

Campus Question: What Use Do You Recommend For the Old Gymnasium?



By BARBARA PARKER

As the completion of the new \$2.5 million Jesse A. Helms Gymnasium and Physical Education Center draws nearer, the question of what to do with the old gym has arisen. Now that the sports activities including basketball, swimming, volleyball, wrestling and others will be transferred to the new gym, the old gym will be available for other uses. Smoke Signals asked people on campus for their opinion as to what purpose the old gym might serve.

TERRI GRIZZARD, Capron, Va. — "I think it should be used for recreation."
 STEVE JARMAN, New Bern, N.C. — "I think it should be turned into a campus game room and laundromat so that the students will not have to compete with the people who live in town to wash their clothes."
 TIM ELLIOTT, Raleigh, N.C. — "Intramurals."

BEVERLY PRICE, Hampton, Va. — "It sounds good as a student center."
 HOPE BOYCE, Tyner, N.C. — "I think they should use it for dances and intramurals."
 TIM FORTUNE, Thomasville, N.C. — "Turn it into a recreation center. What else could you do?"
 CLIFTON S. COLLINS, Murfreesboro — "A recreation building for the students."
 DENISE COOK, Enfield, N.C. — "For dances and recreation."
 YUSUFU ABDULMUMINI, Nigeria — "A recreational center for students to come together."
 CECILIA YAU, U.R. Taupong, Ghana — "A student center, it's a shame that we have an insufficient student center."
 KAREN WHEELHOUSE, Virginia Beach, Va. — "A student center where you can hold dances and stuff."
 LEE FREEMAN, Darlington, S.C. — "I think it should be used as a student center and also for intramurals."
 TAMMIE RAWLS, Reisterstown, Md. — "If possible, a bowling alley."

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Campus Face Lift Planned

By GREG BASSETT

Campus grounds will soon undergo some major changes as the college has employed a land architectural agency which has suggested many key improvements for the school's 235 acres.

The main purpose of the improvements will be to tie various segments of the campus together, according to buildings and grounds superintendent, Jack Hassell.

"Our idea is to tie the whole campus together," said Hassell. "We hope to be able to stabilize one area at a time through proper planning."

Hassell said the land architects hired by the college, Edward G. Carson and Associates of Norfolk, have suggested many ideas that will be beneficial to all of the students.

One major improvement will involve the footpath east of the football field used as a shortcut by Parker Hall residents. Plans call for the path's stabilizing through paving and the installation of lights. A bridge linking the path to the new gymnasium is also planned.

Hassell explained that students from the north portion of campus could use the bridge, which will cross an artery flowing from Lake Vann, instead of walking along Union Street to the gym.

Steps will be placed from the path down to the small river, where the bridge will cross and steps will proceed up the hill. Hassell said the path to the gym would be winding and graceful, and should suit the area.

Some trees will also be removed from the wooded area, Hassell explained, so that Helms Gymnasium and Parker Hall could be easily viewed from the rest of the campus and appear less isolated.

Plans also call for the landscaping of the area between East, West and Mixon Halls. A full basketball court will be built in the area in order to tie the three buildings together.

The patio areas in front of both Belk and Jenkins Halls are also set to be extended and enlarged. Bushes, trees and additional benches will be placed around the patios.

Lighting fixtures will be replaced along Pine Walk. The lights and their lamp posts will be increased and resemble the lights along the walk through the middle of Squirrel Park.

Another possibility is the creation of a small park on the east side of the tennis courts behind Parker Hall. Hassell said a few picnic tables could be placed under some trees in the area.

Hassell said that the completion of Helms Gymnasium will also mean the completion of the college's ten year building program. He noted that with construction completed, the college will now have the opportunity to concentrate both physically and financially on upgrading the campus grounds.

Blame the Snow!

The heavy snow which cancelled classes one day and marooned some students at home until midweek is responsible for the lateness of this issue of Smoke Signals as well as the omission of some news and features.



SNOW REMOVAL — The business of clearing the campus enough to resume classes goes forward under the watchful eye of college Business Manager Ben Sutton (in white sweater). Sutton also doubled as a cook,

helping Ron and Linda Thompson feed campus-locked students when regular cafeteria workers were unable to get through. (Photo by Nancy Thierry)

Saunders Takes National Title; Miltsakakis On All-American

By HARRY PICKETT

WORTHINGTON, Minn. — Doug Saunders went undefeated through five rounds here to win the 134-pound class in the National Junior College Wrestling Tournament, and lead his team, Chowan College, to a seventh-place finish.

Teammate Steve Miltsakakis finished 5-1, posting a third-place finish in the national tournament under the 190-pound classification. He was named to the second team All-America team, and Saunders to the first.

Chowan coach Steve Nelson said he

expected his two sophomores to place in the tournament, but he didn't expect such a high showing. Both participated last season as freshmen and he feels, if anything, the experience of being there before paid off.

Finishing out their celebrated careers with Chowan, Saunders ended it all with a 25-4 mark and Miltsakakis 21-2.

Last season Saunders fell in the quarter-finals, and Miltsakakis was stopped short after winning in the first round. He sustained a leg injury and was ineffective for the remainder of the

tournament.

An elated Nelson, whose team was chosen the number one junior college east of Ohio, said: "It was a tremendous effort. They deserve all the credit. They experienced pressure before."

During the regular season, Chowan posted a 12-0 dual record, and racked up the Newport News Invitational and Southeastern Region championship. They were ranked as high as 12th by the NJAA and Associated Press.

Over more than 100 junior colleges participated. The winner was Lakeland Community College of Menton, Ohio.

