



The Chowanian

Salutes . . .

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Communication through participation

The two words "communication" and "participation" set the tone for the formal presentations on March 23 by the candidates for office in the Student Government Association for 1970-71. No one of the candidates sought polling-booth popularity at the price of extravagant or outrageous campaign "promises."

At the same time, no candidate tried to pretend that SGA had reached a zenith in its potential power and influence. "Push participation," "keep building," "establish concrete rapport between the students and the faculty-administration," "better communication between students and SGA (officers)"—these were the phrases used by candidates for the three contested offices of president, vice-president, and secretary.

Participation is the key to effective communication. The newly-elected officers of SGA want—and deserve—to know the vary-

ing opinions of students before they attempt to represent those students.

The members of the SGA Senate can only be representative of their constituent clubs and organizations if they have the thought of those clubs and organizations on particular issues to be faced.

The student member of a faculty committee cannot represent student opinion on that committee unless he has "been in touch" with those whom he seeks to represent.

The 1970-71 officers of SGA will initiate individual efforts to find out what the students think and want. But the major initiative lies with the individual members of the student body.

As Jay Collins— newly-elected secretary of SGA—put it: "Good student government depends on the students." This means participate if you hope to communicate.

Chowan and Baptist College Day

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina—through its Council on Christian Higher Education—has designated June 21 as Baptist College Day.

It is hoped that every Baptist church in North Carolina will note the observance through emphasis upon the educational programs of the seven Baptist colleges, the use of guest speakers who "plug" the colleges, and-or a special offering in support of the colleges involved.

This observance is worthy of the attention—and participation—of all who share in the life and ministry of these particular churches.

In recent years, the share in receipts from

these "special offerings" which comes to Chowan College has been used to supplement the scholarship program of the college.

In the long run, however, even greater benefits may have accrued to the college and the churches through the ministry of students and members of the faculty-staff of Chowan who have represented the College in various churches on Baptist College Day. This ministry should be continued this year—and throughout the years ahead.

Meanwhile, the observance merits the consideration of all of us, whether or not we participate in the life and work of a Baptist church in North Carolina. If you are an alumnus, recall those positive and formative influences which Chowan had upon you.

If you are currently a member of the faculty-staff, reflect upon the kind of opportunities which the college provides for the exercising of your particular abilities as teacher or administrator. If you are a student, think positively about the role which Chowan is "now" playing in your life.

Baptist College Day is June 21. Chowan College—one of the seven schools operated under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina—deserves to be "remembered well" by all who note the observance.

Higher education spotlight . . .

ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS BUILD ALABAMA'S FUTURE

Land grant universities turned their sights toward urban problems when architecture students from "Tuskegee Institute" and "Auburn University" joined in a cooperative project in community planning.

Divided into teams, the students conducted a physical survey of Hobson City, a small town of 1,000 black citizens near Oxford, and Anniston, Ala., to assist the city in up-dating its plan for future development. The plan was prepared for the Office of Housing and Urban Development in order that Hobson City could continue to qualify for federal programs.

AIRAGE WEAPONS DETECTOR DESIGNED

The age of airplane hijacking calls for innovation in weapons detection. At "Texas A&M," an electronic inspection system has been designed to detect concealed weapons on commercial airline passengers. Project director Frank M. Ivey says the detector, using an alarm sounding system, will pick up any objects which might be used to divert aircraft.

THREE TRIBES STUDY CHILD CARE

Representatives of three tribes of Indians from Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida are working on ways to obtain more adequate care for their disabled children. Members of the Choctaw, Cherokee, and Seminole tribes are being brought together in a joint effort by "Emory University's" Center for Research in Social Change and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Also meeting with the Indians are representatives from the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and specialists in mental retardation.

URBAN BUREAU LINKED TO MODEL CITIES PROGRAM

Urban specialists at the "University of Florida" are seeking to exercise their grip on big city problems by joining hands with the Tampa "model cities" program.

A \$20,000 technical assistance pact will enable the university to station a researcher from its Urban Studies Bureau in Tampa to serve as liaison between the city and the university. The technical assistance pact is a new link in a growing chain of involvement between the university and Florida's major cities.

OFFICE OF BLACK AFFAIRS OPENED

The "University of Louisville" began the 1969-70 academic year with the claim of being the first predominantly white institution in Kentucky and in the Southeast to offer black studies courses through an Office of Black Affairs. The Office is coordinated by Hanford D. Stafford.

A symposium is planned by the office each year, with the first in a series of symposia being held this fall. Black psychiatrist William H. Grier, co-author of "Black Rage," will speak on "The Black Man and the Sociology of the City."

WORLD LITERARY PRIZE PLANNED

The world's second international literary prize will be awarded for the first time in 1970 at the "University of Oklahoma." To be called the "Books Abroad International Prize for Literature," the award will recognize poets, novelists, and playwrights.

PROFESSIONS STUDY

Students preparing for careers in medicine, law, education, religion, engineering management, and social work are taking part in a one-year experimental program sponsored by the Danforth Foundation to explore common problems.

A \$10,000 grant to Vanderbilt University will support the program.

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