

Editorials

An Idea That May Work Here

Although we are in the dead of winter, spring is not far away. Along with warmer weather comes Spring Festival at Chowan College. What? Spring Festival, you say, never heard of it!!

The latter was probably your reaction if you are a freshman. For the sophomores who remember what Spring Festival is, they may also remember just how eventful or uneventful it was last year. This depends directly on your involvement with campus activities.

Last year, it was okay. Mind you, the rain did dampen spirits. Could it have been better?

To answer that question, one has to reflect on high school and homecomings and June Jubilee, which was comparable to Spring Festival. One thing made those events stand out was the work done by the school's Inter-Club Council or I.C.C.

It is an association provided for by the student government association whose purpose it was to keep an open line of communication between clubs in the hope of making club-oriented events better. Because of the work of my high school's I.C.C. and possibly your high school's I.C.C., we remember the excitement of homecoming and spring festival type events.

Does Chowan have an I.C.C. operating under the S.G.A.? No!

Article II, Section 2 of the S.G.A. Constitution reads:

"Section 2. Interclub Council (I.C.C.)...A. The Interclub Council, serving under the jurisdiction of the S.G.A. is an association of the presidents of all college sponsored organizations and resident halls, and serves as a coordinating agency for student activities on campus. B. The Social Co-Chairmen for Men and Women shall serve as chairman and preside at all meetings. C. The Interclub Council meets regularly every two weeks."

This is the second year that Chowan has not had an Interclub Council.

Last year I talked with Ms. Sylvia Nicks, Director of Guidance and SGA Advisor, about organizing an Interclub Council. Ms. Nicks said that the SGA was in the process of revising the Constitution and deleting the section dealing with the I.C.C.

Well, Ms. Nicks is gone and guess what? The article was never deleted!

The SGA has done an average job this year. However, an Inter-Club Council to inform the students would do a lot to raise the SGA's performance to above average.

Additionally, under Article II, Section 1-D, the SGA Constitution says... "The Secretary shall forward copies of the legislative minutes which have been reviewed by the presiding officer and faculty advisor to the following persons no later than the next legislative meeting: President of Chowan College, Dean of the College, Dean of Students, Editor of Smoke Signals, Residence Hall Presidents, SGA Executive Advisors, and SGA Executive Officers."

We don't know about the rest of those people, but SMOKE SIGNALS does not and has not received those copies. WHY?

Granted, SGA may be having problems and can't get around to some of these minor parts of the constitution. Wondering what movie to show next is far more important.

The future of Spring Festival, and the student body who elected you, is in the hands of the SGA. You can decide how active the clubs can be when Spring Festival gets here.

An Inter-Club Council may or may not be the answer. But, it would be better than what leadership we have now. SGA...you weigh the odds...Spring Festival will be here in 62 days.

The Year Was 1853

By James E. Moore
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If present-day Chowanians think some of the rules and regulations governing student conduct are strict, they should consider those of Chowan in 1853 when it was a four-year Baptist girls' school known as Chowan Female Collegiate Institute.

Movement of the young ladies was highly restricted. For instance, they were not allowed to make or receive visits, or attend any kind of "exhibition" without approval of the principal. Whenever they left campus, they were to be accompanied by teachers. Under no circumstances could they open accounts with merchants if they did not have written permission from their parents. In addition, all of their purchases had to be approved by the administration. Students were not permitted to go to stores or to the post office. Instead they relied on the "agency of friends." The principal was in charge of all mail and if he suspected a "clandestine correspondence," he turned the incriminating documents over to the girl's parents.

It is interesting to note that the administration considered it important that "the student be induced to act from principle, rather than from fear of punishment-to do right from a love of right. The discipline is mild. Every effort is made to reclaim the erring, by kindness and private appeals to the reason and conscience; if the efforts fail, the student is privately removed from the Institution. No young lady will be allowed to remain in the Seminary, whose example tends to encourage indolence and insubordination, or whose influence is in any respect of an unfavorable character."

In addition, equally strict measures governed dress. Desiring to eliminate any rivalry, the school prescribed a uniform for "Sabbaths and holidays." During the winter, deep blue merino was considered appropriate, and when summer arrived pink calico, gingham, white cambric or muslin were the order of the day. A straw bonnet trimmed with blue was deemed a must for winter attire. The addition of pink trimming made it presentable as an item for summer wear. No jewelry, of any type, was allowed.