To win the coveted 10-state regional tournament at Cocoa, Fla. Chowan nosed out Chattanooga by one-fourth of a point 7 1/4 to 7 1/2. Host team Broward Community College placed third with a score of 61.

Chowan, in capturing the title was paced by sophomores Doug Saunders and Steve Miltsakakis, both lettermen.

Saunders of Woodlawn, Va., took the 134-pound weight class and Miltsakakis of Raleigh was a winner in the 190-pound range.

Others who contributed for the 15th ranked junior college wrestling team in the country were second place finishers Earl Sheppard (118), Kenny Barber (150), Donald White (158), and David Leman (heavyweight).

Russell Moore (126) was third and Doug Smith (167) fourth as the Braves

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Atkinson Elected President of SGA

By HARRY PICKETT

Sharee C. Atkinson was elected Student Government Association president Wednesday, March 5, during the election to choose officers to head the 1980-81 legislative body.

Atkinson of Dinwiddie, Va., defeated Steve Laney of Charlotte. At presstime the final tabulations of the election results were not available. However, all indications show the Virginian won by a substantial margin.

Atkinson pledged in her campaign speech before the election that if elected she would serve the student body "without any conflict of interest." She admitted she lacks the legislative experience of her opponent, but noted she would represent and inform the students of the SGA's functions.

According to SGA president Mike Burke, Atkinson was heartily supported by her female schoolmates. Laney received a large percentage of the black vote in a losing effort.

Laney, who had been campaigning since mid-term of the fall semester, in his address to the students, cited his legislative experience as an SGA representative and his activeness on campus, as logical reasons to elect him.

Burke feels the students would have had a good leader no matter who the winner was, because both are respected leaders on campus.

"I have a lot of confidence in Sharee," Burke said of the president-elect. "I think she will make a good president."

Atkinson has been placed on the Dean's List, selected as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and chosen to take the honors course in Religion. She graduated in the top ten percent of her high school class and was named to the National Honor Society.

Aside from electing the first female president since 1973-74, all told there were six women chosen for the eight offices, and two blacks. Burke said the election was dominated by minorities, probably due to large turnout of women and blacks.

"I think this was the biggest turnout ever," the incumbent boasted. "There were around 500 voters. Last year there was about 300."

"The increase in the black turnout was a big factor in the results of the election," he continued. "The majority of the blacks came (to vote) at the dinner hour."

Darlene J. Keene of Ahsokie was one of two blacks elected. Keene defeated Jefferey D. Prillaman of Greensboro in the vice-presidential race, after delivering an inspiring and sincere speech to fellow Chowanians. Keene noted that she was new to the political scene, but offered that all great politicians had to "start" somewhere.

Louis Mangas of Zebulon filed for vice-president, but pulled out of the race just days before the election. He did, however, become a write-in candidate for the office of auditor. The winner, a write-in candidate also, was Amos Twitty. He had to give up the position because he is not enrolled in



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the business curriculum, which is a requirement.

Ann W. Kellam of Onley, Va., and Diane LaBreaux of Virginia Beach ran unopposed. Kellam will hold the office of secretary and LaBreaux, treasurer.

John Hipp defeated Pierce Burke of Anderson, S.C. for social co-chairperson for men, and Beverly Price of Hampton, Va., the other black winner, won over Michelle Newbern of Conway, and Elaine Chapman of Missouri in the social co-chairperson for women race.

Kathy L. DeHart of Stoneville, unopposed, is the historian.

The officers elected will assume their duties in the fall of this year.

Present SGA officers include: Burke, president; Nancy Loy, vice-president; Steve Whittemore, treasurer; Terri Arnold, secretary; Greg Kaserman, social co-chairperson for men; Pat Csigi, social co-chairperson for women; Bernie Miller, historian; and Cindy Gray, auditor.

Computer Science Grads in Demand

(CPS)—The demand for graduates with degrees in computer science is apparently growing. Fox-Morris Personnel Consultants of Philadelphia have reported that June 1979 computer science grads got average starting salaries of \$15,400, an increase of nearly 30 percent over the starting salaries commanded by 1978 computer science grads.

Fox-Morris says the dramatic increase can be traced to the development of the computer industry. Lower-cost technologies have helped more businesses buy computers, and widened business' needs for people to operate them.

Snow Stalls N.Y. Trip 10 Miles Short

By KATHY FISHER

Ten miles out side of Murfreesboro, the bus carrying the students of the English Department's New York Trip got stuck in the snow and remained there for about two hours before being able to return to Chowan.

The bus arrived at Chowan at 2 o'clock Monday morning after two long delays. The first occurred before leaving New York. The scheduled departure was 8:30 am, but because of a problem with the bus, the group did not leave until 1:00 pm. The heavy snow fall caused the second delay. The bus was traveling on snowy, icy roads and just

on the other side of Conway, when it got stuck in the snow.

There was a pay phone up the road so attempts were made to call for help. Some of the students at Chowan with 4-wheel drive vehicles made an attempt to come, but the bus was pulled out by some people in Conway before they could arrive.

While in in the Big Apple the students took in a lot of the tourist attractions such as the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, The U. N., The World Trade Center and the Museum of Natural History.

The students also enjoyed seeing

plays on Broadway and eating at well-known restaurants. The play that received the most patronage from the students was The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas, a country-western musical. Sweeney Todd and Annie were next in line. Boss, O'Neal's Baloon and Mama Leone's were a few of the restaurants visited by the students.

This year there were no mishaps such as muggings and every one of the students and chaperones had an experience of a lifetime on account of the weather situation.