

## EDITORIAL OPINION

### Stick to SGA Rules

Greg Kaserman, Student Government social chairperson for men, angered most SGA members with his persistence to obtain adjournment of the October 1 legislative meeting because the organization lacked enough representatives to meet a quorum. According to the present SGA constitution, two-thirds of the Student Legislature constitutes a quorum; however, two thirds did not show for the meeting.

SGA President Michael Burke says the organization plans to rewrite the constitution. He said he met with President Bruce E. Whitaker, and he agreed the constitution needs some revisions. Should Burke and his members rewrite the laws, the student body must ratify it before it becomes official.

When Kaserman walked out on fellow SGA members, he "committed a serious offence," as Burke puts it. But he was also showing that the organization should follow the rules set before them—and adhere to them accordingly.

We feel Kaserman's stand is just. Until the SGA's constitution is revised, the government should stick to its rules and follow them until another is ratified by the student body.

Burke said when he took the oath as president, there was no stipulation calling for him to honor the guidelines provided by the present constitution. Therefore he feels compelled to bend a law here, and one there—even though the only guidelines he and the organization have say differently.

Kaserman said he's fed up with the organization's not following the constitution. He said he knows he's not going to win any popularity awards for his stand, but he's tired of "too much apathy" on the part of some representatives.

Kaserman's actions were probably, at best, a waste of time and an embarrassment. But he's showed us, however, that he believes in following set laws and abiding by them.

If everyone would abide by laws, rules, and regulations these days, everything would move so much more smoothly.

HARRY PICKETT

## Let the Students Speak

The Chowan College Student Handbook states that "student government is the basic channel for student participation in decision making and for meeting the needs of students. It is an integral part of student life and all students are encouraged to participate and support its efforts."

If the preceding statement is true, then why weren't students allowed a voice in the SGA's decision to charge 50 cents admission to see on-campus movies already paid for in our tuition? It is the job of the SGA to represent the student body. It is the job of the student body to voice its collective opinion to the SGA. This can be done by seeking out the SGA representative on your floor. He or she is there to listen to your gripes and suggestions.

Greg Kaserman, second floor Parker Hall RA and SGA movie committee chairman, reports that one of the issues leading to the 50 cents "service charge" has to do with the combined feelings of SGA advisors Coach Nelson and Mrs. Vann that students will show a little more respect for college property and self-control if they are charged to see movies.

The SGA movie committee has been fighting a losing battle trying to keep food, drinks and cigarettes out of the Columns Building auditorium. Since the money collected from students who attend on-campus movies goes into the student entertainment fund, it is essential that a minimum amount of damage be done to the auditorium because it is our money that goes into fixing it.

So, please show a little concern and don't hassle the movie committee members when they tell you not to eat, drink or smoke in the auditorium.

The present charge of 50 cents admission is on a trial basis until the end of this month. If we can show the administration that we won't tear the Columns Building down, maybe we can start seeing movies for free again. However, the next time the SGA decides on something, the student body deserves a right to say "yea" or "nay". — CHARLES HITCHCOCK

## Use Care In Taking Medicine

By SARAH WRIGHT

Director of Health Services

Students are seen in the infirmary each day with prescription medications which are not being taken with proper instructions.

The following information was provided by the Director of Health Services last year and is being reprinted for the benefit of those people who may not have seen it or were not here.

### Some Do's and Don'ts When Taking Medicine Which Should Be Observed

When certain medications are taken after eating one may receive the full benefit of the drug, or the desired effect may not be reached.

To help one avoid some unwanted effects the following advice is being given.

**ERYTHROMYCIN** — Take one hour before meals or three hours after meals. Do not take with carbonated drinks or fruit juices. This makes the drug decompose prematurely.

**TYLENOL (ACETAMINAPHEN)** — If taken with carbohydrates, this will slow down the rate of absorption, so if this was being taken to lower temperature the process would be delayed.

**TETRACYCLINE** — Do not take with milk or any dairy product, this prevents absorption of the drug. It is best to take tetracycline one hour after meals. The long range use of tetracycline in the last half of pregnancy and in infancy to age 8 years may cause permanent discoloration of teeth. Sunburn is more likely when taking tetracycline.

**LINCOMYCIN** — No food or beverage one hour before taking or two hours after taking. Only water may be used during this one to two hour period. The drug will not be properly absorbed when consumed with food or beverage.

**PENICILLIN** — Should be taken with water on an empty stomach. When taken with acidic fruit juices or beverages the drug decomposes too soon.

**ASPIRIN** — When taken in excess can cause abnormal bleeding in the stomach and leads to stomach ulcers. Chewing the aspirin before swallowing will keep the tablet from sticking to the wall of the esophagus or stomach.

**IRON** — Should not be taken with milk, eggs or cereal. The beneficial effect will not be achieved. When iron is taken with citrus fruit juices the iron is absorbed too quickly and may cause nausea and vomiting.

When your doctor gives you a prescription, tell him if you are taking other medication. Ask if you should expect any reaction or side effects. Mention any chronic condition you might have such as diabetes, high blood pressure and be sure to mention any allergy you may have.

