

CHOWAN OLYMPICS — Jim Estelle (upper) and Jim Phillips careen down "Mount Marks" in an improvised luge event. (Photo by Bennie Bridgewater)

## Missing Candy Bars Traced to Rat Hole

By MENFORD GRISEWOLD  
East Hall is experiencing a problem with rats walking on the ceilings and, in some cases, in their rooms.

William Hammons, of the second floor, was one of the first to see a rat in his room, but practically everyone has heard the scratches and scrapes caused by the "resident rodents."

Hammons explained that on coming back on campus after Christmas, he bought about 10 candy bars. After leaving the room momentarily, he found the candy bars gone. Assuming that someone had stolen them, he did nothing about it.

But on February 6, one of the candy bars was found behind his door. "I thought whoever took the candy was rubbing it in," Hammons stated.

He then noticed the rat and another candy bar at the end of his bed. He reacted by grabbing a broom and crippling it. Hammons then found an opening near the end of his bed. He moved it (the bed) and found the remaining of his missing candy bars.

According to Hammons, some occupants on the second floor later took the approximate 14-inch rat to the Head Resident. The students then took the rat to Dean Clayton Lewis' home.

George Kenworthy, Hammons' roommate, said that the dean blames the presence of rats on food being in the room.

Another incident involving rats, prompted some first floor residents to purchase air deodorizers for their rooms. A rat had apparently died between the walls, and the smell was "unbearable," according to the occupants, Rhett Coates and Howard Williams. "We have five deodorizers, which are all in use."

Commenting on the dean's observation, Williams said that food couldn't have lured the rats in his room because, it's on "rare occasions" that he or his roommate has food in the

## UFO's Seen By Student

Ronald E. Wood, who returned to the Chowan campus this semester, has been a student of aircraft and flying objects for a number of years. Following is his account of the sighting of a mysterious group of objects in the sky above Murfreesboro last month.

By RONALD E. WOOD  
Three air borne disks were seen Saturday the 12th of last month near Murfreesboro N.C. along US 158. The objects at first appeared to at a distance to be airplanes, but as they got closer the objects appeared to disk-shaped craft and there was no sound during the time of the sighting and no smoke trail.

Smoke trails, if these were aircraft, would be visible. Further up was a strange aircraft which looked like the Beechcraft Skipper. But at the time of the sighting, my attention was focussed on the objects.

They were gray disk-shaped and before they disappeared, two of the objects went one on top of the other while the third remained side by side with the lower of the two. Military aircraft would not be refueling over a populated area, so this explanation can be ruled out.

These objects stayed in sight for more than ten minutes, then just disappeared.

room. Williams added that the dorm (East) should be "renovated and exterminated."

Whether East Hall would get exterminated is up to college officials, but according to Kenneth Smith (second floor) "Ben" and "Willard" started off something like this too, and most of us know how much damage they caused!"

## Arnold To Head Trustees

Chowan College trustees elected the Rev. J. Felix Arnold of Enfield as their chairman and emphasized the endowment program and other financial matters during their semi-annual meeting February 11.

The trustees also elected State Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston, vice chairman and J. E. Ferebee of Camden, chairman of the Executive Committee.

President Bruce E. Whitaker reported the endowment fund has increased from under \$7,000 in 1957 to over \$2 million. He asked the trustees to assist the college in reaching a \$5 million goal within two or three years and a \$50 million goal "within a generation."

## Good Diet Includes Basic Food

By SARAH G. WRIGHT  
Director of Health Services

Now that the big snows have come and gone, are you beginning to daydream about days at the beach? How will you look in your bathing suit? If there are a few bulges here and there, now is the time to start taking the pounds off. If you are too thin, you could begin now to consume a few extra calories.

We Americans are eating more calories and exercising less. The rewards for this are hypertension, heart disease, other circulatory diseases and diabetes.

If you are considering dieting, don't forget the four basic food groups and do include them in your diet each day. They are: bread and cereal group, fruit and vegetable group, milk group, and meat and protein groups.

Do exclude gravies, butter, rich dressings, sour cream, rich pastries, and other such desserts. Perhaps if you omitted only these high calorie foods you would be well on your way to losing those few extra pounds.

