

A Viewpoint

By BARBARA PUTNEY

A college is established as an institution of higher learning. It is the feeling of many students on the Chowan Campus that this is not the main goal of the college.

Any high school graduate can be accepted at Chowan. There is no limit on grade average. This brings the quality of the student community down considerably. Through it helps the students of a lower caliber who merely don't wish to apply themselves in high school. Many students use Chowan as a stepping stone before transferring to a university which, for many students, creates a high school atmosphere.

Rarely, if ever, is a student expelled from the college for academic reasons. Most expulsures are caused by social problems alone. A student who overcuts academic classes does not necessarily face disciplinary action, but the cutting of chapel institutes preliminary suspension and then removal from the college. Even one of the highest academic offenses, failure in courses, does not necessitate disciplinary probation, where at most institutions there would be the inevitable eviction of the student from the academic campus.

One of the grossest academic problems is cheating. Only a handful of students were expelled last semester for this, yet there were so many cases of students expelled because of drugs that it is impossible to even relate the punishment of these two offenses. Drugs are an extensive problem on any college campus, but cheating is even more widely spread and infested on the Chowan Campus. Drugs are only harmful to the user, yet cheating corrupts the whole educational process. Any student who has had someone cheat off him knows the damaging effect on his grade and the extreme pressure it creates. The person who is too lazy or unwilling to study and resorts to cheating should be stopped. There are innumerable cases of students caught for cheating that have had no penalty whatsoever placed on them.

Another interruption to the educational process which has effected students this semester is "Look Us Over Days." Never has the administration extended this many courtesies to its enrolled students. Not once has the stage band performed in the lunch room for the explicit entertainment of its enrolled community. This function interrupted classes, meals, and, in some cases, even caused classes to be cancelled. Many Chowan students missed two full days of classes in order to escort high school students. Most of the students who attended these activities were not seriously considering enrolling at Chowan. Even the students who were planning to come here did not see the regular campus life of Chowan and what they did see was close to a mad house. Like on many other campuses, Chowan should set up personal interviews with perspective students. This would eliminate the confusion and give the high school student a clearer view of the academic community and each one could receive the proper counseling. It would also be more feasible to place a stronger emphasis on regular students and they, in turn, could recommend the college.

Another matter which should be taken up is that of rules. It should not be necessary to reject a school because of its rules, but many students have found they must. No one can perform to their best ability in an overly restrictive environment. A good example of this was when the campus was gathering before spring break. The administration took extreme measures to prevent student gatherings, when it could easily be seen that there was nothing that could stop it and it was excellent for the student moral. One of the biggest infringements on the freedom of Chowan students is the curfew on girls. Anyone, be it male or female, who is mature enough to live in the dorm is quite capable of knowing when to come in. It makes little sense to think girls are less capable of governing themselves and if they must stay out later, must sign out over night, which leaves much to be desired.

Loneliness

By BECKIE WORKMAN

It is sad to be lonely,
But on this particular day
I honestly believe that it was great.
My loneliness led me into the park
And there began the beautiful part of my life.
The first time I looked into his eyes
And told him why I was crying,
I knew that he was to be special.
From this day forward he has been,
And always will be Heaven to me.
He took me into his arms and comforted me.
I'm thankful, for loneliness led me
Into his arms and there I'll be always.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT



News Briefs

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — When policemen compare tales in the squad room, 86-year-old Patrolman John Rehr could dip into the 10,000 arrests he figures he's made in 57 years of duty. Perhaps the oldest policeman in the country, he goes about guarding prisoners and maintaining order in Albany Police Court with a soft-spoken, pleasant manner.

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (AP) — A hot air balloon drifted into high wires near Cambridge Sunday night, shearing off the gondola, authorities said. One man was killed and two injured in the fall to the ground.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — President Nixon's delay in complying with a subpoena to turn over Watergate-related evidence has brought him closer to impeachment this year, U.S. Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., told the Yale Political Union. "I have the ominous feeling we will have this trial in the Senate this fall," Percy said Sunday night.

BOSTON (AP) — The average oil-heated household in Massachusetts has consumed nearly 20 per cent less fuel this year, according to a Needham computer specialist. This represents a savings of some 400 gallons for a typical home that last year had used 2,000 gallons, Richard J. Carroll said. Carroll is a petroleum marketing consultant for Business Computer Services which contracts with more than 70 oil dealers in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Sgt. Charles Chapman ate 102 red ants during an ant-eating contest that highlighted a survival symposium. Contestants plucked the ants from a can. "They have a sour almond taste," said S. Sgt. David Bradshaw, who took third place among 15 insect eaters after munching 26 ants.

WINONA, Miss. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy said he shot and killed his mother and stepfather because they wouldn't let him watch a television gangster movie, authorities reported. "I knew the boy," said Gre-

To My Roommate

Rarely is there someone
Who can care the way you do.
A person who understands
And cheers me when I'm blue.

If you should ever need me,
Don't hesitate to call.
For you,
No distance will be too far.

