

# No Punishment Planned for SGA Head After 'Raid'

By HARRY PICKETT  
Editor

Michael Burke, Student Government Association president, will not be impeached or suspended from office as rumors had it in early December after his actions following an "attempted" toothbrush raid at Belk Hall.

It seems that Burke, who was one of the instigators in a panty raid in October, squirted shaving cream on girls who were chasing him outside of East Hall after the raid.

After being summoned to SGA advisor and Residence Life Director Mrs. Alice Vann after the incident, Burke denied his frivolous shaving cream

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escapade. But later had to own up to it, as Smoke Signals photographer Randy "Rock" Murphy unveiled photos of the incident.

Asked if he denied telling Mrs. Vann that he was not involved in the melee,

Burke said, "I don't know if I told her that or not, I could have. I don't recall." Clayton Lewis, dean of students, said he disapproved of Burke's motives. He said he did not know the president was involved until late the next morning. He was informed by a member of the Student Development Staff.

The night of the spoof toothbrush raid, Burke said he was in his room when he received a phone call from a girl. The girl was probably from Columns Hall, he noted, because he has received threats and nasty letters from them all year.

"She said I had better lock my door or they were going to get me," Burke explained. "They thought I was in the last raid."

Burke, who stays in Parker Hall, said the girl said she and her friends were coming to raid the whole dorm. Burke said the girls "were going to make sure they were going to get me."

Burke said he then immediately went to Scott Colclough, head resident at Parker, to tell him of the girls' intentions, but he was out. He then went to Greg Kaserman, resident assistant on second floor, and Kaserman locked the doors to Parker Hall.

The student executive said he then called Mrs. Marcella Buffalo, head resident at Belk Hall, to warn her that some Parker men were on their way over to the girls' dorm. But he insisted

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he never went to Belk Hall to start the raid. "I only wanted to stop the raid."

According to bystanders, the attempted raid was broken up by members of the administration. Then Burke emerged on the scene with shaving cream in hand at East Hall, squirting his rivals with the white foam.

"Certainly I don't approve of this (Burke's actions) or the young ladies going into residence halls to raid for toothbrushes," Lewis said after the incident. "There is competition or conflict between Mike Burke and the girls in Columns."

Burke and Lewis had a conference two days later. "I didn't tell him he

would be suspended," Lewis offered. "I told him of the prospect of an officer being relieved of his duties, but I wasn't specifically talking about him."

"I told him we couldn't have it," Lewis continued. "As an officer he couldn't behave in such a manner, particularly since he was SGA president."

Burke said he didn't know why he was called to Dean Lewis' office at the time. "I don't know for sure, but I think it was because of a news reporter."

The SGA president claims the photos taken of him by Smoke Signal's Murphy were fake prints. "This is a school of Graphic Arts and this is a good school for photography. I think they could do trick photography if they wanted."

"I told Dean Lewis that Harry Pickett (Smoke Signals editor) was out to get me."

Lewis said Burke is capable of being an effective SGA president but noted, however, that past presidents have been suspended at Chowan for improper behavior.

"Mike Burke has got to learn a lesson that Richard Nixon had to learn," Lewis said. "Nixon had to learn that he was not above the law."

"If you play, you pay."



That's Not Snow on Burke's Jacket (Photo by Randy Murphy)

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# Black Musical Group Blasts SGA

## Energy Cutdown Requested

By GREG BASSETT

Soaring energy costs are prompting school officials to request that students be mindful of their energy use in the dormitories.

"The best measure for conserving energy is for people to learn to think," said Jack Hassell, superintendent of buildings and grounds. "We all have a habit of wasting energy. Cost is the only thing teaching us to save energy."

Since 1972, the cost of heating oil has increased six times, while the cost of electricity has increased four times. In January 1972 the college was able to purchase fuel oil at 14 cents per gallon and is currently up to 89 cents per gallon. According to Hassell, conservation is more important now than ever before.

"The student eventually has to pay," Hassell observed. "When the utility bills go up, so does the tuition."

All the buildings on campus with the exception of Parker Hall, are heated with oil, according to Hassell. Although Whitaker Library is the most costly of all buildings on campus to operate, Parker Hall is a close second. Hassell explained that since Parker is completely electric, it is not as efficient to operate. He also pointed out that Parker residents have control of room thermostats, unlike other dormitory residents.

Hassell said he expects an electric bill in January comparable to the September bill of \$20,074. He explained that September's bill is usually about the same as January's since the amount of power necessary in the generation of heat and air conditioning are about the same.

Dormitory temperatures are currently controlled by time clocks in all buildings except Parker Hall. Over Christmas break, the individual thermostats were adjusted in Parker so that a temperature of 70 degrees could be maintained. Also Hassell said, dorms operating on a time clock are set so that everyone should be fairly comfortable. He noted that temperatures are set to around 71 degrees in the mornings and evenings when students are most likely to be in the rooms and are lower late at night and during the day, but never go below 65 degrees.

Warning labels have been placed on heating units in Parker Hall. Hassell said there is a need to keep the temperatures down in Parker this year. "We found some rooms in Parker to be as hot as 77 to 81 degrees last year." He added that he does want people to be comfortable, but said, "I want them to be comfortable with clothes on, not sitting around in shorts." Hassell remarked, "It's not right for everyone else to sacrifice and then let Parker have thermostat control."

