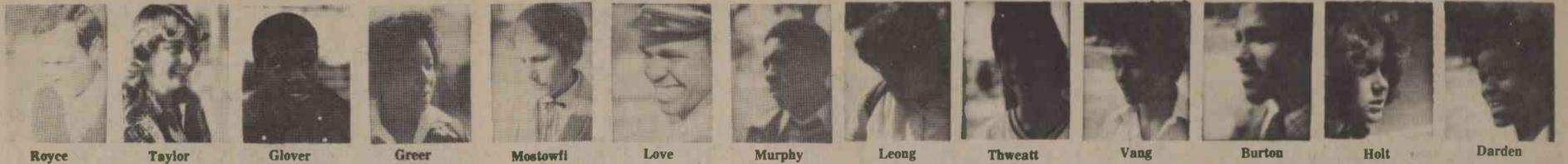


# Campus Question: Who Will You Support in the Coming Election?



By HARRY PICKETT  
EDITOR

The campaign for the 1980 presidential elections officially gets under way this week. It should be interesting to see just who will seek the nomination in his respective party, and who will be declared favorites. *Smoke Signals* went out on campus and asked students and staff members: Who will you support in the upcoming campaign, and why?

PHIL ROYCE, director of public relations—"I like President (Bruce E.) Whitaker. In the minor election, I like Ford or Baker. I'm a Democrat who votes independently. I think I'd like to see the Republican Party get a shot at solving the inflation problem."

CATHY TAYLOR, Onancock, Va.—"Reagan. I think he'd do a better job. He's more prepared than Carter."

FRED GLOVER, Fayetteville, N.C.—"Carter, because I think he's doing the best he can now. I don't want Kennedy for the simple fact that he's got everything now, and he wouldn't make anything better."

PHYLLIS GREER, Aulander, N.C.—"Kennedy. Because I think he is more honest than the other candidates."

MOJDAH MOSTOWFI, Abadan, Iran—"Kennedy. I liked his brother (John) who was killed. I think he's good for the United States."

XAVIER LOVE, Miami Beach, Fla.—"Kennedy. Because his brother was president and got killed and his other brother was killed, so I think he'd be good for the people."

RANDY MURPHY, New Bern, N.C.—"Kennedy. Because right now he seems to be getting more support. He's already had two

engagements in New England and one in California. For a man who hasn't been campaigning, he's doing pretty good. And the Kennedys have much money to campaign with."

J.P. LEONG, Prince George, Va.—"Right now Kennedy. I usually vote for Republicans. The Kennedys have had more problems in politics than anyone. They have wonderful charisma and can persuade people over. Right now Kennedy until I hear more speeches."

BILL THWEATT, Columbia, S.C.—"I would support the incumbent. He has efficient policies dealing with foreign nations. He is a humanist."

SAO VANG, Laos—"Carter. Because he's pretty strong. I like his peanuts. Kennedy is too much for women."

KIRK DOUGLAS BURTON, Currituck, N.C.—"Kennedy. Because his family has a large political background. He has been known to win elections over leading candidates. His Democrat support is very heavy. He has the majority of the black votes...also has more power than any other Kennedy has been known for so far."

HEATHER HOLT, Newport News, Va.—"Carter. Because I believe he's done a satisfactory job as it is. He's done a good job with the peace talks. Without his work it would have been hard for Egypt and Israel to come together. I believe in peace for all nations and all people. And what he did intrigued. I'm also for the Salt II treaty."

BETTY JO DARDEN, Pinetops, N.C.—"Jimmy Carter. Because I like him. He's a nice president. He's been a great president despite the inflation. If he wins the election, he will make things better for this country."



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Traditional Aity and Modern Teko (Photo by Janet Herzing)

## Western Influence Viewed Two Ways

Students in Dr. William F. Ramsey's English class were paired off to write essays on opposing sides of the same subject as an assignment during the spring semester.

Dr. Ramsey found the following pair, written by two of Chohan's international students, to be entertaining and informative and offered them, with the writers' permission, to *Smoke Signals*.

### "The Loss of Tradition in Truk"

By AITY OTTO

There are a few bad influences coming in my country from the United States. They are caused not just by those Americans in Micronesia, but also by those Micronesian students who have returned from school in the United States. They have brought in all sorts of ways that have changed traditional Micronesian values. Nowadays in Micronesia three obvious things have changed significantly the way we are: money, clothing and less need for work.

Money, which was nothing to us before, now really has changed the way people in our country live. As is well known our place in just a simple place. We can live even without money. We can live peaceful this way and people always have cooperation in the community.

However, we have got to know money too quickly and it sure has changed us. People are getting to like having money because they don't have to work anymore. For example, they want to have money so they can just buy themselves rice. They don't want to work on farms anymore. They are getting lazy.

