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## Homecoming '81 Rates Number 1

### Reagan Plans Budget Cuts

By C.S. COLLINS

Director of Financial Aid

In his attempt to balance the federal budget by 1984, President Reagan is recommending that funds for student financial aid programs be reduced for 1982-83. The only way you can help keep this from happening is to write to him, your senators and congressmen to thank them for the aid you received this year. Also inform them of the position you will be in if the funds are reduced.

Several changes in federal financial aid programs went into effect this fall. The Basic Grant (Pell Grant in the future) was reduced from a maximum of \$1750 to \$1670. The interest rate for the National Direct Student Loan has been increased to 5% for any loan received after October 1. Those who had loans this fall and receive additional loans during the year will still have the interest rate of 4%.

The Guaranteed Student Loan (College Foundation, VELA, etc.) had two changes this fall:

1. If the promissory note was mailed to the student after August 23, there was a 5% origination fee.

2. Any loan request after October 1 will be based on financial need if the family's adjusted gross income is \$30,000 or more.

Proposals for 1982-83 include further reductions in Basic Grants. One proposal would make the maximum grant \$1800 but would change the formula so fewer students would be eligible for the maximum grant. Also, many students now receiving small grants would no longer be eligible.

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program may be reduced by as much as 42%. This year Chowan received \$136,523 for this program. A 42% reduction would give us \$79,183. Only you, the students receiving this grant, can keep this reduction from taking place.

Students receiving social security can also expect changes. There are two proposed changes which will affect you:

1. You will not receive checks during the summer.

2. If you apply for financial aid, all of your social security must be used toward your educational expenses.

If you wish to have an impact on the proposed changes, you need to send letters today. Also, you need to encourage your parents to send letters.

Addresses you will need are:

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable (Senator's name)  
The United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable (Congressman's name)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

If the financial aid staff can be of assistance to you, please feel free to come by.



Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of Chowan College, escorts Miss Lisa Lemos of Wilmington off the field moments after she was crowned 1981 Homecoming Queen. Behind the queen and Dr. Whitaker are from left: Co-Captain Carl Johnson; Miss Amy Sumler, 1981 Princess; Co-Captain Bradley Jacobs. (Staff Photo)

### Lemos Reigns

### Braves Win

By JENNIFER WICKER

A parade and a pep rally with a bonfire Thursday night was the beginning of a successful Homecoming weekend, according to Linda Owens, director of career counseling and development.

"The parade caught on and was dynamite. Jeff Horne did an excellent job of organizing it," Owens said.

She added, "The cheerleaders worked hard, and had a well organized and well attended pep rally."

The student government association set up the bonfire and furnished refreshments.

"Anything Goes" was held in Squirrel Park Friday afternoon, with a special activity for instructors. Students had a chance to throw a pie at their favorite instructor. Coach Burke, Dean Winslow, and several other members of Chowan's faculty and administration showed up for the event.

Marching bands from Murfreesboro, Northampton County and Gates County participated in a Festival of Marching Bands that began Chowan College's homecoming activities Saturday.

Thirteen high school bands from North Carolina and Virginia competed for honors beginning at 9 a.m. in Chowan's Stadium.

The Division of Music within Chowan's Fine Arts Department sponsored it.

Bands included two from Virginia: Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and North Stafford. North Carolina bands were Murfreesboro, Northampton County, Washington, Manteo, Williamston, Edenton, Southern Nash, Creswell, Gates County, Tarboro, and Perquimans.

They competed for recognition as Band of the Day, and performed at halftime of the 2 p.m. football game against Lees-McRae.

The Williamston High School Band won the honors and performed at the game.

1st place in the dorm decoration contest went to Parker Hall, East Hall came in second, and Jenkins got an honorable mention.

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## Public Vs Privates For Students

(CPS) — Enrollment is down slightly at private Nebraska Wesleyan, and up slightly at public Kearney State College.

