

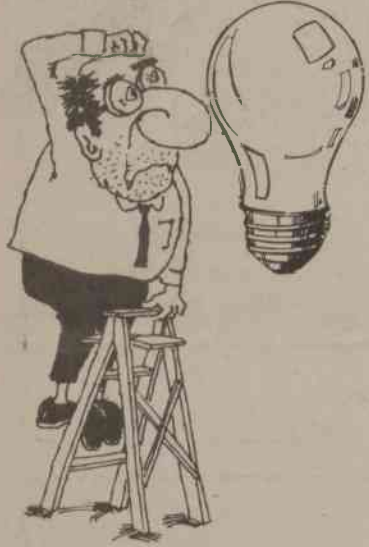
Campus Voice

Waldo's World

Welcome happy campers to another action packed edition of *Waldo's World*. In this edition you'll hear of violence, sex, and other various disgusting things. You will be appalled at the vulgarity, shocked at the profanity, and mad because I'm not really going to write about this. Psych!

Kudos to the housing department for painting the parking spaces in around campus. I would have thought it wise though if the parking lots and potholes had been fixed before the lines were painted. Instead, when the pavement is fixed, the work will cover up the new lines. Unless housing doesn't plan on fixing them, and we all know that this isn't true. The one thing that housing neglected to do was to paint in the famous "can we park there?" space outside of West Hall south. Will we ever know if we can park there? Will housing paint in parking places there? Is an Isuzu really faster than a speeding bullet? Maybe we can get Geraldo Rivera to look into this matter...

One thing that would be nice is if housing fixed all the broken lights around here. This would help in security matters and people would not have to walk around in the dark all the time. The light that need fixing the most are the ones on the way to Parker Hall. How many lights around campus need to be fixed? Too many.



Another thing that housing could do is fix the air-conditioning in West hall. It has been too long and too many promises for this camper. I heard that the heating is run by a computer. People say that a computer is only as smart as the people who program it. Why doesn't housing have the heat up in the night when it is cold and turn it down in the day while it is warm. It feels like the heat is up too high whenever it is turned on. Please fix the problem before we all die of heat stroke or freezing or the flu that ensues when the heat is turned on and off for long periods of time. Hopefully for the people coming back next semester the heating problem will be solved before the real cold season hits next semester.

About Parker Hall, what a joke. It has quickly become the crime capitol of Chowan College. It is nice that the administration is recognizing the problem and helping in the resolution. I just hope that they don't make only cosmetic repairs. It seems that all too often they do just enough to get by and let loose ends hang. It is good to see that a group of students can make a difference around here.

To all you campers who went to E.C.U. for Halloween, killer party wasn't it? I think we ought to celebrate like that more often. If we held a Halloween party at Chowan we could go have cake and cookies in squirrel park. Maybe we could have some milk too.

One thing that is really getting under my skin about Chowan is the number of students getting suspended for drinking or having people of the opposite sex or whatever. When students get kicked out right at the end of the semester after months of hard work it seems that all the college is interested in is money. Some consideration should be shown for the students. I know a few people that have been or are being suspended for drinking. Look, drinking may not be allowed but it is part of college life. If a fine could be imposed instead of suspension it would make it easier on the students, their parents, and the school could get more MONEY. Plus, if

students would lose money every time they got caught drinking, they may learn to be more careful about doing it.

About students drinking, how bright are some of you? When people yell out where the party is that night during the football game in front of teachers, parents, and undercover as well as uniformed officers, do you think that only the partiers are going to hear you? Then you wonder why the parties get busted all the time. Grow up. You say that the students never get to have any fun around here because the cops always bust the parties, all you people are doing is telling them where it is. Keep your mouths shut, the people are going to know where the party is anyway.

Have you noticed that the S.G.A. hasn't held any fun and exciting activities for the students lately. They may have had their hands full with homecoming and all but maybe they could hold a dance soon. They could play progressive music and even get a band to play a couple of sets that is if there are any cool bands that know progressive music and would play. If not I guess the students will all have to join the B.S.U. to do anything around here. Let me tell you, it seems like the only student organization that has done anything constructive around here is the B.S.U. and the Rotaract club.

