

# Campus Voice

## Parking lot soon to be flower garden

By Brett Fipps

The small parking lot in front of Parker Hall and parking in general around Parker has been in disagreement between Staff-Maintenance and the resident students of the dormitory. For many years, there has been a few places set aside for the Resident Director, Maintenance, and a few allotted for the students to park in the front of the building.

Just recently the parking has been taken away from all students except for very short loading purposes, and even then, parking tickets are still distributed.

Housing has recently proposed a plan to clean up around Parker Hall. The front parking lot, (except a space for the R.D. and a couple for maintenance,) will be taken away. This will be done in order to add more decorative features, and to make the first impression of Parker Hall a great one. The housing director said that this would make a quiet, more sound proof dorm. He also said that this proposal would reduce the job of security by reducing the number of tickets that have to be written.

On the contrary, this new proposal takes on an even larger inconvenience for the residents of Parker Hall. The only place allowable to park is in the rear parking lot. This parking lot is approximately one hundred yards away from the dorm. If this proposal for clean up work is completed, the residents of Parker Hall will have to carry their belongings all the way to the rear parking lot to load and unload their cars.

Another point against the new proposal is the visitation night parking. The girls that come over to see someone will risk being attacked within this hundred yards located next to the trees behind Parker.

Instead of this new proposal, they should spend the money more constructively. They would be able to build a small parking lot on the South side of Parker Hall. A security booth could be placed between the small parking lot and the larger rear parking lot. As for the noise factor around Parker, a person standing in Parker Hall could not hear any noise anyway because there are no open windows in Parker. This proposal will cut down the tickets given, make a more convenient loading and unloading for the students, thus at the same time offer safety for the female visitors that may come over.

If Housing wants to improve the scenery around Parker Hall then they should finish what was originally proposed. This was to make a gathering place on the Parker side of Lake Vann. To build a small pier and/or gazebo.

Also, why not create a small type of beach head that would offer a better scenery plus new activities in the spring. For example, playing volleyball or just laying out and getting golden tan. Who knows maybe even offering a beach music dance instead of all this monotonous dance music offered in the regular Chowan College dances in the Student Center.

Maybe Housing thinks that turning the loading zone into a flower garden will benefit everyone, but they do not have to live with the problem. "We don't park our cars in your flower gardens so don't plant flowers in our loading zone."

## Metal-mania

By Richard Perry

The sound of "Heavy Metal" drifted over from the sixties and continued through the seventies. "Heavy Metal" got its start when the pot smoking, drug addict musicians got together and held a large open and free concert called "Woodstock."

On paper "Woodstock" seemed like a good idea. A free concert and no cops, what could be better, right? Wrong! The Hell's Angels motorcyclists decided to be the law, and there was almost a riot. But the music from Led Zeppelin, Janice Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and the "Rolling Stones" created the base for

what we know as "Heavy Metal."

In the late seventies "Kiss" was the hottest group on the charts. Most of their popularity was attributed to their costumes and not to their music.

Many groups such as, "Twisted Sister," "Ozzie Osbourne" and "Ratt" recreated the old "Kiss" approach by using make-up and costumes.

Many Heavy Metal groups have been accused of secret messages recorded on their albums, so when they are played backwards, satanic messages are heard. I don't know about you people but most heavy Metal lovers are not into listening to records backwards. And, if they were, I don't think they would like to hear something about satan backwards.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,  
In the last issue of Smoke Signals, you asked us to write to you. Well, here goes.

When I first came to Chowan, I was having the time of my life; studying, going out, laughing with friends and just enjoying college life.

The fire in Mixon has changed everything. I had friends that lived in Mixon. It hurt so much to see all of their belongings destroyed in the fire. The scences of people jumping out of smoke filled rooms will haunt me the rest of my life. I keep asking myself, "Why did it happen?" I guess we will never know the real truth. One bright spot out of this experience is the coming together of students from other dorms helping to get students out of the burning dorm. This is one experience I do not want to go through again. I hope those who lived in the dorm will finally have a good night's sleep.

Witnessed the fire

## Students are suffering from the dreaded slump

By Richard Perry

That time of the year has again come upon us. Not only sophomores but freshmen as well are suffering from the dreaded slump.

Maybe it's because the end of the school year is so near or because schoolwork has been done for so long that it has become a bore, but whatever it is, the slump sets in every year about this time.

The weekends seem to last for only a couple of hours, classes last for an eternity and while lying on the bed doing homework you fall asleep between every two problems; these are the symptoms. There is also the person that you know to be calm and always friendly to everyone but as soon as they hit the building in the mornings, watch out for "SuperMonster."

Is there a cure? The best way some say is to get away for a few days. Just forget about all the schoolwork you have to do for a while. Easter break is always more than needed. Weekends would help too. That is if it weren't for all the homework. But, as some students do, you could say the heck with homework and rush to get it done on Monday morning.

If nothing seems to work, the only thing to do is work it out. It will pass, sooner or later, just hang in there. After all, we've been through 12-14 years of school, surely we can make it two more months.