Also, "appropriate" religious services opened and closed classes every day and students were required to recite Bible verses on Sunday. Parents were requested not to carry their daughters to and from school on the Sabbath.

Chowan College Receives Gift

Chowan College has received a gift of \$20,000 from the will of Helen Wood Scott, whose sister was a former Chowan professor.

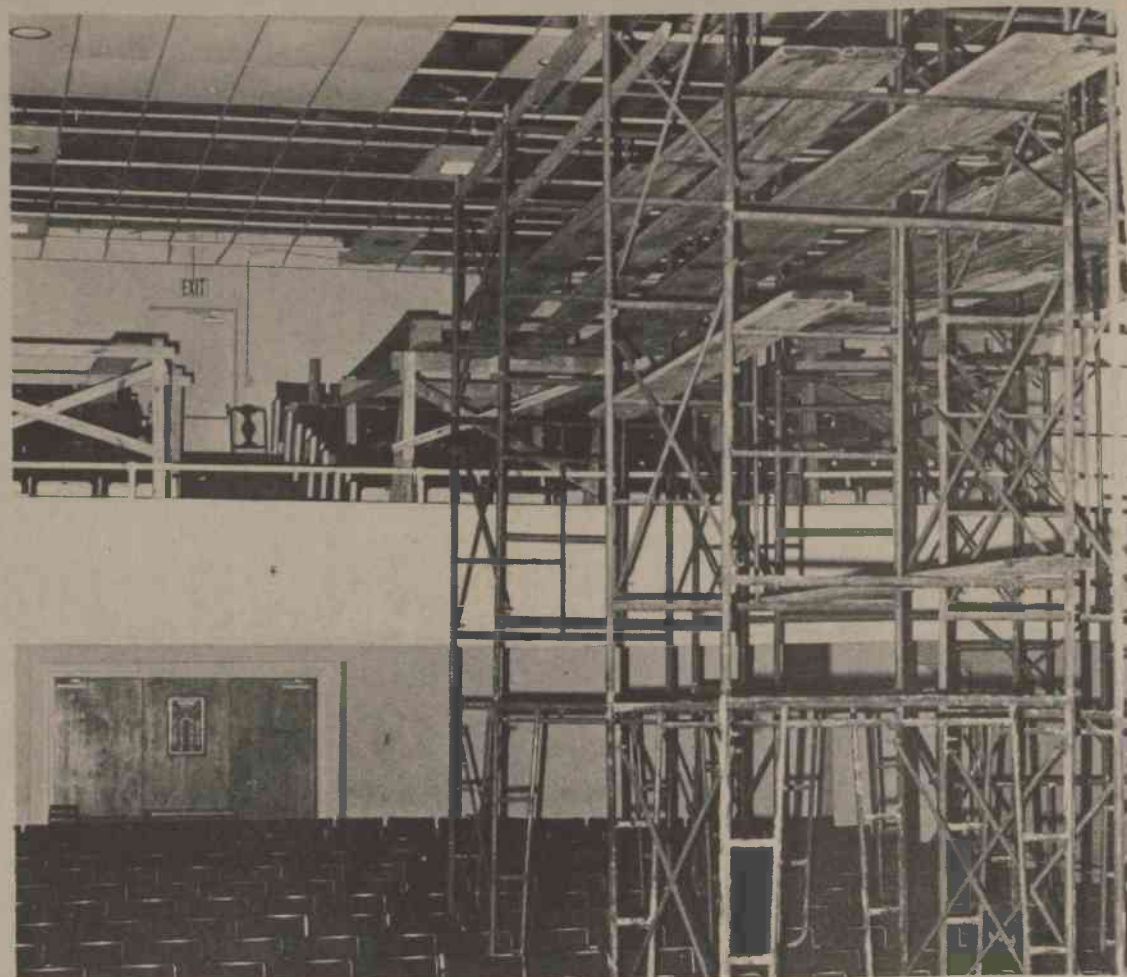
Mrs. Scott was the sister of the late Miss Mary E. Wood, a graduate of Waynesburg College and Columbia University. Mary Wood taught science at Chowan from 1960 to 1969. She was a professor emerita. The Mary E. Wood Science Award is made each year in her memory at Honors Day to a Chowan student.

During Mary Wood's service on Chowan's faculty, Helen Wood Scott maintained a close interest in the college. After her sister's retirement, Mrs. Scott visited the campus with her sister on a number of occasions, according to Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker.

