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Effective this month

New dormitory visitation policy approved by executive board

By Jessica Kiser
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A new residence hall visitation policy went into effect on March 4, 1992. Monday and Wednesday will be visitation for male residence halls. Tuesday and Thursday will be visitation for female residence halls. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be visitation in all residence halls. The hours will be 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., Friday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m., on Saturday, and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Residence doors may now be closed, but residents must still sign in their guests.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the new visitation policy on February 25, 1992. They will receive a progress report on the new policy on March 31, 1992. The new policy is on a trial period until April 20, 1992, at which time the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will be presented with a final report and a decision will be made at that time regarding a permanent policy.

The special committee who set up the new visitation policy was made up of eight faculty and four students: Dean Carter, Mrs. Eason, Ms. Leonard, Ms. McLaw-

son, Mr. Moore, Mr. Nicholson (Chair), Mr. Sexton, Dr. Wolfskill, and Helena Curran (SGA), Craig Dennis (SGA), Melissa Finnerty (SGA), and Ken McGinniss (SGA).

"The Executive Committee (of the Board of Trustees) was very impressed with the way that the SGA representatives presented themselves and their proposal," said Vice President Moore. "They deserve a lot of credit."

Dr. Jackson urges the student body to remember, "Visitation is a privilege, not a right. This new policy will be monitored very carefully. Please enjoy, but do not abuse!"

Tuition increasing, but Chowan still a good buy in education

Yes, tuition is going up at Chowan College for next year, but compared to the average cost of attending other private schools in the state, Chowan still has one of the lowest total costs in tuition and other fees in the state of North Carolina.

According to John Nesbitt, vice president for business at Chowan, in a survey of private schools in the state, 29 of those colleges have higher total costs than Chowan. The survey found that only five private colleges in the state have lower total costs than Chowan College.

"Chowan was found to be the least expensive among private colleges of similar size and academic offering, including, among others, Barton, Campbell, Elon, Gardner-Webb, Meredith, and N. C. Wesleyan," stressed Nesbitt. "We also expect to be among the lowest in total cost for the 1992-93 academic year because all private schools in the state are expected to announce increases in tuition."

Total cost for residential students to attend Chowan for the 1992-93 academic year is \$9380. Total cost for one semester is

\$4690. This cost includes tuition and fees, semiprivate room and the 7-day board plan.

There was no increase in cost to receive the 7-day board plan which remains the same as this past year. Cost for the 5-day board plan is \$1,730 per year.

A flat rate of \$4,950 per year for full-time commuting students reflects an increase over last year to bring greater equality in the rate structure between commuting and residential students. This revised format will further permit commuting students to take from 12 to 18 hours at the flat rate.

"Chowan is very good buy for the money," said Nesbitt, who pointed out the actual cost to the college for educating a student for one year is in excess of \$14,000.

Another significant factor for out-of-state students is that Chowan requires no out of state fees as do many colleges in the state. Close to 53 million in financial aid and academic scholarships were provided to students during the 1991-92 academic year.

Further information about tuition and cost to attend Chowan College is available in the business office at Chowan upon request.

Peter Kairoff concert lives up to expectations

By Dawn Ang, Staff Writer

What was promised to be a brilliant piano recital by Peter Kairoff proved true to its word. Kairoff, who had to travel four hours to arrive at Chowan College then spent another hour and a half practicing on the piano before facing the small and attentive audience at Daniel Recital Hall recently.

Kairoff kicked off the evening with J. S. Bach's "French Suite No. 5 in G Major," his fingers running over the keys with such familiarity, you would believe that he was married to the piano.

His other pieces were Beethoven's "Sonata in E. Flat. Opus 81a;" and works by Bela Bartok and Chopin.

Graduating from the University of Southern California with the highest academic and performance honors, Kairoff then spent two years in Italy as a Fulbright scholar and Rotary International Fellow.

Currently residing at Winston-Salem with his family, he is an assistant professor at Wake Forest University. A critically acclaimed keyboard performer, Kairoff brought honor to Chowan by making his debut in North Carolina at Chowan College a few years back. He has once again returned to grace the College with his presence.

Everyone present enjoyed his short performance and would have stayed on to listen to more if he had only obliged with one more piece of music.



Professor Acheson Harden and his family in front of the chapel.

—Photo by Nester Varian

Harden Chapel dedicated

The most recent addition to the pride of our Baptist Chowan College was the opening and dedication of the Harden Chapel on the 3rd of February, 1992. Small as the chapel is, it was able to accommodate the many who attended its opening. Professionals and students alike all packed into the chapel located beneath the Thomas Cafeteria.

