

Campus Question: Do You Support Chowan's Room Search Policy?



By KRISTA SCHLEICHER

Students were asked what in your opinion are your privacy rights, and do you think your room should be searched?
SANDI MODIGH, Chapel Hill, N.C. I feel that if the head residents have a suspicion only and no evidence that gives them no right to enter my room.
JOHN BARNES, High Point, N.C. They have the right to search the rooms, but not to search my personal belonging such as my suitcases or my drawers.
JEFF MELTON, Shelby, N.C. Only if they have a probable cause and a search warrant.
CRYSTAL RECTOR, Harrisburg, Pa. No, they don't have the right to search what is not theirs, plus the fact that I don't think they would appreciate their own homes being searched.

ALAN CHAMBLEE, Ahoskie, N.C. We are paying money to rent the room and they treat us as though we are criminals in some incidents.
KEVIN BANKS, Gloucester, Va. They have no reason to check the room just for stupid purposes.
SHAHER AUZAYED, Palestine, I feel that they have the right to search any room if they feel it is necessary.
DON GILLIAM, Carlisle, Pa. The room search should follow the same procedure as the police code. They should also state specifically what they are looking for.
CATHY WASHINGTON, Bowling Green, Va. Yes, They should be able to search anyone's room, because I think if the person is guilty of anything, he should be punished accordingly.
RAY WITIAK, Fayetteville, N.C. Total privacy, they have the right to enter only if concrete evidence is presented to the room owner before hand.

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Son Gary helps Dr. Whitaker hold the silver service given him by the Board of Trustees. Others are, from left, Mrs. Whitaker, son Barry, Arnold and SGA President William T. Shelton. (Photo by Doug Miller) Related photo on page 2.

Whitaker Cited For 25 Years As College Head

By JENNIFER WICKER

Whistles, cheers and standing ovations graced the convocation honoring Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker's 25 years of service to Chowan College.

Much tribute was paid to Whitaker, who was lauded for his "loyal, dedicated and effective services," by the Rev. J. Felix Arnold, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Representatives of the faculty, administration, alumni, the SGA, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Chowan Board of Advisors, and the Council on Christian Higher Education all paid tribute to Whitaker in speeches which reflected their appreciation and caring.

A plaque was presented by Mrs. Peggy Chestnut, of the Council on Christian Higher Education, who read a letter honoring Whitaker from Jim Hunt, the governor of North Carolina.

T. Robert Mullinax, a friend of Chowan for several years, gave the principal address, "It is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Whitaker has led Chowan College from an era of primarily regional influence to a time of national recognition," he praised.

Mullinax also cited Whitaker for "the contributions he has made beyond the campus boundaries."

Among these outside contributions are four years as the director of the North Carolina Family Life Council, (1967-1970), and since 1976, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

However, Mullinax stated, "His close friends and associates know that he finds his greatest satisfactions in the progress and achievements associated with Chowan College."

"President Whitaker is being praised, not for his need to be praised, but by our need to speak about him. By celebrating his service to Chowan, we are doing what we ought to do," Mullinax elaborated.

A silver service was presented as a gift to the Whitakers from the Board of Trustees by Arnold.

In response to the speeches and praise, Whitaker thanked those who helped prepare for the ceremony and those of the steering committee who

planned the event.

He added his feelings of satisfaction for the faculty, staff and administration relationships, and the addition of quality facilities to the campus. "My final word must be one of genuine appreciation and sincere gratitude. This includes my appreciation for the events of the meaningful day," professed a deeply moved Whitaker.

Chowan In Black 24th Year

Chowan College trustees were told the college is headed toward operating in the black for the 24th straight year during their semi-annual meeting February 22 the office of President Bruce E. Whitaker.

Dr. Whitaker expressed the importance of a successful Annual Giving program to enable the college to maintain its long record of fiscal soundness. At the same time, Dr. Whitaker expressed concern over the proposed cuts in federal student financial assistance in the 1982-83 budget recommended by President Reagan's administration.

He said that if the budget is adopted by Congress, both private and state supported colleges can expect a drop in the number of students who will be able to afford a higher education.

He said that while he supports cutbacks in the budget across the board, he feels that the reduction in student financial aid is too severe, and out of proportion to other budget item reductions.

He said the projected budget calls for a 50 percent reduction in federal student aid funds for the fall of 1983 compared to the fall of 1980.

If the proposed budget is adopted, Chowan will be affected adversely, he stated. "It's possible that Chowan could have 100 to 200 fewer students in 1982-83."

J. Guy Revelle, Jr. of Murfreesboro was elected chairman for the coming year and Miss Emma Gay Stephenson of Durham, vice chairman. Randy Britton of Ahoskie was elected the Executive Committee chairman.

Computer Saves Cash And Energy

By LYNETTE FARRELL

A computerized Energy Management System is helping to conserve energy at Chowan, reports Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Jack Hassell.

The new Energy Management System works 24 hours a day and controls heating, hot water, and air conditioning. This system turns these services on and off and also tells if they are operating correctly.

Many problems for faculty, staff and students are being eliminated by use of the computer, says Hassell.

At 7:30 a.m. the computer automatically tests all equipment hooked to the terminal. Any malfunctions are printed on paper so that mechanics can get to repairs as soon as they come to work.

In the afternoon before office hours are over, buildings are checked on the system to make sure that heat and hot water will not run out during the night.