"Mrs. Scott was a good friend of the college and supportive of its mission of helping young men and women with in the context of Christian higher education," Dr. Whitaker stated.

She aided the college while she was alive with her gifts and then made provision to continue that support after her death by remembering Chowan in her will, Dr. Whitaker explained.

He said her gift will place in endowment and only the income will be used to help the college meet its annual operating expenses. In this way her gift will continue to provide financial support for the college and its students for years to come, Dr. Whitaker noted.



It looks like a playground jungle-gym has been placed in Turner Auditorium. In reality, it is part of the work being done to repair the water damage over Christmas break when a pipe burst. (Staff photo by Richard Michaels)

Campus News

By Tracy Hartert

The Student Government Association (S.G.A.) is more than your average club. According to Mary Moren, the clubs advisor, the S.G.A. does more than the student body is aware.

The Association has sponsored pizza parties, planned all the events of homecoming, showed eight movies last semester and plans to show six more this semester. The S.G.A. also awarded the wrestling team \$500.00 to purchase warm-up suits through a special fund raising request.

At this time, this hard-working group of Chowanians may be seen running around campus preparing for their biggest project of the year, the Spring Festival.

Student representation in the S.G.A. occurs in two ways. Executive council members are elected in the spring and legislative members are selected by resident halls in the fall.

The executive officers are: Todd Kelley, President; John Waters, Vice-president; Laura Crum, Secretary; Pam Nobles, Treasurer; Carolyn Cross, Special Events Chairperson; Linda Youlios, Social Chairperson for Women; James Harvey, Social Chairperson for Men; Angela Pike, Auditor; and Shaun Miller, Historian.

Mary Moren describes the executive council as being a responsible, conscientious group and they have been super to work with during her first year at Chowan. "Students don't realize how hard it is until they do it," she said. Dr. John Davis is also an advisor for the S.G.A.

Lakeside Student Center will provide some new and better things this semester.

After switching to another vending machine company, a new set of pool tables were brought in. Also, there will be at least eight up-to-date video games which Coach Martucci feels is a big plus to Lakeside.

A new ping-pong table will replace the damaged one as soon as maintenance makes the switch. The wide screen television will be playing again when the replacement part arrives. A special order had to be made and that takes time, commented Martucci. "I know the students miss the t.v.," he said.

The canoes will be ready as soon as the weather gets warmer. A pier is being built to prevent some of the damage caused by students dragging the canoes.

Besides housing recreational facilities, Lakeside will house the Bloodmobile drive in April. Special Services will hold a banquet and the S.G.A. will have the usual pizza parties and dances.

Coach Martucci said, "I would like to have more cooperation from the students and have them stop abusing things." Lakeside is there for students to have a little extra fun.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for Sunday, 13 May. All students who are candidates for graduation should be aware of the following points:

1. It is the responsibility of each student to know the requirements for graduation and whether he/she has fulfilled those requirements. Each student should check with the academic adviser concerning his/her graduation status. If there remains any doubt, the student should check with the Registrar.

2. To fulfill graduation requirements, a student must complete all required courses in a particular curriculum as outlined in the College Catalog, must have earned a minimum of 60 academic hours plus 2 hours of physical education, and must possess a minimum QPA of 2.000 on all work attempted.

3. The student should complete an Application for Graduation at the Adviser/Advisee meeting of Monday, 20 February. Advisers will file these applications with the Registrar.

4. Candidates should pay their graduation fee in the amount of \$15.00 to Mrs. Aldeen Gatewood in the Bookstore. At the same time, candidates should place their orders for caps and gown, and those who desire to do so, should place their order for invitations. The deadline for ordering caps and gowns is Friday, 9 March.

We wish those of you who are candidates for graduation every success throughout the spring semester as you work toward the completion of degree requirements.

By Janette Galderise

The cafeteria committee which consists of students representing each dormitory, meets once every month to discuss the strengths and the weaknesses of the Thomas Cafeteria.

At the last meeting, which took place in the President's Dining Room, Mr. Thompson along with the students discussed the menu and the problems which students felt could be solved.

Thomas Cafeteria is allowed a certain amount to be spent in the budget. A total cost of eighty-one cents is appropriated for each student, yet each student is allowed to return to the food lines as many times as he or she wishes.

To increase the interests of the food line, many new items have been thought upon. The idea of a potato bar with assorted toppings was suggested by Mr. Thompson. These new ideas will hopefully add more enjoyment to the menu.