Don't let the world break you.
I won't forsake you
And we can see life through.

Hunger

By BECKIE WORKMAN

Doors are openings,
Open mine first.
Come on in.
No lights please,
they hurt my eyes.
Come,
unlock my doors.
Touch, feel.
I'm scared for you,
scared you won't like the secrets I hide
beneath my skin.

Radio-TV News

By JAY SHARBUTT
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The certainty NBC will make a series based on nine books about frontier life on the prairie is causing a gentleman farmer in Charlottesville, Va., more joy than a record crop this week. "I'm beaming all over," says Roger L. MacBride, who said he's learned that "The Little House on the Prairie," a made-for-TV movie NBC aired March 30, will be a regular series next fall.

The movie, which drew extremely high ratings, starred Michael Landon. It was adapted from one of the classic "Little House" books written by the late Laura Ingalls Wilder, who died at age 90 in 1957.

Where does MacBride fit in? He's her great-grandson by adoption. And he owns the rights to the books, which chronicle the struggle of Mrs. Wilder's youth and her family in the Midwest of the 1870s.

"I've just heard that the NBC lawyers are writing our lawyers out in Hollywood that they've picked up the option and that it will be a series," he said in a telephone interview. "Isn't that terrific? I've been up all night, as you can imagine, talking to people."

MacBride, 44, had just stepped out of the shower to answer the phone. Although a Yankee by birth, raised in Mt.

Kisco, N.Y., he was as courtly as a native Virginian about his unexpected caller.

NBC, when called, said it couldn't comment about new series until it unveils its new fall line next week. But knowledgeable industry sources said "Little House" definitely will be among those wares.

MacBride, a lawyer, said he now specializes in Canadian land development deals in addition to operating his farm. He was asked how the whole TV deal came about.

"It's odd how these things work," he said. "Walt Disney for years wanted to do it, but he couldn't ever persuade any of his production men to agree. "All of a sudden, about 2½ years ago, there was a mob descending — through the publishers — on me, wanting to buy the rights."

From these supplicants, he said, he chose producer Ed Friendly. How'd he know of him? "Didn't," he said. "He was a complete stranger, but I liked his style ... he impressed me as an extremely intelligent fellow whom I thought could do a good job of keeping the book's spirit."

MacBride, who said he'll be a part-time consultant on the series, is himself an author. He's written one book on treaties and the U.S. Constitution and another on the American electoral college.

Religion in the News

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of dancing Ethiopian priests ... a painting of a vase of flowers ... a statue of a kneeling Joan of Arc ... the heavy stone parapets of a monastery in France.

These are among the highly diversified works of art cited by a group of theologians as the most expressive of the message of Easter.

Oddly, the only classical western religious art chosen was that of a late 16th century Spanish artist, El Greco's "The Saviour" — and it was picked by an easterner of India.

The Rev. T.K. Mathias, a Jesuit who heads the ecumenical All-India Association for Christian Higher Education, says the El Greco portrait "speaks to me eloquently of what the savior must have been like," and adds:

"His eyes — penetrating, but filled with inward-seeing love — his elongated face, narrow nose, high brow, the firm, peaceful mouth give me a vision of the one who stilling sea and storm at sea, yet wept over Jerusalem."

The choices, made for the current issue of A.D., a joint monthly of the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ, show a wide range of preferences in artistic expression of faith.

They also see it reflected in elements other than human.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Sittler, a noted Lutheran scholar of the University of Chicago, cited the massive stone walls and balustrades of the Cistercian abbey of Le Thoronet, France.

"The stone is not subdued to men; it is liberated in its powerful truth in the very use of it."

The Rev. Dr. Roger Hazleton,

a United Church theologian of Andover Newton Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass., picked the 19th century French painter Georges Rouault's still life of a radiant cluster of flowers, called Cugat.

"Here a work of art has become also an act of praise, a giving back of the glory that lives all created things to him who created them," he says.

The Rev. Catherine Gonzalez, a church historian of Columbia theological seminary, Decatur, Ga., cited contemporary sculptor Frederick Shady's statue of Joan of Arc at St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh.

Joan, shown kneeling, looking upward in prayer, was "out of place" in the church of her day, Dr. Gonzalez says, adding that an "authentically called" woman today also is "out of place in a powerful church."

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lat-in bandleader Xavier Cugat has filed a \$750,000 suit against comedian Woody Allen and United Artist Corp., charging invasion of privacy in a scene from Allen's latest movie, "Sleeper."

Cugat, 74, alleged in the suit filed Wednesday in Superior Court that his name was used in the film without his permission and that by so doing, the defendants "diminished his ability and reputation as an artist."

Cugat, who now devotes his time to oil and water painting, is mentioned in "Sleeper" in a sequence showing an oil painting in which Cugat is identified as the artist.

Besides the monetary damages, Cugat also is asking for a preliminary injunction to block the film from being shown.

Et cetera . . .

By BECKIE WORKMAN

Art
A student art exhibit is in Chowan College Art Gallery through the end of April. All interested persons are invited to visit and look around.

