

Contestants announced for Spring pageant

The annual Chowan College Queen of Spring Pageant will be held on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Columns Auditorium. Admission will be 25 cents per person.

The pageant is held to introduce the Spring Festival Court candidates to the student body and to allow competition between them. The freshmen candidates will be competing for attendants and freshman Princess on the court - the top four chosen. The sophomore candidate will be competing for attendants and Queen - the top five chosen.

The Queen and court will be chosen on the basis of five attributes: beauty, poise, talent, personality, and dormitory support. The Queen of Spring, her freshman Princess and court will reign over the Chowan College Spring Festival in April.

Each dormitory nominated a freshman and a sophomore to run for Queen and Princess. Those girls nominated are: Evelyn

Faye Pell, Chesterfield, Va., freshman. Mary Melinda Ritchie, Asheboro, N. C., sophomore. Teresa Johnson, Conway, N. C., sophomore. Donna Frances Britt, Murfreesboro, N. C., freshman. Donna Lee Burnette, Newport News, Va., sophomore. Also in the running are Margaret Helen Harris, Farmville, N. C., sophomore. Amelia Lynn Garner, Newport, N. C., freshman. Debby Lynne Pickett, Richmond, Va., freshman. Patricia Lynn Clifton, Blackstone, Va., sophomore. Debbie Lee Vinson, Portsmouth, Va., freshman. Mary Susan Brothers, Walstonburg, N. C., sophomore.

Others are Eleanor Paige Buren, Prince George, Va., freshman. Jenny Lily Wong, Norfolk, Va., freshman. Melba Cheryl Dozier, Rocky Mount, N. C., sophomore. Marilyn Faye Overstreet, Lumberton, N. C., freshman. and Pauline Bell Robinson, Ahsokie, N. C., sophomore.



Rabbi to lecture

Rabbi Arnold S. Task of Temple Emanuel, Greensboro, N. C. will represent the Jewish Chautauqua Society as lecturer at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N. C. on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1970. The rabbi will speak in chapel at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the subject "The Toots of Character on a Living Faith."

The rabbi lectures on college campuses under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society an organization which creates better understanding of Jews and Judaism through education. The Jewish Chautauqua Society is sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

Rabbi Task received his B.A. Degree from the University of Chicago and was ordained rabbi at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1958, receiving his M.H.L. Degree.

He is spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. He previously served a congregation in Newport News, Va. and in St. Louis, Mo.

Currently, the rabbi is serving on the Board of Directors of Family Service and Travelers Aid; Member of the Executive Committee, National Conference of Christians and Jews; Since 1964, a member of the National Youth Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; since 1967, serving on the National Membership Committee of the Family Service Association of America; and Member of Greensboro Rotary Club.

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Talk-in creates interest for Chowan Students

By LARRY MATTHEWS

Chowan College students held something called a "Talk-In" Tuesday, February 3, in the Baptist Student Union.

The Talk-In, an idea of Dean Lewis, had groups of students invited by the dormitory counselors seated in small groups at tables. There was a faculty advisor with each group. The group would discuss one of three topics for 20 minutes at which time the advisor would change tables taking his topic with him. Thus the hour was divided between the three topics.

The topics, all taken from the January 13 issue of "Look" magazine were "Why We Need New Schooling" by John Holt, "New Language, We Tend to Use Language as a Barrier" by William Hedgepeth and "Why We Need a New Sexuality" by George B. Leonard.

Karl Wachsmuth of Tappahannock, Virginia was one of the students invited to this first in a series of the planned Talk-Ins. He said that this is really a good opportunity for students to exchange ideas.

Karl, who spent four years in the Air Force, said he thought that in a thing such as this, some of the students had trouble communicating their ideas. "Maybe this practice will really help them."

One thing that Karl said would improve this new venture at Chowan would be to allow more time.

Margaret Harris of Farmville, N. C. was selected to go to this first Talk-In by Mrs. Faulkner of College Street Hall.

Margaret also complained that there was not enough time to properly cover the topics. She said that they had plenty of time to talk about "Schools" but not nearly enough time on "Language" and "New Sexuality."

President's Cup to be awarded

Each year the President's Cup is awarded to the dormitory which accumulates the highest percentage of the number of points per unit.

