

# Proposed Student Government Constitution

The ad hoc committee appointed by Dean B. Franklin Lowe Jr. to study the College Judiciary System has recommended the combining of the present student and faculty judicial bodies into one composed of representatives of both the student body and the college faculty-staff.

This recommendation has been approved by the faculty-staff and now must receive student approval before going to the board of Trustees for final action.

The recommendation has been approved by the new judiciary are incorporated into the proposed Student Government Constitution printed here with under Article II Judicial.

Any questions students may have about the operation of the proposed judiciary should be directed to their SGA representatives or to any member of the ad hoc committee: Andrea Eason, chairman; Herman Gatewood, Earl Dilday, George Hazelton, James Dewar, Linda Ownes, Roy Winslow and Rowland Pruette, faculty-staff members, and Janet Whitaker, Mike Burke and Ron Thompson, student members.

The new constitution and the proposed re-organized judiciary will be voted on by the student body at a date set following the Easter break. If approved they will take effect at the beginning of the 1980-81 school year.

## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHOWAN COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

We, the students of Chowan College recognizing that all powers and responsibilities are vested in the President of the College, and through him certain privileges and powers have been delegated to the administration, faculty, and students, do establish this constitution for the Chowan College Student Government Association.

### Article 1. Legislature

#### Section 1. Membership

Membership in the Student Legislature shall be composed of one representative from each floor or section in residence halls and three representatives for day students to be elected in September.

A. Vacancies that occur between elections shall be filled upon request of the residence hall presidents subject to the approval of their residence hall councils within a two-week period.

B. Legislators, at the time of their election and during their term of office, shall have and maintain the following standards:

1. Shall have and maintain an average of 2.0 or above on all work attempted.
2. Shall be a full-time student of Chowan College.
3. Shall not assume any other office without having submitted a letter of approval in triplicate to the S.G.A. President, S.G.A. Faculty Sponsor, and the Dean of Students.

#### Section 2. Legislative Powers

Legislative power in the student body shall be vested in a Student Legislature which has the following powers:

- A. To appropriate funds for activities which shall prove beneficial to the general welfare of the student body.
- B. To approve or reject by a majority vote all appointments made by the S.G.A. President.
- C. To override a veto of the S.G.A. President with concurrences from fifty-one percent of the membership.
- D. To establish procedures for the execution of its business.
- E. To try impeachments (neglect of duty) of all student officers appointed or elected. No person shall be convicted of impeachment without concurrence from fifty-one percent of the membership. When the Vice-President of the S.G.A. is tried for impeachment, the Treasurer of the S.G.A. shall preside.
- F. To require written reports from chairmen of standing committees and from Presidents of all organizations receiving appropriations from the S.G.A. and/or collecting dues or sponsoring money-making projects.
- G. To propose and receive from members of the student body proposals for changes in rules and regulations which are necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the student body. Upon approval of the voting majority of the Student Legislature, the proposals may be forwarded for consideration to the proper faculty-student committees.
- H. To appeal recommendations of the faculty-student committees to the appropriate dean and then to the President of Chowan College whose decision is final. Such an appeal requires a voting majority.
- I. To regulate the functioning of all standing or special committees under its jurisdiction.
- J. To invite a person or group of persons from the College community to meetings of the Student Legislature for business purposes. Such invitations should be made with the approval of the Executive Cabinet or Student Legislature.
- K. To appoint a student correspondent who is not a member of the Student Legislature to write articles for "Smoke Signals" giving facts about matters discussed and made part of the minutes of meetings of the Student Legislature.
- L. To appoint ad hoc committees composed of members of the Legislature.
- M. To approve regulations governing student elections.

#### Section 3. Presiding Officer

The S.G.A. Vice President shall preside when the Student Legislature is in session. The S.G.A. Treasurer shall preside in the absence of the Vice President.

#### Section 4. Meetings

The Student Legislature shall meet during the first and third weeks of each month or may be convened by the Vice President of the S.G.A. to discuss urgent matters if requested to do so by the S.G.A. President.