Clothing was nothing to the people of Micronesia before, because they just made their clothes called "lavalava." But nowadays they have a big change of dress. They wear sun dresses or other kinds of dress style. They spend money only for their clothes and not for more important things.

People are forgetting their traditional survival skills, all the useful activities. People will not work on farms. They won't go fishing anymore because if they have money they will just buy from stores. They do not build sailing canoes now. They are starting to

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### "New Freedoms in Truk"

By TEKO GABRIEL

As the world knows, Micronesia is way, way behind. It is still holding on to the traditional way of life and old customs. It does not realize that some customs are just crazy, that change can sometimes be good and very useful. It is time to get our little Micronesia moving, so that we can catch up with the good life. Three areas of Western influence are good. They are money, clothing, and modern work.

Money can free us from a life of work and disease. In Micronesia, life can be hard. There are people who get sick because of working a lot. They do not live as long as they should. With some money they will not be slaves to work. Men will not have to spend every day "ishing to stay alive. They won't have to work hard at a farm life all the time. They will not have to build a new house every year if money can buy modern materials.

Clothing also can be freedom. I like the American way of dressing that I am now following. Our crazy customs don't allow women to wear pants in Truk. But I prefer wearing pants, dresses, skirts and shirts. I just go down with my money to the store, enter and buy a pair of pants and a shirt. I go back home then change. What a feeling. I don't have to worry about making clothes anymore.

In Truk clothing is not a luxury but hard work. If you make yourself one "lavalava" it will take you a week to finish it. Suppose you don't have anything left to wear. Your only clothes are wet. Surely you will find yourself naked, with no more clothes to wear and none to buy.

People in Truk are looking for paid

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## SGA Picks Committee Members

By HARRY PICKETT  
Editor

With a quorum for the first time this year at its general legislative meeting Oct. 15, the Student Government Association approved the appointments of its members to 13 SGA committees.

SGA President Mike Burke appointed the students at the semi-monthly meeting to serve on the active committees of the college. The members are as follows:

Class Absence: Bill Gambrell and J. P. Leong. Scholarship: Bil Gambrell, Carol Culp and Keith Kills. Library: Louis Mangas, Cyrus and Mary Barham.

Athletics: Belinda Elmore, Steve Laney and Gene Jenkins.

Graduation: Bennie Bridgewater, Michelle Newborn and Joe Morgan.

Cafeteria: Mike Burke and alternate Terri Tatum.

Clothing and Etiquette: Nancy Loy, Jo Herring, Keith Ricks and Gerry Moran.

Intramural: Belinda Elmore, Steve Laney and Gene Jenkins.

Hospitality: Jim Thomas, Terry Grizzard and Carol Farmer.

Health: Eddie Butler, Philip Orthoho and Judith Pender.

Student Activities: J. P. Leony, Joanna Jaff, Mike Burke, Pat Csigi and Greg Kaserman.

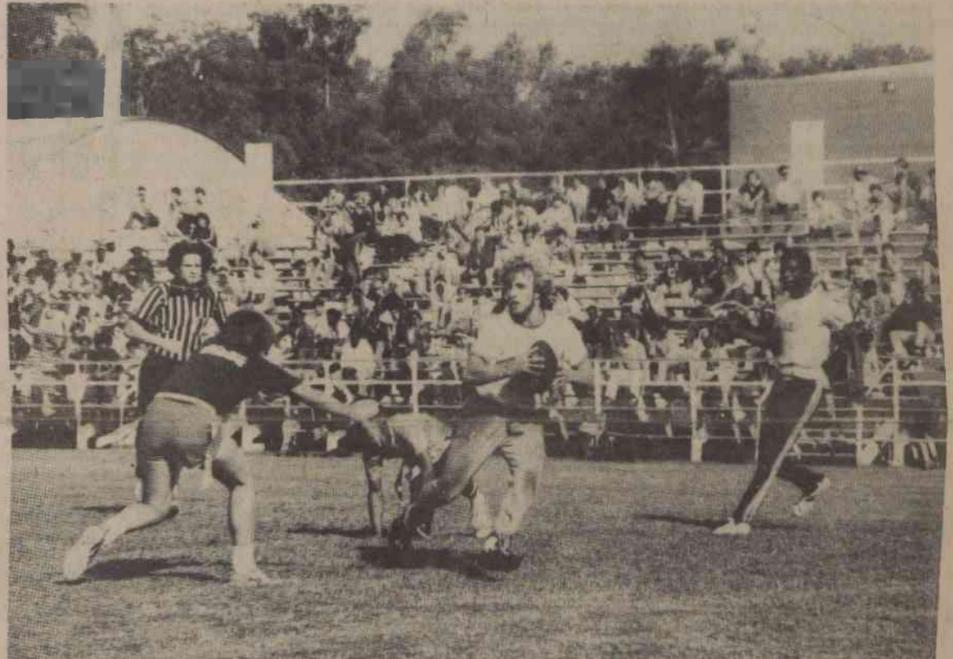
Faculty-Student Relations: all executive officers, Gerry Moran, Michelle Newborn and Susie Moore.