The areas of competition and the times and final times of the computation of each area are as follows: academic — figured three times a year (fall mid-term, end of fall, spring midterm), attendance — each event is figured separately (final computation on April 30), intramural — figured at end of fall and spring semesters (final computation on April 30), judiciary — figured at end of fall and spring semesters (final computation on April 30), and sponsoring activities — figured separately and at the end of the fall and spring semesters (final computation on April 30.)

The President's Cup winner will be announced on Honors Day, May 7.

The average of total number of points per unit per dorm are in order as follows: Superintendent Barracks — 199.0, Gibbs — 193.5, West — 187.2, Columns — 166.3, Mixon — 160.0, East — 141.7, Off-Campus — 141.5, and Day Students — 125.0. This computation is only for intramural sports.

Margaret, the only girl in her discussion group, was glad to learn some of the opinions and ideas of the boys on sexuality. "They aren't as heartless as they sometimes seem," she said.

Margaret thought that communication would have been easier if there had been an equal number of boys and girls in each group. She said students should definitely read the articles before attending the sessions. Some apparently did not before this first one.

Margaret thinks that this kind of exchange of ideas should be continued at Chowan. Current events supply an unlimited number of usable topics.

Dean Lewis apparently is all for this idea too. One source revealed that students in his class who have a low test grade may attend the Talk-In and have this grade replaced by an "A."

Girls found in West Hall

By TOMMY GARNER

How would two girls like living in a men's dormitory? I didn't know, so I went and asked two girls that did.

Terrie and Tammie live in West Hall. They both have brown eyes and brown hair. Terrie is the oldest she's 11 and in the eighth grade. Tammie is 8 years old and in the third grade. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Futrell. Mr. Futrell is the head resident of West Hall.

Upon entering their apartment and introducing myself as a reporter for "Smoke Signals" their mother Peggy introduced me to the girls. They were bashful but very polite and ready to answer any question I asked, as long as it wasn't about themselves. With the help that only a mother can give, I was, however, able to secure some information as to what they thought about living in West Hall.

Addressing both girls, I asked, "How do you like living here and being around so many men?" They cleverly replied that it was alright and that once in a while when they were outside playing, the men in the dorm would speak to them and were always friendly.

I then asked, "Does the sound of students running up and down the stairs at all times of day and night bother either of you?" Much to my surprise, they both said that the noise didn't bother them at all. I wonder if they were just being polite?

At the beginning of the fall semester the Futrell's served refreshments to all the men in West at a "get acquainted party." Terrie and Tammie served cookies. Tammie said that she served a cookie to everyone except one person, and he had long hair. "I was afraid of him," she said.

One amusing thing that Mrs. Futrell told me about Tammie was that during

Christmas, Tammie was afraid that Santa Claus wouldn't come to visit her. The reason she was afraid was because the dorm was empty of students and she was afraid that Santa might think no one was at home. Santa did come.

Terrie is an extremely intelligent young girl. She has an excellent command of the English language and is a most attractive young lady.

Tammie at the age of 8 is as cute as she can be. She loves to draw pigs and when she grins, has dimples that would be the envy of any girl on campus.

As I was about ready to leave after concluding my interview with the girls, Mrs. Futrell said, "You know, I've always wanted a boy, but never knew that I would end up with 218 of them." Wow!

Cast is chosen

Chowan students are again busy at work getting ready for the spring production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

The cast has been chosen and we have some new faces—Marty Strait and Gary Spain. Marty, from Virginia Beach, has the lead role of Petruchio, and Mary Joyce Bowen from Windsor, N. C., has the lead role of Kate.

Kate's sister, Bianca, is played by Merideth Kennedy from Alexandria, Va. Their father is Baptist—Winslow Carter from Swansboro, N. C.

Other parts are played by Mike Herbstreith, from Washington D. C.; Gary Spain from Richmond, Va.; Skip Holland from Suffolk, Va.; David Mashaw from Virginia Beach, Va.; Linda Moyer from Norfolk, Va.; and Al Jackson from Richmond, Va.

Several people are helping backstage with the sets, lighting, costumes. If anyone is interested in being in the crew, see wither Mrs. Larson or Diane Trump.