The prelude and postlude of the dedication was proudly presented by the Chowan College Band, led by its director, Dr. James E. Rogers. Speeches reverberated throughout the chapel. As always, there was a welcome speech delivered by Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, President of Chowan College, who recognized that the faculty and students were in need of a chapel "for a long, long time." It is to be a place of meditation and can also be opened for meeting and solitary meditation. Harden Chapel was "dedicated to the Glory of God

and in the loving memory of Mary Carus Harden by Acheson Adair Harden Jr., Professor Emeritus of Mathematics."

Kelly D. Brame, our campus minister, was next in line, leading everyone in prayer from Psalm 72. The momentous unveiling of the plaque by Acheson Adair Harden Jr., and his family was enough to touch the hardest of hearts.

The dedicatory address by Dr. Carl L. Garrett, professor of French and Spanish, was on ethics and responsibility. His belief in the problem with people now is that too much emphasis is being placed on pleasures of the moment, and people's selfishness, and all this attention should be reverted back to our spiritual life. His belief—"You can't fool mother nature," and "God wills us to do the right thing—then we must do it."

A special emphasis by Robert B. Spivey later, when he pronounced his words of apprecia-

tion, were directed towards David Parker and staff who designed the simple yet elegant Chapel. Finally Dr. Joyce Elliott, Professor of Speech, led in the dedicatory prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. It was a brilliant experience, to be present at the opening of the first chapel of Chowan College, after 144 years of existence of this Baptist college. As you enter the Chapel, watch for the words by Paul Simon, 1969:

"When you're weary, feeling small, when tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all; I'm on your side when times get rough, And friends can't be found. like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down. Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down."

Bear these words in mind and always know that despite the smallness of Chowan College's campus, there is always a place that you'll be able to find solace, joy, and inspiration all through your stay here.

Business department offers minor, new course

Students wishing to broaden their word processing skills should consider adding CIS 122: Text Processing to their fall class schedules. Text Processing will help students to become more productive and efficient in the preparation of correspondence, essays, reports, and research papers. Also, the quality of the output will improve, which should lead to better grades.

The course is an advanced document preparation course and will cover such topics as indexing, table of contents, endnotes, abstracts, and bibliographies; creating special characters for equations and foreign languages; building and using macros, sorting lists; outline processing; and creating documents using page composition software for desktop publishing.

Andrea Eason will teach CIS 122 in McSweeney Computer Center from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. A basic understanding of computers and the ability to type are pre-requisites. The course carries two hours of credit and will only be offered in the fall semester on even calendar years.

Students won't want to miss this opportunity to increase their knowledge and skill in the processing of information on the computer.

Whether they're majoring in art, English, biological science, or some other subject, students in programs of study leading to the baccalaureate degree will broaden their employment options if they choose a minor offered by the Department of Business. In fact, many employers prefer job applicants who combined business courses with their liberal arts requirements during college.

A minor in business requires the completion of 19-20 semester hours in designated business courses. Chowan's Department of Business offers minors in four areas: Business Administration, Accounting, Computer Information, and Small Business Management.

Students interested in a business minor or in taking one or more business electives should see Dorothy Wallace, Chairperson of the Department of Business. Her office is located in McSweeney 114.

Committee to address police harrassment

By Jessica Kiser
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The Student Advisory Board and Murfreesboro town officials have a committee to address problems that may arise between town employees and the students or residents of Murfreesboro.

The main goals of this committee, as stated by the town manager Frank Cope, are first to open up a dialogue between the town, college, and police. Second, it is to help the students understand their rights. Third, it is to give the students a voice.

"But students have got to use it," said Cope. "This committee is being set up by students for the whole town to use. It will be called upon whenever someone has an issue."

One of the major issues that students are concerned about is police harrassment. Before the forming of this committee, the only way a student could express his concerns was by talking to the town manager or police chief which would leave the student feeling like he did not have a voice. Cope hopes that this committee will give

students and town residents an avenue of redress.

Even though the committee is being designed by students and will give attention to college relations with the town, the need for such a committee was realized after a resident of Murfreesboro complained about police harrassment. He was unsatisfied with the inattention given to his complain. Cope realizes that many of the students felt the same way.

"The students probably feel powerless like that man did. I wanted to set up a system where

students could tell their side of the story," he said.

The decision of the board will not be final, but their recommendations will be taken into consideration when the town council makes their final decision on the matter.

"I believe that the main problem with Chowan College and Murfreesboro relations is that there is not much communication between the two. That is probably because of the age gap, but I hope that going four-year will improve relations between the two," said Cope.