslem) and have not been that mindful of the safety of the abducted Americans.

This imbalance of sentiment ultimately will hurt Iran in a crucial area—the pocketbook. The United

States has already declared a moratorium on oil purchases from Iran while France has claimed that it would not take advantage of the extra availability of oil this move created.

Perhaps the most illogical aspect of the takeover is that although the captors profess to be members of the Moslem faith, a religion whose theme proclaims peace and brotherhood, these men gave chosen to use styles of both violence and torture in the treatment of the hostages.

Also, the entire populace of Iran has been seemingly swept off its feet by the revolution and rule of the Ayatollah. At times, it appears the followers of Khomeini have made him into a hero, an idol, a god. Surely the beliefs of the Moslem faith would not allow anyone to be worshipped more than Allah, its god. However, the event has occurred.

Both the takeover and the idolization of the Ayatollah are well-intended; however, they have exceeded their bounds. True, the ex-shah may have murdered many hundreds of people, but didn't the Ayatollah immediately have many of his own enemies put to death after taking power.

It seems that the Iranians may have exchanged one evil for an equal, or potentially more severe, one. Highly illogical!

However, if the shah did commit these crimes, he should be tried and given just punishment. But there is no question as to the senselessness of the student takeover of the American embassy. It (the takeover) began only violence rather than justice.

## GUEST PERSPECTIVE



HARRIS

By PAM HARRIS

Cheerleader Co-Captain

Cheerleading at Chowan College is open to both male and female student. Tryouts are held early in the Fall Semester.

Cheerleaders are selected to maintain enthusiasm and school spirit, to promote and develop a sense of good sportsmanship among the students, and to better the relationship between Chowan College and other teams at athletic events.

Cheerleaders for 1979-80 are Pam Harris, co-captain, Murfreesboro; Jackie Bass, co-captain, Durham; Denise Martin, Roanoke, Va.; Diane Palmer, Fayetteville; Kather Ferrell, Roanoke Rapids; Carol Culp, New London; Denise Reynolds, Virginia Beach, Va.; Freda Powers, Norfolk, Va.; Annette Johnson, Hertford; Eddie Tomlin, Buena Vista, Va.; and Johnny Carsterns, Indian, Cape Charles, Va.

Our cheerleader sponsor is Mrs. Alice D. Vann, director of residence life.

## Student Forum

Dear Editor;

Instead of verbally or physically attacking the Iranians I feel we should be asking their forgiveness for forcing a dictator upon them for twenty five years, who exploited his own people for personal gain, simply because he gave us favorable treatment in the use of Iran's natural resources.

We preach democracy at home, but support autocracies abroad so long as they give us good financial deals for their natural resources. With only 6

percent of the world's population we are still using annually 40 percent of the world's natural (non-renewable) resources. The rest of the world is now demanding their fair share, at least in the profits. The U. S. A. will have to learn to eat some "humble-pie" and change our life style, or be in constant conflict with the rest of the world.

Yours truly,  
John W. Gosnell

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