"The Taming of the Shrew" will be presented March 4, 5, and 6, at McDowell Columns building. The cast has also been invited to the N. C. State Drama Festival at Chapel Hill March 20 and 21. Being a junior college, Chowan is very honored to share this experience with drama students all over the state. Support your school by attending one of the performances.

Interest — In Whom?

The Federal Reserve Board has pulled another boner in permitting banks to increase rates paid on deposits. It was justified with the fatuous statement that it would help the real estate fund market.

Banks are not major factors in housing — except in loaning temporary construction money to builders. It will only give them more money to loan at increasing interest rates.

It was obvious that the savings and loans must be permitted to follow suit. They are a prime source of mortgage money. If they must pay more interest to their savers there is resultant upward pressure on mortgage interest rates.

The year stretching ahead of us is already marked by built-in wage increases in a number of trade unions and there's a federal employe pay boost in the offing.

All of this simply means more dollars going out to buy things at ever-increasing prices. If this is an anti-inflation remedy, it's a hell of a way to run a railroad. — Tulsa (Okla.) Tribune

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Dr. Whitaker's \$75 ransom is paid

It was a beautiful day in Murfreesboro — bright, warm and breezy — just right for a kidnapping and that's what happened, not once but twice.

Travelers along busy U. S. 158 in Murfreesboro were treated to the rare sight shortly before noon of the town's mayor being kidnapped at gun point by two desperadoes dressed in black.

While traffic halted and drivers gaped the two kidnapers, Lee Dunn and Bucky Griffin, sophomores at Chowan College, raced across the street to accost Hill in front of Farmers Bank. After a brief struggle, Hill was handcuffed and led to the getaway car, a black Dodge driven by a third Chowan student, Luis Revelle, sophomore from Norfolk.

Waiting the the back seat was Chowan's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, who earlier in the morning had been kidnapped

from the stage of McDowell Columns following an assembly address. He offered no resistance to the heavily armed students. With Griffin of Clinton guarding Whitaker, Dunn, president of Chowan's Student Government Association from High Point, announced gruffly to the audience of students and faculty that Dr. Whitaker's ransom had been set at \$75 to be delivered the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the gymnasium.

Whitaker, grinning and waving, was then marched down the aisle to a waiting car in front of the Columns. The driver, Revelle, had moments earlier proudly showed the big V8 engine to reporters and photographers and had reported that he didn't know how far he'd go but his trip would be "quick."

However in an interesting sidelight to the day's happenings scheduled by Chowan students for the benefit of the March of Dimes campaign in Hertford County, the car containing the press advanced by a different route in front of the kidnapper's car.

At this point, however, it appeared the kidnap attempt would be foiled as a local police car parked a half block away. The kidnapers, ignoring the patrolman's presence, proceeded methodically, and in moments Main Street was calm again.

The ransom money (Hill's ransom was \$50) was delivered later by Chowan's business manager, Ben Sutton, following contributions from faculty, staff, students and townspeople.

In addition, students also raised money through donations for a "car bash" and pie throwing, with Billy Graham, campus security officer, and Roy Whitley, assistant cafeteria manager, the targets for the cream pies.

At the same time, three wrecked cars, painted with names of Chowan professors were smashed by students armed with sledgehammers.

The professors did not seem to mind their "popularity" and, in fact, a spirit of cooperation and good will pervaded the entire undertaking which started with a march by students across campus at 3 p.m.

The demonstration was the brainchild of March of Dimes co-chairmen, Charles Helms and Bill Sowell, Chowan professors. They both praised the students for their participation, noting that these students are receiving publicity, well deserved, for a positive effort rather than destructive demonstration.

Helms added that "everyone was a winner today, and most certainly those children and parents who will be aided by the continued emphasis on fighting birth defects."

'Good Old Days' Now

Most sensible "New Decade's" resolution we've heard: Enjoy yourself. These are the good old days you'll miss in 1980. — Wayneboro (Va.) News-Virginian

Circle K is very active

On January 29, the Circle K Club helped collect donations for the March of Dimes at Chowan's first demonstration within the last few years. Unlike other college demonstrations, ours was for a worthy cause, which the students here made a big success.