#### Section 5. Minutes

Minutes of meetings of the Legislature shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Student Government Association.

#### Section 6. Committees

The following standing committees shall be composed of members of the Student Legislature who are appointed by the S.G.A. President at the beginning of each academic year.

- A. The Elections Committee, composed of the S.G.A. Executive Cabinet, shall have the responsibility of handling all elections as defined in Article IV.
- B. The Regulatory Committee, composed of four members and the Auditor who serves as chairman, shall:
  1. Direct written inquiries to the Dean of the College and Dean of Students concerning academic averages and conduct records of all appointed and elected officers and Committee members approved by the Student Legislature.
  2. Examine financial records of all College-sponsored organizations and standing committees and make a report to the Student Legislature at the end of each semester.
  3. Request the resignation of legislators who accumulate more than three unexcused absences from meetings during a semester.
- C. The Student Activities Committee, composed of the Social Co-Chairpersons and four members, shall have the responsibility of selecting speakers, bands, movies, and other forms of student activities approved by the Student Legislature.
- D. The Special Events Committee, composed of four members and a chairman, shall cooperate with other students and faculty organizations in planning for the following special events — Homecoming, including the parade, entertainment, dance, and crowning of the Homecoming Queen; Football Day for Parents; Spring Festival; and the S.G.A. Awards Banquet.
- E. The Budget Committee, composed of four members and the S.G.A. Treasurer who serves as chairman, is responsible for making recommendations to the Student Legislature for approval by a voting majority.
- F. The Campus Improvement Committee, composed of four members and a chairman, shall deal with the improvement and beautification of the campus for the benefit of student life.
- G. The Constitution Committee, composed of the S.G.A. Executive Cabinet, shall review and make recommendations for revising and amending the S.G.A. Constitution before April 1 of each year.
- H. The Student Emergency Loan Committee, composed of six members, shall make decisions concerning the validation and extent of emergency loans provided for students.

#### Section 7. By-Laws

The By-Laws of all organizations sponsored by Chowan College shall be reviewed and approved by a majority vote of the Student Legislature upon the recommendation of the chairman of the Regulatory Committee.

#### Section 8. Veto Power

The S.G.A. President shall have veto power over the Legislature. The President of Chowan College shall have final veto power.

#### Section 9. Advisors

Two faculty/staff members, appointed annually by the Committee on Committees, shall serve as advisors to the Student Government Association.

#### Section 10. Quorum

Fifty-one percent of the members of the members of the Student Legislature shall constitute a quorum.

### Article II. Judicial

#### Section 1. Honor Code

The Chowan College Honor Code is: "We will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate among us those who do."

#### Section 2. Campus Code

The Chowan College Campus Code is: "We are bound by our responsibilities as ladies and gentlemen to conduct ourselves as such at all times."

#### Section 3. Councils

The judicial power of the Student Government Association shall be vested in a Residence Hall Council for each residence hall and the Chowan College Judiciary.

A. The purpose of the Residence Hall Council shall be to work with members of the residence hall staff in planning and implementing residence hall programs and activities and to help interpret and enforce college & residence hall regulations and procedures.

B. The purpose of the Chowan College Judiciary shall be to hear the evidence involving students who are accused of breaking the rules and regulations of Chowan College and to make recommendations as to guilt or innocence and penalty to the Dean of Students.

#### Section 4. Jurisdiction

A. The Residence Hall Council shall have original jurisdiction over infractions of residence hall regulations except those cases which might result in

- (1) payment for damages to College or individual property exceeding \$25; (2) fines and/or work detail exceeding 10 hours based on the work study rate of pay; (3) periods of social campus exceeding two weeks in duration; (4) preliminary suspensions; and (5) suspension.

B. The Chowan College Judiciary shall have original jurisdiction over major rule infractions that are not delegated to Residence Hall Councils.

