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SNEA members explaining an easy way to do math.

## Future in Education Chosen by SNEA Members

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The first meeting of the SNEA was held in room 123 of Marks Hall on September 10, 1975. The purpose of the meeting was to recognize and reorganize the SNEA club. The sponsor of the club is Mrs. Dell McKeithan, an English instructor and the president of the club is Miss Derona Gay.

The SNEA is known as the Student National Education Association. The SNEA is the student division of the National Education Association (NEA) and is affiliated through the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE). The purpose of SNEA is to give students who are planning a teaching career a distinct outlook on the teaching profession.

The main projects of the Chowan SNEA are to improve the service to the people of the Murfreesboro area. They are interested in helping in the community but particularly in teaching. The SNEA members work as teacher aids in the town's school system in schools like Murfreesboro Middle School and Riverview Elementary. The future plans for the SNEA include furnishing teacher aids for the kindergarten at the Episcopal Church and

tutors to students within the college itself. The SNEA is active in many state activities, state conventions, and chapter meetings with other colleges in the Chowan SNEA chapter. The SNEA has a full year ahead of them.

The SNEA is always looking for new members, particularly men

who want a future in education. They need all the support and help that all interested persons can give and want to give for the chance of learning more about the teaching career. Look into the Chowan SNEA and see what it has to offer and how it may help you in your future plans.

## Shoplifting Proves Expensive and Embarrassing

How do you tell one not to steal, that shoplifting is not acceptable practice, that all consumers suffer by paying higher prices to cover the loss created by shoplifters, that the practice can be expensive and embarrassing when caught.

One could speak to the Ten Commandments. They have served man as a code of ethics for centuries. But, some people have perfected the art of rationalization. For some the Ten Commandments are too negative, too restrictive and should not apply in all situations. Perhaps one could refer to portions of the Rotary Four-Way Test when considering shoplifting.

1. Is shoplifting fair to all concerned?
2. Does shoplifting build good will and better relations?
3. Will shoplifting be beneficial to all concerned?

All this means is, one should exercise good sound judgment and good common sense.

Recently a Chowanian was found guilty of shoplifting in Murfreesboro and was fined \$50.00 plus the cost of court. This is an expensive price to pay for stolen items totaling less than \$2.00. Pride, self-respect and a good reputation cannot be equated to dollars and cents. When all is considered, the individual has lost more than money. Is shoplifting worth it!

## Board of Trustees Approve Budget of \$2,692,500

Chowan College's Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$2,692,500 for the 1975-76 academic year and adopted a goal of \$67,500 for the Annual Giving Fund at its semi-annual meeting Monday in the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker.

The college's Board of Advisors met jointly with the trustees. Present were four new advisors: J. Guy Revelle, Sr. of Conway, H. L. Evans, Jr., of Murfreesboro, D. D. Wade, Jr. of Rocky Mount, and Don Hall of Roanoke Rapids.

The Board of Trustees elected J. C. Cluen, president, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., Tarboro, to the Board of Advisors.

The new budget is an increase of \$92,500 from 1974-75.

Dr. Whitaker stressed the importance of the Annual Giving Fund established service award to last year's general chairman, Bob Hill, Sr. of Murfreesboro, for his efforts in directing the successful campaign.

Chowan's president announced E. L. Hollowell, Chowan trustee and Edenton businessman, will head the 1975-76 drive. Dr. Whitaker said reaching the 1975-76 Annual Giving Fund goal of \$67,500 would be vitally instrumental in helping the college operate in the black for the 18th straight year.

"Gifts to the Annual Giving Fund are used to meet the daily needs such as lights, food, fuel and supplies, thereby benefiting every student on campus," he explained.

Dean of Students Clayton Lewis told the trustees and advisors Chowan's enrollment increased for the fall semester over last year. He said the full-time equivalent enrollment of 1,015 is an increase of six over the fall semester 1974. Chowan enrolled a total of 1,024 students this fall.

The Board of Trustees approved an addition to Chowan's academic program, a merchandising management curriculum. Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., Chowan's academic dean, said the new curriculum will include two years of classroom studies and a summer internship in a retailing laboratory. Lowe explained the internship will be offered in

cooperation with a participating business or merchant.

