

'Mark Twain' Show presented in Columns

Mark Twain is alive and well and performed in Murfreesboro earlier this week!

Television personality Ken Richters brought his one-man show "Mark Twain On Tour" to the campus for one performance in McDowell Columns' Turner Auditorium on Tuesday, October 2.

The program was made possible by the Student Government Association and the Fine Arts Department, co-sponsors. As a community service, admission was free.

The production, which began its yearly tour in September with a series of performances in Boston and New York, has been presented nearly 700 times in the past six seasons. This winter, the show will be presented for the first time in Alaska. In May, 1985, the production returns to Europe for a number of lectures and performances.

Real "Mark Twain"

Born Samuel Langhorne Clemens at Hannibal, Mo., in 1835, the celebrated humorist spent his 75-year life in a variety of jobs, including steamboat pilot (the call "mark twain" signaled channel depth on the Mississippi River), reporter, editor, publisher, and traveling lecturer.

He kept a lavish mansion in Hartford, Conn., but fought bankruptcy triggered by bad investments through lecture tours started in 1893.

Twain, most widely known for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, has been called "an outrageous prankster and a gloomy pessimist." With virtually no subject too sacred to comment on, his opinions on education and politics are often quoted:

"It could possibly be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class in the United States... except for Congress."

"In the first place, God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made School Boards."

Touring for Six Years

Richters has been touring with this unique one-man production for the past six years, following nearly three years of research into Mark Twain's public and private life. The actor is in his late twenties and spends "nearly three hours" in make-up application to complete the transformation to the elderly Twain.

A familiar face to television audiences around the country, he has performed in films, and on a number of network television shows. Some of Mr. Richters' recent credits include "The Dawn of Summer," "Soap," "Happy Days," "Search for Tomorrow," and "Johnny We Hardly Knew Ye" for NBC television. He has appeared as Mark Twain for AT and the Bell Telephone, on the Public Broadcasting System, and before members of Congress in Washington, D. C.



KEN RICHTERS



RICHTERS AS TWAIN

Miss Paffe joins faculty in typography

By NORRIS HENDRIX

Miss Betsy Paffe, a Chowan graduate in the Class of 1980, has been appointed to a faculty position in the Department of Graphic Communications, and began her responsibilities at the beginning of this academic year.

The new professor, who replaces Mrs. Patsy Marks, transferred to Rochester Institute of Technology after completing her studies at Chowan, and received her baccalaureate degree there in May, 1982.

A native of High Point, Miss Paffe accepted a position with a specialty printing operation in Winston-Salem following her graduation from RIT, and was responsible for the company's typesetting department.

In her new position at Chowan, Miss Paffe will be teaching both beginning and advanced Typography.

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Homecoming to highlight "Chowan Spirit Week 1984"

The traditional Homecoming Day on October 28 will serve as a climax to "Chowan College Spirit Week 1984", according to Mrs. Diane Reichard, Director of Student Activities. The week will be filled with games, music, shows, movies and the annual Homecoming football game and should prove to be one of the biggest weeks of the college year.

The Homecoming Parade will be staged on Thursday evening, October 25, beginning from Helms Center's south parking lot at 5:00 p. m. The parade route will include a trip down Murfreesboro's Main Street with a return to the campus by the main entrance. Various clubs and organizations will have entries in the parade, along with the cheerleaders and the college stage band.

Band Festival
On Saturday, October 27, beginning

at 9:00 a. m., the annual Marching Band Festival will begin with competition among high school bands from throughout the northeastern section of the state.

The Festival, under the directorship of Professor Bob Brown, will be held in the college stadium with free admission. The group receiving top honors will perform at halftime of the football game and be recognized as "Band of the Day."

Chowan's 1984 Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime activities of the football game by President Bruce E. Whitaker, who will also announce the freshman princess. Candidates for the Homecoming Court will be nominated by campus residence halls and the day student organization, with elections to be held in Lakeside Student Center on Wednesday, October 17.

The traditional Homecoming football classic will pit the Chowan Braves against the strong Potomac State Cata-mounds of Keyser, West Virginia.

Other Activities

According to Mrs. Reichard, other activities already scheduled for "Spirit Week 1984" include a Pep Rally and bonfire on Thursday, October 25, immediately following the Homecoming Parade. At 8:00 P. M., on the same evening, the movie "Twilight Zone" will be shown in Turner Auditorium of McDowell Columns.

"TFC" will provide music for the Homecoming Dance, scheduled in Lakeside Student Center on Saturday evening, October 27. Admission to this event is free, with semi-formal dress being required.

Special Efforts

Special efforts are being made to make "Spirit Week 1984" a success, says Mrs. Reichard. The Student Activities Director has volunteered her services to assist any residence hall, club, or department in planning other activities.

The necessary forms to become a part of the special week may be obtained from the Dean of Students' office, or at Lakeside Student Center.

Court election scheduled

All persons nominated for the 1984 Homecoming Court face a busy schedule during the coming weeks as they prepare for the "big day" on campus. The first meeting of the Court nominees will be held in the Conference Room of Lakeside Student Center on Monday, October 8, at 6:30 P. M.

On Monday and Wednesday, October 15 and 17, the nominees will be introduced to the student body during assemblies in Turner Auditorium of McDowell Columns.