Your scales will surely let you know if you are eating too much. When more calories are taken in than are burned up, pounds are added. When you burn up more than you take in pounds are lost.

The scales in the infirmary are in a convenient place for you to weigh. Come in and use them. We will also give you a calorie chart if you need one.

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procedures of SGA than Atkinson would likely be.

"Sharee's non-involvement in the SGA could prove to be a deciding factor in the election," he explained.

The Dean's List student is quick to note that as the SGA executive, he could maintain the close rapport he has with the faculty and administration on campus. Presently he is a member of the Athletic Committee, Entertainment, Intramural, Housing and the Counseling Center Student Leadership Group.

"I feel that for a freshman I have an exceptional relationship with the faculty and administration," the printing technology student asserted, "and in order to successfully act for the students, this is essential."

"My involvement in these committees has broadened my knowledge of Chowan to the extreme. I've learned a lot about how Chowan works and the people who are involved with each section of development."

### Present SGA

As an active member of the 1979-80 SGA legislature, Laney feels everything is going along smoothly, even though there's a lot of "student" criticism. He attributes this criticism to the lack of understanding SGA policies.

Changes he said he would make include accepting evaluations and acting on all "suggestions" and "problems" presented to him, because as a student, "other's problems are my problems too."

He went on to emphasize that it is important to him to have good student involvement next year, and that he would stress it as far as he could. A campus-wide plan to comprehend SGA duties and functions will be enacted in order for all students to understand more clearly the functions of the government.

### Student-views

Laney noted that since he was appointed to the SGA legislature, he has developed a keen interest in student views. He announced to students at mid-term during fall semester of his intentions of becoming a candidate, and he wanted their ideas on actions they wanted seen put in effect.

"I feel student views are not evaluated as they should be," he continued. "Without this evaluation of student government, then the organization would have no meaning."

### Mike Burke

Laney didn't want to speak critically of SGA president Mike Burke for his inability to agree with his officers earlier in the fall, his involvements in a party raid, or his involvements in squirting shaving cream on bystanders after an attempted toothbrush raid. He did however, feel Burke could stand "personal improvement."

"No offense to Mike, but his behavior has decreased his popularity. The SGA presidency is a prestigious position, definitely an honor."

"My behavior if elected will increase my popularity," Laney went on. "I feel, however, that Mike has done an excellent job in devoting time to SGA"

### Thought planning

Laney has made plans to have just 14 credit hours each semester next year. He notes that the agenda of an SGA president is demanding, and by loading up this year, he will have "ample" time to devote to student affairs.

He feels Atkinson's time will be a "limited" because she will be taking 18 hours per semester in the Pre-Engineering curriculum.

### Hopeful's background

Laney, 18, is a 1979 graduate of West Charlotte High School where he received the school's "Mr. Senior" award. He was presented, also, with his high school administration's award for outstanding meritorious service.

At Chowan, Laney is one of the more active students. He presently presides as president of West Hall's dorm council and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Chowan's honor fraternity.

This is only Laney's second political venture. The thought of political career, he notes, has crept in his mind before, but right now the thought of being owner of his own commercial graphics business takes precedence.

The two candidates will speak to the student body at assembly on Monday, March 3, and Wednesday, March 5, before the balloting.

## Downeast Chamber Appears March 6

Chowan students are invited to attend a Community Concert featuring the Downeast Chamber Players on Thursday, March 6 at 8:15 p.m. in McDowell Columns auditorium.

The Downeast Chamber Players combines the talents of four outstanding musicians on violin, clarinet, cello and piano to present a wide and varied repertoire from the Baroque through the contemporary.

Each member of the Downeast Chamber Players brings a wealth of chamber music experience, as performers and master teachers.

Students may use attendance at concerts to reduce absences from assembly.

**VOTE**  
**Pierce Burke**  
Social Co-Chairman for Men

# Helms Gymnasium Will Contain Ultimate in Sports Facilities

By GREG BASSETT

Completion of howan's \$2.5 million gymnasium is finally in sight as the sports facility destined to add to the college's reputation as one of the best two-year schools in the country could be finished in April.

