

# Editorially Speaking

## A Meaningful Thanksgiving

Any college student can tell you that a Day of National Thanksgiving reverts, ultimately, to the experience of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Colony. He may even know the details — both historical and legendary—about that "First Thanksgiving upon our native shores. When he returns home to mom's cooking over the forthcoming holiday he will anticipate those foods which are traditionally associated with the Thanksgiving feast.

But can we make of Thanksgiving anything more than a tradition from the past? After all, we need not worry any longer about hostile Indian tribes who might besiege our homes and our communities. The severity of winter is, at most, only an inconvenience. A bountiful harvest is not nearly as meaningful, personally, in our day of a money economy and of government subsidies. How can we express a meaningful spirit of Thanksgiving without being pious, at best; hypocritical, at worst?

First, we can remember where we are and what it is we are supposed to be doing. We are students, exposed to the possibility of a liberal education. Is it really possible to be thankful for the opportunity of being a student? There are many, many people in our world who would willingly sacrifice far more than any of us has sacrificed for just such an opportunity.

Second, we can make of Thanksgiving more than just a passing mood by taking full advantage of all the opportunities open to us. Words of thanks — no matter how pious — make Thanksgiving fraudulent if they do not issue in deeds.

## Serving Through Giving

"Dedication alone cannot save our colleges from relative mediocrity; we need your support!"

Gifts from the alumni and many friends of Chowan College are essential. They serve as expressions of confidence in the college, as well as providing necessary funds.

Annual giving is most desirable. It shows continued interest. Moderate contributions annually from many former students are as necessary as large gifts.

No contributions are more welcome than undesignated gifts. Small or large, they help satisfy the most urgent needs. If you prefer, however, you may give toward a specific need. For example, you can provide a room, a certain number of volumes, or some other facility in the new Chowan College Library-Fine Arts structure. Your gift, of course, may be used to perpetuate your name or as a memorial to a friend or loved one.

Gifts to Chowan College qualify for the full 30 percent deduction allowed on your federal income tax return.

For many persons the simple gift of cash may be the most suitable; however, other may wish to explore one of the following possibilities:

## The Chowanian Salutes . . .



Dr. Hargus Taylor

Dr. Hargus Taylor, Chaplain and Counselor at Chowan College since 1963, received his A.A. degree from Cumberland Junior College, B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College and B.D., Th.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. THE CHOWANIAN staff salutes Dr. Taylor, and for all students expresses appreciation for his guidance and counseling. Among his many duties is that of editorial writer for this newspaper.

**GIFTS OF LOW-COST SECURITIES OR OTHER ASSETS** - When you have a profit and give it to Chowan College (1) no capital gains tax is payable and (2) you can deduct the current value of the property.

**GIFTS WITH RESERVE LIFETIME INTEREST**-You may obtain immediate tax benefits by giving securities or real estate to the college even though the income earned is to be paid to you for life or thereafter to someone else for life.

**GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE** - If you name Chowan College irrevocable beneficiary and surrender your right to cash in or borrow against the policy, the present value of the policy is deductible in the year the gift is made as are premium payments thereafter.

**SHORT-TERM TRUSTS** - If you transfer income-producing property to a trustee for at least two years and assign the income to Chowan College, the income will not be taxed to you.

**GIFTS BY WILL** — A bequest to Chowan College of all or any part of an estate is exempt from federal estate tax. Additional benefits in light of state tax regulations can be explained by the trust officer of your bank.

To make a contribution or obtain additional information, please communicate with Chowan College's President, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker or other appropriate persons at the college. A gift of any amount by any method will afford you the opportunity to serve through giving.

## The Student

BY MARY ANNETTE JORDAN

Within the Chowan College class  
One hears a student cry, "Alas!  
I see what you have done, my man;  
And I will do the best I can  
To do my homework exactly right  
When I am in my dorm tonight."

But then the student meets a friend,  
When he is just around the bend.  
They plan that night to have some fun.  
About the homework—will it get done?  
Well, let us say it's out of mind  
Until the student finds the time.

In class again, the student may recall  
He didn't do his homework after all.  
While classmates pass their papers in,  
Upon his face there is no grin.  
He hangs his head in deep remorse  
For fear that he will fail the course.

But once outside where friends are there,  
The remorse seems to vanish in the air.  
They plan to have some fun that night.  
He hopes things will turn out all right.  
Oh, yes, he's having lots of fun;  
But all of his homework never gets done.

And when it's graduation time,  
He finds that he's not in the line  
With classmates who could budget time  
And study when it was study time.  
So he is left within the gate  
Because he failed to graduate.

Now, student, answer this question true:  
Could this Chowan student be you?  
Can you find time to work and play,  
Or do you simply play all day?  
If so, you'll see your future fade  
Because you'll never make the grade.

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