



Atkinson (left) and Laney (Photo by Gary G. Joyce)

# SGA Elections Slated March 5; Six of Candidates Unopposed

By HARRY PICKETT  
Students for the various offices of Student Government Association for the 1980-81 school year will be elected March 5, according to SGA advisor Alice Vann.

Positions open for the executive jobs are president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, social co-chairperson for men and women, historian and auditor.

Vann said the SGA hopefuls will give speeches at assembly on Monday,

March 3, and on Wednesday, March 5, for the student body to become acquainted with the candidates and listen to their credentials and ideas.

The offices of president and vice-president were at press time the only ones sought by more than one candidate.

The office getting the most attention, for obvious reasons, is the presidency, where Steve Laney of Charlotte and Sharee C. Atkinson of Dinwiddie, Va. are vying for the top spot. Many are

regarding this race as a toss-up between the two Dean's List students.

Three Chowanians seek the vice-presidency. At present there is no clear-cut favorite among the candidates, Jefferey D. Prillaman of Greensboro, Darlene J. Keene of Ahoskie and Louis Mangas of Zebulon.

Unopposed candidates are Ann W. Kellam of Onley, Va. for secretary; Diane La Breux of Virginia Beach, Va., for treasurer; Pierce Burke of Greenville, S.C. for social co-

chairperson for men; Beverly Price of Hampton, Va. for social co-chairperson for women, and Kathy L. DeHart of Stoneville for historian.

The officers elected will assume their duties in the fall of this year.

Present SGA officers include: Mike Burke, president; Nancy Loy, vice-president; Steve Whittemore, treasurer; Terri Arnold, secretary; Greg Kaserman, social co-chairperson for men; Pat Csigi, social co-chairperson for women; Bernie Miller, historian; and Cindy Gray, auditor.

## Two Aspirants File For Top Position

### Atkinson Pledges No Conflict

By DEAN LOWMAN

Sharee Atkinson, a Dinwiddie, Va. freshman, is among the candidates vying for the 1980-81 SGA presidency.

While at Chowan, Miss Atkinson has been placed on the Dean's List, selected as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and chosen to take an honors course in Religion. She also graduated in the top ten of her high school class while being a member of the National Honor Society.

Miss Atkinson plans to "represent and inform" the student body about SGA activities, if elected. She also wants to continue the current revision of the SGA Constitution as well as investigate students' complaints about the way money allotted to the SGA by the school is being spent.

While wanting to increase "weekend activities for the students who stay on campus," the freshman plans to continue working toward many of the goals the current administration is striving for.

Although she admits not being very familiar with details of the present Student Government Association's actions, Miss Atkinson guarantees that she will, if elected, serve the student body "without any conflict of interest."

### Laney Cites Legislative Experience

By HARRY PICKETT

Steve Laney wants to be Student Government Association president for the 1980-81 school year, in fact he says he can "taste it" already. The Charlotte resident will seek the office March 5 when he opposes Sharee C. Atkinson of Dinwiddie, Va.

In a recent interview with Smoke Signals, Laney spoke of his qualifications, goals and feelings toward the position as SGA president. He said he's waited for this moment for "so long", and hopes he gets his wish as he tackles his second political election at Chowan College.

As a freshman class presidential candidate in December, the West Charlotte High graduate defeated Louis Mangas 53-27 in a land-slide victory. Mangas, of Zebulon, has decided to seek the SGA vice-presidential post in the annual election.

Laney, already an SGA representative, says the experience he's gained by being a member of the government's legislature would "definitely" prove invaluable should he be elected. He said he would be more "familiar" with the

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Mulder Reads Letter to Micky (Photo by Andre Foster)

## 'My Three Sons' Is Mulder's Theme

by KATHY FISHER

Bob Mulder is the father of two seven year old boys that he has never seen. They are Alfonso Venalanzo of Acapulco, Mexico and Yesudas Kanakappa of Andhra Pradesh, South India.

Mulder adopted the boys through Children, Incorporated, an agency located in Richmond, Va. This is an international organization that assists children of all races and creeds by administering to their physical, mental and spiritual needs.

"I became interested in this organization two years ago when I read one of the monthly newsletters published by the president and board of directors," said Mulder, and for the past two years he has been supporting the boys through monthly gifts.

Mulder's natural son Micky, who is in the first grade at Ridgecroft School, is also seven years old. They both enjoy receiving letters from Alfonso and Yesudas and writing to them.

"We write to the boys once each month and hear from them about as often. One of our most satisfying moments is to receive the letters from these boys," Mulder explained. "They are so appreciative of their sponsors." Over Christmas they received hand-

made Christmas cards from the two adopted boys. These can be seen in the photograph.

This organization was founded by Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke (1887-1970), and the present International Director-President is Mrs. Jeanne Clarke Wood. In addition to sponsoring these two boys, Mulder is involved in various other activities. He has been teaching in Chowan College's English Department since 1965 and is the Minister of Music at Meherrin Baptist Church.

He is the editor-publisher of his own magazine, *New Earth Review*, which is now in its fifth year with 2600 subscribers from every state and eight foreign countries. "The magazine," he explained, "publishes poetry of its subscribers; it is a subsidy publishing venture giving many writers a chance to see their poems in print who might not otherwise be published."

Mulder also published WRITER'S FORUM, a newsletter for creative writers, and he is the author of four books of poetry, including *The Shepherd Who Stayed Behind*, *The tenor of My Song* and *Backyard Cowboy* (a collection of poems about his son).

At present, he is writing stories and articles under assignment for six different publications.