Dean Lowe noted the merchandising management curriculum will build upon Chowan's successful career-oriented program, which offers students opportunities in graphic arts, photography, secretarial science and business, and commercial art.

Trustee chairman, J. E. Ferebee of Camden, announced that banker Joel T. Lee of Ahsokie will serve as chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. This committee is responsible for updating the college's Master Plan, an action taken approximately every five years by Chowan's trustees.

The chairman of the Endowment Committee, Gilbert Francis of Boykins, Va., announced Chowan will spotlight the importance of the endowment program at its Annual Planning Conference, Saturday, October 25.

Chowan's chaplain, Dr. Hargus Taylor, told of the college's Bicentennial Program celebration. He said the theme is "Our American Heritage" and includes films, concerts, and lectures.

Dr. Taylor also reported on the

recently renovated McDowell Columns chapel-auditorium. He said the college was able to keep the cost of renovation to the minimum by assigning the work to its maintenance staff under the direction of Jack Hassell. The renovation cost approximately \$120,000.

Taylor announced the college is seeking gifts to help finance the renovation. He said memorial opportunities include the donation of \$100 for the cost of one seat. He noted this gift may be made in honor or memory of a loved one or friend whose name will be recorded on a special Honor and Memorial Roll in the auditorium.

Later, trustees and advisors toured the renovated facility. They were joined by their wives for a luncheon in the President's Room of Thomas Cafeteria. The wives had previously toured the new science facility, Carrie Savage Camp Hall, and Daniel Fine Arts Hall; viewed an exhibit in the Chowan Art Gallery; and watched graphic arts students operate presses.

Entertainment was provided at the luncheon by the Chowan College Stage Band under the direction of Professor Bob Brown.

## Lost and Found

For those of you who have been wondering what to do in case you lose something, the campus lost-and-found is at the switchboard in the Columns Building. If proper identification is made, you can get your article returned.

As of September 22, these are the items at the switchboard:

1. a pair of glasses

2. a pair of sunglasses
3. a set of keys
4. two single keys
5. a driver's license
6. a college ID card

You may claim your lost articles between 8:30 and 5:00 on Monday through Friday and from 5:00 to 8:00 on Saturday.

## Trailblazers Promote Outdoor Activities

By RICH HAMBLETON

The Trailblazers club, which meets Monday nights at 7:00 in Marks Hall, was formed to promote outdoor activities and to give the students at Chowan College a better interest in the outdoors.

The club was formed last January by Robert Walker, after he attended a camping trip in the mountains. He was encouraged to start a chapter at Chowan. There were originally thirty members,

and this year the number is about the same.

Last year the club went to Virginia Beach for a day, and to Tappahannock on the Rappahannock River. This year the club went to Tuscarora Beach and has a campout planned for October 3-4 at Tuscarora. Another campout is planned for later this year.

Anyone interested is welcome to join, but if you wish to go on the camping trip in October you must attend the meeting.

## PTK Will Represent Chowan At State Convention

By BARBIE BROWN

Phi Theta Kappa is the national, honorary, scholarship fraternity for the junior colleges of America.

The Iota Delta Chapter of Chowan College is open to students who have attended Chowan for a full semester and who have an overall average of B. Students who meet these requirements are recommended by a faculty committee and approved by the student members of the organization.

Betsy Guedri, State Parliamentarian and Carl Simmons, faculty advisor for Phi Theta Kappa went to Charlotte, North Carolina on September 5, 6 for a meeting with the regional advisor to plan for the Leadership Conference and State Convention.

The Leadership Conference for all officers is for October 16-18, at Lees McRae College, Kip Johnson, National President of the Junior College Honor Society will speak, as well as a former president Sam House. The purpose of the conference is to

give officers ideas for money-making projects, tell them of scholarships available, and most important, plan for the State Convention.

The State Convention will be held in Goldsboro this year on February 20-22 for all members. The theme will be centered around the bicentennial and an afternoon with William Faulkner's nephew. There will also be information about the Honors Institute program this summer at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. There will be three hours of credit given in American Literature.

