

# Looking For A Few Good People

"No, I'm not looking for anyone to wear the dress blues of the Marine Corps, but I am looking for some good people to be RA's next Fall."

Those were the thoughts of Dean Roy Winslow this week when he talked to Smoke Signals about the task of being a resident assistant. The Division of Student Development is now accepting applications for those students who would be interested in becoming an RA for the 1983-84 school year.

Application forms can be picked up in the Housing Center and have to be received by Dean Winslow by March 4, 1983.

The Resident Assistant is a student employed by Chowan College as a part-time member of the residence hall staff who lives in a residence hall unit of approximately 35 students.

The RA is responsible for implementing the programs of the Division of Student Development and for maintaining a living unit which is conducive to the pursuit of academic interests.

"Chowan is people centered and our RA's care about each student here", commented Winslow. "They've done it in the past and that's why we want to continue it in the future with a good resident assistant program."

### Qualifications

1. Minimum 2.0 overall GPA.
2. Minimum 2.0 CPA for semester prior to assuming position. (E.g., Spring semester for a position beginning in the Fall.)
3. Good physical and mental health; ability to withstand stress.
4. Will have at least second semester Freshman standing when position is assumed.
5. Has lived at least one semester in a residence hall or other group living situation.
6. Complete formal application and supply recommendations from a current RD-RA and a Faculty-Administrator.
7. Exhibits the following personal qualities:

Positive self-image, strong leadership, initiative, assertiveness, high degree of sensitivity to her people, ability to balance job responsibilities with academic and personal responsibilities, ability to stay cool and keep your head in stressful situations, high degree of physical and emotional energy, flexibility, dedication to the responsibilities of the position, and sincere desire to help others

### Goals

1. To maintain an environment in the living unit which is compatible with the physical, psychological, and educational needs of the students.
2. To demonstrate a genuine concern for the welfare of others.
3. To serve as a role model for others and encourage students to identify with the purpose of the college.
4. To display a positive attitude to the responsibilities of the position.
5. To exemplify such qualities as dependability, leadership, approachability, cooperation, sophistication, and emotional stability.
6. To know the residents in the living unit and acquaint them with the philosophy and policies of the college.
7. To serve as a peer counselor and know when, where, and to whom residents should be referred for specialized assistance.
8. To help provide opportunities for students to participate in various activities of a recreational nature.
9. To help provide programs which supplement and/or complement the student's classroom experience.
10. To identify and lend assistance to students who have problems or concerns.
11. To communicate to residents information about residence hall and college services, procedures, events and activities.
12. To encourage and assist students in self-governance and enforcement of college and residence hall rules and regulations.

### Duties

1. Know, interpret, teach, and enforce the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures in the Student Handbook.
2. Assist the maintenance personnel in keeping the residence hall functional for the use of residents, present and future.
3. Honor a schedule of specific work hours assigned by the Associate Dean of Students and Residence director.
4. Assume only the responsibilities set forth in the job description.

5. Serve as a resource person for students concerning Chowan College heritage, organization, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

6. Assume the primary responsibility for insuring that the residents of the unit know the fire procedures and the appropriate exits.

7. Participate in spring semester training, fall semester pre-school training, weekly staff meetings, and any additional meetings scheduled by the Residence Director or Associate Dean of Students.

8. Prepare for the arrival of new and returning students at the beginning of each semester.

9. Assume the primary responsibility for assisting prospective students who are staying in the living unit.

10. Assist the Residence director in the management of the residence hall.

11. Be aware of concerns which students have and respond to these concerns in an appropriate manner.

12. Assume primary responsibility for insuring that students are able to pursue academic interests in the living unit.

13. Cooperate in an effort to improve communications within the college community by distributing posters, bulletins, notices, and newsletters.

14. Plan social functions for all residents in the unit so that they know each other by first name last name, interests, and hometown.

15. Assist residents while checking in and out at the beginning and end of each semester.

16. Initiate and promote programs of a recreational, cultural, and/or academic nature in the living unit as specified by the Associate Dean of Students.

17. Assist the residence director with room inspections.

18. Investigate fully any damages that result in the unit and report these in writing to the Residence Director.

19. Assist with the duties of check-in, check-out, and repair requests.

20. Report, in writing, all emergencies, accidents, special problems, and unusual happenings that take place in the living unit.

21. Perform other responsibilities designated by the Residence Director, Associate Dean of Students, and/or Dean of Students.

22. Assume the primary responsibility for developing a "Community Spirit" among residents of the living unit.

23. Serve as a peer counselor, be able to identify and assist residents who need advising in academic, social and other matters.

### Conditions of employment

1. Be a full-time student.
2. Live in the private Resident Assistant room (when available) which is assigned by the Associate Dean of Students.
3. Additional employment is not permitted.
4. RA's are expected to be in their hall on opening day of each semester and remain on the job through the last day of each semester, with the exception of breaks, holidays and scheduled days off.
5. RA's cannot be elected or appointed residence hall officers.

