

English 101 essay...

College life not what expected

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I had this idea, an idea that I was going on to an important part of life, a part of life that was to be the best I was ever to experience. Then, after a month of this life, reality struck, and it turned out to be a great disappointment.

So many images filled my head that I can't remember half of them. Everyone I talked to told me college life consisted of beer, sex, and parties—in any order you wanted. I had actually experienced this life anyway, even before setting foot on the Chowan College campus. I had gone to older friends' colleges and received first-hand experience of this famous college life. I also found out pretty quickly that it was exactly what they said it would be.

I found out quickly what the key to surviving at Chowan was: go away every weekend you can. I go to the University of Maryland almost every weekend. The way they live at Maryland is the ideal college life. The place gets rockin' every night. At least

one fraternity is having a party on any given night. Some parties actually begin at 2:00 a.m. and continue through the next day. Chowan doesn't have any on-campus parties, unless, of course it's sponsored by Dean Lowe and consists of shaking hands with a bunch of old people who act sincerely interested while munching on homemade cookies.

At Maryland, if you're not interested in a frat party, you can walk downtown to a number of clubs and bars. These places are usually packed to the limit with a long waiting line as well. These clubs are merely college parties with a couple of bartenders. Granted, Chowan has Sandy Shores open on Thursday nights, but that place is not fun for everyone. Not only do they have no variety of music, but more importantly, what do you do on the other six nights?

When I travel to Maryland, I spend the weekend in an apartment with four girls. The majority of people who attend the university live in apartments. The only rules in an apartment are

"don't tear down the walls" and "be courteous to your roommates." To compare these living conditions to Chowan, I would have to tell you what I've been told about Maryland dorms. The all-one-sex dorms can have visitors of the opposite sex from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 a.m. But who stays up to see if he or she left? The coed dorms, of course, have no such rules.

People drink openly, mainly because no one is around to get you in trouble. Chowan has no drinking (a \$50 fine) and visitation one night a week from 8:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. This is, of course, only with the lights on, one foot on the floor, and the door open. Getting caught means another fine. Getting caught twice results in suspension.

After experiencing the Chowan life for a month, my images were shot to pieces. I've come to the conclusion that this school is ridiculous. A more appropriate word is unrealistic. A famous question around campus is, "Why'd Chowanna go there?," and the famous answer is, "I don't know." This is not my idea of the famous college life.



Miss Anna Belle Crouch, professor emerita of speech and English, shows her delight over being inducted into the Order of Lux et Veritas at the President's Annual Banquet in August. Crouch is one of the eighteen charter members inducted into this high honor.

Order of Lux et Veritas

Members serve college for 25 or more years

By Randy Oglesby

Eighteen veteran Chowan College professors, administrators and staff members with 25 or more years of service to the college have been inducted as charter members into the Order of Lux et Veritas.

They were inducted at the President's Annual Banquet, which was held earlier in the semester as Chowan opened its 140th year.

The Order of Lux et Veritas was established to give recognition to current and former employees who have given 25 or more years of service to the college.

At the banquet, a Chowan watch and certificate were presented to each charter member beginning with President Bruce E. Whitaker and Mrs. Esther Whitaker, professor of religion, who both came to Chowan in 1957.

Other current employees who received the honor include Mrs. Betty Batchelor, professor of English who came to Chowan in 1961; Dr. James Chamblee, music and chairman of the Fine Arts Department, 1959; Mrs. Patricia Edwards, business, 1961; James Garrison, athletic director, head football coach and professor of health and physical education, 1958.

Also Jack Hassell, director of physical plant, 1960; Jerry Hawkins, health and physical education, psychology, head baseball coach, assistant football coach, 1958; Thomas Ruffin, Jr., business, 1957; Mrs. Frances Sanford, housekeeping, 1962; Warren Sexton, history and chairman of the Department of Social Science, 1959.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sneed housekeeping, 1957; Ben Sutton business manager, 1961; L.M. Wallace, Jr., business, 1958; and the Lux et Veritas member who has served Chowan the longest, William Sowell, printing technology, 1955.