When a doctor gives you a prescription for an antibiotic such as penicillin, tetracycline, etc., be sure to take the medicine as prescribed. When you start feeling better don't stop taking the prescribed medicine. The doctor prescribes the least amount of medication believed to take care of the existing condition. When medication is stopped after the signs disappear, the relapse likely to occur will be more resistant to treatment.

## Student Forum

Editor:

All is well in the college-front, except for the complaints, complaints, complaints. Nothing but regrets, grumbles and excessive growls. The biggest criticism, prohibiting of alcoholic beverages, followed by non-coed dorms, lack of any uplifting entertainment and the ever-popular Chowan gruel.

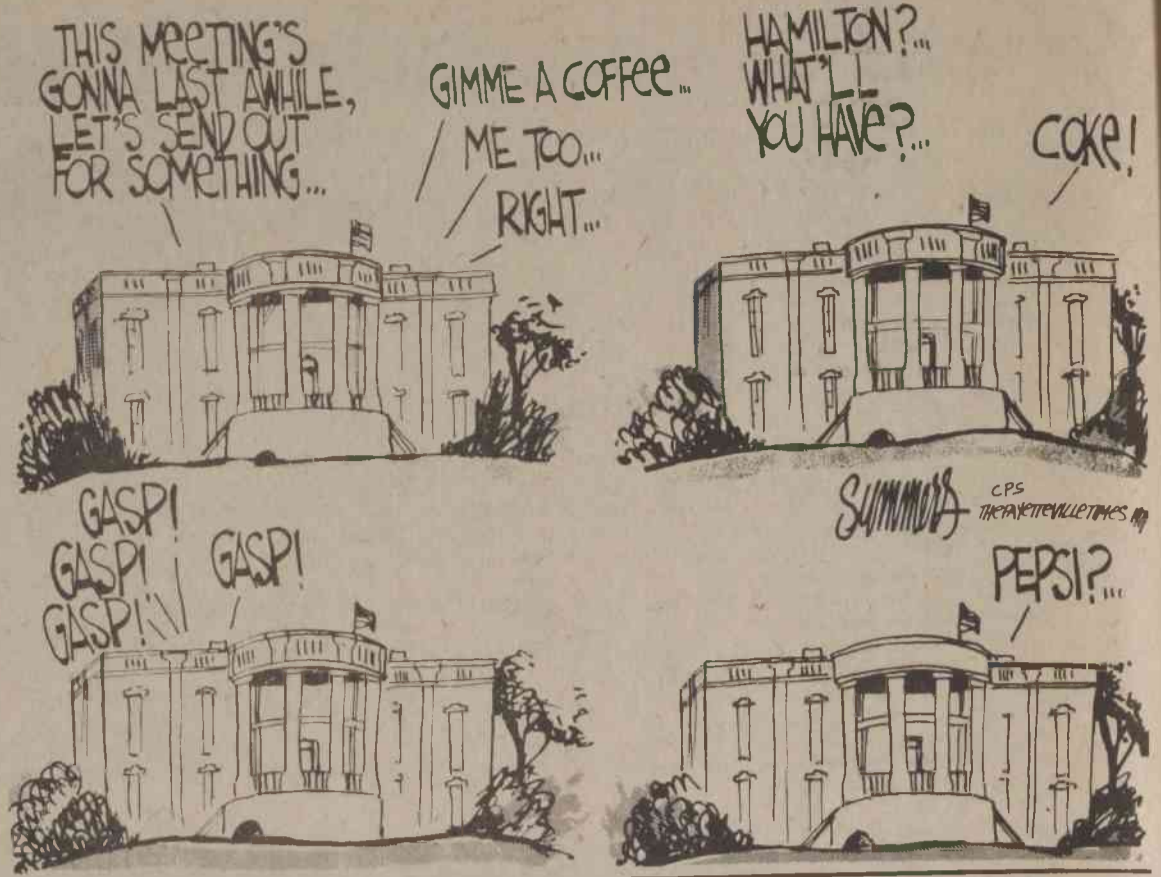
In any general conversation it can be well assumed that the college catalog ("overflowing" with rules and regulations) had never been read and that orientation, which is virtually mandatory, was never attended. But alas, the complaints still run-on, many stating the rules were not "explained" to them. (This College is Baptist affiliated.)

As for the entertainment, what can be expected in a town of 5,600, 1,200 of which include Chowanians and the nearest town of any greater amusement being Ahoskie, 13 miles away. Surley, this could have been foreseen before the long hard trek off to college, of which most weekends are spent at home.

And the food... True it isn't quite like Mom's and a little more personal touch is needed, but feeding an average of 1,000 students three times a day is no easy task.

In my conclusion it is my hope that the complainers and those who have "stuck-it-out" find a "better" place to get their heads straight as to what the future may hold.

Sincerely,  
Robert E. Laws, Jr.