#### Section 5. Membership

A. The Residence Hall Council shall be composed of Residence Hall officers — president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and social chairmen — and a number of council members, one for each unit (wing or floor), elected according to guidelines approved by the Head Resident, the Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Hall Life. Head Residents shall serve as advisers to the Residence Hall Council.

B. The Chowan College Judiciary shall be composed of four faculty/administrative staff members and one alternate and three student members and one alternate.

1. The faculty/administrative staff members shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

2. The student members shall be appointed by the Executive Officers of the Student Government Association prior to the end of each academic year to serve for the ensuing year.

3. The alternate faculty/administrative staff member shall serve in the absence of another faculty/administrative staff member.

4. The alternate student member shall serve in the absence of a duly appointed student member.

5. The Chowan College Judiciary shall follow the procedure for conducting a hearing as set forth in this Constitution.

#### Section 6. Qualifications of Candidates and Members

- A. Student candidates will:
  1. Have been enrolled at Chowan College for two full semesters.
  2. Have a "C" average for the previous semester or previous mid-term grading period, whichever is nearer to the time of appointment.
  3. Have a clear disciplinary record.
- B. Student members must:
  1. Maintain a "C" average on all work attempted and be in good academic standing.
  2. Not be a member of a Residence Hall Council.
- C. Faculty/administrative staff members may be selected from any person classified as such.

#### Section 7. Appointment of Officers

A. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

B. The secretary shall be a paid secretary of the college and not a member of the Judiciary.

#### Section 8. Duties of Officers

- A. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings and cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- B. The Vice Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in the temporary absence of the Chairperson.
- C. The secretary shall provide copies of the minutes of the hearing.

#### Section 9. Duties of Members and Alternates

- A. Members and Alternates shall be present at all meetings of the Chowan College Judiciary.
- B. Any member who cannot hear the case objectively may ask to be excused.
- C. The student being brought before the Judiciary has the right initially to remove one student member and/or one faculty/administrative staff member if he so desires.
- D. An alternate will be seated to replace either a student member or a faculty/administrative staff member who has been excused or removed.

#### Section 10. Hearing Proceedings

- A. At least five (5) members of the Judiciary must be seated to constitute a quorum for a hearing to be conducted.
- B. The accused student has the right to have present for a hearing an advisor, who shall be a current member of the college community, i.e., a member of the faculty, staff, or student body.
- C. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- D. The Chowan College Judiciary shall decide whether the accused is guilty or not guilty as charged and shall decide upon a recommendation for penalty.
  1. At the conclusion of the hearing, the student will be informed as to the recommendation of guilt or innocence.
  2. The Dean of Students will be informed as to a recommended penalty.
- E. The recommendation(s) of the Judiciary will be reviewed by the Dean of Students who has the authority to approve or alter the recommendation(s).
  1. If approved, the accused student is notified accordingly.
  2. If not approved, the Dean of Students will meet with the Judiciary to discuss the case further, after which the accused student will be informed of the final decision.

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## Blood Goal Surpassed Again

By KATHY FISHER

Chowan surpassed its minimum goal of 200 donors by six for a total of 206 donors when the Red Cross bloodmobile visited the campus on March 24 according to Coach Steve Nelson.

Of the 206 donors there were only 199 actual donations. The remaining seven were medical deferrals which means that they wanted to give blood but could not because of medical reasons.

"All in all it was a good day," stated Nelson. Not many of the students got sick and most of them got in and out within a half hour.

"I really appreciate the people that came out," added Nelson. Even though the weather was bad, enough students showed up to pass the goal. And ac-

ording to the Red Cross workers although not as many students showed up for this spring visit as they did in the fall, more gave at Chowan than any of the other colleges they visited this spring.

students from both visits made up about one-third of all the blood that Hertford county will get this year. In both visits a total of 516 donors participated. This was the last visit the bloodmobile will make to Chowan this school year.

"I think that it was very successful as a whole," commented Nelson. He also added that Chowan is the leading candidate to receive the Red Cross Blood Plaque for giving the most blood this year within a group of Eastern North Carolina Colleges.