Well this is going to do it for this edition of *Waldo's World*. Hope you enjoyed it. Next time we will center in on the problems of the Joker and the Penguin in their never ending battle against Batman and Robin. How they could lose so many times to guys who wear tights I will never understand.

Yet again I invite the administration and the students to write in and tell me how they feel or their reactions to what I have said.

Well until next time...

Happy Camping,
Waldo D. Tuttle

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Who's Who at Chowan

By Dean Johnson

The Who's Who article this week was supposed to be on a student with some major accomplishments but time and information ran into some problems and that article will be published in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*.

With the limited time, I had to find someone to fill in and the best idea was to do a group of people on campus as this week's Who's Who.

The Who's Who choice for this issue is the P.S.U. (Pirate Student Union.) Known as the Pirate's, this group is based in a room somewhere in West hall and it is believed that they have built a ship in the room (with housings permission) for their meetings and lounging. I had chance to talk to their captain and he was extremely excited to find out that people are finding out about his organization. "When I first started the group," the captain said, "I didn't know if it would catch on or not. I talked to some guys and with the help of my first mate, we got about 10 people interested and it is still going now."

The purpose of the group is to help the boredom that can sometimes hit this campus. "We like to think of ourselves as an adaptable group. If we stay on campus weekends, we find things that will satisfy the whole group. But if we decide to visit another school, we do things that satisfy the people at the school we are visiting." The captain also added, "It's not hard to become a Pirate, but the new-comer will be asked for a history of past experiences and survive a few hard test that we have set up but I can't reveal those to just anyone, they are kept secret by our by-laws."

The Pirates are also planning to do some work for the group as well as others. They are planning a couple fund raisers and they plan to a walk-a-thon for the constant spread and major threat of schizophrenia. If you have any questions about the Pirates or want to be a member of the group, send a letter to Chowan P.O. Box 849.

An apology

I would like to personally apologize to the cafeteria for unjust comments made in the past. In the last edition I mentioned about having picnics in the park and students being charged for it, I was wrong. The picnics that were held in the park where people were charged were not affiliated with the cafeteria.

About the food, it may not always be that good but with some of the experience of the cooks, it is the best they can do. Do you really know what a good pastrami or rye tastes like? Or some of you southerners who think the vegetables are undercooked, in the oriental meals, the vegies are supposed to be a little hard. They are not supposed to be as soft as they are cooked in southern homes. Another problem is that the cooks have not always had the opportunity to taste an exotic meal the way they are supposed to be made. How can they make it perfectly if they don't know how it tastes? They do try their best.

For those of you who think the food is better at other colleges, they think the same thing.

The cafeteria has tried a number of different ways to give more variety to your eating. There have been some cases of no success and there have been some cases of too much success. There used to be a short order line but, so many students went to it, that the line stretched from the far side food line all the way to the entrance. Students then complained that the line was so long that they couldn't get to class on time. Even when we do get something good, it tends to get screwed up somehow. The ice cream machine was bought for students to use. A few people who thought it would be neat to turn it on as they left and forced the cafeteria to hire an extra person just to run it. In this case it was the students fault for extra

money to be spent on something other than food. I'm suprised they didn't take the machine out. People should be mature enough to leave a good thing alone.

Another thing that the students don't understand is that the cafeteria has a budget they have to run on. Your cafeteria money doesn't just go for food, it goes for food, utilities, salaries, and equipment.

I would like to commend the cafeteria on the cookout dinner they had. Thats the most people I've seen in the cafeteria in a long time.

I do have to admit that the cafeteria still has some problems. The attitudes of the workers could be nicer at times. They do need to realize that some foods can be served without the foods they are meant to be served with. I have seen double standards too many times where one person will get a double helping and the person next in line asks for the same thing and is told no. These problems may seem academic but they are something to think about.

