



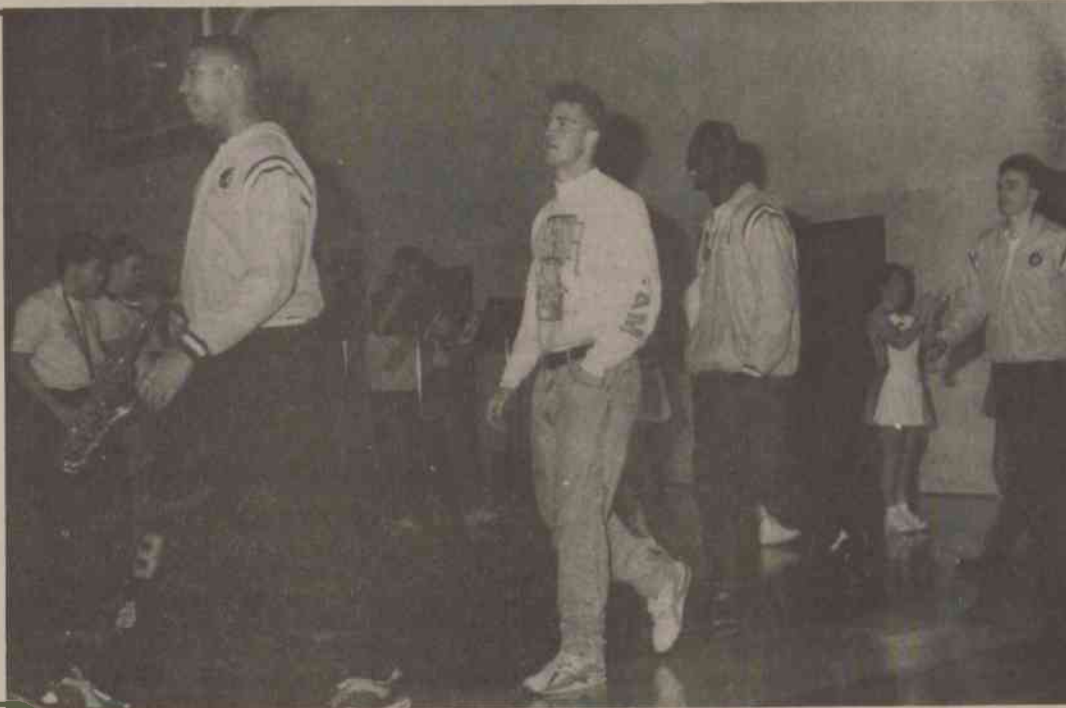
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The Braves are welcomed home

Chowan College welcomes the Braves back to the campus as they return from a long, grueling NJCAA tournament, held in Hutchinson, Kansas.



Senate poster exhibition placed in Marks Hall

A poster exhibition to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the senate is now on permanent display at Chowan College in Marks Hall.

The exhibit was presented to the college by Senator Jesse Helms last year for display on campus. Chowan is one of five institutions the senator selected to receive the exhibit.

"I made the decision to present Chowan College with this important exhibit because I have a personal interest in, and admiration for, the kind of institution that Chowan College is in its service to young people," stated Helms.

Following the success of a major exhibition celebrating the first century of the Senate and its role under the constitution, the commission on the bicentennial of the United States Senate developed a series of posters that reproduces most of the content of the original exhibit.

The exhibit which is titled "A necessary fence. . .The Senate's First Century" appeared last year in the rotunda of the Russell Sen-

ate Office Building. The limited edition poster set, which is being distributed by members of the United States Senate, consists of fourteen posters devoted to the United States Senate, and the Constitution, and expands on those passages of the document that established the Senate and defined its powers and responsibilities.