Hassell demonstrated that by typing certain codes into the computer, a screen will show information such as the temperature of each floor on campus.

On holiday schedules and during the semester the convenience of the computer is evident.

Many colleges and universities operate on one heating boiler, but at Chowan there are approximately 40 different heating plants. Instead of employees having to check the oil in each one separately, the computer does this. The system also tells how many hours a day the boilers run.

The Energy Management System helps keep kilowatt demand on an average of 1000 per month, Hassell said. Energy consumption is leveled out by rotating the demand equally round campus.

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Precautions To Protect Rights In Room Search Cases Outlined

By JENNIFER WICKER

If a resident assistant, resident director, or an assistant resident director has a reasonable amount of suspicion that a student has contraband, or something against Chowan College policies, in his or her room, then he or she has the right to initiate a search of the room, according to the Residence Life Policies in the Chowan College Student Handbook.

When a reliable student reports having seen contraband in a room or on a person, and he reports it to a resident assistant, assistant resident director or a resident director, reasonable suspicion or probable cause has been established, stated Dean Roy Winslow, associate dean of students.

Once reasonable suspicion has been established, usually two people resident assistants, resident directors, assistant resident directors, security, Student Development deans or a member of the Dorm Council should the resident assistant need help to conduct the search the

Stadium Getting Aluminum Seats

By LYNETTE FARRELL

Aluminum seats are being installed in the football stadium, according to Superintendent of Building and Grounds Jack Hassell.

The wooden planks which are being used now are 15 years old, he said. The boards are cracking and the paint on them is peeling.

The job is being done for safety purposes as well as for looks, he pointed out.

Chowan maintenance workers will do the six-week job themselves, or "in House" and will cost about \$30,000, says Hassell. If the work were contracted it would cost about \$40,000.

search, go to the room to confront the occupant.

Winslow explained that anytime a search is conducted, efforts are made to obtain permission from one or both of the occupants. Should they not be available, a note will be left stating that the room was searched.

Before the search, the persons conducting the search tell the occupants what they are looking for and, should the occupants object to the search, either Dean Winslow or Dean Lewis will be called.

"In that case, usually I would be the first one called to issue a search warrant," Winslow said.

If, during a search, something contraband is found that the searchers were not looking for, Winslow pointed out, it is confiscated and charges can be brought later for that. After the search, the occupants would be told what was found, and what is being confiscated.

"If we determined that late at night was the best time to catch someone in his or her room," the dean asserted we would not hesitate to search the room at that time.

"Some items are dispensable. Alcohol is a consumable item and, in that case, we would not wait to search the room."

"Many times in dealing with a person suspected of having drugs, we would try to wait and be cautious until the occupant is in the room, because he might be carrying all the contraband with him."

"Usually during a room search, we try not to get the local authorities involved," he emphasized, "We try to handle it ourselves."

There is a difference between public and private colleges, and the procedures they follow. There is a difference in the rights of a person at public and private institutions.

A security officer for a state college is governed by the policies local police are

governed by, and all laws of the state apply and must be followed during a search.

At a private institution, a student has a right to know why his room is being searched, what was taken during a search, and any rights he or she normally would have, according to Winslow.

For instance, violations of a drug policy at a public college would be turned over to civil authorities, while more times than not, information from a private institution will not be turned over to a law enforcement agency, since the private institution would have to comply with local and state laws.

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250 to 300 Selections Offered Students

Cafeteria Better Than Many Believe; Many Innovations Seen for Future

Gripping about the food is a time-honored custom among students at most any institution. Chowan is no exception. To find out what really goes on in the management of Thomas Cafeteria, Smoke Signals sent reporter Linda Cherry to find out. Her impressions follow.

By LINDA CHERRY

Many students don't know all the changes Ron Thompson has made to our cafeteria. After a talk with him I realized how much better the cafeteria is than I thought.

Before he came to the campus as director of food services the system was much different. A student was only allowed one serving of the main course, one glass of milk, two vegetables, one light dessert (such as fruit), one heavy dessert, and one salad.

There was no salad bar. The drink bar also was not there, just an old

fashioned soda fountain in the dining room.

Thompson divided the cafeteria into two sections; a salad bar was set up for unlimited salads; a drink bar was put in with 21 different beverages for unlimited drinks. As of this year, unlimited seconds is offered for the first time. Now students get smaller portions initially but may go back for another helping as many times as they like.

Many items were added to the menu. At present the cafeteria menu consists of 250 to 300 different selections that run on a three week cycle. It includes different main courses, soups, breads, salads, desserts and cereals.

Thompson has plans for the future which will come in time. He's going to have a soup warmer out in the dining room for unlimited soup. Meat and cheese will be displayed for salads at

least twice a week. Sandwiches will be added as a third item at dinner.

There will also be a few more steak nights, he said. Another ice cream smorgasboard is planned for sometime in the future. Different breads will be added for a change of taste. Salad plates will be offered more after spring break.

There will be a few more holiday buffets and when the warm weather comes he would like to have some cookouts.

Thompson as well as the assistant director, Larry Lassiter would like to please all the student body with the food, while meeting their operating budget. They are willing to listen to any complaints or suggestions.

Thompson says his office is open to anyone who would like to discuss such problems. If any dorm would like to meet with them, they would be glad to do so.