

7½-Foot Giant Signed by Burke for 1982-3 Braves

(Special to Smoke Signals)
AULANDER - Although the 1981-1982 basketball season is over, Chowan College Coach Bob Burke's duties haven't stopped. As sports fans know, there are always recruiting chores to be done by members of the coaching staff.

What may not be known by many at the college is that Burke may have pulled off a recruiting bonanza. The word "franchise" has been expressed to explain what Coach Burke has done. Smoke Signals has learned that Burke landed one of the top players in

the nation and signed him to a four-year grant-in-aid to play for Chowan. Burke announced yesterday the signing of 7-foot 6-inch Loof Lirpa out of Fiji High School in the Virgin Islands. The All-Caribbean cager averaged 38 points per game along with 28 blocked shots to

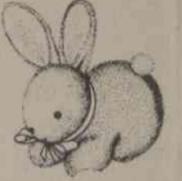
lead his Fiji Aardvarks to the Lesser Antilles Conference crown last season with a perfect 25-0 mark. Many major colleges reportedly tried to influence Lirpa to sign with them, but Burke says the stellar athlete was attracted to Chowan because of his ad-

miration for the Braves. Lirpa signed his letter of intent to attend Chowan yesterday in brief ceremonies at the Tri-County Airport. He later flew home to the Virgin Islands before the arrival of the Smoke Signals photographer.

While not much more is known about the recruiting spectacular, Smoke Signals has learned that Lirpa is expected to arrive at Chowan for the summer session to improve his QPA before 1982-83 basketball season.



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TROPHY STAYS AT HOME - Coach Bob Burke accepts the Eastern Tarheel Conference Tournament championship trophy from Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker at Helms Center following final game defeat of Lenoir. Co-Captains Winfred Basnight and Vance Marsh look on smilingly. (Story on Page 5.) Photo by Todd Dudek.

Some Spring Festival Events Shuffled in Revised Schedule

By EMMA GILES

Recent developments have uncovered a few small alterations concerning Spring-Festival-Parent's Day.

First, the "Gravitational Earthball Competition", which was previously scheduled for Saturday, April 24, will be held Friday between 2 and 5 p.m.

Participants in the "Earthball Competition" will race against time, defying the laws of gravity, by trying to remain on the earthball the longest length of time while being doused with water. A prize of \$20 will be awarded to the winner(s) by its sponsors, Jenkins and East Hall.

Sunday, there will be a carnival in Squirrel Park. The carnival will consist of 16 games, including all the resident dormitories, Day Students, the B.S.U., the Science Club, Alpha Phi Epsilon, and Phi Theta Kappa. Other

organizations sponsoring activities are the Braves, the Cheerleaders, and the Freshman class. During the carnival, International students will display items for sell, from their country.

Among the many activities scheduled by these groups are selling hot dogs, popcorn and popsicles. Also, there will be other activities such as an "egg toss" competition, a "pie-throwing" contest, a dunking booth and an instant-photo booth.

Thursday, March 18, judges had their first chance at judging contestants for Spring Festival Queen and Princess. During the course of the day, the contestants were invited to a formal tea party, at which time, the judges scored them on the basis of beauty, poise, and personality.

This phase of the competition was judged also on the merit of a response to a question, created by a member of the English Dept. The contestants

were given a minute to respond to the question. Afterwards, scores were tallied with the top four Queens and top four Princesses being announced. The judges for the competition are: Mrs. Sue Copeland, Ahsokie; Mr. Doug Cox, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Lynn Johnson, Murfreesboro; Ms. Rita Myers, Ahsokie; and the Reverend A.M. Williams of Ahsokie.

Tuesday, March 30, the girls entered their second phase of competition, the talent show. Not only is talent an asset, but dormitory participation in the talent show would greatly influence the outcome of the competition.

Thirdly, the final vote of the students, themselves, was held April 1 during lunch and dinner hours. These votes will be added with the rest of the scores. The results will then be held until April 24, when the Spring Coronation will take place in Squirrel Park at 4 p.m.

\$150 Billion Tax Loss Seen From Cuts in Aid

(CPS)- The government stands to lose as much as \$150 billion in tax revenues over the next 20 years if it accepts President Ronald Reagan's proposed federal student aid budget cuts for the 1983 fiscal year, according to a statistical study by College Press Service.

President Reagan has asked Congress to cut \$1.9 billion from the federal student aid programs. The cuts would affect an estimated five million students nationwide. They may force as many as 892,000 undergraduate, graduate, and high school senior students to drop their college plans altogether, according to American Council on Education Statistics and College Press Service estimates.

Using Bureau on Labor Statistics estimates of the annual increase in earning power between men and women with high school, undergraduate, and graduate degrees, CPS calculated that, according to 1981 tax tables, those 892,000 "lost" students would pay some \$156 billion less in taxes over the next 20 years because they lack their degrees.

The exact numbers are highly problematic. They are based on maximum amounts of federal tax people of different income levels would pay over the next 20 years of their working lives. The projections are based on a taxpayer filing a single return, claiming one exemption, and were computed with assistance from H&R Block consultants.

In figuring probable salary increases, CPS used government projections that high school grads typically earn about five percent more in salary per year, college grads earn seven percent more each year, and advanced-degree holders earn eight percent more.