## GUEST PERSPECTIVE

By MICHAEL BURKE  
SGA President



As Student Body President I would like to urge each student to get more involved in school activities. Even though students need to spend countless hours studying each day, one should still not overlook other important things. In search for a job after college, you will find an employer will be more likely to hire a well-rounded person than one with a one-track mind. With this in mind, reach out and find something you are interested in and go for it. The social clubs, for instance, are always in

need of students willing to lend a helping hand. The SGA itself has many committees that need to be filled.

The faculty and administration have been more than helpful to these clubs and organizations. They have done their part — so lets do ours. We as students have been given much power to govern ourselves if we will just accept the responsibility.

There is a saying, "It is better to have little talent and much purpose than to have much talent and little purpose."

Let us as students stop complaining and decide to do something about our problems.

## Current Issues

### Beware of the Pollsters — They Can Prove Most Anything

By DEAN LOWMAN

Public opinion polls allow, supposedly, the majority to base judgments about a certain subject on the ideas of a select few. However, with all the different polls (Gallup, Harris, NBC, etc.) in circulation today, one hardly knows what or who to believe.

Public opinion polls are constantly being taken and studied. Inevitably they overlap, which can cause confusion if the results of the overlapping polls do not agree. The average person can only base his judgments on the information which he receives and, if this information happens to be in conflict, he must make yet

another decision — which information should he believe.

This system would be ideal if a true sampling of the population could be obtained. However, the pollster has neither the time nor the facilities to handle every bit of the public's opinion on the various subjects. Another problem is evident as the pollster is forced to obtain a limited sampling of the opinions of the public-at-large. In doing this, the pollster is capable of selecting people whose opinions agree with whatever he may want them to agree with. The very possibility of a biased sampling renders the resulting

results of the survey inaccurate.

With this fact in mind, one should begin to prepare himself for the inevitable onslaught of political polls which will appear more and more frequently as the presidential election of 1980 nears. It is not advisable to base one's opinion on what "everybody else" says. A wiser, more responsible action would be to read comments by the politicians involved and to see them if at all possible. After doing this, one should then make his judgement on the basis of truthful evidence, rather than inaccurate polls or damaging rumors, as to where his allegiances lie.

## Fewer Minority Students Enroll In First Post-Bakke Law Class

(CPS)—The first law school classes to be fully processed under strictures of the U.S. Supreme Court's June 1978 Bakke decision seems to be a lot whiter than last year's first year students.

A number of law schools have reported significant declines in the registration of minority first-year students. The number of Chicano law students at George Washington University law school, for example, fell from nine to four this year. Harvard registered 88 minority students, as compared with 98 last year.

First-year law classes at Northeastern University, Berkeley, the University of Pennsylvania, and New York University, among others, include fewer minorities this year.

The major exceptions to the trend were the University of Chicago law school, where there are nearly twice as many black first-year students than last fall, at Stanford, and at the University of California-Davis, where minorities make up almost a quarter of the class.

It was at Davis, of course, that Allan Bakke claimed that he had been denied admission to medical school because preferential—and discriminatory—treatment had been given minority students. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that Davis' quota system amounted to reverse discrimination. The court ordered Bakke accepted at the med school. The ruling has had major impacts on professional schools' admissions procedures.

Some law school administrators, however, blame the decline in the number of black enrollees on simple competition, not on affirmative action programs allegedly gutted by the Bakke decision.

Robert Staneck, assistant dean of admissions at George Washington, says "we admitted more minority students than ever this year, but a lower per-

centage came to register." Penn admissions director Arnold J. Miller says that was just a case of law schools competing for fewer minority students. "There was an overall drop in the number of minority applications to law

schools, which means that Harvard has to search a little further, and dig a little. When they do, it's a game of musical chairs, and it goes on down the list. Everybody else then has to dig deeper, or get fewer enrolled."

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

- The World According to Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$2.75.) Hilarious adventures of a son of a famous mother.
- The Far Pavilions**, by M. M. Kaye. (Bantam, \$2.95.) High adventure and love in the Himalayas: fiction.
- Chesapeake**, by James Michener. (Fawcett, \$3.95.) Multi-family saga along Maryland's Eastern Shore: fiction.
- Evergreen**, by Belva Plain. (Dell, \$2.75.) Jewish immigrant woman's climb from poverty on lower Manhattan.
- Wifey**, by Judy Blume. (Pocket, \$2.50.) Housewife's experiences on road to emotional maturity: fiction.
- Scruples**, by Judith Krantz. (Warner, \$2.75.) Rags to riches in the fashion world: fiction.
- Eye of the Needle**, by Ken Follett. (NAL/Signet, \$2.95.) British/Nazi espionage thriller: fiction.
- The Women's Room**, by Marilyn French. (Jove/HBJ, \$2.50.) Perspective on women's role in society: fiction.
- Murphy's Law**, by Arthur Bloch. (Price/Stern/Sloan, \$2.50.) And other reasons why things go wrong.
- Bloodline**, by Sidney Sheldon. (Warner, \$2.75.) Woman inherits power and international intrigue: fiction.

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