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The Touchdown That Wasn't

Frank Gee is statistician for Chowan football games. Seeing an apparent touchdown against the East Carolina Jayvees called back was more than he could stand. His account of the exciting (and then disappointing) play as he expresses it in free verse follows.

By FRANK GEE

Deep in the woods
Of this North Carolina state,
Lies a small junior college
Where football is it's trait.

The college is Chowan
And it is a small little place,
But the football played here
Is with elegance and grace.

Athletes with potential
Try to start their claim to fame,
A winning record they boast
As well as putting big school JVs to shame.

A funny thing happened
In the first game of the season,
A long touchdown run
Was called back for no rhyme or reason.

Losing 5 to 7
Is nothing to joke about.
A 78-yard run called back
Is a worse turnabout.

Fred Banks is known as "lightning"
And is in at quarterback.
The regular QB was hurting
He suffered a sack attack.

Lenny Ortiz, the second fastest,
Is now the starting flanker.
On a single play he can catch the ball,
kiss the cheerleader
And even have time to thank her.

Breaking tackles at the line of scrimmage,
Banks is in the clear,
Out of nowhere comes Lenny
Bringing up the rear.

Streaking down the sideline
On that warm Thursday night,
Run the two fastest players
They seemed to go out of sight.

Side by side they run
Toward that far away endzone.
Scoring the winning touchdown
Could cure this loss at home.

Chowan Students Enjoy Camp Cale

By JENNIFER WICKER

A campfire, canoeing and group discussion highlighted a trip to Camp Cale for 16 Chowan students.

Members of Chowan's BSU-CCF went to Camp Cale in Hertford, N.C. September 4 and 5, for a planning meeting-retreat.

Friday evening, the students divided into two groups for discussions, sang, played ping pong and talked.

Saturday, after group reports and lunch, the rest of the afternoon was free for Bible study, swimming and canoeing.

Chaplain R. Hargus Taylor reported, "Everyone had a good time, and except for the mosquitoes, everything was fine."

Banks clutches the ball
While Lenny looks to block.
There comes the defender
As the seconds tick off the clock.

Stopping the defender
Is the only way Banks will score.
Running at full speed
It isn't an easy chore.

Lenny knows he is running
With that traditional Chowan pride,
Making that final block
Could only come from inside.

The 50, the 40, the 30,
The 20, the 15, the 10.
Lenny throws the block
That is seen as heaven-sent.

Banks scores the touchdown
Among the fans' loud chants
Lenny and Banks get together
And do their victory dance.

In the middle of their celebration
The stadium suddenly grows still,
Turning their heads around to see
What caused that eerie chill.

Way down field the officials gather
As the flag lies on the ground.
Could they take away the touchdown
And turn the game around?

The official holds his hands
And the call is offensive holding.
The touchdown that was considered good
Is now sadly unfolding.

The Banks-Lenny touchdown,
The fans will always remember,
Was called back on a penalty
On a Thursday night in September.

Writing Assistance Offered Students

By CAROLYN GREGORY

The Writing Center offers help to student's with writing problems in English or non-English classes.

The Center will be staffed by Ms. Barbara Presnell or a qualified tutor. All work will be on a one-to-one basis, Ms. Presnell said.

Instructional material will be offered to assist students in working on their own.

Specialized assistance in spelling and vocabulary will also be provided.

Instructors should refer students who need special help to the center or students can come by without recommendation for help.

The Writing Center will not proofread any student's writing assignment without the written permission of the instructor or write anything for the student, Ms. Presnell emphasized.

The Writing Center is located in the Special Services office in the basement of Whitaker Library. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rest Best Treatment For Stress

By SARAH WRIGHT
Director of Health Services

Stress produces tension; tension causes depression. The pressures around us cause our inner tensions. We must all experience a certain amount of tension. No one has an "Ivory Tower life." In fact a certain amount of tension can be helpful. This pressure is what makes one try harder or be more alert.

