

# Editorial Page

## Emergency Equipment

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an editorial written for the Nov., 1963, edition of The Chowanian. It has been called to our attention that some of the same troubles at the end of this year.*

A very important problem arose at a recent dormitory meeting. It dealt with the use of the fire extinguishers in the dorms as water guns.

In the first place, a dormitory is not the proper place to hold a water battle. It took many thousands of dollars to build the four nice, fairly, if not new dorms that we have. And the floors are all tile. And everyone knows what tile does when water gets under it. Likewise, in a battle such as this, the doors and woodwork take a tremendous beating.

Secondly, the fire extinguishers are placed in the halls as a protective measure. They should only be used in emergencies. Think about this question: How would you feel if someone were killed in a dorm fire that could have been prevented if someone, possibly even you, hadn't squirted all the water from the fire extinguisher? A human life is a very precious thing. And no one should have the right to take the chance of destroying one for a few moments of the pleasure of seeing someone flee from a stream of water.

Lastly, if a dormitory should be destroyed by fire, and investigation should reveal that the fire extinguishers in the building were not charged, the insurance company could refuse to pay for the damages. There is a lot of valuable property in the building—belonging to both the school and the students personally. And if the insurance company wouldn't pay for the damages and losses, a good many people would lose a lot of valuable property.

So let's all try to refrain from using the emergency equipment in the dormitories to play with. And let's all make sure the emergency equipment is always in working condition. And let's all hope we never have to use any of it.

## Value of a College Education

Along about this time of year the average harassed father with a son or daughter in college is busily juggling the family budget to come up with the money for another round of campus costs.

And if he's like most, he'll be understandably grouching a bit over the mushrooming trend of those bills.

He may find some solace, however, in the fact that if costs of a college degree are going up, so are the dividends.

Attesting to that is a report by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan graphically illustrating a widening gap between the future potential for a college graduate and one going into the job or career market with nothing but a high school diploma.

It showed that in 1956-57 the average head of a family with a college degree earned \$8,500 a year—\$3,400 more than the typical high school graduate. By 1961-62 the average was up to \$11,070 with a \$5,330 annual differential over the high school-trained level.

Of course, earning capacity is not the only college dividend.

But it's a comforting static that pop can ponder while he's writing this year's checks.

—Ahoskie News-Herald

## Are You a Litterbug?

How many people can look at the Student Center after the lunch hour and like what they see? It seems that this college is housing a group of students that wish to be "Animals" instead of mature college students.

We can only surmise that those students who are guilty of this misuse of our new Center are "litter bugs" in their homes and elsewhere that they go. Is this the type of reputation that we Chowanians want spread about?

If trash facilities were not placed in the center or if they were not in convenient places we could see some excuse and a way to eliminate the trouble. But they are there, ready for use by those who wish to do so.

Students that use the facility should think of others when they are finished with their snack or meal in the Center. They should do the only decent thing and take the wrappers that enclosed their food and place them in the proper containers.

Let us all strive for a cleaner Student Center. It can be done, if you will only help.



Be Sure To Attend

# THE THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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## Service

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is part of an editorial entitled "Service". Taken from the October 5th edition of East Carolina College's newspaper, The East Carolinian.*

*It is reprinted here because your editor feels that this is the dedication that he and the staff of the Chowanian have towards your newspaper.*

*The name Chowan College has been substituted in the proper place for East Carolina.*

It isn't an easy job being editor of this paper.

If we attempt humor, we're in poor taste; if we attempt serious factual reporting, we're lacking interest.

It takes a lot of time and some would call dedication. We prefer the word fascination. For the paper is just that—fascinating.

We strive here for honesty in coverage. We want nonpartisanship and fairness. We even hope occasionally of bringing about an effective change. We bare our thoughts to anyone who would read.

Our goals are many and varied. But mostly we strive to bring about a more effective and interested student body. We wish to see the death of any system which entails a "we-they" outlook. For above all, we want all college-concerned people to realize that there is no "they." It is our college and there exists no one called "they" anywhere at this college. There is no single part of the college which could be eliminated. The students, the staff, the faculty, and the administration—all serve a necessary function. All are part of "our" college.

This is our major goal, then, the realization that all people here at Chowan are just that—people. They have human problems and feelings.

There is no reason that there should not be close ties between all groups here.

We inform. We try to influence. This is our purpose and function as a newspaper. So watch. Help us. Valuable critical views we want and need. Tell us what you want in a newspaper. That's what we want to give you.

This is our policy: Service, Honesty, and Information. These are our goals.

We can't reach them alone.



It is really funny how little value other people place on your time.

## A Chuckle or Two

Visitor: "You don't mean to tell me that you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for 30 years?"

Inhabitant: "I have."

Visitor: "But, really, I cannot see what you find to keep you busy."

Inhabitant: "Neither can I—that's why I like it!"



"Say, pop, did you go to Sunday School when you were a little boy?"

"Yes, son, regularly."

"I'll bet it won't do me any good either!"

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