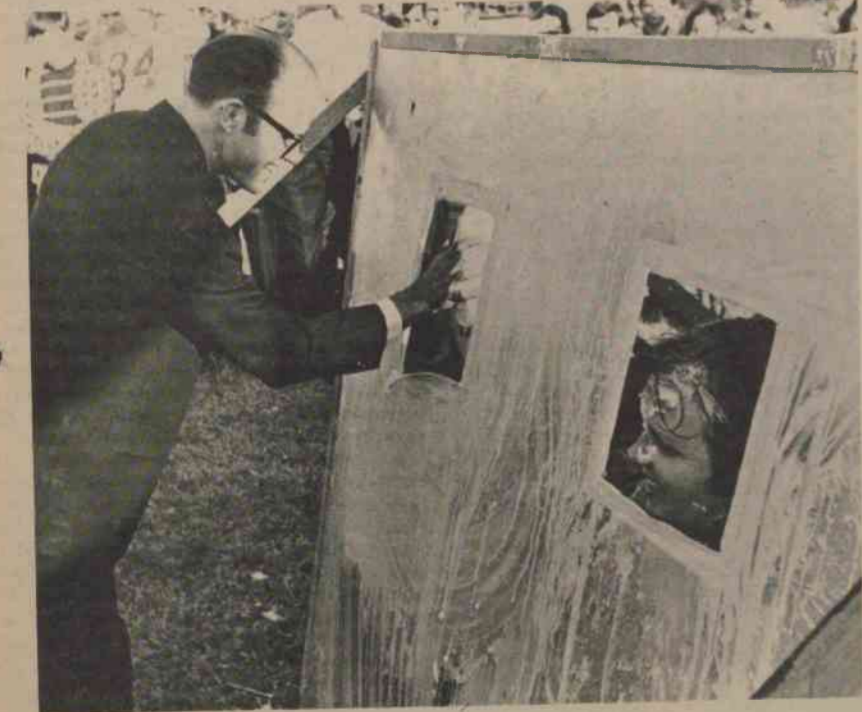
The Circle K Club had its members going around in the crowd collect donations from the students gathered to watch Mr. Graham and Mr. Whitley get shaving cream pies thrown at them and fellow students tear up cars with the name of a professor they didn't like at the car bash.

On February 5, the Circle K held its weekly meeting at the Askew Student Union. At this time we brought in ten new freshmen members who will operate the club next year. The ceremony consisted of the new members filling out the application, the signing of the application by the officers of the club, and the handing out of the Circle K Club Kit and the Circle K pin.

The new members for the coming year are Larry Hale, Charles Bradley, Steve Marlowe, Skip Gallop, James Bwinam, Ernest Freeman, Frank Snyder, Carl Clary, David Reames, and John Grinnolds.

The Circle K Club hopes to become more active this semester in college and community activities. Such activities coming up soon are: members helping at the dinner for Belk and Cottage I, who had the highest grade averages last semester; the Club showing a movie around the beginning of March.

The Club plans to send its members to the State Convention in Charlotte, N. C. on March 6, 7, and 8.



Have some pie, Deputy!

Note the look of sheer joy on Chaplain Taylor's face as he creams Billy Graham at the March of Dimes car smash.



Why, Mr. Pruette—that smile!

It appears the professors took as much pleasure in the pie throwing event as the students during the March of Dimes drive.

Tour scheduled

An embassy tour has been arranged for Chowan students on April 11, 1970.

The tour will include visits to the Embassy's of Ecuador, France, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Portugal, and Venezuela.

The tour also includes visits to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chase, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Newbold, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard C. Smith and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Sheny.

The cost for the tour and transportation to and from Washington, D. C. is \$15. Meals are not included. This price is based on 30 passengers.

The group will leave at 7 a.m. and return before midnight Saturday, April 11, 1970.

Reservations must be made with Dean Lewis before February 24, 1970. Reservations are made by paying the \$15

Notice

Several creative works were turned in by various students to "Smoke Signals". Due to lack of space in this particular issue, some were not printed however, they will appear in the next issue. Thank you for your co-operation.

The happy quitter

Breathing deeply without that eerie gurgle; running and jumping and playing with the dog and not getting tired; putting a dollar a day in a box saying "saved"; counting out loud as each day passes; taking pride in one's own strength.

Watching the teeth turn white again and the face grow baby pink. Feeling admired by friends and family. Feeling envious. Feeling strong and clean. Feeling young. Feeling the liberation of a quitter. . . . one who has "kicked the smoking habit."