

Editorials

Mid-Term Thoughts

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With mid-term grades on the minds of Chowan College students and their parents, there is no question that the Mid-Term Grading Period offers many, students a time for very serious reflection about what they are going to finish up this semester and what they are going to need to make subsequent semesters successful in order to earn a degree from Chowan.

One of the finest concerns to which every student must address himself is that concerning those academic requirements for continued enrollment at Chowan College. As the student may already know, every college and university must have some stated minimal requirements for the student's continued enrollment in good standing. What the preceding means is that every such institution must have a minimal standard for continued enrollment whereby the student must earn a minimum number of credit hours and minimum number of quality points (or grade points) in any one semester of regular attendance in order to continue the next semester in good standing, i.e. not on academic probation.

Chowan College has a fairly well-defined requirements for continued enrollment in good standing: A student who is carrying a regular credit load of 12 semester hours in a semester must earn a minimum of 9 hours and 18 quality points in order to register in good standing for another semester. If the student should earn less than nine hours and less 18 quality points for a given completed semester he will enter the next or subsequent semester on academic probation. A student who earns less than 9 hours and 18 quality points during his probation semester and who has accumulated a total of less than 18 semester hours and 36 quality points for two consecutive semesters will be academically ineligible to enroll for the next semester. In the preceding situation, that student would be academically suspended from further academic work unless he would make up his deficiencies in a summer session at Chowan College.

Of course, the serious Chowan College student will see that a minimum of 9 hours and 18 quality points earned in any one regular semester to remain in good academic standing with the college is not really a demanding requirement. The average student should do much better than this minimal "9 and 18." The Chowan student is encouraged to do much better in his studies and to prepare himself as best he can to earn his Associates Degree and to transfer with the best academic record.



Dr. Ben Fisher is shown placing the final touches on his manuscript in his office in Chowan's Graphic Communications Center. He delivered a lecture on the theme "The Challenge of Secularism to Christian Higher Education" at University College, Cardiff, England on October 5th.

Letters

Dear Editor: October 1, 1983

I am a former student and graduate of Chowan College attending from 1968-1970. Many good and positive things happened to me while I was a student. I have many happy memories and many lasting friendships I shall retain throughout my life.

I had an opportunity to visit the campus last spring on the occasion of the annual Spring Festival. My sister was a freshman, and had wanted me to visit. It was very rewarding to see many of the faculty members I had known and to see all the many, nice facilities added since I had attended.

What I had not expected to see and what I was appalled to see was the total disregard for the school's property; it being covered with graffiti. Belk dorm was covered (on the doors, the door sills, in the lobby and in the bathroom.)

Jenkins was the same only worse. Names were etched in the ceiling lobbies. I saw signs of this in other buildings also. Not only is this a total lack of respect for property, but you can not imagine how I felt as a former student seeing all of this scribbled over these buildings. I was sickened and disgusted by the sight. Further more, I couldn't believe college students had shown such immature behavior.

I am writing to express my displeasure in this action and to plead with students now at Chowan to consider their actions before defacing the property of their college. Also one must consider what this looks like to outsiders visiting the school for the first time.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Gwen B. Sichel
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President, Bruce E. Whitaker, center, receives one of the "largest" checks ever presented to Chowan College from Franchise Enterprises representatives, Shirley Morgan, left, vice-president for operations and marketing, and district representative Ken Willoughby. During the 1982-83 year Franchise Enterprises, which operates Hardee's in Murfreesboro and Ahoskie and other locations, presented the college with gifts totaling \$1,200 for the Scholarshare program to help fund workstudy opportunities for Chowan students, Dr. Whitaker explained.

Smoke Signals Welcomes Letters

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All contributions should be typed, double spaced, and are subject to editing. Column writers should include their majors and hometowns; each letter should include the writer's name, address, and telephone number. Unsigned letters will not be printed.

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Take Charge of Change & GO

People spend more time planning their vacations than their lives. You are the only answer to the questions of your life.

To change, a person must experience:

1. Overwhelming pain with things as they are
2. Boredom so intense that life is meaningless
3. A dazzling vision in Technicolor of what might be

If change is the name of the game, make a game of it.

CAUTION

Let's blame the school system for not teaching us to change our lives. Instead of just studying what has been, why isn't there a course in Change 1?

People find it easier to make macro-changes than micro-changes. We call this tendency "throwing the baby out with the bath water."

Happy New Year

Only three percent of the population writes down goals. They attain—and even exceed—them.

We have a choice. We can be the victim or we can take charge of change.

If changing your life were simple, everyone would have.

Whatever our minds can conceive, we can achieve.

Don't put second things first.

Everybody has exactly the same amount of time to live—24 hours a day. Our futures are subject to creation.

New Year's Resolutions are just that: re-solutions. We need new solutions.

Change

The all new and improved game of life

Half of all Americans are on a diet today. Only five percent will succeed in losing it and keeping it off. (Source: USA Today)

15 good reasons to quit smoking!

NEVER GIVE UP...

One of the shortest commencement speeches on record was given by Winston Churchill. He said, "Never give up." He paused. "Never give up." Again he paused. "Never give up." And he sat down.

TO CHANGE OR NOT TO CHANGE

Weight the risks of changing with the risks of not changing.

Planning substitutes error for chance.

Wishes

Except in television commercials, there is no 30-second fix.

If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride.

A wish becomes a goal when you make a plan and set a deadline.

The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. —William James.

You never get something for nothing. What is the price you are willing to pay for change?

Failure to change is a failure of imagination.

Make a Change

You can't change if you are always running to catch up.

Don't forget to smell the flowers.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. —Old Chinese Proverb

GO

A "sweet spot" is the place in a bat or club that gives the hitter a marvelously gratifying sensation when it connects perfectly with the ball. For any movement or effort, there can be that pure connection that makes the difficult easy.

Time passes at the rate of 60 seconds a minute. You can't manage time; you can only manage yourself.

Say only good things when you are thinking.

You have exactly the life you want.

Living—and changing—are processes, not events.

Education is retrospective.

CAUTION

A basketball team that sits in the locker room and visualizes practicing plays better than the team that practices on the court. Why? Because the visualizer never misses a basket.

Today is not a rehearsal; it is opening night.

"A man is what he thinks about all day long." —Ralph Waldo Emerson