

Effective March 22

Housing Regulations To Be Changed

In order to comply with federal laws under Title IX, prohibiting discrimination against women in academic communities, Chowan College has developed plans to abolish housing regulations which may be interpreted as discriminatory against women. This announcement was made jointly by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President, and Clayton Lewis, Dean of Students, earlier this week.

The change in policy becomes effective March 22, and breaks with a tradition as old as the institution which was founded in 1848. However, in keeping with its

fundamental purpose as an institution of Christian higher education, Chowan reaffirms its status as a church related college, owned and supported by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and will continue to maintain separate residence halls for men and women students. Under Title IX regulations do not require coeducational, or so called "open" dorms.

Additional Security
Dean Lewis stated that additional security officers have been employed by the college to

provide security for women students who will now have the privilege of maintaining unrestricted dormitory hours.

The Dean of Students points out that all residence halls will be secured at 12:00 midnight, and residents wishing to leave or enter a residence hall after this hour may do so through a designated door with assistance from a security officer.

The area around each residence hall is well lighted, and emphasis is being placed on security and guidance. A dormitory head resident or associate head resident will also be available for assistance.

Increased Responsibility

Dr. Whitaker emphasizes that women students must necessarily become more responsible for their decisions in terms of residence hall living. The president related that "women will be making more decisions independently, but hopefully these will be based on wise and mature academic and social considerations." Dr. Whitaker continued, "With these increased social freedoms, and within the limits of its ability, Chowan will provide guidance and protection to all residents of the academic community."

Many Meetings Held

During the past several months, President Bruce Whitaker, members of the Board of Trustees, and other officials of the college, have held meetings and conferences concerning housing regulations.

Conferences, or communications, have also been held with Congressmen, representatives of HEW, and officials from other private colleges in an effort to determine the full impact communicated in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 on church related colleges. Title IX deals with non-discrimination on the basis of sex.

Much concern has been expressed by Chowan officials as well as administrators from many other institutions, as to federal intrusion into the affairs of private colleges. Leaders in private higher education fear legislation is now denying colleges such as Chowan the right to maintain some of those qualities which have historically rendered them unique and attractive.

Complies with Law

"Viewing Title IX from its many perspectives," Dean Lewis stated, "we feel the position taken by Chowan College with

respect to housing regulations, complies with the requirements of the legislation. It also provides women students with protection and security, and I am confident most of our students can and will adjust to the new system without experiencing any difficulties."

The Dean of Students further pointed out that the first half of the current semester has gone well for learning and living at Chowan. "We expect to experience no real problems in implementing this new housing policy," he said.

Dean Lewis and his associates in Student Personnel are available to answer any questions concerning the new regulations, and students are invited to contact them for further information.

Title IX Study

Chowan College is currently in the process of evaluating its total stance with respect to Title IX regulations. Dr. Whitaker has appointed Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., Dean of the College, to coordinate a comprehensive study whereby various institutional policies and procedures will be evaluated on the basis of Title IX regulations.

Dean Lowe's office is located on the third floor of McDowell Columns. His telephone number is 398-4101, extension 227.



New Chowan College trustee officers, the Rev. J. Felix Arnold, center, and Norman S. Beeks, right, confer with Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker during semi-annual meeting of Chowan's Board of Trustees Feb. 9. Arnold is a retired Baptist pastor and Beeks is general manager of the Roanoke Rapids Group of J. P. Stevens & Co. He was recently elected Roanoke Rapids Jaycees Boss of the Year. Arnold served as pastor of Enfield Baptist Church for over 28 years before retiring in July, 1975. He is a former member of Chowan's Board of Trustees and served as chairman for two terms.

Faculty Student Relations Com. Hear Student Complaints

The Faculty-Student Relations Committee met on January 21, 1976. The function of this committee is to provide a forum for grievances from students and to make recommendations through appropriate channels.

The committee met in Camp Hall, Room 210 at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Mr. Collins, Mr. Wolfskill, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Pruetter, Mr. Hazelton, Mr. Jim Dale, and Mr. Thomas Carella.

The follow items were discussed:

1. Why the recent ban on the use of hot plates in dorm rooms? Students were asked to read Handbook. Maybe current high cost of energy was an additional factor.

2. Is it possible to play basketball at night? The problem of people leaving the lights on all night was mentioned. Could

Security be responsible for the lights?

3. Some discussion of the parking problems lead to the following suggestions: (a.) Visitor parking spaces in front of Marks Hall and Green Hall. (b.) Signs clearly indicating Faculty, Visitor and Student areas on front campus. (c.) A general review of complete space assignment may be needed.