Sports
Tennis
Chowan College tennis team has lost only 1 match as of April 10. The proud roster consists of: Chris Elliot, Chris Williams, Tom Corey, Lenny Sullivan, Amir Tahbaz, Robert Henderson, Don Garlotts, and Ed Spain.

Chowan College vs. Virginia Wesleyan, away at 1:00 on April 17 today.

Chowan College vs. Sandhills Community College, away on April 26.

Chowan College plays in the Cavalier-Tar Heel Conference Tournament on April 26, 27, 28.

Track
Chowan College vs. Wingate College, away on April 18.

Chowan College in the Region Ten Meet at Brevard, N. C. on April 24.

Golf
Chowan College vs. Ferrum College, home on April 19.

Chowan College vs. Ferrum College, away on April 23.

Chowan College vs. Sandhills Community College, away on April 26.

Chowan College plays in the Cavalier Tournament on April 29 and 30, in the Cavalier-Tarheel Conference Tournament.

Baseball
Chowan College vs. Sandhills Community College, away-conference doubleheader, on April 20.

Chowan College vs. Kittrell College, home-conference doubleheader, at 1:00 on April 26.

Music
The Chowan College touring choir is to go on tour Sunday, April 28-May 2. They are to go to the surrounding areas in North Carolina and Virginia.

Spring Festival
Saturday, April 27 with booths, a concert or two?, a dance, and numerous other activities. Plan to stay at Chowan that weekend!

Miscellaneous
Smoke Signals staff meeting each Wednesday at 4:00 in McSweeney Hall. All interested persons invited. Help make your school newspaper-yours-join the staff!

Tuesday-Wesley House, open to all students, time 7-11.

Wednesday-Purgatory Coffee House, open to all students, from 7:30-10:30.

Walls

I put too much faith in you.
I put my trust in you.
That was my fault,
And our relationship fell through.

I'm free now.
The chains, broken,
The walls, torn down.

There is room in my life;
To start rebuilding,
To soar to new heights,
To find myself.

If we ever get back together
Let's start all over
And build bridges
Instead of walls.

Barbara Putney

At Home

To be in the mountains;
To stroll with God awhile
Down the paths of eternity,
Smelling the fresh breeze
And seeing nature at it's zenith.

Everything I know is
Rambling on in my mind,
Still in the mountains,
At home.

To A Rose

Nothing in life can quite match
The beauty of a rose.
Its sweet fragrance and velvet touch
Show all the excellence of nature.

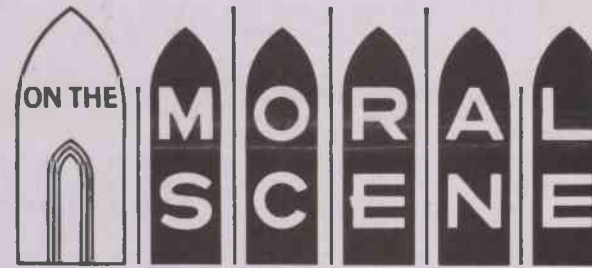
Much of life is like the rose.
The friends you meet and love,
The very breath of life,
Like the rose, die quickly.
But the grace remaining
Is the very purpose of our being.

Peaceful

Find me a peaceful mountain
To live life in.
Don't bother me with society.

Find me a peaceful meadow
With a fresh mountain stream.
Leave me alone and let me dream.

Take away my sorrow.
I have many a tomorrow
In which to worry in.

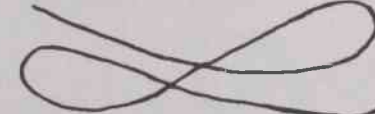


CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

DRUNK DRIVING—"California sets the pace in automobile laws and practices simply because 10 per cent of all the registered U.S. vehicles are in that state. . . . Drunk driving has become an increasing problem. . . . This has required new laws and sterner enforcement rules. . . . Patrol cars were ordered to become a part of the traffic flow where tipsy behavior can be more quickly spotted. Penalties have also been stiffened, the first offense drawing a \$300 fine, and that after a drying out period can draw from two days to one year in jail with a fine of \$250 to \$1,000 and the loss of a driving license for a year. Any judge imposing a lighter sentence must write a brief justifying it. . . . It is generally recognized that failure to enforce drunk driving laws has been due to the pressure of the well organized, highly financed liquor lobbies always active in state legislatures and around the courts. Only organized citizens' groups can create counter pressures, as many have." **Between the Lines, February 1, 1974.**

LUNG CANCER—"Lung cancer in 1974 will kill approximately 75,000 persons in the U.S., some 60,000 men and 15,000 women. The increase among men is continuing at an alarming rate. It is the leading cause on male cancer deaths—the rate being 14 times greater than 40 years ago. This is largely preventable disease, since most lung cancer is caused by cigarette smoking."

TONIGHT



The Movie

FRIENDS

Music by
ELTON JOHN

Columns Auditorium
8:00

SMOKE SIGNALS
STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF CHOWAN COLLEGE

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