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Obtaining Associate Degree Urged; Advantages Outlined

By D. H. Nicholson
With more than 50 percent of the first time freshman enrollments in higher educational institutions now being recorded (Fall, 1974) at the junior and community college level, it is evident to even the casual observer that the two-year college is an important and a vital component of the total academic scene today. It is also evident from the preceding fact that there is an increasing awareness by students, by officials in both the two-year colleges and the four-year

and universities, and by officials in industry and business that the associates degree is both a practical and valuable measure of a student's progress. If he holds such a degree from his stay at a junior college, he has demonstrated that he can achieve prearranged goals. The associates degree, for this student, has become tangible proof of earned recognition for the completion of a particular program or curriculum in the various disciplines, and this proof (or evidence) states much about the student's own stamina and motivation. It also states that the student has been tested under fire

and found to be able to meet the initial challenges encountered in his efforts to become as productive an individual as accidents, abilities, and circumstances will allow him. Of course, another clear advantage of the associates degree is that relating to inter-college transfer. When a student earns the associates degree, he has a clear-cut advantage over his peer in the two-year college who leaves without one. For instance, the degree holder is more confident of receiving the best advantage in an increasingly competitive college market. His

grades and courses, generally, transfer with greater ease. In fact, many states have mandated through legislation that a community or junior college graduate have certain transfer privileges over his peer in the two-year who tries to transfer to a senior institution without the associates degree. The degree holder also is in a more flexible position when he talks with a senior college or university admissions officer. In essence, the advantages of holding the associates degree so much outweigh any disadvantages that the student should not consider leaving Chowan

College unless he first earns his 'sheepskin'. For a student to transfer without such a degree is analogous to the person climbing a ladder, a person who as he climbs cuts off the rungs under him as he moves along. He has nothing to step back to if he encounters troubles further up. SO GET THAT DEGREE.

(In future issues of Smoke Signals, there will be further discussion concerning the Chowan College student and advantages of his earning the associates degree. Please look for these articles.)

THE FLAMING BEAUTY of Red Rhododendron along the Blue Ridge Parkway and in other areas of the North Carolina mountains is truly a sight that is unforgettable. According to reports,

tourists appear to view the fuel shortage as a thing of the past and travel in the rolling hills is better than last year. — (Photo by Hugh Morton)

Homecoming Contest Voting on Sept. 27th

Members of the Day Student Organization and each residence hall—East, Mixon, Parker, West, Jenkins, Belk—will sponsor two contestants, one freshman and one sophomore as contestants for the Homecoming Court. Residents of Stone Hall will vote with Mixon Hall. Names of the two contestants must be submitted to the Dean of Students by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 1974. Contestants will not be presented in assembly this fall as in past years. They will be introduced to the student body

by a poster to be introduced by September 25. To do this, we must all follow a deadline and give this our immediate attention in the fall. Friday, September 13 — Head Residents should give the names of the two contestants (one freshman and one sophomore) to Dean Lewis by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 18 — Pictures of all contestants will be taken in Graphic Arts on this date. Contestants will be given a schedule of times when pictures can be taken.

Friday, September 27 — Students will vote, selecting the eight members of the Homecoming Court. The Court will be composed of the four sophomores and the four freshmen with the highest number of votes. The election will be sponsored by the SGA. Requirements for Contestants in the Homecoming Court: Sophomore contestants must have earned nine hours and eighteen quality points during their last semester in college. Beginning freshmen contestants have no academic requirements. At the time of nomination, election and participation in court activities, contestants must be in good standing with the college. Contestants whose behavior would require their being placed on preliminary suspension will be removed from the list of contestants or removed from the court.

UVa Professor To Lecture

Dr. Joseph R. Washington, Jr., Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Afro-American Studies program at the University of Virginia, will deliver two lectures on the campus of Chowan College on September 22 and 23. His appearance at the college is made possible through Afro-American Associates of the University of Virginia and the chapel-assembly committee of Chowan College. A Methodist clergyman, social ethicist, and noted educator, Dr. Washington holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin (B.A.), Andover - Newton Theological Seminary (B.D.), and Boston University (Th.D.). His service in higher education has included both teaching and administrative positions at Dillard University, 1961-1963; Dickinson College, 1963-1966; Albion College, 1966-1969; Beloit College, 1969-1970; and the University of Virginia, 1970. As chairman of the Afro-American Studies Committee at the University of Virginia, he is responsible for "creating, coordinating, and developing" a university major in the field of Afro-American studies. A prolific writer, Dr. Washington has published ar-

ticles in a wide variety of periodicals, both secular and religious. His books include: Black Religion: The Negro and Christianity in the United States, The Politics of God, Black and White Subreption, Marriage in Black and White, and Black Sects and Cults. He has lectured at over 30 colleges and universities since 1969. Lectures at Chowan are scheduled for Sunday evening, September 22, at 8:00 P.M. in Robert Marks Hall, and before the regular student assembly on Monday, September 23, at 10:00

A.M. The Sunday evening lecture—to which the general public is invited—will be entitled "Black and White Realities." Dr. Washington's topic before the student assembly will be "Black Religion in Fact and Fantasy."