4. The committee decided to publish its Minutes in the Smoke Signals after they have been approved by the Committee.

5. Mr. Hazelton read the reply from Dean Lewis and Mr. Hassell on the meeting of 11-12-75. He then read his reply. The Committee does not think the lighting around the front of the gym and to Parker Hall is adequate. A copy of this reply is attached to these minutes.

The next meeting is on March 10, 1976.



University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students, from left, Ray Strawbridge, Sue Linderman, and Dennis Streets, spoke to Chowan College speech classes to fulfill a project to measure opinion changes through the power of persuasive speaking. They were invited by Chowan English Professor Anna Belle Crouch.

Lyn Griggs Honors Chowan

Lyn Frances Griggs of Falls Church, Va., will represent Chowan College as princess in the 49th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Va., April 30-May 2.

A legal secretarial administration major, Lyn is active in many college organizations. She is secretary - treasurer of Belk Dorm, secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of Circle K, member of Alpha Pi Epsilon, member of Sociology Club, and homecoming representative. She was recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

A graduate of Falls Church High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Griggs.

Apple Blossom Festival activities include coronation of Queen Shenandoah, Apple Pie Baking Contest, Largest Volunteer Fireman's Parade in the Nation, on April 30; Sports Breakfast, Grand Feature Parade, Marching Band Contest

and Gay Nineties Night, on May 1; and Sunday in the Park featuring arts, crafts, exhibitions and special entertainment, May 2.

UNC Speech Dept. Visits Chowan College

Three members of the Speech Department Persuasion Seminar at UNC in Chapel Hill spoke to speech classes at Chowan College to fulfill a project to measure opinion changes in each class with the power of persuasive speaking. This involved presentation, delivery, choice and understanding of the topic presented, organization, analysis, and effectiveness of the speaker with response from the listeners.

Sue Linderman, a senior pre-law student, spoke on "Out of the Sewer — Juvenile Courts." Her subject stressed the need to protect children and teenagers in the courts with their rights as citizens.

Ray Strawbridge, a senior in the education curriculum, led a discussion on standardized tests and the need to look into the validity and effectiveness of the two kinds of tests which are used in the schools today, psychometric and edumetric. He emphasized

the responsibility for educators to make a more responsible use of standardized tests. He said no one can truly define the intelligence quotient due to the many different criteria relating to each individual child.

Dennis Street, a graduate student in the Arts of Teaching Program in Speech, presented arguments pertaining to the "Newsmen's Privilege." His subject centered around the December 15, 1791, Bill of Rights for abridging the freedom of the press, protector of the people, censor of the government, government of the people, by the people, and for the people. He stated that a newsmen's privilege should be a free flow to human privilege. He felt that there should be an absolute press shield law.

Dr. Paul Brandes is the teacher for the UNC students and Miss Anna Belle Crouch for the Chowan College students.

Reams Named to Chief Security Position

Mr. Ronald G. Reams, a native of Norfolk, assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Security Officer at Chowan College March 1. He comes to Chowan from the Ahoskie Police Department where he served for the past two years. "Mr. Reams comes to us with very good recommendations," said Clayton Lewis, Dean of Students, "I believe he will fit well into an academic community."

Mr. Reams earned the A.A. degree from Tidewater Community College. His B.S. degree in business administration is from Old Dominion University. His police experience includes crime investigation. He is a first Lt. in the North Carolina National Guard. His training as a member

of the Rescue Squad includes that of an emergency medical technician. His main hobby is the ham radio.

As Chief Security Officer at Chowan College, Mr. Reams has the responsibility of scheduling students and adults working in the area of campus security. The campus is under the supervision of one or more security officers 24 hours per day. Mr. Reams and his associates concern themselves with the safety and protection of citizens in the college community as well as property of individuals and the college.

Mr. Reams will work closely with the Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Head Residents and Personnel Deans

securing facilities of the college and protecting the individual rights of students. "Helping Head Residents and Personnel Deans implement policies of the college is an important part of Mr. Ream's work," said Dean Lewis, "but that is not the primary concern. His first responsibility is to see that the College community is a safe place for people to live and study."

Registering cars and ticketing cars parked in unauthorized areas is a function to be performed by Mr. Reams and his associates. Directing traffic and parking at athletic events and other college sponsored events is also a function of personnel working in campus security.

