

Smoke Signals Editor Visualizes Final Edition

By BECKIE WORKMAN
Deaf Students, Faculty, and Staff

It is my deepest pleasure to visualize the edition twelve of volume six "Smoke Signals" finalized. Thus, looking back I feel as if my goals have in some way been completed. At times the editorship of this student newspaper has brought me my share of griefs. I knew that I must continue. I am not a weak person, therefore I had to follow my convictions. No one can please everyone at all times. Realizing this fact along with admitting I make mistakes was one of my greatest accomplishments, which placed me one step ahead of many others.

A legion of thanks and appreciation I wish to extend to Dean Clayton Lewis, whom has offered suggestions and help to me uncountable times during my two years at Chowan. This man should be appreciated for his active life with the students. He is observed attending student activities. He supports the students, and is not only seen when the students are causing a disturbance.

Also a multitude of thanks to Miss Marianne Pugh, my advisor. Helpful is the word indeed. I also wish to congratulate her and wish her a world of happiness, as she will be married this summer.

Not enough could be said for Mr. Robert Mulder. He has supported this student newspaper many years with his column "Literary Musings".

Thanks to Phil Royce and his articles, which made publicity of Chowan in this paper successful. He too wrote various articles. He

gave me a light to my goals. This year I found numerous persons to be very cooperative. Through this I was able to maintain stories.

May thanks be extended to my staff this year, especially to Mike Patterson, whom has ran many an errand. Also among my staff were Carol Long, Nelson Nichols, Teresa Pike and Hector Cuellar. I commend Hector for his photography. There were numerous students who contributed from time to time. Thanks so much for the articles and editorials. Students are the elements which constitute a newspaper. The more varied, the higher the quality.

I wish to concur a suggestion which I think will be an aid to the student newspaper next year. All clubs and organizations should have their elected reporter submit his reports to the "Smoke Signals". This should be a vital part of his job. Also in sports, a person, who is knowledgeable of sport terminology, should be asked to record games for the paper. I feel that this step will fulfill a need of communication, which is for the purpose of success in any organization, school, or sport. The lack of communication is a major problem which holds back compromises at Chowan College.

There is a desperate need for some of the people at Chowan to think seriously about the happiness of the students — instead of guests of the college and a few faculty members. The students are the whole purpose of this institution. Sure the faculty and staff have their jobs, jobs which are to benefit the students. As I heard a Baptist minister in

Murfreesboro state "Change is inevitable."

Take a look at an editorial I wrote concerning the cafeteria food. My fiance gave that dish of green beans to Bill Clark. What was his reaction? He took the beans, not offering another — nothing! Had this student been a faculty member, or an older visiting adult, what would the response have been? Probably: "Sorry, sir. I'll have you another dish of green beans as soon as possible." There are heaps of other incidents, not involving the cafeteria. Why can't the students be respected, as much as any other person? We are all equal created by God. Everyone should be respected whether he is twelve or thirty-one, no matter what position he holds.

I also want to mention how I feel on another incident. How an innocent embrace or kiss can bring evil thoughts to a few individuals is beyond my knowledge. One should not care what "such" people think about him. For "such" opinions are not worth a drop in a "bottomless" bucket to one's eternal life. A person knows who he is. He cannot please everyone, and it is needless to try. One knows who is important to him. These people will not make preconceived misconceptions. A sensible person will proceed to find out for himself and will not judge. Remember you and God are important.

If any of my editorials have stepped on a few toes — If the shoe fits wear it, otherwise ignore it, as I would.

Sincerely yours,
Beckie Workman



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Spring Fun

By RICHARD LAYMAN

Winter is only in the wind
Spring is now and here
Many fine days to send
Skies so blue and clear
An afternoon outdoors to spend.

This day I need miss
A day with bright sun
Three more hours at loss
Will labs ever be fun
A spring afternoon it must cost.

Phantom of Parker

By RICHARD LAYMAN

Strange things have been happening at Parker Hall these past few weeks. Strange but not unusual because most of the residents have become accustomed to them. To what these things can be attributed is not known. Many rumors are floating around the dorm. Speaking of floating, the idea of a ghost is quite evident in the hushed discussions of the subject in the dorms.