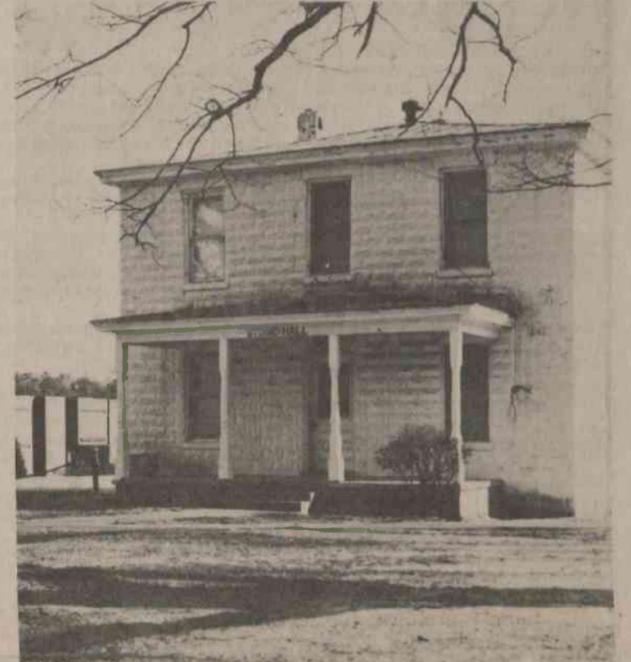
CPS's cost-benefit study used U.S. Census Bureau estimates of average earnings of male high school grads (\$17,100), female high school grads (\$10,036), male college grads (\$24,473), female college grads (\$24,473), for the 18 and over age group, and disregard race, work experience, and other variables.

The American Council on Education estimates some 325,000 graduate students and some 1.5 million undergraduate students will have to drop out before fall, 1983 if the Reagan cuts are approved.

College Press Service calculated that about 30 percent - 67,000 students - of the 271,000 1983 high school seniors who would ordinarily get federal aid would have to drop plans to go on to college in fall, 1983.

According to those numbers, the U.S. Treasury would collect an average of \$7.8 billion a year less from those students over the first 20 years of their working lives. Those students, moreover, represent just the first class that would be kept from or dropped from college.

The CPS study found that, for every aid dollar Washington gives a student who completes his or her degree plan, (See Tax Cuts, Page 2)



Stone Hall — Open All Night?

24-Hour Study Center Sought by Freshmen

By CAROLYN GREGORY

Will Stone Hall become a campus study center? It will if the Freshman Class has its way about it.

The freshmen have proposed that Stone Hall be converted to a 24-hour study center for group study, according to Roy Winslow, associate dean of students.

Currently the Student Center closes at 11 p.m. and the dormitory lounges close at midnight, creating a problem for those students who wish to study together after midnight.

If this plan becomes effective, the upper level of Stone Hall would become four separate study areas and one restroom. The lower level will consist of two lounges and one restroom.

The freshman class is also willing to furnish and help with renovations, Winslow said.

Supervision of the facility would be the responsibility of the students who are using once an hour, Winslow stated.

On March 1 the Ad Hoc committee on Future Use on Campus Facilities met in the office of Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, dean of the college, to discuss the Stone Hall proposal.

According to Winslow, the committee tabled the idea for the present time saying it needed to explore all the options with respect to the Utilization of Stone Hall.

The committee did come up with these possible options: extending hours in the Student Center; extending the hours of the dormitory lounges; or taking the apartment currently occupied by the Ballances and turning it into a study area.

On the week of March 8 the Freshmen went public and gained 684 followers by means of a petition that is to be presented to President Whitaker.

"The art students have made a request for the use of Stone Hall, for a permanent Art Gallery," said Dean R. Clayton Lewis.

Outing Club Eats Naturally

By JENNIFER WICKER

Chowan Outing Club is looking for a few good people to have fun and adventures with them. All that is necessary to join the club is to have camping gear and the ability to swim.

Ned Albright the club's president observed that, "Nerves of steel help." "The Outing Club gives everybody a chance to get to know each other, sitting around a campfire, sharing cooking, gathering a firewood, cleaning up and companionship," Albright added.

Many trips are scheduled for this (See Outing, Page 2)

Campus Question: What Do You Think of a 24-Hour Study Center



BROWN

ANDERSON

ARTIS

GLOSSON

YOUNG

HERTZIG

FULCHER

HYLTON

CANAS

WALL

By WANDA BISHOP

Students were asked their opinion of the proposal of the Freshman Class to open Stone Hall as a 24-hour-a-day study area.
MELINDA BROWN, Charlottesville, Va.-I think that it will go over well if people will act their age and not take advantage of it.
STEPHANIE ANDERSON, Elizabeth City, N.C.-I guess it would be helpful to the students who need to study after the library closes and you wouldn't be keeping other people up in the dorms.
SHELIA ARTIS, Norfolk, Va.-I think it will be very useful for the students. I feel there is a great need for it.
TINA GLOSSON, Atlantic Beach, N.C.-I think it's beneficial for students who find it mandatory to study in the wee hours of the morning and don't wish to disturb their roommate.

SONJA YOUNG, New York, N.Y.-I feel the student body needs to have a place they can work together after 12 beside Hardee's. Amen.
MIKE HERTZIG, Hopatcong, N.J.-I think it's a great idea as long as people don't abuse it and use it as a place to swap spit.
E.W. FULCHER, Nags Head, N.C.-I feel that a place is mandatory for such student relations, and it could be used well as a group study program for exams and during the semester.
BILL HYLTON, Manassas, Va. I think it's a good idea—someone should have done it long ago.
RICK CANAS, San Francisco, Cal.-This school needs a place where students can go to study together without bothering anyone.
RONNIE WALL, Rockingham, N.C.-I feel that it is a good idea to open Stone Hall for 24-hour study, because it would probably give us better study habits.
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