It's down six percent at private Mars Hill College in North Carolina. It's up six percent at public Gaston College nearby.

Situations like those, some observers believe, could be the start of something big: a massive student migration from private colleges, where average costs this year are \$6800, to public campuses, where costs average \$3800.

The migration wasn't supposed to begin until next fall, when the pool of potential college students was due to start drying up. But the new restrictions on and cuts in federal student aid programs may have inspired more students than expected to transfer this year.

"I think the first effect (of the aid cuts) will be an enrollment shift to public colleges," predicts Dallas Martin of the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

He reasons that the fewer aid dollars students can get will go farther at less-expensive public schools.

"We should see a major shift (from private to public) next fall, but I wouldn't be surprised if you start to see some minor shifting this fall," he says.

Preliminary enrollment figures do show most public colleges growing as private colleges struggle to keep student populations stable. A Chronicle of Higher Education phone survey discovered all 22 public campuses it contacted had enrollment jumps. A College Press Service phone survey of private colleges found enrollment down on most of those campuses.

However, not all administrators attribute the enrollment swings to the aid cuts or to a general shifting of student

populations from private to public campuses.

Nevertheless, most of the private colleges that have managed to keep their enrollments steady this fall are those that guarantee meeting 100 percent of their students' financial needs.

At Nebraska Wesleyan, where there is no financial guarantee, Registrar Bette Olson "assumes the decline (in enrollment) will continue next year," though she doesn't yet have the statistical evidence to show she'll be losing students to public colleges.

She says a "small committee" will meet soon to discuss ways of stopping the decline, perhaps by guaranteeing aid.

At Mars Hill College in North Carolina, Registrar Robert Chapman attributes the six percent decline in enrollment to "problems with financial aid," but says the private college has no plans to start giving aid guarantees in the near future.

Reed College in Oregon doesn't guarantee aid, but does have a stable enrollment of 1130 students. "Students," explains Registrar Gary Conner, "are finding more creative ways to stay in school."

His students are opting for part-time status, taking half-time jobs, and even taking more leaves of absence.

Private Carleton College in Minnesota is staying stable despite what Admissions Director Dr. Richard Steele calls the "rather significant" impact of the student aid cuts. Carleton helps students get money from other sources, however.

So does larger Duke University, but Registrar Dr. Clark Cahow ascribes Duke's enrollment stability to the university's "traditional stressing of liberal arts" and "getting a lot of good press" as much as to the aid program.

The major exception to the pattern of the relative success enjoyed by private schools that guarantee students a way to pay their way through college is Loyola University of the South in New Orleans.

Loyola suffered a two percent enrollment decline despite a 100 percent aid guarantee, reports Dr. John Sears, director of institutional research.

He thinks it's the beginning of the shift from private to public colleges, which he projects may ultimately cost Loyola "a five to eight percent decrease" in students.

"I think it's definitely happening. Students are becoming more conservative, and are shopping around better, not knowing who the financial atmosphere will be in the future," he observes.

While most officials concede private colleges' difficulties, not all believe they're due to a large, historic shift to public schools.

"There is no shift from private to public schools in the south," Mars Hill's Chapman asserts. "Private schools are maintaining their enrollments."

Though individual campuses may have fluctuating populations, initial head counts suggest about 2.6 million students have enrolled at private colleges nationwide this fall, just about the same number as fall, 1980.

Virginia Hodgkinson, executive director of the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities, believes changes will be necessary to keep private college enrollments stable for next fall.

The impact of this year's student aid cuts "was worse than expected," Hodgkinson reports. "We have advised college presidents that they have to

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### New Dorm Rules

By CAROLYN GREGORY

New procedures for resident hall visitation are effective this year according to Dean Roy Winslow, Associate Dean of Students.

Open house, or visitation, may be requested by resident hall councils, with the approval of the resident director through Winslow and Clayton R. Lewis, dean of students.