The exhibition is divided into five sections: Organization of the

senate, Administration, Treaties, Nominations, and Impeachment. Each division illustrates in rich detail the objects, people, and events which marked the Senate's first one hundred years, including reproductions of portraits, both hand painted and sculpted of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Henry Clay; admission ticket to the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson in 1868;

rare nineteenth century lithographs including an 1872 Currier and Ives showing the first black member of the U.S. senate; landmark documents which include the Treaty of Ghent, Columbia Treaty, and the first treaty defeated by the senate; and the various political cartoons including several by Thomas Nast, America's most powerful and influential cartoonist in the nineteenth century.

College Bookstore burglarized, reward offered for information

By Dawn Ang

A new glass door replaced the shattered, then boarded up door of the college bookstore on March 26 due to a break-in which occurred in the early morning hours of March 21, after the Video Dance in the Braves Den.

An estimated three to four thousand dollars worth of goods were stolen that night, and the college, as well as the police, are looking into the matter seriously to determine the culprit.

John A. Nesbitt, the college's business manager, revealed that there was an insurance coverage, although there was a \$1,000 deductible involved. It was believed that the break-in occurred sometime after 12:30 a.m. because Security had been over to check those grounds at that time. As "fate" would have it, there was a malfunction of the alarm system on that particular night, and it thus

facilitated the break-in. However, all alarm systems on campus grounds have since been thoroughly checked and have been found to be in perfect order.

This is the third break-in of the college bookstore, but the first of its kind in its new premises. In the first break-in, the burglar was caught and the college intends to apprehend this culprit as well. Investigations are underway, much to the ignorance of the students, and the college is working closely with the Murfreesboro community to determine if the culprit is a Chowan student or someone from the town community.

The college takes a serious view of such incidents, including vandalism and that is why a reward of \$250 has been offered to any individual who is able to supply an information which would lead to the arrest of the burglar. Vandalism, as seen by Nesbitt, is unne-

cessary and wasteful. The cost of repair is a sheer waste and such money can, and should, be channeled to more useful purposes. In the case of this burglary, four thousand dollars is not a petty sum to be lost and such a loss inadvertently affects students because school fees are used to cover such costs when the money can actually be used to better our lives on campus.

Suggestions were made by Nesbitt to promote a neighborhood watch program, where the whole college community has the spirit of togetherness and works hand in hand for the safety of this college. A brilliant plan, I might say, for it not only enhances the safety of the college, but also stirs this feeling of belonging and responsibility of the student to the college. If implemented, the benefits would be unending, both to the college as well as to the students.

Coed dorm decision reversed

Jenkins to remain women's dormitory

By Jessica Kiser

Jenkins Hall will not be changed into a coed residence hall for the fall semester of 1992. On March 24, Vice President Bruce Moore, Dean Winslow Carter, and the Jenkins Resident Director Louen Leonard decided to keep Jenkins Hall a female residence hall.

The decision came after the residents of Jenkins Hall expressed their dissatisfaction with the 2.4 GPA that would be required of all residents in the proposed coed dorm. The residents prepared and signed a petition. It was presented to Moore on March 20. A dorm meeting was called for March 23 to allow Moore and Carter to talk with the residents of Jenkins. Al-

though most of the residents were not against a coed dorm, they were against the limitations it would place on the "family atmosphere in Jenkins." Several residents pointed out how their grades had improved since moving to Jenkins and the sense of community that had already been established in the dorm.

The college remains open to the idea of a coed dorm, but does not see the need for one at the moment, according to Moore. As of March 23 only one male had signed up for the dorm, Moore admitted. "In my position I am continuously dealing with people trying to fix things that are not broken. I find myself in that position now," Moore stated.

Auto accident claims life of Chowan student April 8

Chowan students, faculty and staff mourned the loss of sophomore Jennifer A. Jones, age 20, from Newport News, Va., who died in a car accident just north of Murfreesboro on April 8. She was returning to Chowan and was travelling between Murfreesboro and Como when the truck ahead of her slowed to make a turn and Jennifer's car rear-ended the truck.