Financial Aid: Dean Lowman and Carol Culp.

In other business, the SGA voted to make a donation to the Book of Memories Fund in the name of Heather Nelson, daughter of Steve Nelson, director of Student Activities.

SGA allocated \$500 to sponsor "Tracks" in a dance concert here November 15. According to Social Co-Chairperson for Men Greg Kaserman, this band is "well-rounded" in the selection.

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ON THE MOVE—Roger Babson, 2nd Floor East quarterback, eludes the outstretched arms of 1st Floor Parker's Jeff Adams while looking down field for a receiver in his team's 12-6 victory for the Flag Football Title. (Photo by Janet Herzing)

## Residence Hall Fire Drill Finds Damaged and Inoperative Alarms

By DEAN LOWMAN

With over 1,000 persons living in seven multistoried dormitories, it appears that the student body of Chohan College would be on the lookout for inadequate fire-fighting equipment and faulty alarm systems. Apparently, that is not the case.

Even though an approved procedure for escaping from burning buildings appears in the Student Handbook, the only reference to fire prevention is a caution

"to be careful when smoking in any campus building."

The handbook also lists prohibitions against burning of incense and candles, heaters or appliances with open coils, tampering with alarms or extinguishers without permission, and deliberately setting a fire with the intent of destroying property. However, many students have neither read the handbook nor attended hall meetings discussing fire safety. This is where

part of the problem lies.

Another part of the problem is that while most students know the Resident Assistant, many have no idea of who the fire marshal is on their floor. "We are in the process of obtaining signs that will be placed on both the fire marshal's and RA's doors," explained Mrs. Alice Vann, Director of Residence Hall Life. "These are the people who should be informed in the event that a fire does

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## Interesting People on Campus

### New Head Resident Builds Dorm Pride at Parker

By DEAN LOWMAN

Stepping into the position of Head Resident in a dorm considered to be one of the wildest on campus is not the average person's task. But then Parker Hall's Scott Colclough is not the average person.

"I first found out the job was available when I talked with Coach Smith at Campbell College's basketball camp," explained Colclough. After talking with Dean Lewis and Dr. Whitaker, he got the role. "Dr. Whitaker reminded me that I would have to enforce the three major rules—no drugs, women, or alcoholic beverages."

Through stricter enforcement of these and other college policies, Colclough has turned Parker Hall into a respected dorm campuswide. Colclough reasoned, "I don't like to give tickets or 'bust' anyone, but Chohan didn't hire me to sit back and do nothing."

He elaborated: "If a dorm has good RA's and students who take pride in themselves, I feel the dorm will be pretty well-behaved. However, anywhere

you go there are always a few troublemakers who make it hard on everybody else."

In addition to Colclough's role as Head Resident, he serves as a defensive line coach in football (It's easy when you have good personnel to work with") and as assistant basketball coach. He is also a member of the Housing and Student Activities Committees.

Even with all these activities to attend, Colclough finds time to associate with the various members of his dorm. He is often found in the lounge of Parker Hall taking on students in card games or backgammon. Colclough added that he likes to "play tennis, a little golf, and go water skiing when the occasion arises."

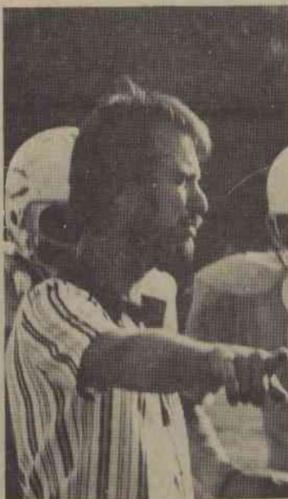
In addition to his other hobbies, Colclough "loves music." His favorite artists include Rod Stewart and Billy Joel but he likes "just about everybody."

His biggest interest, however, is the well-being and future success of the students he comes in contact with. "I guess my biggest disappointment comes when I see someone quitting school after just a few weeks."

lamented Colclough. "I know some of them are a long way from home and might have problems in adjusting, but I feel they could benefit from living on campus for an entire semester."

Having graduated from Campbell College (now Campbell University), Colclough knows what it is like to attend school in a small town. In fact, he believes "Buies Creek may be the only place I've ever lived that's smaller than Murfreesboro." He added: "I know there isn't as much to do in Murfreesboro as there is in other towns. However, the friendly students and faculty can make it (life at a small college) all worthwhile."

His interest in the students combined with his policy of "dorm takes priority over coaching" reveals Scott Colclough's desire to improve his surroundings. And, in view of the improvements shown in Parker Hall this semester (a decrease in property damage, higher participation in the President's Cup competition, a more active Dorm Council, etc.), his desire is being met.



COLCLOUGH