

Campus Question: Do You Think SGA Should Charge for Its Movies?



By HARRY PICKETT
Editor

The Student Government Association of Chowan College approved a proposal which forces all students attending SGA-sponsored movies to pay an admission price of 50 cents.

Last year, students attending the campus movies at Columns Auditorium had only to show their I.D. card and admittance was free; unless, however, if the student was without the card, then the 50 cents fee was charged.

Smoke Signals went out on campus and polled the students to see how they felt about the new approval, since they paid an activities fee, included in tuition. We asked: "Do you think SGA should charge for its movies?"

JOHN FAKANKUN, Nigeria — "No. It isn't right. All of the students have already paid. They (SGA) should give a good reason for such a collection."

TERRY 'BEAR' HERRING, Fayetteville — "Yes. I don't really know how much of our tuition goes for these extracurricular activities. I do not think that 50 cents is too much to pay for top quality movies — for ones we have to pay \$3-3.50 for at the theatre."

VIRGINIA WILLIAMS, Wilmington, N.C. — "The point is we've paid all of our fees. I feel that our tuition covers everything here and more."

BETSY BROWN, Silver Spring, Md. — No, because they're supposed to be free with I. D. . . they were last year. If they

charge, I'll pay, but I don't think they should charge."

LYNN CARTER, Milford, Va. — "I don't think it's fair to pay twice. If you need money for a special event, I think we ought to know about it. I think it's fine to charge 50 cents if the student body approves it."

JACKIE GORE, Supply, N.C. — "It's not fair. I think we should get it free. It's unfair, it's ridiculous. Our I.D. should be enough."

GALE BONIFAS, Vineland, N.J. — "No I don't. That's what our fund is for. Chowan could change its image as a 'suitcase college' if they would offer more activities."

WARREN SEXTON, JR., Murfreesboro — "No. I feel like if we're paying to come here, we ought to have some things free."

ANNE WHITE, Atlantic City, N.J. — "No I do not. I feel the stuff we've already had to pay was enough. I don't think it's fair. I think we should bring it before the rest of the faculty."

WILLIAM BARNES, Greenville N.C. — "No, that ain't right. I think it's crazy. Last year we had everything free after we got our I.D. card."

HAL HENDERSON, Charleston, S.C. — "No. It's something for the school and I don't think we should be charged."

LEANN BARLOW, Chesapeake, Va. — "No I don't think we should because it was charge in our tuition. If they're going to use the money for a dance or anything, then they should let us know what we're paying for."

SHIGEKO WAKIYAMA, Far East — "I don't want to pay."

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College Given \$500,000 Anonymously for Gym

Black Student Group Planned by BSU-CCF

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The administration here at Chowan unanimously approved the proposal to implement a Black Student Fellowship organization within the school's Baptist Student Union-Campus Christian Fellowship, according to Dr. R. Hargus Taylor, chaplain to the college.

Dr. Taylor, who is the director of Chowan's BSU-CCF chapter, will assist the fellowship in directing and conducting its programs and services on campus.

The purpose for involving a black organization within the BSU-CCF, which is generally a predominantly white organization at predominantly white colleges, is to involve black students in Southern Baptist, white-oriented BSUs.

"The present system is not working," says John H. Corbitt, national BSU director, "and it is not necessarily the fault of the directors, or the white students."

"I have visited many BSU centers all across the country, and I see very few if any black students involved. Our regular BSUs are organized for white, Southern Baptist students."

"Intellectually, I cannot criticize this, for all of us have a duty to organize ministries for the people whom we plan to serve. Certainly, I do not wish to see white students driven away from local BSU programs in an effort to reach black students. Therefore, we are proposing a new model of ministry that would be designed to reach the black student on the 'white' campus."

It is hoped, according to Dr. Taylor, that such a fellowship will encourage

the participation of a large number of the Black students on campus in the broad programs-activities of BSU-CCF, while providing those same students with a means of addressing their own needs and concerns from the standpoint and background of their own religious heritage.

The Fellowship is endorsed by the student ministries divisions of both the National Baptist Convention (composed of predominantly Black churches) and the Southern Baptist Convention (composed of predominantly White churches).

Organizational guidelines for the Fellowship suggest that it should be: a semi-autonomous program within the larger BSU-CCF; allowed to elect its own officers and have its own (programming) council; open to all students, regardless of race; and free to plan programs which will be relevant to the Black Christian Experience.

What goals and objectives does Dr. Taylor see for such a fellowship at Chowan?

"It would be my hope that a Black Student Fellowship or Black Christian Fellowship within the recognized BSU-CCF organization on campus would serve to enrich both Blacks and non-Blacks through a better understanding, appreciation, and concern for one another as Fellow-Christians on campus and in the world."

"We all need to express our faith and concerns in those ways which are characteristic of our differing ethnic and cultural heritages, while refusing to allow such differences to separate us in our common loyalty to the one faith in Jesus Christ."

Student Hike Pads Classes

By CHARLES HITCHCOCK

The office of the Registrar reports that there are currently 1,124 students enrolled at Chowan. Among these are 366 sophomores and returning students who are boarding and 47 day students for a total of 413 sophomores and returning students.

Among the freshmen and transfer students there are 656 who are boarding and 45 day students plus one medical secretary intern for a total of 702 freshmen and transfer students. This means that the total amount of regular students enrolled at Chowan is 1,115.

Among the special students enrolled at Chowan are six students who are receiving credit and three students who are audited. The grand total enrollment comes to 1,124 students. The regular student enrollment of 1,115 plus the special student enrollment of 6 equated full time students minus the three special students that are audited comes to a total of 1,118 full time students.

