Parker Comments On Decline Of Excellence In State Education chemistry has been at work to UNC, where "business ad-

Editor's note: The writer is editor of the Fayetteville Times. He wrote the following letter in response to a column by Vermont Royster, former editor of The Wall Street Jourthat charges the public schools with mediocrity.

By Roy Parker Jr.

Dear Vermont.

my teeth more than readi screeds by ol' buggers who, not having been in a public pontificate about what goes on there.

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of the Albemarle Mutual Burial Association will be held at the Williford-Barham Funeral Home on June 28th at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of submitting for the vote by the members and question of dissolving of the Burial Association and members.

nal, that appeared on this went to high school in those page last Sunday. Royster days, so it was comparative-had criticized A. Craig ly easy to marshal the Phillips, State Superintendent resources for Greek and of Public Instruction, for his Latin, and an English teacher reaction to a national report with a degree from Columbia, over at Ahoskie High. Raleigh High wasn't much different. If you think those are the

days of the long ago, you are wrong. As late as 1971, there were still pretty much two

Nothing makes me grind separate and very unequal ng syst By then, however, the provisions of civil rights legislaschool classroom since tion of the 1960s were beginn-Hoover's day, nonetheless ing to be felt. The country embarked on a really new educational effort, to educate

racially mixed classrooms.

distort the statistics, the real- ministration" and "Naval those who go into journalism ly to "maximize our earning

ing are more hopeful. The National Assessm Education Progress reported in February that over the past 10 years, fourth graders, especially black fourth classed graders as erachi evers, had breasted the tide and turned in dramatically improved per-formances in reading, writing

and ciphering. I hope you notice that when Lyndon Johnson's 'Great Society'' program

poured federal dollars into local systems to force them to pay more attention to basics for children of handicapped

That being said, I don't argue with you that the tide of Is that the fault of the public

have become giant factories grinding out thousands upon thousands of pegs to fit career

Participants receive academic advice and career, personal, and social counseling. According to Lucy Gordon, program director, the services tend to motivate students who complete each cycle to continue their educations by enrolling in one of the occupational or college transfer programs offered at COA. Applications will be ac-

ed from 10 A.M. until 3 P.M.

Participant and an and a strategy of the

ed disciplines on a par with Greek or Shakespeare or American History.

Higher education, rather than public education, has sold out for a mess of pottage mediocre pottage.

It shows in the Journalism School, which can be considered a learned dicipline only by stretching the classic definition that you so revere. You complain about the low

level of spelling and grammar period embraces those years skills of entering journalism students.

Tournament To Be Held

Chowan Golf & Country Club is sponsoring a tennis tournament this weekend.

Science" are classed as learn- are, like those who go into public school teaching, in the and ambition among high school graduates.

> Where are the best and brightest? Because they in their native canniness realize that the financial rewards of journalism are barely com-

parable to those in public school teaching, and because society has taught them that

Attend Food Conference

Five members of the Edenton-Chowan School Food High School; Dorothy Hill, Service Association attended John A. Holmes School; Mary the North Carolina School P. Spivey, White Oak School and Myra W. Jordan, Ernest Food Service Association annual meeting in Raleigh, June A. Swain School. 16-18. The local residents join-The meeting concluded ed over 1400 fellow members

Of course. By and large, this peg factory exists main- much stress on educational knowledge of history often power," to quote the latest assessment of the supposed lower range of intelligence, rewards of a university degree, they are over in business administration or

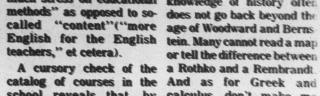
some other such area.

Moreover, as sometime employer of the graduates of the school, I certainly join in your attack on Phillips for his defense of teacher-training, which, as you say, puts "too

teachers," et cetera).

Ann Jordan, Chowan Jr. fundamentals of the free

market system. Their



school reveals that, by calculus, don't make me charitable definition, perhaps two out of the 30-odd courses sould be considered "con- not despair of them and this is tent", as opposed to method. not a screed against them. I Meanwhile, graduates of was one of them. Long ago. the school who arrive in the newsroom must often be I show charity for the Jour

laugh. Or is it crv? Don't get me wrong. I do I do hope, however, that as

retrained in the methods, so- nalism School and the cam called "monkey training". pus, a charity not always But so many of these same merited, that you will show

graduates go out on their more charity for the public firsts beats abysmally short- school effort, an effort that on handed in their intellectual the evidence of performance understanding of American rather than mere nostalgia local government, or of the does merit it.



Devotedly

Roy