## Waldo's World

Hey happy campers, today we have a special guest star with us, straight from The Money Store, its Phil Rezuito. Why is he here? I don't know. Maybe he's here to lend Chowan some money to fix Mixon.

It's been a pretty slow month so far at Chowan but the spring is coming up and the school will get the fever. That strange phenomenon where students go quite beserk and the parties always seem to last a little bit longer. For those who did not have a blast last night at the St. Patty's Day festival, the B.S.U. is always looking for some people. For those who had a great time, it's Saturday already. It is nice to see that the S.G.A. still remembers the students, and Elizabeth Stark, we'll talk about the night on the scaffolding.

The cafeteria business is going about the same, mostly excuses and answers but short on action. I ate at the University of Richmond this weekend and thought the service of the meal was much nicer and efficient than Chowan's even though the lasagna there was not as cheesy as ours. The main thing their cafeteria had over ours was class. They had nice tables, comfortable chairs, a completely carpeted floor (and it was soft carpet too), and everything seemed to work in pretty good condition. Alot could be done to make the eating experience at Chowan much nicer, oh well, if no one really cares about the system it will never work good.

On the lighter side of things, have you ever been so bored around here in all your life. There are no real activities on campus other than sports and intramurals with an occasional concert thrown in here and there. Have you noticed how some friends turn into soap opera junkies right in front of your very eyes? To them life is what happened on "Days" today and how the show is going to effect their daily lives. What do we do with these people, should we shoot them or send them to The Betty Ford Clinic? What happens if the show ever goes off the air? There would be mass suicides across the nation. Will they cancel Santa Barbara if California is knocked off the map by an earthquake or will it keep on going as an Atlantis type settlement?

What would happen around here if we all got to live like we wanted to? It would probably be so completely confused we'd be sick for a week from classes and still end up with straight A's at the end of the semester. I thought I'd add that just to shake up the administration.

April Fool's Day is coming up soon and I know its going to make a lot of fools happy around here. We can expect to be soaked by these heathen jokesters with water balloons, doors will be shaving creamed, classes will be canceled but not by the teachers. These horrendous jokes brought about and

others which are being molded in the minds of these mad jokesters. Watch out because you don't know when the next words that you hear might just be April shenanigans.

Well, if this has been a slightly strange article, you're probably right. These have been some of the strange notions thought up as I twiddled my thumbs and watched my friends sink deeper in to soap opera unsanity. Also, with my two guest stars who are trying to eat all my Lucky Charms while I write this, I have the strangest notion to end all of this nonsense right now.

Happy camping  
Waldo



Happy Fishing!

## The card with many charges

By Sarah Davis

A generation ago college students wore mini-skirts and celebrated flower

power while eschewing the materialism the lone charge-card or even charge-plate bought for their parents.

Then the "hippies" of that decade became the "yuppies" of another. The lengthening of the hemlines was equalled or surpassed only by the yardage of credit cards they possessed. They quickly learned that a mini-card could produce a maxi-charge.

Now the mini-skirt is back, or at least trying to be; (Women's Wear Daily February 26, 1988) heralds it and a "new," bold flower power to be in vogue. Credit card buying is no longer in vogue; one mini-card with a maximum charge is in vogue!

Chowan is trendy. Mini-skirts are in vogue; bold fabrics brightly splashed with flowers herald spring, and some 514 Chowan students have applied for and received their "charged" plastic, rectangular mini-card.

How is this? As were on ancient heraldic fields, figures have been emblazoned on the 2"X3" card. That "charge" permits the bearer of the card to "charge" his selections while simultaneously permitting the library to "charge" him with his (and only his) acquisitions.

The card is "charged"—"filled full"—with acquisition potential; it bears as heavy a burden as its bearer wishes; and because it is so heavily charged, it can even re-charge its bearer.

By using his library card he can "jump start" lagging, sagging grades with academic acquisitions, and if that jolt of energy doesn't "rev" his motor,

he can rewire his electrical system with pleasure acquisitions.

The best part of this "card with a charge" is that it gives the bearer practically unlimited charging potential—no credit limit—with no need for any charge to him. While having access to millions of dollars worth of books, periodicals, and records, the bearer, if he uses his card properly, need never pay any balance in full, minimum payment, service charge, or annual fee.

This "card with a charge" has been approved for all Chowan students; approximately 72% of them have applied for and received their cards. If you are one of the 205 students without a valid library card, you may wish to receive your own "charge."

During the week of April 17-23, designated as National Library Week by the American Library Association, Whitaker Library will be emphasizing "the card with a charge." Visit your library and discover that your card is not just a card with A charge; it is a card with MANY charges. Among the "charges" you will receive will be the opportunity (beginning April 11) to register for prizes to be awarded daily at 4:00 p.m., April 18-23.

Prizes to be awarded:  
Monday—mug  
Tuesday—poster (Oprah Winfrey or Michael J. Fox)  
Wednesday—2 tote bags  
Thursday—poster (one not claimed Tuesday)  
Friday—meals at T.H.E. Pizza Place, College Inn, and China Garden.

## The Card with a Charge



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