

What Others Say

The following is an editorial from another college newspaper, SMOKE SIGNALS presents it on the eve of the Student Government Association elections here as a reminder that the right to vote is a very important freedom that we have in this country. Reprinted from The Western Carolinian, Western Carolina University, January 26, 1984.

1984 is here, and it's time to think about elections. SGA races will be gearing up in the coming months, and voter turnout has traditionally been very poor. Student complaints, however, are generally high, and I want to say right now that if you don't vote you have absolutely no right whatsoever to gripe about anything in the present administration that irritates or angers you.

I also feel that developing apathetic voting habits on campus leads to apathy during national, state, and local elections in "real life." SGA and the newspaper and radio elections are one thing, my friends, but the presidency of the United States, the North Carolina gubernatorial and senatorial races (or whatever state you reside in) and local mayorships are the real thing, and deserve our full attention as responsible adults.

I am personally very dissatisfied with the Reagan Administration on several counts, such as the federal deficit that is the highest in history, the invasion of Grenada and its resulting press gag, and government interference in moral and religious matters like the Baby Jane Doe case. I feel that the Reagan government is a staunch enemy of the poor, as well as minorities like blacks and women.

I realize that I have given you here several very broad generalities, but that is not the point. The point is that I have been keeping up with current events that affect me in an indirect, if not a direct, manner, and I have formed an opinion about them, an opinion I intend to voice at the polls in November. I don't care if you agree or disagree with what I think, but I do care if you vote or not. It only takes a few minutes to stay informed and to exercise your right to vote, and I feel that anyone who doesn't exercise this right for which men have died should be shipped Federal Express to the Soviet Union and see how they like having virtually no rights, much less voting rights. So start reading the papers and watching the news, and get ready to flex your voting muscle in November.



THESE SHIPS ARRIVED 13 YEARS BEFORE THE MAYFLOWER

Visitors boarding these reproductions at Jamestown, Virginia, are astonished by the small size of the three ships that brought 144 men and cargo from London in 1607, to establish here the first permanent English settlement in America. They were the *Susan Constant*, 100 tons, Capt. Christopher Newport; *Godspeed*, 40 tons, Capt. Bartholomew Gosnold; and the *Discovery*, a pinnace of 20 tons, commanded by Capt. John Ratcliffe. The colonists sailed this far, about 50 miles, up the James River to be safer from Spanish raiders than on or near the coast, and they selected this particular site because they found deep water so near the shore they could keep their ships conveniently close to the river bank, moored to trees. They left London on December 20, 1606, and sailed via the West Indies where they stopped en route, and arrived on May 13, 1607 at the place they named James Towne. That this colony survived, by a slender margin, the diseases, Indian attacks, and other vicissitudes of an environment for which it was unsuited and poorly equipped, has been called one of the great events in the history of the world. Representative government, and what is now one of the world's oldest legislatures, began here in 1619. And Jamestown continued as the capital of Virginia for nearly a hundred years--until the government was moved about six miles north to Williamsburg in 1699. (Photo courtesy Virginia State Travel Service)

Virginia's Tidewater: Birthplace Of The Nation

An incredible storehouse of historical attractions and sites, Tidewater reaches all the way from America's birth at Jamestown in 1607 to the space age of NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton.

Tidewater's historic Jamestown offers full-scale replicas of the three sailing ships that brought the first settlers to America in 1607 - *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*. Visitors can board the *Susan Constant*, and also watch craftsmen nearby demonstrate America's first industry - glassblowing. Costumed settlers and Indians portray life inside the reconstructed 1607 James Fort and Chief Powhatan's lodge.

Recreating the elegance and hospitality of early America is Colonial Williamsburg, encompassing hundreds of original and restored buildings and gardens. Buildings such as the Governor's Palace, the Capital, the old Jail and Magazine, taverns and crafts shops offer the opportunity to relive the times of colonial America. Families dine in authentic taverns featuring foods of George Washington's time, participate in musters of the colonial militia and fife and drum corps, watch craftsmen ply their colonial trades, ride in horse-drawn carriages and witness the 18th-century farming operation of nearby Carter's Grove plantation.

Twenty minutes away, in nearby Yorktown, echoes remain of the final days of the American Revolution and the prelude to independence. Visitors can visit the Victory Center and walk among the ramparts, earthworks and brass cannon to experience the last, decisive battle of the war that won America's freedom.

Not far from Yorktown, visitors experience the future first-hand through the moon rock exhibit, simulations and programs at NASA's Langley Visitors' Center in Hampton. Settled in 1610, Hampton is the oldest continuous English-speaking settlement in America and the home of the largest

stone fort ever built in North America - Fort Monroe, also the only moat-encircled fortress still in use today.

