

## Calmness Returns After Protests

By ELLEN TEMPLETON

The article you are about to read concerns the point of view of not only the Iranian students, but all Chowan students as well as the administration. Due to the delicate situation, the students' names have been omitted.

At 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 27, a group of approximately 55 Iranian students (10 Persians did not participate) staged a "well-organized and peaceful" sit-in on the lawn of McDowell Columns. They protested that they are being treated differently from other students at Chowan College.

At 9:00 a.m. of the same day, Clayton Lewis, the dean of students reportedly met with the students to discuss their grievances. The Iranians claim that Dean Lewis did indeed ask for their grievances, however; they also discussed leaving Chowan provided that all the Persians' tuitions would be refunded. This request was denied.

Dean Lewis believed that the sit-in was the results of a disciplinary action taken against a Persian arrested by a student security officer for "bringing undue notice to himself while under the influence of alcohol." The Persian student denied being "drunk", and in fact, stated that the reason for his arrest was because he had kicked a vending machine in Parker Hall when it took his money. He also said that he received six stitches on top of his head when the student officer entered his dormitory room and a fight ensued. This same student, in a later and separate incident, was charged with possession of marijuana after a search of his dormitory room. He has since been suspended by the faculty judiciary (which consists of seven faculty members).

The Persians cited several other incidents which caused them to protest. The first reason involved the constant showing of college identification cards. They have been asked to show I.D. cards when swimming in the college's pool and when receiving meals in Thomas Cafeteria. However, the showing of I.D. cards is required all over the campus for various school activities. Therefore this grievance applies not only to Iranians, but to all Chowan students. It is more or less a security measure, and it is a benefit for the college students. The I. D. card enables a student to receive free meals in the cafeteria and to attend Chowan football games free of charge.

Another cause for the protest was the fact that the Persians cannot receive a second serving of food or even two glasses of milk. However, no student at Chowan is allowed a second serving of food, but two glasses of milk are permissible. This particular grievance deals mainly with the management of Thomas Cafeteria which goes out of their way for Ramadan (Ramadan is the ninth month of the Moslem year with a period of daily fasting from sunrise to sunset). At this time, the cafeteria remains open after hours to serve meals to Persians, and supply them with bagged meals to eat in their rooms. Later on in the week, several Iranian students entered the kitchen of the cafeteria. They were asked to leave due to the health law which permits only employees around the food. The students then asked to "see the law". This of course was impossible.

Their main concern centered on student campus security officer Robert Black and Associate Dean of Students Roy Winslow both of whom were involved in the disciplinary case of the Iranian suspended for possession of marijuana. The Persian students claimed that Dean Winslow had been "rude" to them.

The Iranian students remained in a circle throughout the day missing all of their Monday classes (all classes missed by Persians involved in the sit-in will be counted as unexcused absences). Several in the group made speeches in Persian and two signs were put up on the trees. One read: "The People United Will Never Be Defeated" and the other read: "Dean Winslow: A New Dean" with the words "Dean Winslow" obliterated by a cross mark.

At approximately 3:45 p.m., Dean Lewis invited several students to meet with either him or Dr. B. Franklin Lowe Jr., the dean of the college. Later, five Iranian students agreed to meet with Dean Lewis and other faculty members to discuss their concerns. However, the students remained in the circle throughout the night and without food (it was reported that one student was taken to the hospital because of this).

Dean Lowe later commented, "We recognize there are cultural differences and even a language barrier. The college is doing all it can to bridge these differences. Chowan wants to apply all of its rules equitably without discrimination against any particular group. We recognize that these students bring an added dimension to the academic community."

At 8:00 a.m. Tuesday September 28, five Iranian students met with Chowan College staff members to elaborate on their concerns. During the meeting (which lasted until 2:00 p.m. of the same day), Dr. Hargus Taylor, Chowan's chaplain, served as a moderator. He suggested that the students meet with Chowan's President Bruce E. Whitaker and present a summary of their grievances.

The Persians selected three representatives who met at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. Whitaker, Dean of the College Dr. B. Franklin Lowe Jr., Dean of Students Clayton Lewis, director of institutional research Rowland Pruette (who serves as an advisor to international students), and Dr. Hargus Taylor, chaplain.

The students presented their main concern over Roy Winslow and Robert Black claiming that they were treated differently from American students by these two men. They also requested that Winslow and Black be replaced by a Persian dean and a Persian security officer. This request was also denied.

