

## EDITORIAL OPINION

### Money Demands Unfair

The Student Government Association will continue to face some tough spending decisions during the remaining 2½ months of the semester. With approximately half of its fall semester budget gone, the group will be forced to say "No" to all but the most essential of spending measures.

The SGA has not spent unwisely this year. It began the year in debt, thanks to the deficit spending of last year's student body government and started off owing \$624.63 in back bills.

With the exception of a potential \$3,000 Homecoming tab, SGA spending has been conservative. Two entertainment events, five movies and Homecoming are the extent of its spending.

There has been a great deal of pressure on the SGA this year to spend money in areas it would not normally spend. At the September 10 session, the body was asked to consider giving \$500 to one group and \$400 to another. For the first time ever, the Murfreesboro Fire Department and Resque Squad requested money from the SGA, saying that the money would mean more coming directly from the students themselves. Also, the SGA was asked to give money towards the annual band festival, usually sponsored by the college.

The SGA cannot be expected to donate money for either band festivals or fire protection and ambulance service. These are areas that should be handled by the college administration. Student activities should be the specific interests of the student government.

Perhaps the administration is trying to broaden the responsibilities of the SGA leaders in order to produce a more active and informed student body. It would be nice if the SGA could vote on and provide the funding for many of the college's activities, but with a limited budget geared mostly towards the funding of movies and dances, it is not possible.

Perhaps too, the administration is trying to capitalize on the inexperience of the SGA executives. The college could save a good deal of money by getting the SGA to finance activities and causes normally taken care of by other funds.

Recently, a movie projector was purchased by the college and paid for with SGA money. The SGA never voted on the purchase and was not even informed about it in advance. Although there was a need for the projector, there was no need to railroad the SGA into spending \$475.

The executive branch of the SGA must prevent the folks in Columns from pushing them around, while the legislative body will have to stay on the lookout for bleeding-heart causes.

We believe the SGA should, and will stand firm with its money. —GREG BASSETT.

### 'Fever Policy'

The time comes when most students wake up feeling like they have died and come back to life. When this happens, they go to the infirmary to try to get their classes excused.

If the problem is in the stomach or a severe headache, chances are the student will not get the class excused and will go to class, ending up running to the restroom in the middle of class.

The policy adopted at Chowan is "in order to be excused from classes for reasons of personal illness, a Boarding Student must report to the Infirmary, prior to missing any class for which he seeks to be excused."

However, the real policy or the one the nurse goes by is "if you have a fever, you may be excused from classes."

It is understood that many times people go in acting like they are sick just to get out of going to class. It can be hard trying to figure out who is sick and who is not. But it is also hard to sit through class when one can't stand up without getting sick. Not everyone runs a fever when he has a stomach problem, headache or even a bad cold. For some people, a fever means they are severely sick, because they very seldom run a fever.

Several students have been to the infirmary with a sore throat or swollen glands. A case like this is not hard to diagnose and does not require a fever. With the weather like it has been lately, there will be more colds, swollen glands, sinus problems and other things that can make a person feel like dying. Whether one has a fever or not, one still feels like he can't move. What he needs is a day in bed with plenty of liquids and rest. Since Chowan has an absence policy, a student can't skip class, and few students have money to go to the doctor. So what can they do?

It is time for a little adjustment in the absence policy or at least in the "fever policy." Chowan students can't go on like this. It's not fair or morally right to punish anyone by making him go to class when he is really sick.

As editor of SMOKE SIGNALS, I'm asking for the students' opinion on the matter. If enough of us speak out for what is right, maybe we can get something done. Write to the editor and we will publish what you have to say. —BELINDA ELMORE

### Doctor's Diagnosis Advised

By SARAH WRIGHT  
Director of Health Services

According to much of the news media and many of the current medical journals, venereal disease (VD) has become prevalent nationwide, in all segments of American society. Now that venereal disease has reached epidemic proportions, it may become anyone's disease.

Believing that an educated society should be an informed society, this article has been written to offer to the college community facts, definitions, and symptoms of various venereal diseases.