Why the unusually high number of professors who have given so many of their productive years to the college? According to Coach James Garrison, who's tenure at Chowan is approaching 30 years, there are several reasons. A small town atmosphere conducive to raising a family is one important reason, along with the acceptance he and his family received from the community.

After two or three years in the coaching program, Chowan's football team started to win, which contributed

to coach Garrison's pride in his job. Developing a good athletic program was another reason for his stay. This challenge was something that Garrison, formerly an assistant coach at Garner Webb, had wished for. Coming to Chowan gave him the opportunity to do this without the pressures and lack of job security found in many of the bigger colleges.

According to coach Garrison, "Coming to Chowan and the challenge of developing a good athletic program contributes a lot to having security and also the security with my family of not having to move."

The Chowan family hopes the number of members inducted into the high honor of Lux et Veritas will continue to grow in the future.



New look for yearbook

By Randy Oglesby

Yes, it's a sad fact that even though yearbooks are provided for us at no extra cost, many students don't even bother to pick up their copy of the *Chowanoka*. In fact, only about two-thirds of the yearbooks were picked up last year. Part of this lack of interest may be attributed to the absence of color pictures.

Well, have no fear because the 1988 yearbook is going to be something to look forward to. The new *Chowanoka* will be about the same size as last year, but with more excitement and design creativity. There will also be more visual emphasis on campus life. However, probably the biggest improvement will be the addition of color pictures this year.

For those of you who didn't know, the *Chowanoka* is printed on campus by the Department of Graphic Communications. Student and faculty pictures, as well as any other color

photos for the yearbook will be scanned on the department's new laser color separator. The entire yearbook will be printed on the new Heidelberg two color offset press that was installed earlier this year. In fact, everything except the cover and binding process will be done on campus.

Members of the yearbook staff seem pleased with the new direction that the *Chowanoka* is taking. The new yearbook will relate more to the school year and the students. Instead of just being a picture book, it will strive to capture the true spirit of the 1987-88 school year. According to staff member Richard Perry, "by putting the yearbook photos in color, it should give the students an incentive to pick up their yearbooks and read them, hopefully giving them more pride in the school." Richard also added, "the *Chowanoka* will have a surprise theme this year, one that will relate to the 1987-88 school year."

The yearbook staff encourages everyone to pick up their copy of the 1987-88 *Chowanoka* at the end of the spring semester.

Monday
November 16, 1987

Adviser/Advisee
Day

Wednesday
November 18, 1987

Individual
Conferences

November 16-20, 1987



Spring Pre-Registration

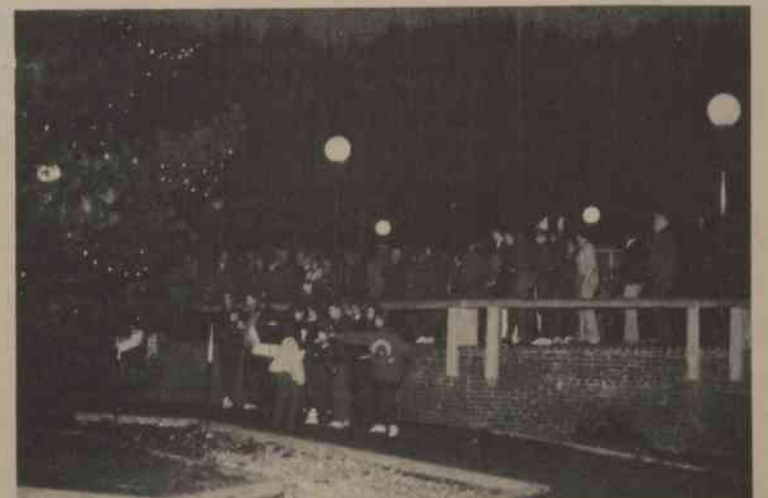
Chowan Mutual Concert Association

Wednesday
December 2, 1987
Facinatin Rhythm
Time 8:15 p.m.

Thursday
February 25, 1988
Linda Maxey, Marimbist

Thursday
April 21, 1988
Alex Markov, Violinist

Students may attend these concerts free.



Come Light the Christmas Tree

Dec. 1st 5:00 pm