BY PHILLIS C. HOLLAND SGA Secretary

The first order of business was brought up by Jim Dale, President of the SGA, and was concerning the rewriting of the constitution. He asked that everybody read the entire constitution and pick out the things that each feels need changing or altering. Jim also explained that the whole handbook must be rewritten and that it will be printed this summer. This rewriting will involve the work of the student legislature and the deans of the college.

The next matter brought up concerned the upcoming social events. There has been a suggestion made that the students not use the usual carnival during the events of Spring

Festival. Lisa Dabney, President of WRA, was present to give the WRA's opinion on this matter. She and the WRA favor the carnival and feel that it was

enjoyed by the students, parents, and children last year. Mr. Mulder presented his feelings on the matter as being that the carnival was "Getting Old." He asked if there could not be something better held during the break when the judges were determining who the Spring Festival queen will be. Mr. Mulder had heard much criticism due to the fact that the carnival has been used for so many years. He feels that perhaps this is the year to do something different. Lisa Dabney voiced her opinion on the fact that the carnival is not only fun, but also beneficial to the participating clubs and groups due to the money made. Robert Walker brought up the idea of having some type of entertainment provided, but this presents the problem of funds and where they will come from. Dean Lewis feels that there would be something done by the students and that there should be little or no money involved. Jim Dale brought up the idea of hiring a guest speaker that would interest everyone. Lisa Dabney felt

that this would be a bad idea because the people would not want to sit through another hour after sitting through the pageant. Mr. Mulder presented Dean Yount's idea of having an auction sale and followed up this commit with the idea that if there were no other better ideas brought up then we should stick with the Campus Carnival. Mr. Mulder's whole idea was to originate something that would be different, fun, and would bring about less criticism. Steve Gegg voiced the fact that Dean Lewis wanted as many people as possible involved in the activities. Some suggestions brought up were a Chowan College Almost Anything Goes... type of competition that would feature such events as a tug-of-war, sack races, and events like this. There were also a few about cheaper groups that could be asked to entertain.

The next issue brought up concerned the fact that the SGA needs to have a reporter to the "Smoke Signals." It was agreed by the whole group that this is

indeed a must to the SGA's communications.

Robert Walker read the group a letter concerning the fire hazards in the dormitories that was sent to him by the North Carolina Department of Labor. There was to be a representative from the department on campus February 18. It is with great satisfaction that the SGA can announce that this matter has been taken care of and that fire alarms and extinguishers have replaced in the dormitories and are in working order.

Robert Walker asked the group for its opinion on sending five SGA members Mars Hill College for a convention concerning the SGA's work and purpose. The group did not agree to use SGA funds for this purpose and it is not included in the school's financing. There was also the matter of sending Steve Gegg to Washington for the purpose of enrolling Chowan in the NEC. This would enable Chowan a better chance to get top name groups to perform on our campus.

fortunate enough to escape the green creeping slime, are dirty brown, (originally white) and they too add to the not so delightful aroma that spews forth from the eye-sore.

I have heard several excuses cited for the conditions, but I would like to take this opportunity to argue with one.

I have been told repeatedly that the ceiling tiles are missing because the kids pull them down. In my opinion, this is not true. After being a lifeguard here this summer, I know, for a fact, that the tiles get heavy with condensation and fall out all by themselves. In my entire 2 years here as a lifeguard, I have seen only 10 tiles pulled down; 8 of which were removed by campers this past summer, the remaining two by college students.

This college eye-sore is a disgrace to the college itself; certainly to P.E. professors that work in it, but most importantly, it is a disgrace to the students; the reason this school is in existence. (I think!)

The question is, "Why?"

This is a good example of what I feel is wrong with the administration at Chowan. Their priorities are all screwed up.

The reasons I have resorted to this level of attack are several, but the most important reason is that I think that Chowan College genuinely cares. I think that the administration will become more responsive in a homogeneous administration-student ideology if the students voice their concerns in a legitimate fashion, a fashion that facilitates student body concern. It is important for the student body to realize that faculty, staff, and administration often are not aware of things from our point of view, even though they were once students themselves. They have an 8-5 job, and their concerns are from a different point of view.

We need to keep them reminded that this school functions first and foremost for the students it educates. We are the reason Chowan exists; not for alumni or a Board of Trustees. What is over-all best for us, should be best for the college and I think this attitude may have been forgotten.

I invite printed responses from the administration, hoping that they will at least understand my point of view. I am simply concerned about the school, not about attacking the administration.

Admissions Officers From Campbell College Will Be In The Student Union From 10 A.M. To 1 P.M., March 11.