Each student is allowed a maximum of two guests at the same time, Winslow emphasized.

Upon entering the building each guest must sign in, at the registration desk, and indicate the time and destination. A co-signature of the resident he or she is visiting is also needed.

When leaving, each guest must also sign out along with the co-signature of the party visited.

The registration desk will be manned by volunteer residents from the hall. It is the responsibility of the director that the desk is manned.

While visiting, the room door must be completely open, the light on, and noise kept to a minimum.

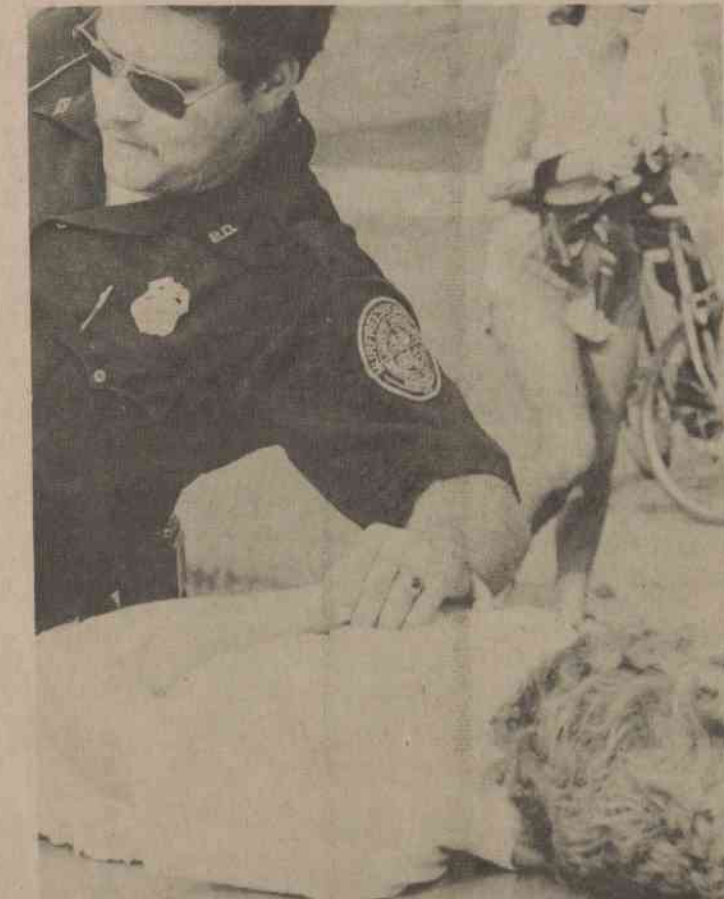
Each host/hostess is responsible for the conduct of their guests.

The bathrooms are off-limits to the opposite sex.

Violation of this policy during visitation hours may cause the loss of visitation rights for two weeks.

If a student violates the policy in general, after visitation hours are over, more serious disciplinary action may occur.

Loss of permanent visitation rights will occur to an off-campus student who violates this policy.



(Photo by James Howard IV)

### "Arrest" Made In Wreck

By JENNIFER WICKER

An apparently fatal accident on private property at the intersection of Union and Cotton Streets, September 21, attracted considerable attention from Chowan students and faculty.

Occurring as it did in the late afternoon, when many persons were leaving their jobs on campus, the sight of a blood-stained infant, partially under the vehicle which skidded off the street caused drivers to stop and stare with shocked expressions.

Officer Duncan May IV, of the Murfreesboro police Department was on the scene,

May had his hands full controlling the crowd which had gathered, breaking up a fight, and arresting an unruly driver who was believed to have been intoxicated.

May was forced to physically restrain the anguished mother of the dead infant who, having seen her baby, almost stepped on the hot wires.

"You're all trespassing, get off my property. No I won't speak to anybody. Ain't nobody gonna get a statement from me," cursed the local farmer who claimed to own the land on which the

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