It will replace the aging present gymnasium built in 1954 to accommodate a student population of 300. Now that Chowan has swelled to over 1,000 students, a new gym is needed to house the college's expanding sports department and replace the dilapidated hanger-like facility.

The new gymnasium will be named in the honor of North Carolina senior U.S. Senator and Baptist layman Jesse A. Helms, who is expected to attend the grand dedication ceremonies to be held in the spring.

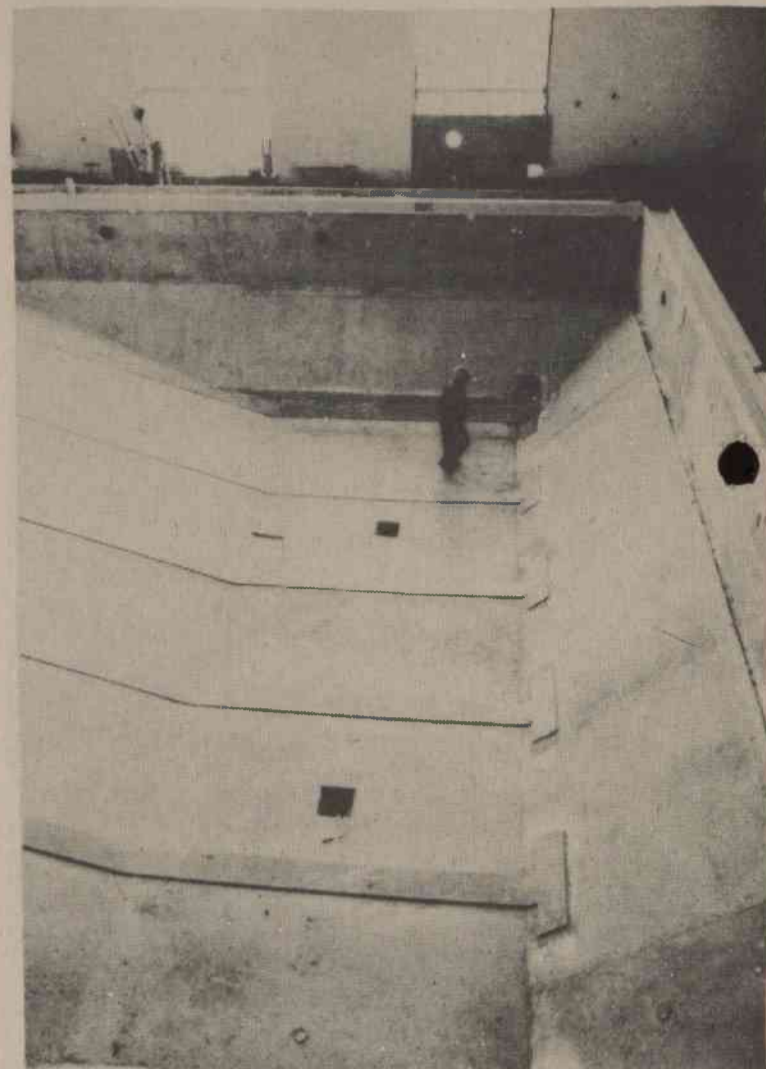
There are many aspects of the gym that make it the ultimate sports facility. In the main room there are three side-by-side basketball courts. The center court will be used for collegiate games and will be marked solely for basketball. Each end court will be marked for volleyball play while one will also be marked for badminton.

The main room will have a wood floor as opposed to the recently popular synthetic floors which are being installed in many new sports facilities. Department of Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Jack Hassell, said the college "agonized" over having a wood or a plastic floor. Wood was chosen because it could be easily repaired by school personnel and is more traditional. Both types of floors need equal maintenance, according to Hassell.

Three electronic time clocks will assure accurate scores as they will be arranged to work individually or in unison. Since it will be possible to curtain off the room into three court sections, bleachers will be electric and mobile. Hassell pointed out that the old problem of reserving court time will be solved since both the boys' and girls' basketball teams as well as intramurals can practice and play at the same time without interruption.

