

# Wide coverage given to 'food' incident

Chowan College received wide coverage of the food throwing incident which occurred on Oct. 28, 1981 in Thomas Cafeteria.

In general, the college found the reports to be exaggerated. The cafeteria was not wrecked. In reality, there was only minor damage—a broken window and door lock and jam, and the loss of food—that evening.

Many students volunteered to help clean up the cafeteria. Student Government Association officers, football players, and other students helped in the cleaning. Within three hours of the incident, the cafeteria had been cleaned. Breakfast was served the next morning as normal.

In responding to the media, Chowan made three main points: (1) the college was not happy with the incident and was treating it seriously, (2) the college was conducting an investigation, and (3) students who had played major roles in the "food fight" would receive appropriate disciplinary action.

The college pointed out that many students had indicated that the incident had started as a "lark" and had escalated well beyond what the organizers had intended. Chowan also stressed that the students had learned a valuable lesson from the incident, namely that small incidents can get out of control and the responsibility a person has for his own actions.

Because of the episode, the college received a number of phone calls and letters from

alumni and other friends, as well as those who previously had never heard of Chowan College.

In answering the letters, Dean of the College B. Franklin Lowe, Jr. wrote, "I am not sure just what your newspaper might have reported concerning this incident. I do know that it was picked up by the media and reported rather widely. I am also aware that the reports were not uniform. In general, however, reports were exaggerated out of all proportion.

"I do want to assure you that the vast majority of our students were in no way involved. Indeed most of our students are dismayed and embarrassed about both what occurred and the adverse publicity, which reflected on both the college and the student body."

Continued Dr. Lowe, "I also wish to emphasize that the majority of our students are very fine ladies and gentlemen. Further, they are generous in supporting many worthy causes. As just one example, when the area bloodmobile is on our campus, our students give. Indeed, on a percentage basis, our students have one of the best records in the Carolinas and Virginia in giving blood. This is something they don't have to do, but rather they do it because they are concerned people."

Later, Dean Lowe and Dean of Students Clayton Lewis pointed out that Chowan's students serve in the community and area

in many different ways. This includes Baptist Student Union & Campus Christian Fellowship students visiting an Ahoskie rest home weekly; Sociology Club students helping to winterize area homes of the aged; speech students raising money to help the Save Our Children drive in Atlanta; students reading to children in area schools; and the freshman class sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal and party for senior citizens.

As a result of the "food fight," six students received disciplinary penalties from the college. One student was suspended; two students were placed on preliminary suspension through the mid-term of the spring semester, given 25 hours of work in the cafeteria, and handed a \$50 fine; one student was placed on preliminary suspension for the academic year and given 50 hours of work in the cafeteria; and two students were given preliminary suspension through the fall semester.

A former student was declared "persona non grata" and would be subject to arrest for trespassing if he returns to Chowan's campus.

Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker expressed appreciation "to the college community, including students and others, for pulling together following the incident."

Dr. Whitaker noted that the campus "is back to normal as it was the day after the incident."

## Rhoades' neon work featured in gallery

An exhibition of the neon and mirror art of Chapel Hill sculptor Barbara Rhoades was featured in the Green Hall Teaching Gallery Oct. 8-29.

A reception for the artist was held following the lecture and slide show on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Art professor, Rinda Metz, said Barbara Rhoades' work "involves neon, glass, mirrors, and other reflective, translucent, and fragile materials." Her show is entitled "Through the Looking Glass."

The neon forms of Ms. Rhoades are incased in boxes lined with mirrors. The shapes vary from an outlined head, to the universal X, to a pyramid whose base of mirror is outlined with neon.

Barbara Rhoades, former art teacher in Durham and Chapel Hill, has recently made the decision to create art fulltime. The result of this decision can be seen at Center-Gallery in Carrboro Friday, February 29 through Sunday, March 23.

"I will always be involved with art education. The understanding, appreciation and creation of art is essential to man's synthesis of experiences and growth of self and

community. I knew I wanted to make art—the ideas were coming rapid-fire and the desire and energy were strong. As a teacher who encourages the creation of art and its enjoyment and understanding, I felt that I would be foolish and hypocritical for not taking the risk of time and financial expenditure and the lack of supported employment."

"There is so much still unexplored. Technology has shot ahead of our understanding and appreciation."

Dubbed recently by 5-year-old Elizabeth May as The Magic Lady, Ms. Rhoades uses the illusion of multiple images to create a wonderland of light and unlimited depth.

"I look forward to seeing those who come to see the art. You are a part of my work: Welcome!"

## Harriet Jenkins joins insurance company

Harriet G. Jenkins has joined Associated Insurers, Raleigh-based insurance brokerage firm, as a marketing specialist. A native of Washington, N. C., she now resides in Cary.

Ms. Jenkins graduated from Tarboro High School, and attended Chowan College. Last year she earned the CIC designation from the School for Mutual Insurance Agents, in Oberlin, Ohio. For 14 years prior to joining Associated Insurers, she was with a Tarboro insurance agency.

Ms. Jenkins is the mother of two daughters, Myra Anne and Mary Latham.



## New York ensemble presents concert

The New York Vocal Arts Ensemble, winners of the first prize in the chamber music division of the recent 36th annual Geneva International Music Competition, presented a concert in McDowell Columns auditorium on December 2. The concert was sponsored by the Chowan Concert Association.

## Alumnus marks 99th birthday

Mrs. C. C. Hoggard celebrated her 99th birthday on Aug. 12, 1981 in Raleigh. "We are proud of you as an alumna of Chowan. We honored ourselves when, in 1979, we designated you as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for the year. You have had a long, meaningful and

distinguished life. Your fellow alumni rise up and call you blessed!" said Dr. Bruce Whitaker in extending congratulations to Mrs. Hoggard.

Dr. Whitaker wished her a "happy and meaningful birthday" in behalf of members of the college community.

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