Campus Minister Kelly Brame conducted the funeral service in Virginia on Saturday, April 11, which was attended by over 25 Chowan students, staff, and friends. Brame read letters from her friends recalling the good times they had. Two of her favorite poems were also read, one about friendships and another one encouraging people to live each day to the fullest.

"Jennifer was a pre-education major who lived life to the fullest," recalls Dianna Freshour, resident director for Belk Residence Hall. "Her friends remembered her at the funeral service as someone who knew when it was time to be quiet, but when it was time to be loud, she could have a good time."

Jennifer's best friends, Alicia Starkweather, Alecia Ramsey, Patty Trudel and Joy Croskey were often seen with her and together they were known as "the gang of five".

A support group of Chowan students met on Thursday evening



Jennifer Jones

following the accident to express their thoughts and feelings and provide mutual support on campus for the loss.

Memorial donations may be given in memory of Jennifer Jones to the Book of Memory located in Whitaker Library.

Did you know?

In a poll taken on March 18, 1992, 100 Chowan students were asked, "In the recent SGA elections, did you know anything about the candidates other than their names?"

90% said "No". 20% said "what election?"

Voting records indicate that 68% of the student body took part in the election by voting.

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Alcohol consumption on college campuses becoming major problem

Drinking is the number one health problem on college and university campuses. President Bush included alcohol in the 1992 National Drug Control Strategy, citing it as "the most abused substance by students." The 1991 survey of high school seniors and college students by Michigan's Institute for Survey Research lends proof to this statement by indicating an increase in the number of "binge drinkers" (5 or more drinks in a row) and daily drinkers in the college age population.

College students spend approximately \$5 billion annually to purchase 430 gallons of alcoholic beverages. This alcohol consumption can lead to dropouts, campus violence, risky sexual encounters, and even death. For example, charges of rape against a University of Richmond student were dismissed last year, when the victim testified that she was too drunk to know she was being sexually assaulted and the defendant testified that he was so drunk that he

The father of an intoxicated 20-year-old killed in a fall from a window of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Clemson University is suing the university, the fraternity, and two downtown bars.

A student of the University of Montana in Missoula has been convicted in the shooting deaths of two friends. After travelling to a gravel pit to drink beer, the youth shot his friends point blank and then torched the car they had ridden in.

did not realize at first that she was not consenting. Last fall, a 22-year old University of Idaho student died at his home of alcohol poisoning after consuming large quantities of alcohol at a Halloween party the previous night. It is estimated that among those currently in college, between 240,000 and 360,000 will eventually lose their lives due to drinking.

The "Put On The Brakes" pro-

gram, initiated last year by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, seeks to raise awareness about alcohol problems on college campuses and to call for action among students, college presidents, governing boards, faculty, and administrators. Its goal is to suggest that, through concerted action by all relevant parties, a positive impact can occur.

Recently, colleges and univer-

sities across the country had "Spring Break become synonymous with excessive and binge drinking by our young people."

As part of the "Put On The Brakes" program, OSAP has created the college Resource Collection to help colleges and communities reduce alcohol-related prob-

lems, especially during the "spring break" months. This collection includes key facts about alcohol, graphics, questions and answers and sample school policies that can help decrease drinking by college students. Alcohol Practices, Policies, and Potentials of American Colleges and Universities: A

White Paper, the Faculty Member's Handbook, and the Program Administrator's Handbook are also available to give an in-depth look at the problems of drinking on college campuses and may be obtained through OSAP's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, which houses the most comprehensive set of alcohol and other drug information in the world. When writing stories on "Spring Break", or when working on other alcohol-related stories throughout the year, these materials provide valuable information on drinking and the college population. A list is available through the college guidance office and most materials can be ordered free-of-charge.

Many incidents related to alcohol are under-reported on college campuses. Parents, teachers, administrators and students must be aware that this is a serious national problem, and that some promising approaches are available.

OSAP's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

Alcohol vs. Books



**The typical college student
spends more money for
alcohol than for books !!!!**

OSAP, Alcohol Practices, Policies, & Potentials of American Colleges, 1991