On September 9, 1975, the first meeting of the Iota Delta Chapter was held. The officers for the year 1975-76 were elected. They are: Anita Perkins, President; Paige Heishman, Vice President; Lyn Griggs, Secretary; David Pendley, Treasurer; Betsy Guedri, State Parliamentarian and Barbie Brown, Reporter.

The next meeting for Phi Theta Kappa members is September 29, 1975 in Camp Hall. Please attend - it is an honor!



PHI THETA KAPPA officers are left to right: Paige Heishman, Vice President; Mr. Simmons, Sponsor; David Pendley, Treasurer; Anita Perkins, President; Lyn Griggs, Secretary; Barbara Brown, Reporter; Betsy Guedri, State Parliamentarian.

## International Students Focus Thoughts on Agriculture

By PHIL ROYCE

The Vaughan Wiggins' farm between Murfreesboro and Winton has had many visitors but possibly none more interested in its operation and the economics of farming than a recent group of Chowan College international students.

The tour was arranged by Clayton Lewis, Chowan's dean of students, and Jim Daughtry, Hertford County agricultural extension agent. Daughtry accompanied the group and served as a guide with Wiggins. Touring the farm were eight Nigerians, one Iranian, and one Micronesian.

When the students first saw him, Wiggins was seated at the wheel of a tractor, pulling a forest harvester through a field of corn. Daughtry explained Wiggins was cutting up the entire corn, husk and all, for silage. He said it would provide feed for the cattle during the winter months. Stopping his tractor, Wiggins

greeted the students. Gathering around the harvester, Wiggins was soon bombarded with questions from the students, most who are majoring in business, engineering and medicine.

Many of the questions dealt with the financial side of farming. Wiggins, a Murfreesboro town councilman, answered each one thoroughly.

During the question and answer period, Wiggins explained the government does not pay for his equipment, but he buys everything. He said rising costs have hurt the farmer. He noted the price of the harvester is three times as much as it was two years ago.

Wiggins said he could make a certain profit from his corn if he chose to sell it. Instead, he is using it for feed and hoping he can make a profit when he sells his cattle.

Wiggins said a farmer must learn to live with the lean years as well as the fat ones. He can not depend on a steady income, and may in fact spend more than he takes in. He said not everyone can live this way. But, as for himself, he likes the freedom and independence.

"I used to work in construction. I traveled across the nation and

in many foreign countries, too. Then I decided to become a farmer to become my own boss.

"You have to work long and hard, seven days a week. But if you don't feel like coming in early in the morning, you don't. There's no one to tell you you have to," he declared.

One student commented it must be discouraging for young men who are farmers not to make a profit. Wiggins replied that was the reason so few young people are in farming. He said most are older men.

"What does a farmer do when he does not make a profit and he can't pay his bills?", asked a student. Wiggins said a farmer borrows on his land. He said the farmer can continue to borrow until the value of the land and the loan are equal. He noted the only thing keeping many farmers going was the rising value of land.

Later, while inspecting some fifty head of cattle, Wiggins told the students he is his own veterinarian. He arranges the breeding, attends the birth of calves, and nurses the sick back to health, if he can.

During the tour, the students also visited the pit where the silage is dumped and stored for the winter. Daughtry said the

silage is covered by plastic for protection from the weather.

The students also saw horses and sheep. Daughtry pointed out the hills on the farm. He said most of Hertford County is flat but the hills enable Wiggins to raise sheep. He noted the eggs of parasites are washed away over the hills during rains. On flat

lands this does not occur and the sheep become infected.

The students also visited the Eston Futrell and Winston Warren farm in Northampton County. The tour was arranged by Elbert Long, extension agent. Lewis said the students were impressed that such great quantities of corn and peanuts

can be planted and harvested through mechanization.

Lewis said the tours were well received by the international students. He said they helped the students become more familiar with their "adopted" community and some of its people. He also called the tours "very educational."



Wiggins answering questions from mystified students.



Wiggins explaining the process of the harvester.