Dr. Whitaker, who felt that this type of change would not be in the "best interest of the college", said he would discuss this further with Winslow and Black, but he did not support the claims of the Persians. However, he was interested in getting "assurances" from Winslow and Black that there is "equal treatment to all students". He asked that the Persians have faith in his integrity and asked them to return to their classes.

After the meeting ended at 5:30 p.m., the Iranians disbanded and walked back to their residence halls.

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED TO THE ADMINISTRATION

#### Disregard of Democratic Rights of Iranian Students

Question — Why are the non-Christians forced to attend chapel? Everyone is given the right to their freedom of religion.

Answer — True. In Article I. of the United States Constitution it states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." However, according to the student handbook "It is assumed that by accepting admission to the college, the students intend to obey its regulations." Furthermore, anyone who has attended chapel knows that it is really an "announcement" session and seldom if any, religion is taught.

Question — There should be no strict camping as it denies the student his freedom of movement.

Answer — True again. However, this too was cited in the student handbook. Also, the majority of offenses that result in strict camping, such as drinking an alcoholic beverage "in public", are usually punishable by a short visit to jail. This also would infringe upon the students "freedom of movement."

#### Immediate Drop of Unjust Disciplinary Measures

Question — No student should be forced to work without pay. It is against the law and a student should not be punished if he does not work.

Answer — Only when a man is guilty of a criminal offense, should he work without pay, and obviously, since this punishment accompanies strict camping, you have been found guilty of some offense. Note again, this is in the handbook. All punishable offenses are outlined in the student handbook. "Therefore, an individual found breaking a policy is guilty of his own ignorance."

#### Stop the Harrassment of Iranian Students

Question — Why was nothing done when an American student fired a shot into one of the Iranian's room? The administration was informed, yet no action was taken against the American.

Answer — Sub Chapter IX Article 35 states "Weapons on campus or other educational property: It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed, any gun, rifle, pistol, dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, powerful explosive..." To bear any type of weapon on campus is not only against school policy, but against the law. Why nothing has been done I don't know, but it should have been acted upon immediately.

Question — A knife was also thrown at an Iranian student and the administration chose to ignore it. Why?

Answer — Once again please cite Sub Chapter IX Article 35. This too should have been acted upon, however; what was done about the Iranian who pulled a knife on an American student in Parker Hall?

Question — What gives the security the right to enter a room of a student without prior warning? That was an invasion of his privacy.

Answer — True. It was an invasion of privacy. However, "probable cause" is not easily defined. It is legal for an "officer of the law" to "search either a suspect or the premises to which a suspect has had access only on the basis of probable cause, rather than on mere suspicion or a hunch; and when he does search he may normally do so only for certain categories of evidence: such as heroin or marijuana."

Question — Why was no search warrant shown to the student when his room was to be searched?

Answer — Please read the question and answer above.

Question — Why was the Iranian automatically assumed guilty when he was forced by the Americans to fight against his will because they were threatening his life?

Answer — No person has the right to threaten another person's life, furthermore; "a person is assumed innocent until proven guilty". This situation should have been handled differently.

Question — What gives the administration the right to make fun of the Iranians behind their back? It was done where Americans could hear which causes them to laugh also.

Answer — There is always Article I of the constitution which gives the "freedom of speech". However, I find it difficult to believe that the administration has nothing better to do with its time than mock Iranians. I have never heard any of them discuss a Persian in a derogatory manner.