A few problems that were brought up during the last meeting, involved the dirty silverware and the odd odors in the salad bowls. They have been brought to the manager's attention and will be cleared up.

If anyone has an idea or anything that they would like to suggest in hopes it will improve the cafeteria, please tell the representative of your dorm and he or she will bring it to the next meeting for consideration. We all have to work together to better our campus.

The Helms Center is starting a program to encourage students to volunteer a few spare hours helping maintain the operation. Some assignments would be at the check-in desk, take hourly counts, dust mopping gym floor, and generally keeping the facility clean.

Compensation-How about a good inner feeling that comes from being useful and altruistic? Want more-how about a van trip and/or monthly party for the volunteers with the most hours?

Give it a try, ask Bill Dresch. He helped us out on many occasions. We are looking for more guys and girls with Bill's school spirit.

Come on over, and enjoy some swimming, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, weight lifting, sauna, steam while you are here. Anyone with a lifeguard certificate can help us too.

The Hertford County 400th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Mrs. "B.J." Brown, has published a 1984 calendar commemorating the 400th anniversary of English colonization of the New World.

You may purchase these calendars, costing \$3.50 each, either from Laura Duncan or Betty Godwin at the switchboard. Proceeds from the calendar sale will be used to finance a Hertford County anniversary festival in 1985.

Keith Lawson, a Chowan graduate of 1981, will present an assembly program on February 27 and 29th. After graduating from Chowan, Keith transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill where he studied for a year before enrolling at the University of Tasmania as an undergraduate Rotary Scholar. Keith plans to return to UNC-CH in August 1984. He wants to become a dentist.

Thank You....

January 19, 1984

The Editor
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Dear Sir:
I am a sophomore student in my fourth semester at Chowan College. Through your newspaper, SMOKE SIGNALS, I would like to thank Chowan College, Rotarians, and the community of Murfreesboro for their contribution toward my tuition.

At the end of my third semester when my financial aid was totally cut off and I was very upset, members of Chowan College and Dean Clayton Lewis, gave me strong support. A word of support by Dean Clayton Lewis that "I feel sure arrangements can and will

be made for you to complete your studies at Chowan College", has given me a great deal of confidence and made me feel at home. I believe that there are very few people like him in this world of competition.

I strongly appreciate Dean Lewis and Mr. Pruette's efforts in dealing with the foreign students. In the end, I again thank the members of the faculty of Chowan College, members of the Rotary International club, and the people of Murfreesboro for their lovely collection towards the completion of my studies at Chowan College. I would have never made it without their efforts.

Sincerely yours,
A. Hameed Ansari
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Education & Athletics....

DEAR EDITOR:
It appears that the main objection to Chowan going to four year status is what it might do to the athletic program. I love sports, but I don't believe that sports should be a major factor in determining what the future of the college should be. As I see it, the main purpose of the college is to educate the mind, not to train athletes. The two are not necessarily mutually exclusive, but when they do conflict I believe that education should take precedence over athletics. And I believe that Chowan can best serve it's educational function by becoming the first and only four year institution of higher learning in this area.

The second objection I have heard is that we will lose the students who in the past have come to Chowan because it is a two year institution. This need not be true. We can continue the same two year programs we now offer while gradually adding some four year programs, as other colleges have done very successfully.

Another fear that some have expressed is that they, or their spouses, may have to return to College to upgrade their education. I can understand this fear because I have had the experience several times myself. However I do not think it should influence our decision about the future of an institution such as the college.

The one valid objection that I have heard is the cost involved. Since a large portion of the increase is in order to upgrade the athletic program to compete with the four year colleges who give many full "scholarships" to athletes, perhaps if we chose to compete instead with those colleges who do NOT give "free rides" to students because they want to play a game, this financial burden would not be so great.

If we are counting on athletics to attract students, perhaps it is a poor investment. Of the ninety five students who came last year to play sports fifty percent of them withdrew during their first year here.

Sincerely,
John W. Gosnell

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The Faculty-Student Relations Committee meets on the third Friday of each month. The purpose of this committee is to provide a forum for grievances from students and to make recommendations through appropriate channels. We would like to encourage you to inform the students in your dorm of the nature of this committee. You might possibly do this during your next dorm meeting or through the RAs on each floor.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17 in Camp Hall 309. Our success depends on your support.

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