Most of the evidences of an outside force would alarm a visitor to Parker Hall but those of us that live there take certain things for granted. Some of these things are the alarm bells in the elevators ringing at intervals all through the night, not to mention the occasional darkness of the elevators. The strange markings on the wall that appear to be in a foreign language are a puzzle also. Certainly we cannot miss the liquids that have been spilled or placed on the floors of the elevators or halls. The numerous drink cans of various natures and content that appear on the floors of the hall and the elevators are further proof of a careless visitor.

Perhaps we should search and remove the visitor or visitors from the school before it disturbs anyone next year. I am firmly convinced that there must be a supernatural reason for these occurrences because surely there is no one here at Chowan College that wants to make life hard for everyone else in a large dorm like Parker Hall.

Autumn Leaves

By RICHARD LAYMAN

Crisp and bright with color of gold
Many forgotten leaves growing old.
Soft and warm autumn breeze
Rustling softly through the trees.

A quiet path through the park
So cool and shady, even dark.
Wooden benches made for rest
Enjoying nature at its best.

Two people walking down the path
Wondering why must they live in the past.
Wishing they could do what they please
Just like the golden leaves.

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Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

The part of the world I know is not yet ready for *Forth Into Night*, a spellbinding novel by Gordon Merrick. Nor was our side of the globe ready for his first two novels, *The Lord Won't Mind* and *One for the Gods*, yet these seemed to have done all right for Merrick, who writes exclusively for Avon Books.

Choosing 1960 as the time of his most recent novel, Merrick uses a small tranquil Greek island as his setting. Other than a few mentioned natives, he stocks the island with an array of perhaps strange but interesting people: painters, writers, sculptors, alcoholics, and dope enthusiasts.

As most good novels do, this one catches the reader's interest in the first few pages (This one has no part-chapter divisions.) and forces him along until the 348 pages have been read. An unheard-of occurrence hits the village when George Leighton is robbed of two thousand dollars. Much of the action of this novel hangs upon the robbery framework, and the involvements of other inhabitants of the island are effected by Leighton's lost money, yet this novel is far more than a mystery.

Forth into Night is basically a story of people trying to find and hold their own happiness. When the book ends, they seem to have succeeded to a great degree, even the possible exception who chooses to end his life and to join the gods.

George and Sarah Leighton, himself a distinguished American writer, and their 17-year old son Jeff find their tiny Greek island a paradise. There are enough of their kind of people to make life exciting, servants are cheap, and sun and sand are plentiful. Their many summers here have made them feel secure and respect for the Leightons is abundant.

Their only rivals in permanence and ownership are the Mills-Martins, a unique arrangement of two men, one woman, and two children. Charlie and Peter share one woman, Martin, each having had a child by her. Their situation is seemingly perfect and happiness abounds at every turn — no

questions about the relationship are asked by islanders or visitors. Each child knows his separate father and they happily share the same mother.

Joe Peterson, a young student of theology and connoisseur of strong drink, also loses some money which he suspects has been stolen. He and George never blame any of their friends but places the finger of suspicion toward an islander named Costa. During the time justice as making may with Costa, George's son Jeff is seeking to insure his friendship with Dimitri, local bar owner and semi-mystery to the law. As it turns out, Jeff had stolen his father's money, gave it to Dimitri to make a big dope purchase, and failed to replace the money before it was discovered missing.

Before the money can be replaced, Jeff has placed himself in a compromising position with Dimitri, a situation which expands also to Mike Thornton, a successful author visiting the Leightons, and to Charlie and Peter, who seriously try to help the boy understand himself. Not being able to accept what he learns about himself, Jeff seeks other avenues of escape. When the mystery of the missing money is solved, Jeff establishes a right relationship with his father, says his good-byes to Charlie Mills-Martin, and chooses to join the Greek gods he adores by jumping from a high cliff.

His death shocks the village, but the reader is left to speculate upon his parents' and closest friends' reaction. His bloody torn body is found on a rock above the sea, "his upturned eyes staring at the sky, a terrible smile on his face." The village does survive the tragedy just as it weathers the earthquakes which occur periodically...c'est live!