The election of the Homecoming Court will be held in Lakeside Student Center on Wednesday, October 17. The polls will be open from noon until 2:00 P. M., and will re-open from 4:30 until 6:45 P. M. Results of the election, and the names of the 1984 Homecoming Court, will be posted in the student center the following day.

Portraits are made

A total of 738 students, faculty and staff members had individual portraits made for the 1985 edition of the college yearbook earlier this month. A professional photographer was on duty the entire week of September 17, in Robert Marks Hall auditorium, to make photographs for the yearbook, according to faculty advisors of the publication.

Proofs of the portraits will be shown in approximately two weeks, at which time orders will be received from those persons wishing color enlargements. Each person will also be requested to select the pose desired for inclusion in the yearbook.

According to members of the yearbook staff, 45 of the college's 54 full-time faculty members had their portraits made, along with 44 staff members. A total of 649 students had portraits made, and will be included in the forthcoming edition of THE CHOWANOKA.

'Showdown '84' campus forums on presidential election slated

Aiming to help students cast a better informed vote on Nov. 6th, the National Student Campaign for Voter Registration (NSCVR) has announced plans to organize simultaneous forums on the Presidential elections at over 100 campuses on Oct. 21.

The campus debates, collectively titled "Showdown '84", will be held immediately before or after the nationally televised debate between Walter Mondale and Ronald Reagan. The Presidential debate will also be aired on large screen televisions during the events.

"Students are strongly concerned about the issues, but are often uninformed about the candidates' positions on those issues and the implications of those stands," observed Gary Kalman, a senior at Clark (MA) University and NSCVR chairperson. "These forums are designed to augment this campaign's personality politics with substantive discussion on the issues."

The campus debates will feature prominent individuals analyzing campaign

issues such as the arms race, the economy, civil rights, the environment, women's issues and education policy.

Co-sponsors with NSCVR of the debate include Project Vote, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, Human SERVE, United States Public Interest Research Group, United States Student Association, The Difference, American Association of University Women, Public Citizen, Environmental Safety, and the Children's Foundation.

The National Student Campaign for Voter Registration is a non-partisan organization which conducts voter registration and voter education campaigns across the country. A project of the student-directed Public Interest Research Groups, NSCVR was founded this February at a conference of 1,500 student leaders from 42 states.

Students interested in organizing "Showdown '84" debates at their campus should contact NSCVR at (617) 357-9016.



Checking credentials for registration

Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., (right) Dean of the College, checks identification cards and registration admission cards of students entering Marks Hall to register for fall semester classes. Students were admitted to the building at certain time intervals and according to their last initial to eliminate waiting in line for long periods of time. Good weather prevailed for the registration day and almost every student reported no difficulties in registering for their classes.

Help us help you

Students respond to the college experience in a variety of ways. Some freshman find Chowan to be stressful because it is too different from high school. Others find being away from home, their parents and hometown friends a source of stress. Although some stress is necessary before personal growth can occur, stressful events can be seen by a college student as challenging or threatening.

When Chowan College is seen as a challenge, stress is thought of as a sense of competence and as an increased capacity to learn. Students who see Chowan as a threat sometimes think they are in a helpless situation and experience a sense of loss.

Symptoms commonly associated with college-related stress are the inability to do the quality of work expected by professors, the fear of academic failure, the worry of not being able to measure up to the expectations of parents or one's self-image, and the tendency to be overly critical of

people and conditions within the environment.

A measure of distress among college students is indicated in the dropout rate. Educators estimate that 50 percent of the people who enter college in the United States do not finish college four years later. Students who feel a mismatch between themselves and their college wish to leave. They want to distance themselves from the source of stress.

Part of the maturing process is learning to cope with stress. Professional people discover ways to perform under stressful conditions. Successful college students develop their own strategies for achieving their personal goals and career objectives.

The reduction of stress begins with the individual being "big enough" to take control over his/her education and life.

Freshman should expect to confront the following situations in college:

1. A feeling of greater isolation in college than in high school;
2. A greater diversity of

social, economic and religious backgrounds in fellow students than in high school;

3. A greater range of teaching styles by college professors than by high school teachers;

4. A tendency for grades to be based more on written work than on class performances;

5. Less feedback about academic progress than in high school;

6. Greater competition for grades and positions of leadership in college than in high school; and

7. A greater personal responsibility for managing time.

Given sufficient time, most freshman will develop a sense of control as they become more independent. Independent students make their own decisions and control their lives. They understand the environment in which they live and make the necessary adjustments. They can distinguish between important and trivial issues and do not waste their time on meaningless and self-destructive activities.

To become independent, students must analyze themselves, analyze "the system," and accept the best that Chowan College has to offer. The approach for becoming a successful student can be summed up in four words—HELP US HELP YOU. Students who are having problems adjusting to Chowan College are urged to seek help from the following persons: their faculty advisors; their professors; their coaches; their resident assistants; Mrs. Linda Tripp, Director of Counseling and Career Development; Dean Earl Dilday, Associate Dean of Students; Mr. D. H. Nicholson, Registrar; and Dr. Hargus Taylor, Chaplain.

Students who are experiencing academic concerns should see someone in Special Services about receiving help through a tutor. Special Services is located on the ground floor of Whitaker Library.

There are many sources of help available to students at Chowan College who will let us help them. The bottom line reads—HELP US HELP YOU.