

Violence

By RICHARD JACKSON

If one can read a paper or if one owns a television or radio, he knows that crime in the United States and indeed in the world has reached a peak never before equaled in the history of mankind.

Robberies, rapes, and murders are commonplace occurrences in our society today.

Law and order, common decency, and moral values are a thing of the past. The person with the inquisitive mind must ask, "Why?" Why is America subjected to these displays of disrespect to our government, to law and order, and to human life itself. The answer or answers are not simple. There are many varied reasons to explain this rise in disrespect for human laws and life.

Primarily, parents today do not demand respect from their children, thus making it impossible for their children to respect anything or anyone else. Young people are encouraged to "do their own thing" no matter what it entails. Consequently, if someone commits a crime, he cannot be punished because he is a victim of his environment.

Gory, bloody murders and violence are glorified in the movies and on television. However, the writer feels the biggest reason for the rise in crime is the weakening of our judicial system here in the United States. Recently the Supreme Court ruled capital punishment unconstitutional, thus removing the fear of eventual death from prospective murderers. Since the death penalty for murders has been removed, the value of a human life has decreased even more than the already unbelievable level.

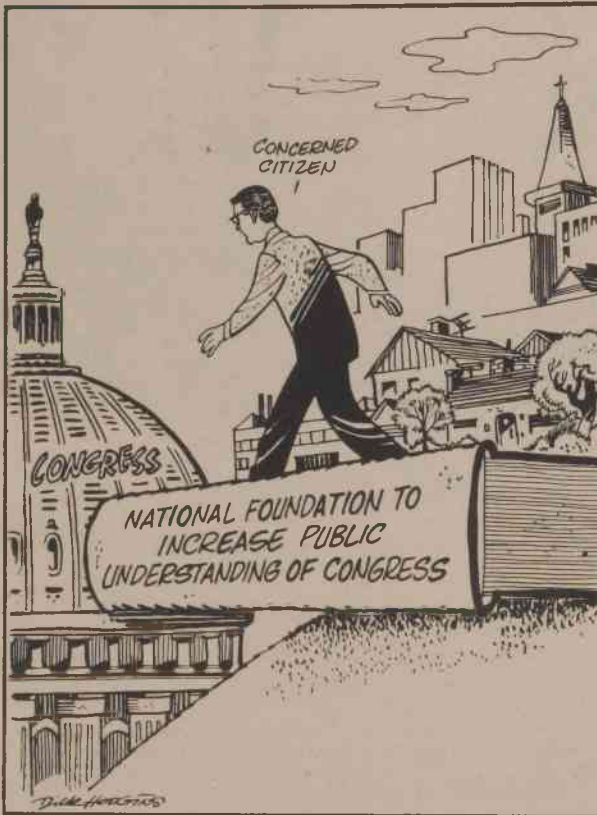
Armed robberies now have turned into robbery and murder. The criminal with a gun in his hand has no fear of death, even if apprehended by the police and tried in court: Why shouldn't he kill all witnesses to his crime? Killing the witnesses greatly improves his chances of never being caught by the police. Until our judicial system decides to crack down on murderers, rapists, hijackers, and other menaces to our society, the crime rate will continue to soar.

Less than 100 years ago law authorities in the western states publically executed offenders of the law. This stand deterred many potential murderers from actually committing the crime. Even though many students will point an accusing finger in my direction and call me Hitler, Jr. I advocate public executions, perhaps firing squads, to those persons convicted of murder in the United States. A few public executions will make potential killers think a long time before killing anyone. It's the only way to end this epidemic of violence.

—Richard Jackson

Editor's Note: Any response to this article, pro or con, will gladly be published.

BRIDGING THE GAP



Days of Wine and Roses

Chowan College, a two year higher educational institution, is being faced with the problem of not progressing at a rate synonymous with that of its major supportive clientel. I consider that it is important for our school to supply the needs and demands of a growing population, liberalized society, and independent youth. The college does realize this to be a fact, but may tend to ignore the problem, hoping that it will pass; that possibly a new enlightened solution will mysteriously appear. (Not very likely.)