Hassell said he is serious that room occupants in Parker Hall could be fined if the temperature controls are tampered with. He said if several thermostats were found to have been tampered with, he may have to start the fining process.

College energy costs are paid out of the budget for the department of buildings and grounds. According to

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Dr. Whitaker deposits a check for \$500,000 for the new gymnasium. He is assisted by Chowan alumna, Mrs. Shirley Dickens of N.C.N.B. Also present

from left, Business Manager Ben Sutton, Bob Hill, Sr., member of the Board of Trustees, and Bobby Cross, director of development.

# \$2.5 Million Goal for Gymnasium Reached; Whitaker Thanks Many for Aid in 'Victory'

Chowan College has reached its goal of \$2.5 million in its campaign for a new gymnasium-physical education center.

Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker said the amount includes a \$500,000 challenge grant made in August by an anonymous donor. The donor stipulated that the college raise an additional \$400,000 to complete and equip the

facility at a total project cost of \$2.5 million.

Whitaker said Chowan qualified for the 500,000 challenge grant when it completed its drive for the additional \$400,000 on Dec. 31. Whitaker said the college expects to receive the challenge grant this month.

At the request of the donor of the

\$500,000 challenge grant, the facility will be named in honor of Jesse A. Helms, Baptist layman and United States senator from North Carolina.

Whitaker thanked the many different individuals and groups who assisted the college in reaching the \$2.5 goal, which he called a "victory."

Noted Chowan's president, "We were successful because many, many people worked, prayed and gave. Those who served as volunteer leaders and workers and contributed to the campaign include alumni, trustees, advisors, parents, faculty and staff, and other friends and groups. To all of these and others our victory is due."

He expressed "special gratitude" to General Chairman E. L. Hollowell of Edenton; Honorary Chairman Mrs. Textie Camp Marks of Boykins, Va.; State Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston and Mrs. Mary Matthews Holt of Nashville, co-chairpersons, and other members of the leadership gifts committee, members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, to include Chairman H. D. White of Rocky Mount of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. Melvin Kunkle of Portsmouth, Va., chairman of the Board of Advisors. Dr. Whitaker said "numerous student generations and the area will be the beneficiaries."

The new facility is expected to be completed in mid-April. It will be used both for Chowan's intramural program for men and women and for varsity

sports in men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, and wrestling. Chowan's students will also have access to the facility for recreational activities including swimming, handball, paddle tennis, and basketball. Space will also be provided for a weight room, mini-gym, faculty offices, and two classrooms.

Chowan's president said the pool will be named for the late Ruth Camp Campbell of Franklin, Va. He said she "devoted a lifetime of service to her church, community and region."

Whitaker said "plans are being formulated to provide an endowment for the maintenance and operation of the gymnasium-physical education facility."

He said the new facility will strengthen the entire program of the college. "On the last day of the decade of the seventies, we have become successful in our drive to provide the last major facility envisioned on our campus. This culminates over two decades of intensive physical growth and assures that future generations of Chowan students will have the benefit of studying and learning on one of the most beautiful and well equipped campuses in the nation."

"Now we face the exciting challenges of the eighties optimistically. We do so by recommitting our energies to strengthening our service to students and the entire area."

## Body Held 'Selfish' 'Wasteful'

By HARRY PICKETT

Black members of the campus band "New Breeze" blasted the Student Government Association after the organization's January 21 meeting, calling the SGA "one-sided" and "selfish" and charging members with using the money allocated to them "wastefully."

Two bandsmen, both of whom are active students on campus, wished to remain anonymous after they requested the right to play at an SGA-sponsored dance March 21. The SGA listened to their request and their asking price of \$400, but according to the musicians, "did not seem interested."

The legislature voted to listen to an audition before approving a "New Breeze" concert. The two musicians said Steve Laney, an SGA representative, listened to the band a week before.

"Laney went to a practice, heard us and loved us," one band member explained. "Laney said SGA President Mike Burke drew up a contract but couldn't give us more than \$400."

"The question is, why didn't he (Laney) bring it up at the meeting?"

The musicians feel they are being discriminated against because the SGA voting majority is white, and the bands the SGA plan to book this spring are predominantly white.

According to SGA social chairperson for men, Greg Kaserman, the SGA will pay \$600 for Sand Castle February 14, and another \$600 March 6 for Tracks. Catilina will cost \$1,600 for an April 26 concert.

"We feel 1,600 for a band to play for four hours is too long and too much," the musicians agreed. "We have many bands on campus who love to entertain. With \$400, the money would be kept in the school."

"How can this be done if SGA gets bands no one has heard of?"

Kaserman and Burke are both reluctant about the acquisition of the group and both say the band does not have the proper equipment to perform adequately. "They want to put on the show, but they don't have the equipment," Kaserman asserted. "In other words, we'll be sponsoring it."

The blacks say SGA does not have programs that interest a wide variety of students on campus, and because of it, students aren't as interested in the SGA functions as they should be.

They said they realize black participation in the SGA wasn't good, but the "whites want you there because you're a token. They want it leveled off so it looks good."

SGA, according to the two sophomores, wasted money on canoes, which they say are used sparingly during the year; spends too much on the film budget, most notably the proposed \$5,500 bill for second semester movies; and of course, spending money for "outside" bands.

Items which they say could benefit the campus community include: microphones and cords, locks for doors and overall improvement on weekend functions.

"They supposed to do all things pertaining to all students."