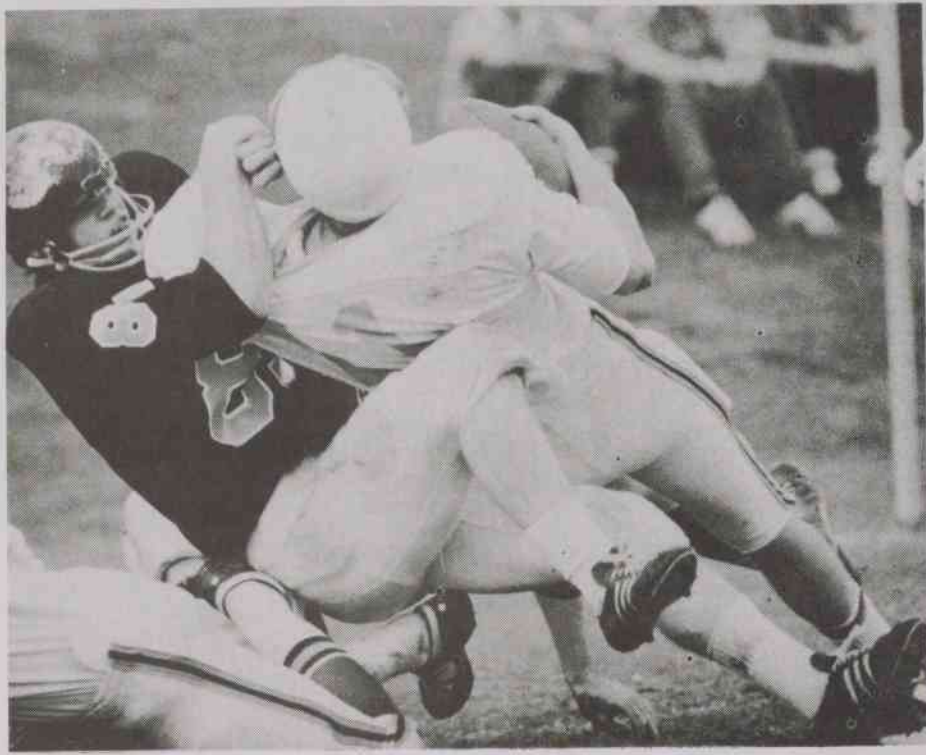
#### Discrimination Between Iranians and Americans

Question — Why did a college official come to a Persian's room at night and warn him that the Americans might cause trouble that night, and then tell him that they would not help them or take responsibility for the actions.

Answer — Who came with the warning? Did anything happen? Was anything done? Answer these questions and prove this accusation.

There should be the selection of an Iranian aid

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**ARM WRESTLING** — It appears that Rodney Clark (83-Black) is arm wrestling with Mike Bocock (11). That is just one way of bringing down an opponent. Unfortunately, the Ferrum team was not so lucky with the intire Chowan team; they lost to the Braves 14-2. (Photo by Will McIntyre)

## Iota Delta Chapter Meets; Plans Are Outlined

By Richard Green

The Iota Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa met at "Friendly Place" on Monday, September 27, 1976, at 6:00 p.m.

The major topic of discussion which led to a review of this chapter's by-laws. Some new proposals included an increased number of meetings per semester, an increase in required attendance, and the issuance of membership certificates and cards. It was decided that these and other important considerations be resolved prior to the induction of any new members, and that all present members be present at the next meeting to discuss and vote on the issues. This meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on October 11 in Camp Hall, room 210.

Our chapter hosted the Carolina Region Leadership Conference on campus during the weekend of Friday, October 1, beginning with registration and a general meeting on Friday evening.

The conference was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning in Camp Hall, where Marty Grant, our National Representative, opened with an outline of the National Programs of Phi Theta Kappa for 1977. The National Convention for 1977 will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 31 through April 2, and the Tenth Annual Honors Institute will be hosted by Cumberland College in Lebanon, Tennessee, during the week of June 6-11, 1977.

The theme for this Institute, as well as for individual chapters, is "Music-The Listeners' Art."

The following topic was "The Secret of an Active Chapter", an address by Mrs. Jo Marshall who heads up one of the most successful chapters in our region. Some of the "secrets" mentioned were the active participation of each and every member aided by the faculty sponsor; cooperation and coordination with the school's administration, various student organizations, and community civic clubs; and continuous communications with other chapters on the regional and national basis.

In the meeting on regional competition and elections, it was decided that next year's regional President will be chosen from the Sota Delta Chapter.

A panel on fundraising met just prior to lunch and discussed such events as yard sales (through civic clubs), talent shows, raffles, auctions, junk car bashes, and movie marathons to name a

Copies of the interview with Jimmy Carter that was featured in PLAYBOY are now available in the library. These copies have been placed on reserve.

## Regulations On Records Released

Chowan College has received inquiries concerning its policy on access to students records (such as grades, grade point ratios, and class rankings for individual students). The college policy on access to such information is the result of specific regulations found in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, commonly known as the "Buckley Amendment," so named by the originator or introducer of the act to Congress, James L. Buckley, Senator from New York. The college policy on access to student records is also the result of final rules on educational records as published June 17, 1976 in the Federal Register.

As applied to college students, these regulations (referred to above and as manifested in our policy) restrict Chowan College to the release of pertinent records only to the student (current and former) and to certain other authorized school and governmental personnel, unless the college registrar has the student's prior written consent. A detailed policy statement of students rights under the Buckley Amendment and of procedures for implementing those rights will be available from the Registrar's Office at a future date. Parents and students may also read the complete HEW regulations governing Chowan College policy in the Registrar's Office. Since

both documents are or will be lengthy in detail, the following is being provided as a summary of significant points.