What then? The student body will decrease, teachers' jobs will be seriously jeopardized, faculty and staff will inevitably face lower wages. Will the school lean on its heritage claiming the situation will pass? (Possibly.)

I realize that Chowan College could be a haven to all young people who have not yet decided what trade, profession, or even what type situation they care to live in. Here at Chowan they can reside in an atmosphere of responsibility and independence, while still being supported by an ulterior source.

Will this old and established institution loosen its ties with the past and see the need for placing the responsibility on the individual, who will benefit from his own mistakes? A person who knows nothing of responsibility will not seek it. Ah . . . that we could be children always. A person cannot conceive of responsibility unless it is placed directly upon him.

Who then, is to suffer for the incapacity of an individual to judge right from wrong?

—David Talton

Motor Sports Club Reactivated

That's right, fellow Chowanites, you now have another way to enjoy your automobiles besides just getting you home on weekends. If you're skillful, you may also win some cash prizes.

The Chowan Motor Sports Club has been reactivated for the third year and has been enjoying its greatest success since the club was founded three years ago. According to the club's sponsor, Bob Mulder of the English Department, the largest average turn-out of any past event was only twelve to fifteen participants, which is fewer than half of the drivers in our first rally.

The car club has sponsored two events in the past semester. With extensive advertising of the rally, thirty-two cars participated in the first and twenty-seven cars in the second event.

Everyone had fun even though many were new to the sport. We had a few that did not finish the rally because they gave up or were busy sight-seeing in Elizabeth City but all in all contestants had a good time driving in the contest and getting away from the campus for a while. (Elizabeth City was not scheduled for the first event.)

The club is growing in membership as well as in participation for club events. Before the end of last semester, officers were elected to head the club's activities. Hunter Gish was elected president; Mike Boulia, vice-president; Kenny Forti, treasurer; and Mike Davis, secretary. Bill Rushing was appointed club reporter.

The club holds meetings every other Tuesday night in Room 211 of Marks Hall. All interested students, whether they have cars

War is Over, What Now?

The apparent ending of the horrible Vietnam disaster leaves America with a very interesting problem. What will America's young and upstart revolutionaries protest against now? Since 1964, the cry has been "Stop the war now", "Hell no, we won't go" and other spicy slogans. Many young people, some innocent, have been killed or maimed in protest on college campuses and city streets. Hundreds of songs have been written about the war and the young American's distaste for it. The war has become a national discussion topic and political hot bed. Now that it is over, what cause will America's young devote their time and efforts. Realizing that the problem is one of immense importance, the writer would like to suggest a few issues to take the place of the now defunct Vietnam conflict.

One issue which would interest almost everyone would be lengthening the 24 hour day to 30 hours. The increase of 6 hours in the day would give the energetic business man of today more time for sleep after staying up late figuring payrolls. It would give the college student that much needed extra time to study for exams. The working man who works 10 hours a day would still have 10 hours for recreation and 10 hours for sleep. The 30 hour day seems to be to everyone's advantage. With countless protests burning of clocks, calendars and watches the young revolutionaries could bring the problem to the forefront of the national scene. Once the cause had received national attention it could then move into the grass roots of our population and persuade all Americans to support the 30 hour day. With the masses crying for the 30 hour day, President Nixon would be forced to make an appointment with the Greek God Atlas. With Henry Kissinger at his side, President Nixon could then convince Atlas to turn the earth just a little slower, thus, giving us our 30 hour day.

This idea is just one of many which young revolutionaries could devote their efforts. Now that an issue has been proposed, the writer can rest at ease that the protests will not have to end just because the Vietnamese War has ended.

—Richard Jackson

Bald Tires Cause Accidents

on campus or not, are invited to become a part of the club. Times for meetings and rally events are usually posted in Marks Hall.

Applications Now Available

Students who need financial aid for 1973-74 should get their applications from Mrs. Beverly Marks (Mr. Collins' secretary) this week. The Parents' Confidential Statement must be filed by the parents of all students who seek financial aid.

In the future, work supervisors are to turn in time cards by 12:00 noon on the 2nd of each month. Workers are to pick up their checks from Mrs. Marks on the 6th of each month.

If you have any questions about financial aid, contact Mr. Collins.

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