Since the symptoms of various venereal diseases may be the same, it is important to see a doctor for a definite diagnosis. The diagnosis may be made by blood samples or smears viewed under the microscope. It is important to establish a correct diagnosis since each type of VD requires a specific treatment. It will be easier to cure if treated early.

The spreading is by sexual contact. Syphilis is caused by *treponema pallidum*, a spiral-shaped bacteria. The first symptom is a sore (chancre) which usually appears on the sex organs or mouth. This is the most serious VD. Also, when untreated in pregnancy there may be severe damage to the unborn child and the child may be born with syphilis.

Gonorrhea is the most common venereal disease, and is caused by *gonococcus* bacteria. Gonorrhea is spread more readily than all the other venereal diseases. After sexual contact it will appear in 3 to 9 days. The female does not usually have any symptoms, but she may experience lower abdominal pain, frequent urination and some vaginal discharge. The male will have a severe discharge and painful urination.

Herpes is caused by a DNA virus (Herpes simplex). This disease will be recognized by small red blisters that are very painful. This will appear in about six days, or less, after contact with another person. Herpes may recur many times.

Vaginitis is inflammation of the vagina. Its cause is usually not venereal disease. A heavy discharge with an unpleasant odor is present. This discharge will produce itching and burning. Some of the causes may be poor hygiene, the wearing of panty hose, birth control pills or antibiotics. It is also seen in diabetics.

Venereal warts (or condyloma) occur on the sex organs or around them. They resemble the rough texture of a cauliflower and are a pinkish color. They are caused by a virus. After contact with an infected person, the warts will appear in about one to three months. Warts may be very irritating.

Urethritis is inflammation of the urethra (the opening for the discharge of urine), usually seen in males. A thin watery discharge is present with a burning sensation when urinating. This is often confused with gonorrhea. The doctor should be seen to differentiate.



"GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN? HECK, NO - I'VE PROVED I CAN STAND THE HEAT!"

## GUEST PERSPECTIVE

By DENISE REYNOLDS  
Cheerleader Captain

This year's cheerleading squad started with tryouts on September 5, judged by Chowan's athletic committee. We have three returning sophomores, one new sophomore, and seven ready and eager freshmen.

The cheerleaders have a new sponsor this year—Miss Linda Owens. She has many new and exciting ideas and is ready and willing to work us hard to make us the best we can be.

We plan on leading the crowd at every home football game and performing stunts and dance routines at half-time. We also plan to have bake sales, car washes and some special events

later in the year. We are anticipating a great football season.

With the new Helms Physical Education Center, basketball should be very exciting for the entire student body. Every year we lose some people on the squad between football and basketball seasons, so we might hold a second tryout.

Hopefully, we can get some super new ideas for basketball season. We will have to work really hard to make the gym fill with sounds of people cheering for the Chowan Braves. We want to invite everyone to come out and help cheer on the football team and give the Chowan cheer leaders some student support.



## Reagan Movies Big Hits — Finally

(CPS) — His films were never box office blockbusters. They're not even included in most film directories and encyclopedias.

But now, almost two decades since he retired from feature films, Ronald Reagan movies are in high demand among universities and private individuals who rent films.

Several booking agencies report being flooded with rental requests since Reagan was assured of the Republican nomination for president.

They report that most of Reagan's films are all booked up through the middle of November.

"We've had so many calls on it that it's been just amazing," reports Leslee Scamahorn, a marketing representative at Universal Studios in Hollywood.

Scamahorn says her company gets many of the calls because it owns "Bedtime for Bonzo," a 1951 film in which Reagan co-stars with a chimpanzee.

"That's the one everybody wants, it's the one they like to make fun of," she adds.

Many booking agents believe making fun of the candidate is the main reason for the large increase in rental requests. Screening a Ronald Reagan film, Scamahorn says, seems to be the

hottest idea for certain entertainment. "People just want to use the films at a party or any kind of social gathering. They can't believe this could be our next president," she says.

Bee Herman, a sales representative at Audio Brandon Films, Inc. of Mount Vernon, N.Y., is also surprised by the interest in Reagan films from the campuses she helps service.

Just after receiving another inquiry from an Oregon school, she noted, "I have worked here for 14 years, never once received a call for any of Reagan's old films. Now hardly a day goes by when someone doesn't call about Reagan."

