

Year's SGA activities are evaluated

An examination of the minutes of SGA Senate meetings is evidence that Chowan College students are highly involved in affairs sponsored by the College community.

Ed Wooten, faculty sponsor, and Lee Dunn, SGA president, are to be commended for the accomplishments which have taken place through the various branches of student government. Of course, they had the cooperation of persons from all segments of the Chowan College community.

The SGA sponsored, with the help of student personnel, a comprehensive orientation program for freshmen and their parents during the summer and first three weeks of the fall semester. Many complimentary remarks were made by faculty, students, and staff concerning the appropriateness of this program.

Clifton Collins, director of counseling, conducted a survey among parents of freshmen to determine their attitudes toward orientation program. We learned that parents, too, were pleased with the program, even the three weekends of closed campus.

Homecoming is always one of the big affairs for SGA. Homecoming activities, with the exception of the dance for which the band did not arrive on time, were enjoyed and meant much to members of the student body.

Even the disappointment experienced by students and their dates attending the homecoming dance for which the band did not arrive on time proved that we could collectively pull ourselves together and "make the most of a bad situation."

SGA and the administration will long appreciate James Thomas Boyce, Bridger Lee Hodson, Maurice Clay Pruitt, Lonnie James Wrightmire, and Larry Tice for "saving the Homecoming Dance" on Nov. 1, 1969. The fact that this group was willing to perform saved the SGA much embarrassment.

Outstanding musical groups have been brought to the campus this year by the SGA. The Classics Four, The Box Tops, and Billy Stewart have performed on the campus. The Tams and Maurice Williams and the Zoadies will perform at the Spring Festival dances on April 24 and 25 in Thomas Cafeteria.

A poll was taken by the SGA in assembly to learn how students felt about the "Coat and tie Dress" for dinner on Wednesday nights. Lee Dunn learned that students did not like the Wednesday night dress code. He presented his findings to the Cafeteria Committee.

The decision coming from the Cafeteria Committee was to retain the Wednesday night dress regulations, but to work to improve the quality of Wednesday night dinners.

Although Dunn did not succeed in eliminating the Wednesday night dress code, his actions in the matter were influential in that the administration worked closely with the staff of Thomas Cafeteria in seeing that menus appropriate for the occasion were prepared.

Student personnel worked to provide live music during the dinner hours. Professor Bob Mulder has been responsible for the dinner music which we have enjoyed.

SGA is now working closely with Mrs. Janet Collins in pre-

paring for the Spring Festival and Parent's Day.

Bucky Griffin, SGA vice-president, has taken the initiative in revising the SGA constitution. We have all agreed that a revision is needed, but there is little agreement on how it should be revised.

Dr. Gary Widmar, associate dean of students at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, has been employed as a consultant to student personnel in evaluating the judicial system and in aiding SGA leaders to revise the constitution.

Dunn and Griffin attended the National Entertainment Convention in Memphis, Tenn. They were successful in booking Kenny Rodgers and The First Edition for a performance next fall, Oct. 24, 1970.

SGA also sponsored a number of movies throughout the year. These movies have been well attended. Perhaps the most successful thing SGA has sponsored in the way of entertainment this year has been the Coffee House Program.

Rings and Things, a group from Canada, performed at the first Coffee House Program last fall. This group performed nightly in the Student Center, and was packed nightly with students. Unquestionably SGA received more for the money spent for Rings and Things than any other entertainment brought to campus.

Another Coffee House Program will be sponsored April 6 to 11. The name of this group is Mara Loves, a group from the West Coast. Students have enjoyed the entertainment provided by the SGA this year. This

has been one of the strong features of the Dunn's administration.

With the help of Prof. Barry Cohen of the Social Science Department, SGA is sponsoring a lecture by Roger Mudd which has been scheduled for April 13. The fact that this lecture is on Monday night should mean it will be well attended by students.

Griffin, SGA vice president, was asked what he would do differently if he could serve as an executive officer next year. He said, "I would try desperately to improve the Senate meetings. Very few student senators realize the importance of their positions. Frequently they are too negligent in attending meetings."

He also indicated there was a need for improving communications. Keeping students informed of what is taking place on the campus seems to always be a problem for student leaders. When asked how he would improve communications, Griffin said he would use more posters, make more announcements in assembly and in the cafeteria.

The manner in which the students composing the judicial branch of the SGA has impressed all student personnel deans. Priscilla Renn and Tom Keithly have provided outstanding leadership for both the Women's Council and the Men's Council.

The judicial bodies have been accepted by citizens in the Chowan College community because the students composing the Men's Council and Women's Council have written constitutions and have accepted procedures which



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make it possible for them to function in an efficient manner.

Prof. Ed Wooten is completing his second year as faculty sponsor of the SGA. No evaluation of the SGA would be complete without mentioning the contribution Wooten has made to the organization. He is an outstanding budget man. He is always looking for ways and means for the SGA to get the most for their dollars.

Dean Lewis has often remarked that Wooten was an outstand-

ing SGA sponsor in that he is willing to advise students but does not do the work for the officers. His techniques make it possible for the SGA officers to develop their leadership potential.

When asked how he thought the SGA could improve during the next year, Dean Lewis said, "I would like to see more Coffee House Programs. More students benefit from the SGA money spent for these programs than for any other money spent for entertainment. We particularly need to think about the Coffee House Programs in the Student Center on Saturday nights."

"From a look at the admissions report, more of our students will be coming from distances farther away from Murfreesboro. This means we will need to survey the possibilities of offering more weekend entertainment for students who remain on campus."

New President's cup on display

The President's Cup, trophy to be awarded to one of Chowan's men's residence halls during Awards Day, is now on display in Whitaker Library, where it will be permanently housed.

Earl Dilday, dean of men, explained that the winning residence hall will be presented a plaque which it may retain while its name will be inscribed on the President's Cup.

Criteria for selecting a winner include academic average, attendance at athletic and cultural events, intramural sports, judiciary council actions, and sponsoring social events.

Dilday described the President's Cup as "very impressive." It stands some 40 inches high and is over 13 inches wide at its base. Topping the trophy is a figure of a young man dressed in a suit with a briefcase under his arm.

He said the purpose of the competition is to "instill pride in students for their residence halls and the college."



Pauline Robinson accepts award from Professor Hazelton.

Hazelton presents award to Pauline Robinson

Guest-of-honor at the Murfreesboro Exchange Club on March 9 was a Chowan College coed, Pauline Bell Robinson. The college sophomore was named Exchange "Student-of-the-Month" and presented a framed certificate.

Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robinson of Ahoskie, is a sociology major and an honor student at Chowan. She was chief marshal in the 1969 graduation exercises and won a \$1,000 competitive scholarship.

Pauline was also the recipi-

ent of a \$500 award for possessing the highest freshman grade average. Selected to be editor of the 1969-70 student newspaper, Smoke Signals, she received a \$600 grant-in-aid.

The popular coed, who has been accepted as a transfer student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, is president of Delta Psi Omega, treasurer of Phi Kappa Honor Fraternity and a member of the Chowan Senate.

She was a member of Chowan's

Homecoming Court and the Spring Festival Court and was second runner-up in the Miss Ahoskie Pageant. Pauline has just been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

The Exchange Club award was presented by George Hazelton, chairman of the Student-of-the-month Committee.

HEIGHT

Most of the African continent is at a level of 600 feet above sea level.