There are certain requirements related to a student's right to inspect his Chowan College educational records. These requirements make a requested record available to the student:

- (1) within 45 days (maximum) of the request, and
- (2) at a reasonable cost for reproductions.

The procedures allow an opportunity for the student to request correction of any item in his records on the basis of the item's being:

- (1) inaccurate,
- (2) misleading, or
- (3) in violation of the student's legal rights.

If the college does not agree to the requested correction, then the student may request and be granted a formal hearing. A student may also file a complaint with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare alleging violation of rights accorded by the Buckley Amendment.

Chowan College will, therefore, comply with the law by providing to the student, and only to him and other authorized persons, the information he has a right to see. Without a student's consent, Chowan College is not allowed to release his records even to his parents or guardians, except in one instance: Parents or guardians of a student may be given access to certain of the student's records if the parents or guardians have claimed the student as a dependent on their last federal income tax return. Therefore, if the parent's have made such a claim for a son or daughter at Chowan College, the former can be asked to sign a statement similar to that below should there be a request of access to the dependent's educational records.

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Under the Buckley Amendment, Chowan College may release the following kind of information unless the student requests that it be withheld: student's name, local and home address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of

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## Trailblazers Staging Contest

By Ellen Templeton

The Trailblazers held their elections of officers on Thursday, September 23. The outcome was as follows: Cheryl Hines; President, Jim Davis; Vice-President, Ellen Templeton; Secretary, and Jane Roussy; Treasurer. After the meeting, the officers met with advisers Mr. and Mrs. Dewar to set up an "officers meeting".

At the meeting, which was held Thursday September 25, the officers discussed various campsites, collection of club dues (which are three dollars per year), and a homecoming float.

They also discussed upon having an "emblem" contest. The rules are as follows: 1) The emblem must represent the Trailblazers although the name "Trailblazers" does not specifically have to be on it. 2) It can be a variety of colors or one single color. 3) The entry must be an "original" (no copies of another club's emblem, please). 4) No entries will be accepted after October 26. This contest will be open to all Chowan students. The "grand" prize will be a homemade German chocolate cake baked by Mr. Dewar himself. With a prize like that a large number of entries are expected.

## Speaker Gives Importance To Hair Care And Eyewear

Marks Hall Amphitheatre, October 6, fifty five students in Miss Crouch's and Mrs. Francis' Professional Development classes were treated to a talk and demonstration by Mrs. Nancy Daniels, authority on hair care and eyewear.

Mrs. Daniels cited the importance of hair grooming in applying for a job and she particularly stressed an observation by the personnel director at Union Camp Corporation that the professional appearance of both ladies and men is of paramount concern at Union Camp. She mentioned that both sexes should avail themselves of a good hair cut and shaping by a specialist; that thin, wispy hair should be blunt cut and thick, curly hair should be tapered. She further stated that care should be taken in the selection of hair care products; that some shampoos

contained detergents as harsh as those used in washing dishes. She said that baby shampoos and shampoos made with pure castile soap were much more beneficial to the hair.

Mrs. Daniels cautioned against using balsam hair conditioners, stating that they would build up on the hair much as floor wax will do. She recommended several fine conditioners which are available in drug stores everywhere. Names of these products may be obtained from Mrs. Francis or Miss Crouch.

In showing eyewear of the latest fashion styles in plastic frames and assorted tints, Mrs. Daniels told students to select glasses on the basis of face shape: If a face is very angular, choose a rounded frame; if a face is round, avoid round frames. She said that

metallic frames are less popular now, largely because of the high cost of gold used in the plating the frames and the demand for bigger rims. The new look in glasses is the "fade-out" tint which it fades at the top of the lens and fades out toward the bottom. These can now be made in the lighter weight plastic lenses and are used both indoors and out. Another new fashion in eyewear is the rimless eyeglasses with the fade-out feature.

At the close of the very informative session, students were encouraged to try on different styles of eyewear to see which shapes and tints were best for their features and skin coloring and to inspect the various types of hair care products which are available both to men and women. Miss Gwennette Harris expresses to Mrs. Daniels the appreciation of the entire group



**CHOWAN HOMECOMING QUEEN** — Frances Townshend is crowned Homecoming Queen for 1976 by Chowan College President Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker. (Photo by Deni McIntyre)