



BEST BAND — The band from Washington High School entertained football fans while waiting for fill-in officials to arrive. Photo by Reza Mobarhan

Circle K Wants New Members

The Circle K Club needs you, the students of Chowan to help their club, the community, the college, and yourself to become better than ever.

Circle K is a non-profit club made up of students who care and are willing to give their free time to a worthwhile cause. The club offers many services to the college community. One of these being that of raising the flag in front of McDowell Columns and at the football games. The club sponsors a power-puff football game held yearly to raise money for charity.

The Circle K Club is a part of the Kiwanis Club of Ahoskie, which sponsors a trip to the Circle K convention every spring. The dues for the club are \$3.00 per year.

More information about the club can be obtained by contacting George Hazleton, advisor, or one of the following officers: Tim Barnes, president; Dan Fuchs, vice president; Dana Hight, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting of the Circle K will be November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Camp Hall. Everyone is urged to attend and become a part of "something."

Testing Organization Facing Tests Itself

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the most important. An umbrella organization representing over 2500 schools of every character, it contracts with ETS to provide admissions tests. Despite their historical tie, the relationship is supposed to be purely contractual, with CEEB acting as consumer protector.

"Not so," says Nader researcher Alan Nairns. "The college board is a rubber stamp for ETS, and therefore not accountable to the students who must take and pay for the exams."

"Historical" and "amicable" are the words ETS president William Turnbull uses to describe the relationship. He should also say profitable. Last year CEEB programs accounted for more than 42 percent of ETS revenues.

"ETS is not a gatekeeper," he says, claiming that charge is not only untrue, but a metaphor. "ETS is a custom gatemaker according to the dictates of the person who wants the gate. I do think it's important that someone other than ETS makes those decisions."

Turnbull admits that ETS, as the largest educational research organization in the country, often conducts the

studies that validate its own test to clients like CEEB, but he points to the distinguished educators involved in the CEEB-ETS relationship as proof that motives are pure.

"Do you think men of this caliber would be involved in anything like that?" asked John Smith as we examined a list of ETS trustees.

Historical friendliness aside, it was revealed in 1974 that the ETS-CEEB contract contained two clauses forbidding both parties from doing business with any competitors. Lawyers at the time said that this was probably an illegal restraint of trade, but pointed out that the courts are reluctant to apply antitrust law to areas involving education.

Whatever the nature of the relationship, their union has produced one controversial monument: the SAT. Objective, simple, practical, graded in milliseconds, a quick study for harried admission officers, it has become a rite of passage for millions of students.

But what exactly does it test? "The SAT only measures a student's developed ability in a particular area at a given time," says Turnbull.

One-time Einstein collaborator and longtime ETS gadfly Banesh Hoffman disagrees: "They reward superficiality, ignore creativity and penalize the person with a subtle probing mind." Ralph Nader and Harrington echo Hoffman's charge that the tests ignore such vital qualities as creativity, integrity and maturity.

Turnbull agrees: "It's not as if there were an array of things to test, and ETS chose only a couple. We test only what we know how to measure. He adds that if the test has come to influence the allocation of academic opportunity, then the fault lies not with ETS, but with colleges.

Still, ETS is not completely blameless. While they hedge on stating exactly what predictive value the tests possess, they wax poetic on their test's rigorous development. Oscar K. Buros, who reviews nearly 1500 tests in his *Mental Measurements Yearbook*, describes the SAT as "highly perfected — possibly reaching the pinnacle of the current state of the art of psychometrics." Is it odd for people to assume that such a technically-exquisite test ought to have some predictive value?

The question of prediction is a sensitive one at ETS. Correlation between test scores and college grades is only .4. For some reason men consistently score higher than women, although the latter have better academic records coming into the test. Ethnic groups score lower than whites. ETS studies have revealed that there is a direct and continuous correlation between family income and SAT scores. There is a standard error of measurement of 30 points. Consequently, the true score of a person receiving a 600 lies somewhere between 570 and 630.

Such revelations prompted the 'Truth in Testing' legislation. Briefly, the bills would require all testing firms to make public all reliability and validity studies; to publish a prominent warning that the allegedly exact score is only an approximation; to provide test applicants with a specific description of what skills are being tested; to publish all test questions after 30 days and to notify students and schools of any irregularities.