## Footnotes

By BILL THWEATT

Many returning sophomores, as well as past graduates, contend that among the various reputable private colleges, perhaps, the preference and selection of Chowan College has been their most advantageous. But all seem to harp on one logical note. Choose the curriculum that you like best because pursuing a college education is launching on a great voyage. Smooth sailing entails learning and applying your courses so as to enable you to subsist in an abounding, more productive and happier course of living.

Basic to one's motive in attending college is to formulate goals which fulfill psychological needs and nourish self-esteem. That college degree, however, may not be our passport to white collar success. Economic specialist Jeremy Main of the Washington Post asserts, "You need a college degree more than ever but it guarantees less than ever." To combat this pessimistic view, you should keep flexibility, widened expectations and information about the changing outlook of your career options in mind. Perhaps the prudent selection of yet-to-be ambitions promises to be the highlight of your career.

Although it truly matters little whether you rank in the first or fifth percentile in your class, attainment of a college education may be the sparkplug of your ensuing years. Endeavor to accomplish the maximum that your capabilities allow because existing without ambition is discriminatory against yourself!

### Let's Hear It

Smoke Signals encourages students to submit Letters to the Editor. If you have something you would like to comment on, or complain about, or an idea you want to get out in the open, just drop your letter by the Graphics Communications office in McSweeney Hall.



## Scoop



**TELL A FRIEND ABOUT AMAZING CHOWAN COLLEGE...** Scoop has finally found out the truth concerning a certain M'boro college president and Gene Walters, the Tidewater area TV commercial star and president of Farm Fresh Foods. Rumors had it that the likeable smiler Gene would trade jobs with Chowan's president, but Scoop finds the rumors to be completely false. Gene seems like a really nice guy and all, but if he came here for good, they'd have to change the name of the library.

**WAIT A MINUTE. ISN'T THAT GAVEL HERS?...** Scoop has patiently watched the SGA violate its brand smacking' new constitution, but is beginning to wonder when the gals who meet in Tyler will play by the book. So far, SGA's pretty little prez has wielded the gavel at legislative meetings, even though that job is supposed to belong to SGA's second in command. Scoop realizes the violation of the constitution is minor, as far as constitutional violations go, but rules are rules. Obey 'em or change 'em.

**I COULD HAVE SWORN I PUT ON MY FRUIT OF THE LOOMS...** Scoop was amused at the antics of certain toga-clad personalities during the homecoming showing of "Animal House" in Columns. The moons were shining on stage in McDowell that evening to the merriment of some and the disgust of others. Scoop knows that homecoming can be fun, but can't bring himself to do John Belushi's imitation of a popped zit, even if it is hilarious.

**GOLLY, THERE'S A HORSESHOE IN THE MEATLOAF...** Scoop always thought that dead horses in Dean's offices were a bit far-fetched...atleast he thought that until he really saw a dead horse in front of the cafeteria last spring semester. The horse was there on the morning after a famous dorm raid and could have been left by Marlon Brando; no one knows. Some have said that the horse died after eating cafeteria food. Scoop just hopes the dead animal wasn't carried into Thomas for possible use in meatloaf and hamburgers this fall. Scoop admits the meat the meat could give students "horse sense, nonetheless.

**NO JESSE, YOU CAN'T SWIM IN THE POOL...** In the Construction Screw-ups Department, Scoop salutes whoever or whatever caused the cracks in Helms Center's pool. With the "Marblite" peeling off the sides and the pretty white color fading to grey, Scoop wonders about the entire construction job. The pool has been a tremendous disappointment to the students as well as the future Mark Spitz of M'boro. The pool is turning into a giant belly-flop.

**ANOTHER GRAND DAY IN THE LIFE OF CHOWAN COLLEGE...** Just to show that Scoop can be positive too, a hardy congratulations goes to Coach Jim Garrison and his gridiron pack who clobbered the Ferrum Panthers on Homecoming Day. Diamond Jim's football bunch is destined for a regional title and is nationally ranked. The black Ferrum jersey at the top of the flag pole was a sweet sight. Another one bits the dust...

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