I would especially like to thank Mr. Thompson for talking with me and explaining many of the matters that students beef about and set me straight. I have also been invited to a dining hall meeting where plans, ideas, and complaints are heard. This will give me a chance to see how things are done and maybe get some of my own thoughts heard and discussed.

Please don't blame all the problems on the cafeteria, students own some of the fault too.

Happy eating,
Waldo D. Tuttle

If you have any ideas on how the cafeteria could be changed for the better, write to:

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Letters to the Editor

As a freshman I am excited to find that I am not the only one that feels the same as you. At first I thought maybe my views were being molded by my first year blues. Being one of the many that live in the unrenovated sections of West Hall, I am infuriated by the steps taken. Everyday I am forced to look at my room and see run down furniture, busted out tile, an abused sink, and a poor paint job. Would it not have been a little smarter to do a little renovation all over? For the high price my family pays for my education it would be nice to live in a livable corridor. It seems strange that larger and less expensive schools have nicer rooms than Chowan. As everyone knows, most of the dorms on campus should be called a roach motel. At least the other dorm's windows will open. I have quickly found that when it's hot you freeze, and when it's cold you burn. West does not have the luxury of controlling its environment.

Well, enough of an old subject, I would like to move on to a dirtier one than the dorms. This is about the washer and dryer situation at the Student Center. Not since the first day of school do I remember all of the machines working. More than two washers at a time would be nice. Does the administration forget that there are more than ten students at this institution. Well, maybe with the high dropout rate, I'll eventually have to take that comment back. This school seems awfully good at taking our money, but not spending it wisely. I take that back, we did receive a new second rate pool table. Now if they purchased a few new pool sticks, then just maybe we will be able to have some fun. I forget, is having fun allowed on campus?

The other day I was going through the cafeteria line and noticed that immortal "chili-n-rice" dish. Not being a big rice eater I requested just chili. Ever so quickly was that idea shot down. I was informed that the chili was for the rice. As I looked around I noticed separate bowls of just rice. I asked, "Isn't the rice for the chili?!" It

did not make sense why the rice was interchangeable and not the chili. Stupid as it may sound, incidents as such make me wonder about this institution. Several times after being informed the soup or main dish has run out I wondered why I have wasted my time. Then usually I'll walk off and think, aren't they here to serve me and make my stay a little nicer. That is of course what my family paid for. I can say though that they have improved my physical condition. Now instead of walking after dinner, I run just so I can make it to the bathroom. To think after a year of eating here, I'll be ready for the Boston Marathon.

Sincerely yours,
Discontent and wanting a refund

Dear Discontent,

I am sorry your first year in college has gotten off to a bad start. Maybe with time things will get better.

About the food problem, go talk to Mr. Thompson when a situation like this arises. I am sure he will be more than happy to help you out. Not much else can be done though.

As for housing, request to the housing staff to fumigate your room. There is a large number of rooms on campus that have a roach problem but what is even worse, there are some dorms that have problems with mice. Housing should do something about this but as usual these problems are again neglected.

On the washing machine business housing is also behind that. Need I say more?

Thanks for writing in. Good luck in the marathon.

Waldo D. Tuttle

Waldo,

I have a very big beef about how this school goes about getting things done. It doesn't get done unless the girls from Belk, Jenkins or Columns complain. I have asked numerous times for them to fix the air-conditioner in West but to no avail. The R.A. has sent work request

after work request and that didn't work. What does a person have to do to get something done? Another thing that irritates me is that I talked to Dean Dilday about the windows and what would happen if the air-conditioner broke. He told me not to worry about a thing, it would be fixed the same day.

The people at housing are constantly procrastinating if you ask them for something. I'm trying to get some wood to build a frame for my bed to make it into a double. Well, this person says talk to somebody else and they say go talk to him. By the time you get to the person you want to talk to, it's 5 o'clock and everybody is gone so the last person you talk to says, "don't worry about it, just come back on Monday." I'm tired of getting the run around and also being lied to.