Merrick is a powerful writer, dealing with many subjects which may be taboo in Good Housekeeping circles but treating them with tenderness and understanding. Those who have read his trilogy of novels will surely want to read the fourth — whenever he writes this one.

Letters to the Editor

Believer Loses Faith In "Gripe Committee"

Dear Editor:

I regret having to write this letter, since the last month or so things here at Chowan have started to look better with extended curfew and the seemingly concern of the school staff with their open "Gripe Committee's". My gripe is directed at the cafeteria, which is subject to complaints by many students. I attended the "Gripe Committee" with the cafeteria staff earlier this semester and for a while it seemed some good may have come from it. But after my experiences in the cafeteria today, I lost all faith and trust in the so called "Gripe Committee."

Well, at lunch today we had hamburgers and maybe I am strange but I like mustard and relish on my hamburgers. I found the mustard with no problem but the relish container was empty. I remembered the gripe committee and took the cafeteria staff's advice and asked the young man working, "Excuse me, but could we have some relish on please?" He turned to me and told me in not too kind a voice, "No!"

Now, I let that slide after I had looked at it rationally. I mean really, why should I expect to have relish on my hamburger? I should have known better than to ask. I realize now that I was out of line. BS!

The ultimate kick was at supper tonight because I did not get to eat. The reason I did not get to eat was because I got to the cafeteria at five minutes to six and the line was closed. It was stupidity on my part because I should have known that if the cafeteria is scheduled to close at six then it means it will close

earlier. Doesn't that make sense? If I remember correctly, at the Cafeteria Gripe Committee meeting, this particular issue was brought up and we were assured that it would be taken care of.

I again confronted the same efficient and most courteous cafeteria staff member as I had at lunch. I asked him, "Since when does the cafeteria close before six?" He in return replied, "I locked the door precisely at six." I then showed him the clock on the wall which showed the time being three minutes to six. I also had to wait outside for

someone to walk out the door in order for me to get in. No telling how long it had been locked. Here I go again, I'm being most unreasonable. The young man probably had something better to do. Really, students shouldn't be concerned.

After today, I am sorry to say that I have given up on any trust and sincerity of Chowan's cafeteria staff. It is a shame to, because the "Gripe Committee's" had great potential.

Sincerely,
JIM OWEN

New SGA President Expresses Gratitudes

I should like to express my deepest gratitude to those who supported me in my race for president of the Student Government Association. Your interest in the election indicated that the student body of 75-76 has potential. I personally feel that the new year will produce a great deal for the betterment of the students at Chowan. The catch is that each student must keep involved, for without student backing, the S.G.A. will be greatly hindered in its efforts for you. This was, and still is, my main stand as president. I want to see one hundred percent student involvement so WE can get something done. This calls for ideas, complaints, and opinions from the student body. The

S.G.A. cannot function for the students unless they themselves demonstrate a continued interest.

There is one thing that I should like to see changed somewhat — the open-dorm policy. I feel that this should be looked over and reconsidered, so that we can have open-dorms more often. I feel that the students at Chowan are mature enough to enjoy this experience in human relationship more often. If you have an idea you would like to express, give this to your S.G.A. representative and we promise you that it will be discussed in our meeting.

Thank you,
Jim Dale

Lewis recognizes Students For a Successful 1974-75

By DEAN LEWIS

Chowan College is different things to different people. The difference often depends upon the various reasons why students choose to attend Chowan and the ways they seek to identify with the college.

To recognize all students who have contributed to the success of 1974-75 is impossible. To name only a few may be dangerous because many who make outstanding contributions are often in the background and are never publicly rewarded. To the masses

they are unknown. Members of the faculty and administration often know only the elected leadership. Those leaders at the grassroot level are sometimes more influential than the elected leadership and are seldom properly recognized.

Realizing the dangers of failing to recognize many who have made positive contributions to the Chowan College community this year, I want to use this opportunity to thank the executive officers of the Student Govern-

ment Association, members of the Student Legislature and the faculty sponsors for the way they have served citizens of the college community this year.

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