Turnbull agrees with the spirit of the legislation, but claims that ETS already fulfills all the criteria except publishing test questions. They could do that, but the cost would have to be passed onto the student.

"None of our research is classified," he says, a claim that both Nairns and former New York Magazine writer Stephen Brill dispute. Both recount the prevalence of the top secret stamp at ETS.

Study Aid Offered Students

By CINDY LEE

"For quite sometime now students have been asking for a 'study hall', or some way they can get together with other student to study at regular times," Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilcox, guidance counselor said.

In response to these requests weekly student study labs instituted on a trial basis. During the labs each week students will meet and study in groups led by fellow students. The groups will be arranged by subject. The lab will focus on the reviewing of class notes and discussions of reading assignments, with qualified students leaders can providing tutorial assistance for students with special difficulties.

Students interested in taking advantage of the weekly student study lab should return this slip to Mrs. Wilcox in Stone Hall.

Name _____

P.O. Box _____

What is the best time for you to meet?

6:00-7:00 _____

8:00-9:00 _____

7:00-8:00 _____

Which day of the week would be convenient for you to attend?

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

What subject do you need the most help in?

Untreated Scabies Can Last Indefinitely

By SARA G. WRIGHT
Director of Health Services

In recent years many articles have appeared in newspapers about an increase in the number of people seen in public school with scabies. The nurse is often asked what is scabies. The following is a printout provided by the Hertford County Health Department. Titled, *Scabies*, 10-18-74.

SCABIES

Scabies is a skin infection caused by the "itch mite," a very small eight-legged creature that burrows into the skin. This results in severe itching. Mange in dogs is caused by a mite similar to the one that usually affects humans. The dog mange mite can spread from dogs to humans, causing a form of scabies that is usually milder than that due to the human mite.

In adults and older children, the itching rash of scabies is found most often between the fingers; the wrists, armpits, waist, and thigh areas are also commonly affected. Children under five years of age may have scabies anywhere on the body.

Itching does not usually begin until the mite has taken up residence for one to two months. Unless treated, the human form of the disease can last for years.

Human scabies is spread from person to person by close physical contact and is generally a problem only among members of the same household. Spread from infested bedding or clothes can occur but is thought to be rare. The adult mite can survive away from humans for two or three days.

Treatment of scabies consists of applying Kwell ointment (cream, lotion) to the entire body (except the face and scalp) after a bath in the evening. The

ointment is left on overnight and another bath is taken the next morning to remove the medicine. Kwell is a prescription drug. Some physicians may prefer to prescribe a different drug and/or different directions. Retreatment may be necessary in some cases but is not usually required.

Since it takes such a long time for itching to develop after a person first becomes infected with the itch mite, all members of a household should take treatment at the same time whether they all have symptoms or not. Clean clothing and bedding should be used beginning immediately after treatment.

Security Force Adds Officer

By DONNA SWICEGOOD

A second officer has been added to the Chowan College Department of Safety and Security. The officer, Ferdinand (Fred) M. Robertson, has begun work from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m., according to Dean Clayton Lewis.

Robertson is a native of Northampton County and a graduate of Northampton High School. Prior to his current position, Robertson served as a Military Policeman in the Air Force for four years. He is 24 years old and is married.

Lewis also stated that Robertson's primary responsibility will be to give special attention to the safety and security of students and property, private property as well as institutional property. He will patrol the parking lots, walk through and around residence halls for men and check the security of other facilities on campus.

Lewis also added that Robertson's hours could be changed as different needs develop.



BUT WERE THEY ENOUGH TO RATE AN 'A'? — Steve Hunt (left) and Chris Miller each hooked a large-mouth bass while bait-casting in Coach Jerry Hawkins physical education class at Lake Vann. Both fish were about 18 inches long, somewhere between two and three pounds in weight and were lured by 8-inch purple worms. Photos by Ken Clark.



REHEARSAL CALL — Mrs. Betty Batchelor, Terri Calfee and David Baker (above) compare scripts as they prepare for auditions for 'Arsenic and Old Lace' which will be presented Dec. 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. in Columns Auditorium. Mrs. Sandra Boyce, drama teacher and play director, watches aspiring actors (below) as John Hawthorne awaits his turn. The shoes? Oh, yeah, they're Hawthorne's. Photos by Paul Kelly.

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