Sincerely,
Unhappy

Dear Unhappy,

Thank you for writing in. It is true that the air-conditioning needs to be improved in West Hall. I just hope it doesn't take them as long to fix it as it is taking them to fix the parking lots. I woke up this morning and was burning up because of the heat. The thermostat in the R.A.'s room was set on 60 degrees, explain that to me. Housing seems to promise that they can fix everything as soon as it breaks down. Does that remind you of a landlord in a low rent district or what?

The only thing I can suggest is go strait to the top. Leave them written messages. Keep after them until they do something about the problems. Another suggestion is to work with your dorm council until you solve the problems you are facing. We pay enough to live in the dorms and we should not have to live in such discomfort.

Thanks again for writing in. Don't give up the fight.

Waldo D. Tuttle

Parking lot break-ins

By Warren A. Breniman

Recently Parker Hall parking lot has been hit with vandalism and theft. A number of cars have been broken into. Some of the break-ins have also involved smashing of the car windows. Car stereos and speakers have been taken just to name a couple of the items stolen.

The break-ins have occurred late at night while the security is lax around campus. During this time, most people are asleep and with the limited view of the parking lot from Parker Hall, the thefts have occurred without much effort.

Freshman Class President Frankie Edmonston and Vice President Albert Alvarez have met in conference with Dean Lewis, Dean Dilday, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Hassell, Mr. Britt, and President Whitaker on the matter of added security for the Parker Hall parking lot. After much discussion, they came up with the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Redesign the parking area in front of Parker Hall so only maintenance vehicles can use the area. By doing so, the Residence Director, Associate Residence Director and all Residence Assistants will use the Parker Hall Parking Lot. This will eliminate parking along Union Street and by the baseball field. Requiring those in authority at Parker Hall to use the parking lot will cause them to show greater concern for improving security in the parking lot and for reducing vandalism.
2. Construct a security building - a small office - in the traffic

island located in the Parker Hall Parking Lot. This traffic island is not located at the Union Street entrance of the parking lot but is located at the entrance of the parking area. This location puts the person or persons manning the office in the parking area. Those in the office could see who enters the parking area and see what takes place in the parking area. The small building would have to be equipped with heating and cooling and a study desk.

3. Make the Resident Director of Parker Hall responsible for seeing that the security office is manned by student workers and/or students who volunteer to become involved in the community watch program. Some car owners have said they did not come to college to watch their cars, but being involved in community safety and security is seen by car owners as a responsibility. If the program cannot be implemented by volunteers and student workers, we could increase the car registration fees. Most colleges/universities charge more than \$15.00.

4. Plans for the aforementioned are suggestions to be implemented by January 1988.

Another idea would be to hook up a T.V. monitor somewhere in the parking area and run a direct link to the security office. The security officer could then watch the monitor while he is in the office and not out patrolling. This plan was attempted a few years back but the monitors were vandalized also.

The main point about the security system would be prevention. With a security office at Parker parking lot, it would deter any would be thieves when they see a light on and a person watching out for other peoples safety. The security office would of course have a phone so the person working the office could call main security when anything unusual starts to happen.

There has been reoccurring problems with car break-in at Parker for the past ten years. While the break-ins do not happen every day, the problem has yet to subside. With the addition of a security building at Parker parking lot, security problems would be met not only for now but it would benefit the residents of Parker for years to come.

For now the only proposal made to resolve the problem is the addition of a fence around the parking lot. The fence would not solve the problem and only slow the thieves and vandals down. Additional lights will also be added for better visibility. The security booth is for now a secondary set up but with student backing and the persistence of Frankie Edmonston and Albert Alvarez it may soon be a reality.

The efforts made by the residents of Parker Hall have been very impressive. Their persistence to keep working at a reasonable resolution to the break-in problem should be thought of as a great effort to help the student body. For the situation to be resolved would be a start in the right direction. Hopefully it will also start the administration to ponder more on what they can do to improve student relations and make the campus a better place to live. The *Smoke Signals* staff wish them much luck on their quest.