At nearby Newport News, visitors to the Mariners' Museum enjoy one of the world's most extensive nautical collections, as well as the internationally acclaimed "living history" display of a local boat-builder helping to revitalize the dying craft. Harbor cruises offer a view of both the world's largest shipyard, Newport News Shipbuilding, and the world's largest navel installation, Norfolk Naval Base, as well as the adventure of sailing over the spot where the ironclad vessels *Monitor* and *Merrimac* battled during the Civil War.

From these broad waters rises Norfolk's vibrant skyline. Facing its fourth century, Norfolk is history, too, with a tour including visits to the famous Adam Thoroughgood and Moses Myers houses, the breathtaking Gardens-by-the-Sea, Chrysler Museum, historic St. Paul's Church and the Douglas MacArthur Memorial - final resting place of the celebrated World War II general.

Within a few minutes' drive of Norfolk lie the golden sands and shimmering waves of Virginia Beach, where the ocean temperature is comfortable for much of the year. Vacationers enjoy leisurely strolls along the boardwalk, bicycling, riding rafts in the surf and fishing for the 22 species of fish found in the area's waters.

Many fine restaurants highlight seafood caught in local waters, and accommodations range from economy hotels to luxury beachfront hotels and condominiums. Nightclubs feature jazz, rock and folk music, and plush hotels offer intimate dining and dancing.

What If?

Has your name ever been mispronounced by someone? Can you imagine the problems a name like Tadeus Wladyslaw Konopka could present? Well, that name got shortened to Ted Knight. Would you invite LaDonna Gaines or Reginald Dwight to dinner? You would if you knew the names belonged to Donna Summer and Elton John.

Their names have been changed to enhance their careers or shorten the difficulty of long names. Want some trivia for a late night talk session in the dorm? Here are some:

- Alan Alda: Alphonso D'Abruzzo
- Jack Benny: Benjamin Kubelsky
- Charles Bronson: Charles Buchinski
- Angie Dickinson: Angeline Brown
- Harry Morgan: Harry Bratsburg
- Michael Landon: Eugene Orowitz
- Conway Twitty: Harold Lloyd Jenkins
- Suzanne Somers: Suzanne Mahoney
- Minnie Pearl: Sarah Ophelia Cannon.



APRIL 29 Daylight Saving Time Begins

SGA Meet

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Pam Nobles. There is \$10,026.56 at present with a deposit of \$93.09 for the movies yet to be added.

There was no old business. In the new business, Todd Kelley discussed writing a rebuttal from what was written in the *Smoke Signals* about SGA.

Mary Moren reported that the Tea went very well for all Spring Festival candidates and judges. Also, decorations have been ordered for the dance and we are in the process of getting judges for the air band contest. There will be three judges who are not affiliated with the college.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:45 P.M.

The Legislative Meeting of the SGA February 20, 1984

Vice-President John Waters opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The roll was called and minutes read.

Pam Nobles gave the treasury report.

In the old business, a committee met with Deans Lowe and Lewis about the SGA's budget. Ideas were given and the only way to keep a strict watch on withdrawals is to go to the business office every day.

Carolyn Cross discussed how well the Tea went. Mary Moren and Jesse Allen were thanked for their help.

Ken Powell, Laura Crum, John Waters, and Todd Kelley will be getting together soon to discuss the revision of the Constitution.

In the new business, Mac Beach discussed how the washing machines in the Student Center are always out of order. Unfortunately only Maytag can come out and fix them, because we just rent the machines.

Committee reports were given and \$500 worth of decorations for the dance have been ordered. Invitations to clubs and organizations for the carnival have been sent.

The next meeting will be March 26, after Spring Break.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Churchill Crowned Queen



A KISS FOR THE WINNER. The newly crowned North Carolina Watermelon Queen gets a kiss during the coronation in Wrightsville Beach in mid-March. If the browned-haired, blue-eyed beauty looks familiar, it is because she is Chowan's Laura Ellen Churchill from Raleigh. A freshman, Laura is majoring in commercial art and was homecoming princess last fall. As the N.C. Watermelon Queen, she will represent the watermelon industry in North Carolina for the next full year and then compete for the national title next March.

Middleton Honored

Dr. Hugh Middleton, Professor of Music at Chowan College, has recently received the Silver Medal as result of his Second Place finish in the Teachers Division of the 1984 International Piano Recording Competition, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Dr. Middleton entered a record performance of the Liszt Piano Sonata in B minor. He has served as auditions adjudicator for the National Guild for a number of years. This year he will be judging in Greenville at East Carolina University in May.

REGISTRATION FORM

During Spring Festival Carnival, West Hall will be sponsoring an Acee/Ducee Tournament. There will be a one dollar registration fee to be paid on the day of the tournament. To assure a table please complete the registration form below and return it to Mike Bradley's mailbox (located in first floor Columns near Business Office) or postmark in 'Box 196' and drop it in the intracollege mail.

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