FANCY FOOTWORK — Coach Jim Garrison draws applause as he participates in a number with members of "County Square" from Gates County at the recent dance in Daniel Hall. (Photo by Jeanne Kelley)

## East Hall Rats Defy Efforts To Evict Them by Poisoning

By GREG BASSETT

Despite repeated attempts to poison rats living in East Hall, dormitory residents report that the rodents are still in the building and seem to have no intention of leaving. But according to school officials, the problem of rat infestation will be solved as soon as the poison baited to lure the rats has time to take effect.

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Jack Hassell said the first notice he received of the rats living in East Hall came around January 19. Hassell said that he had doubted the presence of rats in the building, and thinking the problem to be mice, inspected the building. He recounted that he was surprised when there was "no question" that rats were indeed in the dormitory. He called the college's regular exterminating service immediately.

Hassell said that since the first report of the rats, professional exterminators have given East Hall three treatments, the most recent one being February 12. He added that Mixon and Jenkins Halls as well as the President's Home were also treated to insure the buildings remain free of rats.

At present there is no solid explanation for the rat infestation in East Hall, but Hassell said he has been told by the exterminators that a large rat problem currently exists in this area and reports of unusual infestations are coming from all over the county.

Meanwhile, students living in East Hall are disturbed by the presence of rats and said that the rodents continue to inhabit the building. One rat was reportedly conered in a second floor room and beaten to death with a broom. The rats have gotten into food in the rooms and one rat had actually moved candybars and hidden them under a bed.

The rats are said to be three to five inches long, plus tail, and "about as big as a squirrel." But some report the rats to be "the size of a rabbit."

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Hassell concedes that students may see no immediate effect from the poison bait traps but explained the college has

a contract with the exterminators to see that the campus is kept pest free. He said the extermination service is "very concerned" about the rats and has had the halls inspected by specialists.

Once eaten, the poison causes the rats to seek water outside of the building. The dehydrated rodents usually die as a result of drinking and the poison works to get them outside where they can die. Hassell explained the poison takes 10 to 12 days to work but expects the rats to be gone soon.

"This is the first time we've had rats since at least 1960," remarked Hassell.

"I don't know what's causing it either." He speculated that East Hall could be easily accessible due to entrance designs. "They're usually drawn to garbage, but I don't know what's drawing them there." Hassell said the exterminators could reach no conclusion as to why the rats chose East Hall.

Hassell said that his department has received no reports of rats in any campus building besides East Hall. Precautionary measures have been undertaken to assure the rats stay away from Thomas Cafeteria, he said.

### Interesting People on Campus

## The Lady With the Stick Is Linda

By BELINDA ELMORE

If you see a lady walking around campus with a walking stick, it's probably Counselor Linda Owens.

Miss Owens is a very dedicated person. She gives a lot of time to Chowan Students. She loves working at Chowan because "the people, especially the students, are great." I enjoy the fact that the college is interested in student programming." An example of this interest is Camp Cale and New Games.

Counselor Owens works odd hours. She is on the job 24 hours a day. Whenever a student needs her, she's there to help in any way possible. On campus, she's a counselor, a career and student developer and a softball coach. She goes out of the line of duty to meet the needs of Chowan students.

If Miss Owens has any spare time, she spends it making walkingsticks. She is constantly carving a stick, sanding it down or stripping the bark off. Besides making walking sticks, Linda enjoys discovering the surrounding territory. She loves the Outer Banks and goes whenever she can fit it into her schedule.

Linda has lived in the mountains of North Carolina all her life. She lived in Asheville before she came to Chowan. This is the first time she has ever lived away from the mountains. Linda loves the mountains and the waterfalls are peaceful.

Even Counselor Owens needs time alone. "Everyone needs time to deal with himself and to recuperate from the day. You have to keep your energy level up." Miss Owens likes to be alone

at times, but she is usually doing what she likes best, working with the students.

If a student ever has a problem with school or family, Linda Owens is there

to listen to him. She will give the student as much help as she can. Her office is in Stone Hall on the second floor, where she'll probably be found working on a new walking stick.



Owens and Walking Sticks (Photo by Janet Herzog)

## Matmen Win Title In Region

COCOA, F.L.A. — Although Doug Saunders and Steve Miltakakis were the only individual champions, the Braves won enough other places to offset Chattahoochee's four winners and win the Southeastern Regional wrestling title. (Details in the next issue of Smoke Signals.)

Nine Braves represented Chowan in the district tournament. They are Earl Sheppard in the 118-pound division, who finished with a 12-0 dual meet record and 19-4 overall; Russell Moore (126) 6-2, 8-5-1; Doug Saunders (134) 10-1, 18-4; Kenny Barber (150) 7-1-2, 11-4-2; Donald White (158) 8-1-1, 12-4-1; Doug Smith (158-167) 4-0, 7-2-1; Lawrence Blackwell (177) 5-4, 8-8-1; Steve Miltakakis (190) 6-0, 13-1; David Leman (heavyweight) 11-1, 15-1.

Coach Steve Nelson said a "team effort" produced the perfect record. "We really had excellent depth. When one wrestler was injured, the one who took his place either did as well or even better," he explained. Another highlight was capturing the Newport News invitational tournament.

Nelson started the wrestling program five years ago. Chowan's record that year was 0-13. Nelson noted that only two of his top ten wrestlers are sophomores and the others are expected to return. In addition, he plans to recruit a number of outstanding athletes to provide stiff competition for starting positions at all weight divisions.

Chowan College's wrestling team completed a perfect regular season defeating three teams February 9 for a 12-0 dual meet record.

The Braves closed their regular season defeating Montgomery, 30-12; Newport News Apprentice School, 40-14; and Longwood College, 57-0. It was the third straight winning season for Chowan and improved on its 11-6 mark of last year.

Chowan was scheduled to compete in the Southeastern District Tournament in Cocoa, Fla. February 18-19. The national tournament will be held March 6-10 in Worthington, Minn.