President Freddie Davis welcomes Keith Lawson (center) and Grant Manes into Phi Theta Kappa. (Photo by Bennie Bridgewater)

## Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 49 Students

By HARRY PICKETT

Forty-nine Chowan students were inducted into Chowan's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Monday night, March 17 under candlelight ceremonies.

Students, both freshmen and sophomores, were initiated during the 30-minute program. Freddie Davis, Chowan's PTK president presided over the installation service.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national junior college honorary scholarship fraternity, which is open to students with a three-point average, who are recommended by a faculty committee and screened and approved by the student members of the organization. Chowan's chapter, sponsored by Professor Ed Wooten, is Iota Delta.

Davis told the aspirants they were being inducted into "a scholarly fellowship which embraces junior colleges not only of your own state but also of the nation. This society is Phi Theta Kappa and your chapter is Iota Delta."

"After initiation you will find among the members an atmosphere of scholarship, to which you must give of yourself in order that the organization may be meaningful to you."

In taking the oath, the aspirants repeated after Davis: "I...do solemnly promise on this 17th day of March to

bring to it..."

## Bite The Bullet

By KATHY FISHER

with the end of school and the beginning of summer vacation, many of us look forward to the summer sun and fun, but in reality most of us will spend the greater part of our time working. Most students need to have a summer job in order to have funds for the coming school year. For the college graduates there is the task of finding a full time or permanent job.

In the last past few years the task of finding a summer job has become increasingly more and more difficult. This is due primarily to the country's present economic situation the increased minimum wage. Only last summer some of the college and high school students in my community could not obtain summer employment. There were just not enough jobs to go around.

I just happened to be one of the lucky ones who did find a job but I did have my doubts at first. I spent three days going all over town filling out job applications. I bet I tried every possible place around!

On the fourth day I decided to take a break. And guess what, that's right I got a call asking me to come to work. As a matter of fact it was from the very first place I put in an application. I still

wonder sometimes why it took them four days to decide to hire me.

Maybe somebody who applied ahead of me decided that they did not want to work there or perhaps found a better job I really don't know. I guess that it really doesn't matter. What does matter is that I got a summer job and was able to save some money to support my expensive living habits here at Chowan.

This summer I will have to go through this same ordeal all over again, and hopefully I will be able to find employment once more. But I expect this year it will be a little bit harder to find a good job than it was last year because our country's economic situation has gotten worse.

Now that I've got myself worrying about getting a summer job, let me leave this depressing subject and take this time to wish everyone the best of luck this summer and in the coming school.

For those of you not returning to Chowan next year I hope that you don't encounter a difficult time in finding a permanent job or in excelling at another institution. This is my last column for the Smoke Signals, and I hope that you have enjoyed reading it just as much as I've enjoyed writing it.

Well, this is good-bye. Ya'll take care and have a nice one.

## Judiciary

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judiciary will be reviewed by Lewis, who has the authority to approve or alter the recommendation(s).

If approved, the accused student is notified accordingly. If not approved, Lewis will meet with the judiciary to discuss the case further, after which the accused student will be informed of the final decision.

Thompson said, however, that a student has the right to appeal a decision and-or penalty, rendered by the dean of students, to the president of the college.

In other business, SGA agreed to allot \$4 apiece to students going on the Parker-West Hall-sponsored trip April 19 to Kings Dominion.

According to Steve Laney, SGA representative and president of West Hall's dorm council, 92 students plan to leave for the trip during the weekend before Spring Festival. Two buses will carry the Chowanians to the resort area with the total cost coming to \$15.

Students will pay \$10 and West Hall and Parker will each contribute 50cents per person.

The legislature approved the selection of "Jawbone", a musical group voted to perform here on May 10. SGA vice-president Nancy Loy says the group plays disco, rock and roll and country.

A "Battle of the Bands" will be sponsored by SGA on May 3 and 4. As of the meeting, only two groups had entered, "New Breeze" and "Bryan Smith's Band." Students will select whom they feel is the best band, and SGA will award the winner a \$200 prize.

Good Luck  
on Exams!!!