According to Hassell, the gym's infra-red heating system will allow certain portions of the main room to be heated as needed. This should be helpful in conserving energy as well as adjusting temperatures. Hassell explained that the court temperature could be made lower than the stands temperature and vice-versa.

Another important room will be the mini-gym, which compares in size to the current gymnasium. It will be used for wrestling and some of the more typical physical purposes. Next to the mini-gym are four glass inclosed handball courts, and a large weight room that will feature two universal machines and live weights.



Tiny Figure of Workman Emphasizes Size of Pool (Photo by Greg Bassett)

There are ten dressing rooms, seven of which are varsity rooms, complete with showers and lockers. One room is equipped with a steam room as well as a \$3,000 sauna bath. Hassell said the sauna and steam room should be "nice for everybody."

One of the most impressive parts of the complex is the Olympic-size swimming pool in the rear of the building. Five large windows light the area and open onto a sundeck. The pool, which will be named in the honor of the late Ruth Camp Campbell, of Franklin, Va, will feature swim lanes, a diving board and a large observation deck.

The pool area's heating system allows the steam from the heated water to be recycled. The humidity is removed from the air and, according to Hassell, there will be "no steam room feeling", as often exists in enclosed pool areas.

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for girls interested in being counselors - activity instructors in a private girls camp located in Hendersonville, N.C. Instructors needed especially in Swimming (WSI), Horseback riding, Tennis, Backpacking, Archery, Canoeing, Gymnastics, Crafts, Also Basketball, Dancing, Baton, Cheerleading, Drama, Art, Office work, Camp craft, Nature study. Inquires - Morgan Haynes, P.O. Box 400C, Tryon, N.C., 28782.

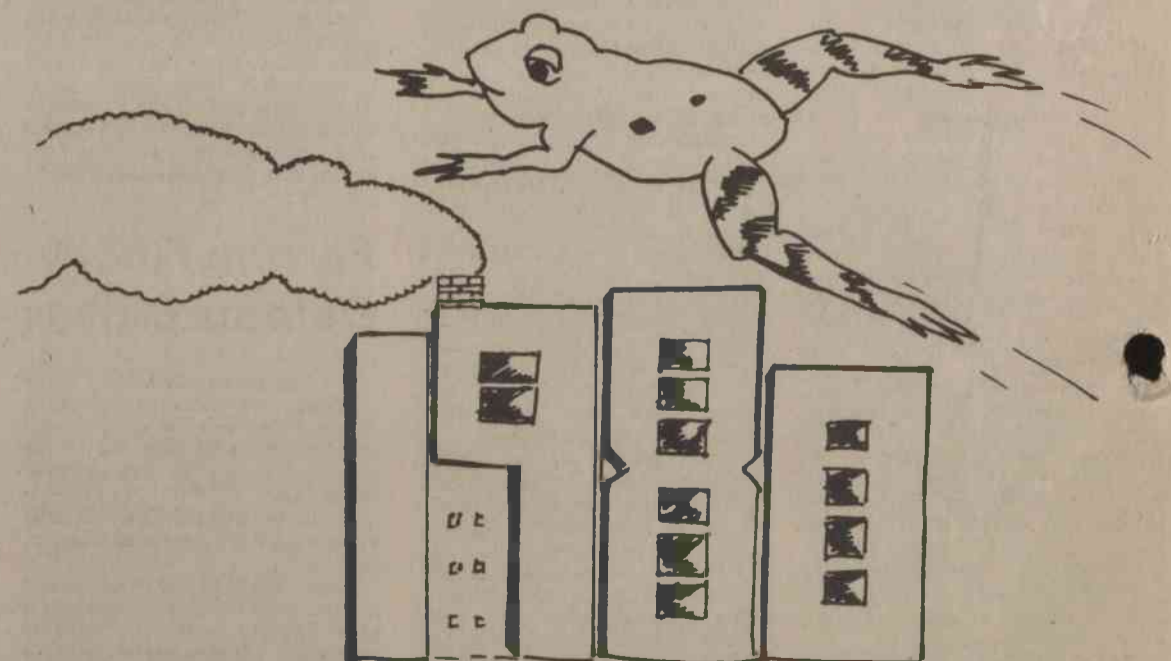
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