Pot Smoking Costs Job For Police

By The Associated Press
San Diego
The city Civil Service Commission has upheld the firing of a policeman who said he "smoked marijuana as an experiment to become a better officer." James E. Ireland, 36, a five-year veteran, had appealed his March 11 dismissal for conduct unbecoming an officer and incompetence after he admitted he smoked some confiscated marijuana. He said he decided to smoke it "to understand the drug problem more and to understand the effects." Several witnesses at the hearing testified Ireland had excellent police record, but the commission upheld the firing.



SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN — Golden fried chicken was generously served for the first "dinner on the green" at the opening of the fall term.

Group Changes Name

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group originally organized to fight impeachment proceedings against resigned President Richard M. Nixon changed its name Monday and said it would now promote a wide range of conservative causes. Bruce Herschensohn, a former Nixon aide and frequent critic of the national news media, will be executive director of the organization while Rabbi Baruch Korff remains as its president. The group is now called the United States Citizens' Congress. It had been titled the National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency.

Campus CCF Active In Many Activities

By TERESA PIKE
The Campus Christian Fellowship is sharing religion. They meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 in the Askew Student Union. The CCF began fellowship on August 27. A reception Friday August 30 was given by the CCF to welcome everyone to Chowan. Many pastors and their wives of the surrounding churches, attended the reception and invited students to visit their churches. On September third, the Fellowship held its second meeting. The President, Ernie Etheridge introduced to the members the Vice-president: Chuck Ferebee, the Secretary: Janet Copeland, the Member at Large David Hudson, and Treasurer: Chaplain Taylor. The Chaplain is also the CCF's advisor. During this meeting, plans for field trips were discussed, which included a trip to Nags Head. The CCF plans to leave for the beach on the 20th of September and plans to return on the 22. An event coming up is the Campus Christian Fellowship state wide convention in November. Leaving on Friday the first at 8:00 a.m. the CCF will go to Ridgecrest for a three day meet. The Fellowship has something going all the time. They have a Lunchroom Ministry every Thursday, a committee visit with the lunchroom workers for a short devotion and prayer, and every other week the Fellowship visits the Chowan Manner Resthome in Ahoskie. The CCF is also sponsoring a companion child. His name is Jupiter and he is nine years old. Jupiter is living in Indonesia with his family. The Fellowship sends

Jupiter twelve dollars a month so he can go to school. This money also helps buy food and clothes. The CCF has been sponsoring Jupiter for about a year.



JUPITER

TRIPPING
I have noticed for sometime now that there is a great deal of enthusiasm and energy exhibited on Fridays. Sure, why not? We are all anxious to go off someplace by the end of the week. It should be pointed out that many students would like to go home and have posted their destination, but have never received a response. Now, all of you have feelings; so if you are headed in a direction that someone else would like to go, lend a helping hand when they don't have personal transportation. A favor from one is a favor in return.
Kathy Cave



RAY DAVIS

Brave on Warpath

By MIKE PATTERSON
Shades of the "Great Spirit." Smoke Signals would like to take this opportunity to introduce to the student body your new mascot, The Chowan Brave. He is Ray Davis, a sophomore from Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Ray spent this last summer working on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. What did he do? He

was in charge of the archery range, of course. Ray forked over \$200 of his own money for that load of feathers he's wearing. How's that for school spirit? It takes Ray over an hour to put his costume on and get ready for a performance. He will be appearing at all of Chowan's games this year, look for him. Go Braves! !!

"Old Braves Bucket" Ready

The department of development and the department of student personnel in cooperation with the cheerleaders and athletic department are sponsoring the "Old Braves' Bucket" award, to be presented after each home football game. The winner will be one of Chowan's six residence halls. The idea behind the award is building up support for Chowan's football team and attendance at the Braves' home games.

In order to be successful, we are depending on the support of the head residents. Here are some points of interest:

1. The winning dormitory will be selected by an anonymous committee which will include representation from the student body, faculty and staff.
2. The judging will be based on the performance of each dorm during the week of the game and climaxing in the attendance and spirit of the dorm residents at the game.
3. Each dorm will want to consider making banners and signs to fly during the week and at the game. If you use a white sheet and tempera colors, the paint can be washed off after the game and sheet reused for the next home game.
4. The announcement of the winning dorm will be made early in the 4th quarter. After the game, the head resident and dorm president will pick up the bucket in the pressbox. Monday, they are to deliver the bucket to the library where it will be placed in a

window with the name of the winning residence hall. It will remain there until the next home game.

5. The key to success is building up the competition among the six residence halls. Anything you can do to fan the excitement and enthusiasm, both for supporting the Braves and winning the bucket, will be greatly appreciated. Lead your dorm to think of ways to support the Braves during the week and at the games.
6. The attendance of the dorm residents at the game and their spirit and ingenuity in supporting the Braves will be watched closely by the judges. We are looking for students who will blow on their horns, stomp their feet, cheer with the cheerleaders, display their banners, wave their signs, and in general give evidence of supporting the Braves. The attendance cards will be counted at halftime and the results will have a bearing.
7. Attendance and spirit at the pep rallies will also be judged. There will be a pep rally before each home game.
8. Please share any ideas you may have regarding this idea and making it a success with Dean Lewis, Bobby Cross or Phil Royce.

Thank you for your interest, cooperation and support. Perhaps your dorm will be the first to win the "Old Braves' Bucket." What an honor!