When stress starts affecting one's health or happiness then it has become a problem. Some of the symptoms of anxiety which are stress-produced are sweaty palms, pounding heart, nervousness, loss of appetite, overeating, and trembling. When this state of anxiety lasts for a long period of time one may be headed for bigger problems such as high blood pressure, ulcers, and certainly a strain on the entire body. There may be excessive weight loss or excessive weight gain. Stress may cause one to turn to alcohol. Many alcoholics begin this way.

Change or sudden change is usually the cause. Some sudden change could be going away to college, loss of a friend, death of a relative or loved one, divorce or moving. Parents divorcing affects children; also unwanted pregnancies, illness, or failing on an exam. There are many reasons.

What can you do about it? Try to correct the problem if possible, if not try to accept it and live with it. Sometimes talking the problem over with a friend, minister, school counselor, nurse, or parents may help. Get plenty of exercise. Teach yourself how to relax. Time your work and time to relieve some of the pressure. Try not to do all the big things in one year, like graduation, getting married, new job, and buying a new house.

If your stress is more than you can cope with see your family doctor or call your state or local Mental Health Association, which is listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory.

'60s Protests 'Worthwhile'

(CPS) — A survey of students at 153 colleges and universities nationwide suggests the American students body still believes campus protests of the sixties were worthwhile.

Of the 937 responses to the survey sponsored by Enhart, Inc., a "manufacturing" firm based in Connecticut, 60 percent agreed that a "tangible gain was achieved by the campus protest in the 1960s." Over 84 percent believe that student demonstrations "have a place on college campuses today."

In terms of their own futures, the respondents generally looked forward to the new decade. Only two percent expected to be unhappy in the next few years, while 83 percent said they expected to be happy in the 1980s.

John Budd, an Enhart spokesman, said he was surprised to find that students were not as conservative as other reports have indicated. He noted that 75 percent of the students feel that large corporations have "too much influence" in the United States, and that over half think that large corporations should be regulated more strictly by the federal government.

Math Learning Lab Four Times Weekly

Hours for the Mathematics Learning Lab, in Camp 106, were announced by Prof. Carl Simmons, head of the Mathematics Department as follows:

Monday 2-4 Dr. Owens and student worker
Tuesday 2-5 Mr. Harden and student worker
Wednesday 2-4 Mr. Shrewsbury and student worker
Thursday 2-5 Mr. Wooten and student worker

The Mathematics Learning Lab is for any student who needs and wants help with any math course, Simmons pointed out.

Briton Opens Lyceum Series

British writer and scholar, Dr. Henry Blamires, will open the Chowan College Faculty Forum/Lyceum Series September 25 at 8 p.m. in Marks Hall auditorium. His topic is "Christianity in 20th Century English Literature."

Six programs will be presented during the 1981-82 year devoted to "serious academic subjects", Prof. Dorothy Wallace announced.

Dr. Blamires specializes in theology, literature, fiction and education, stated Mrs. Wallace, a member of the faculty committee responsible for planning the lecture series. Other committee members are Dr. Ken Wolfskill, chairman; Dr. Garth Faile; and Acheson Harden, Jr.

Born in Bradford, Yorkshire, Blamires studied English Language and Literature at University College, Oxford, where C.S. Lewis was his tutor.

The larger part of Blamires' career in education was spent at King Alfred's College, Winchester, where he was appointed head of the English Department in 1948 and later became dean of arts. He retired from his work there in 1976 to concentrate on writing.

During the last 30 years he has published 17 books, beginning with "Repair the Ruins" (1950) to his most recent title, "Where Do we Stand?" (1980), an examination of the Christian's position in the modern world.

An uprush of new interest in Blamires' theology has brought him over to the United States to fulfill lecturing engagements in 1977, 1978, and 1980.

His "Twentieth-Century English Literature" will be published next year by Macmillan as one of a series of 12 volumes in a new History of Literature.

Publication Schedule

Publication dates and copy deadlines for the remainder of the Fall semester are listed below as an aide to faculty and staff members, officers of campus organizations and others who wish to submit items to Smoke Signals for publication.

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