Dean Clayton Lewis reports that while enrollment declined in a few areas, it increased in a number of others.

"Consequently, some faculty members have heavier class loads than they might have expected, and credit is due to those who have accepted these heavier than normal loads with good grace," he said.

Dean Lewis also reported that the retention effort becomes increasingly important as the number of young students in the traditional college age group begins to decline.



Dr. Whitaker points out interesting feature of gym to Board of Trustee members.

Building Gets Name Of Helms

By HARRY PICKETT
Editor

During a joint session between Chowan's Boards of Trustees and Advisors Monday, Sept. 10, Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker announced, to the delight of the members on hand, that a gift of \$500,000 had been secured from an anonymous donor for the completion of the college's new gymnasium-physical education center.

Stipulations, however in securing the gift, call for the college to raise an additional \$400,000 needed to complete the \$2.5 million campaign and provide a fully equipped facility. The donor requested, also, that the new gymnasium be named in honor of U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, who's also a Baptist layman.

Acceptance of the challenge gift and the approval of naming the facility for the senator was unanimously granted by two boards at their semi-annual meeting.

Chowan began its campaign for a new \$2.5 million athletic complex in February of 1977. At that time the college, behind the efforts of Whitaker, began a quest for a key naming gift of \$500,000. During that winter, the president told the trustees, advisors, campaign and civic leaders that a major gift would assure the success of the campaign to raise the full \$2 million-plus figure.

Whitaker said Chowan would immediately begin a drive to secure the \$400,000 in pledges and gifts. He went on to say the college would seek other naming gifts this school year. He noted that a gift of \$250,000 would enable one to name the Olympic-size swimming pool.

Through the month of August, the school had raised \$1.6 million through gifts and pledges toward the completed construction of the complex, mostly through its "Accomplishing Our Mission" program.

Sen. Helms, a native of Monroe, attended two Baptist colleges, Wingate and Wake Forest. During World War II, he served as a naval officer. After the war he went into journalism, serving as city editor of THE RALEIGH TIMES.

Helms got a taste of politics a few years later, serving as an administrative assistant to former U.S. Sen. Willis Smith. Following Smith's death, he served under U.S. Sen. Alton Lennon.

From 1953 to 1960, Helms was an executive of the North Carolina Bankers Association and also edited the TARHEEL BANKER. During this period, he was elected twice to the Raleigh City Council.

The senator joined Capital Broadcasting in 1963. The company operates WRAL-TV in Raleigh and the Tobacco Radio Network.

He was elected to serve a six-year term in the U.S. senate in 1972, and was reelected in 1978.

Helms is a member and served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. He has served on the Boards of Trustees of his alma mater Wingate College, Campbell College, John F. Kennedy and Meredith College.

Chowan's president said the gift more than doubles the previous single largest gift from an individual, foundation or corporation.

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Miller, Gray Named For SGA Openings

By GREG BASSETT

Two presidential appointees will be among the new members in the executive branch of the Student Government Association this year at Chowan College.

SGA President Mike Burke has chosen sophomores Bernard Miller and

Cynthia Gray to serve as historian and auditor in the association for the 1979-80 school year.

In accordance with the school Constitution, the two were approved by the legislative branch with a unanimous vote.

The presidential appointment of two positions became necessary when, in last year's elections, write-in votes were cast for two students who did not want either position.

Burke said that dedication and dependability were among the key elements in determining his two appointees.

"I have a lot of confidence in the two new members," said Burke. "Both are hard workers, anxious, and very dependable." Burke also noted the SGA's unanimous vote as testimony to Miller's and Gray's reputations of dedication.

As historian Miller's duties will include keeping the SGA history and participating in the business of the executive branch.

Burke said that Miller had worked previously in the SGA and described his work as "very active" and "really outstanding."

Along with other campus activities, Miller currently serves as the assistant head resident of West Hall.

In Gray's position as auditor, she will have the responsibility of keeping records of all college sponsored organizations. Gray will work closely with the regulatory committee, which keeps check on the grades of the SGA executive, legislative and judicial branch members.

Burke said that the auditor must be a business student and must be approved by the Business Department. Gray is a member of Phi Theta Kappa as well as being involved in other student activities.

"The dedication and hard work of these two new officers completes the circle of leadership which is greatly needed for the strength of the SGA," said Burke.

Interesting People on Campus

Tireless Nancy Is Chowan's Woman-on-the-Go

By BELINDA ELMORE

If you ever see a blur go by, chances are it is Nancy Loy going to another meeting. Nancy is involved in many campus activities. She is a sophomore this year and is majoring in Accounting with a certificate in Word Processing.

You can usually find Nancy in her room on third floor Belk where she is a R.A. "I love being with the girls. They are more involved as a group than people were last year. I think my girls are the best around."

If Nancy is not with her girls, she is taking care of the many plants growing in her room. The first impression when you walk in her room is that of a jungle. "I got my green thumb from my grandmother. I could grow anything. I love watching plants grow." Nancy also loves to watch T.V. and to listen to music. "I like the Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Billy Joel, and STYX. I like music that is soothing and unique."

Nancy also likes sports because "it is a release of energy and it makes me relaxed." Some of her favorites are riding horses, waterskiing, and swimming. Don't ever start a conversation with her about politics or religion because she will argue with you all day. "I get it (arguing) from my grandfather. He is the smartest man I know. He taught me a lot about politics and religion. These are things that are important to people and life, plus, I just like to argue."

Nancy holds many titles in the campus clubs and always takes part in the activities. She is a member of the



Nancy in Rare Moment of Relaxation.

(Photo by Randy Stogner)