6. For carrying out these job responsibilities, RA's receive remuneration and live in a private room (when available). RA's are paid monthly out of the Financial Aid Office.

7. Must sign a Resident Assistant employment Contract with the Associate Dean of Students.

8. This agreement can be terminated if the Residence Director and Associate Dean of Students believe that the responsibilities of the position are not being fulfilled.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Residence Hall Staff of Chowan College you are encouraged to apply. Questions concerning the above should be directed to Dean Winslow Resident Assistant Positions Available for 1983-84.

Any student that is interested in becoming a candidate for a resident assistant position for the academic year 1983-83 is requested to see Dean Winslow in the Housing Center to pick up an application. Applications must be received by March 4, 1983.

# Governor Taps Cowan

Governor Jim Hunt has named Laurie B. Cowan of Ahoskie and Joseph E. Malcolm of Pembroke to the N.C. Parks and Recreation Council. They will fill two seats created by the 1982 General Assembly.



Laurie Beth Cowan

Cowan is a first year student at Chowan College. As a student at Bertie Senior High School, she was involved in student government and the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

Malcolm is a senior at Pembroke Senior High School. He has served on the yearbook staff and is a member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

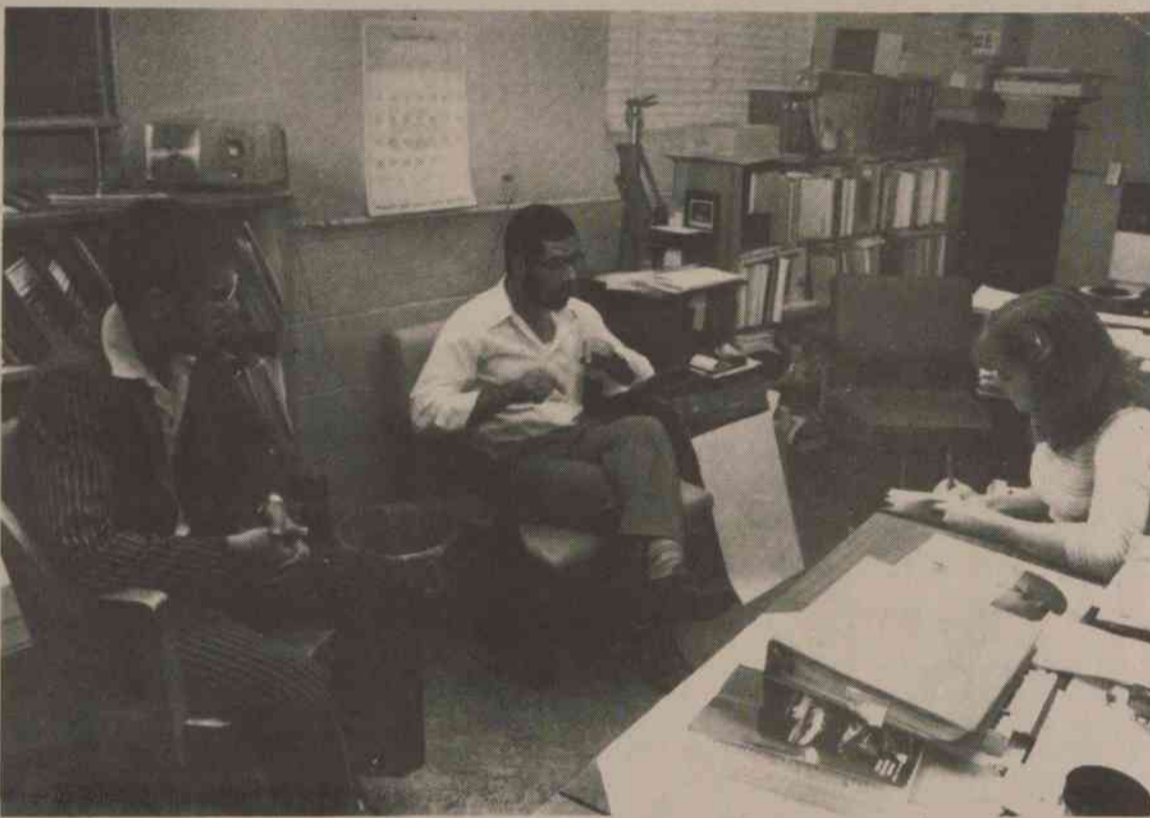
The 15-member council advises the Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development on the promotion, development and administration of the state's recreation and parks system.

Cowan and Malcolm are the first youth members to serve on the council. Their terms will expire June 30, 1983.

Chowan College President, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker applauded Governor Hunt's naming of Ms. Cowan. "We at Chowan College are proud and honored by Governor Hunt's selection of one of our students to the Parks and Recreation Council. Laurie Beth will bring many fine qualities to this position," said Dr. Whitaker.



# Some Internationals Have Ties To The Troubled Middle East



Editor chats with Chowan students from troubled area.

(Ed. Note) During Fall Semester, many Chowan students worried enough money to have a night on the town, worried about finding a ride home for the weekend, or worried about their studies. One group of students spent time worried about the situation in their homeland. These were widespread acts of terrorism. Families were separated. Neighbors were pitted against neighbors. The area is the Middle East, an area in which U.S. troops are on duty trying to keep the peace.

Editor Wanda Bishop recently spent some time talking with two students from the region in an attempt to get their feelings about the conflict in the Middle East.

The thoughts and ideas expressed in the article are not necessarily the opinion of Smoke Signals, its staff, or Chowan College. Reader response is invited.

By Wanda Bishop  
Conflict in the Middle East dates back for generations. In an interview

with two Lebanese students, Abu-Nassim stated the real crisis began when the British and American governments became allies with Israel. Abu-Nassim said the Jews began to move forcefully into Palestine because their Torah declares the land to belong to them. The Jews put pressure on the Muslims to leave their country by slaughtering the people which caused the others to flee for their lives.

The reason for Palestine not standing up to the Jewish nation according to Abu-Nassim was because the regimes in the Arabic nation were very weak at that time.

In the interview with Abu-Nassim and Abu-Mosa'b these questions were asked.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE JEWS' RIGHTS TO LIVE IN PALESTINE?**

Abu-Nassim stated that in time of peace the Muslims, Jews, and Christians lived together peacefully. However, when the Jews began calling

the land theirs and moving in trouble broke out. "You must move in peacefully to have people accept you."

**IN WHAT WAYS DID THE MUSLIMS TRY TO PROTECT THEIR LAND?**

Nassim admitted there are no legal documents declaring Palestine to be their land though all had been living peacefully until the Jews began forcefully moving in. He said the Muslims were too unorganized to fight for their land until the P.L.O. stepped in to protect their rights.

**WHAT IS THE P.L.O. AND WHAT IS IT DOING TO AID THE MUSLIMS?**

The P.L.O. according to TIME began as a terrorist power. Nassim described the P.L.O. as a force that "has united the whole Palestinian people." He said the P.L.O. stated from the beginning that the land belongs to the Palestinians by justification and they should stand up for their rights. Their goal is to liberate Palestine and ease pressures on Palestine so the people can be free to think and decide what they want socially and economically. Nassim said the

P.L.O. has the right to take action from the inside or outside because no one else is helping to defend the Palestinian people. Now the Muslims are relying totally on the P.L.O. to help them to keep their land.

**HOW DID THE MUSLIMS ACCEPT THE P.L.O.?**

At first the Palestinian people did not accept it, but the P.L.O. responded, "We are from you and we work for you."

**WHO IS SUPPLYING WEAPONS TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE?**

Israel is being supplied weapons according to Nassim by the U.S. and Britain. "The U.S. is making it an experimental field for their weapons," declared Nassim. He also stated that the P.L.O. gets its weapons from Russia and other socialist countries. The difference to him is that the P.L.O. pays every penny for their weapons whereas Israel is given most of theirs. Nassim was more upset at the greatest weapon to him—how the Jewish owned media can put out whatever they want and the U.S. will only hear one side of the story.

**IS THERE ANYONE CLOSE TO YOU THAT HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING SO FAR AWAY?**

"Too many," they responded. Many of their friends are involved and some have died in the struggle. The Lebanese students at Chowan feel helpless. They wanted to be there for their people but the situation was too complicated. They are helping in every way they possibly can from this side. They are having trouble concentrating on their studies but they are doing their best not to get behind.

**WHAT STEPS HAVE YOU TAKEN TO AID YOUR PEOPLE?**

The Lebanese students have collected and sent money to the Palestine Congress in Washington D.C. to help send clothes, food, and medical supplies. There were no other actions that could be taken except to pray for their people.

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL CHOWAN STUDENTS?**

They want the students to listen to both sides and make their own decisions. The Lebanese are not out to influence anyone. They also do not want people to feel they are against the Jews. They restated that there have been Jews living in their country for years. They are against "oppression and discrimination." Nassim also asks for the support of the students to help send money to the aid of Palestine.

"Too much we have learned of this world. When alone I couldn't help myself from crying."



# New Christy Minstrels Scheduled

The New Christy Minstrels are one of the most exciting and versatile groups performing today.

They have performed in as many as nine different countries and have performed countless concerts in America, night club engagements, as well as guest artist on television.

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The New Christy Minstrels concert is Thursday, March 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Columns Auditorium.



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