

## Campus Events November

Nov. 2nd. — Executive Cabinet meeting 6 pm.  
Legislative Council meeting 7 pm. (both held at Lakeside Student Center Conf. Rm.)  
Play rehearsal Columns (all day)

Nov. 3rd. — Play rehearsal Columns 3 pm until.

Nov. 4th. — Play rehearsal Columns 3 pm until.

Nov. 6th. — SGA Movie "Star Trek IV" Turner Aud. 8 pm.

Nov. 7th. — Marks Hall Aud. RA's meet for non-credit course

Nov. 9th. — Columns-Play rehearsal (all day).

Nov. 10th. — Columns-Play rehearsal (3 pm until).

Nov. 11th. — Marks Hall Auditorium 6 pm to 10 pm  
NCAOA Basketball Clinic (Sexton).  
Columns-Play (all day).

Nov. 12th. — Columns-Play (5 pm until).

Nov. 13th. — Columns-Play (5 pm until).  
RA's meet for non-credit course Marks Hall Auditorium.

Nov. 14th. — Football Home game 1:30 pm "Hall of Fame" Chowan vs Potomac State.  
Columns-Play (5 pm until).

Nov. 16th. — Advisor/Advisee Day.  
Executive Cabinet Meeting 6 pm.  
Legislative Council Meeting 7 pm.  
Both meetings held at Lakeside Student Center.

Nov. 18th. — Individual Meeting with Advisors.

Nov. 20th. — Fall Piano Festival (Roanoke-Chowan Area) 8 am to 5 pm Daniel Hall.

Nov. 22nd. — Honors Piano Recital—Daniel Recital Hall. 2 pm to 5 pm.

Nov. 23rd. — Thanksgiving Service Turner Auditorium

Nov. 24th. — Thanksgiving holidays begin at conclusion of classes. YEAH!!!!

Nov. 30th. — Classes resume at 8 am. Booooo!!!!

## Home Games

Nov. 6th. — Region X Volleyball Tournament.

Nov. 7th. — Homecoming Game 2 pm Chowan vs Montgomery.

Nov. 14th. — Hall of Fame Football Game 1:30 pm Chowan vs Potomac State.

Chowan events in the month of December.

Dec. 1st. — Campus Christmas Tree lighting 5 pm.

Dec. 2nd. — Community Concert (Frank Faucette) Turner Auditorium 2 pm until.

Dec. 3rd. — SGA Movie "King Kong Lives" Turner Auditorium 8 pm.

Dec. 4th. — SGA Movie "King Kong Lives" Turner Auditorium 8 pm.

# Constitution tree given the axe

By Warren A. Breniman

On September 17, 1987 a 15 foot willow oak was planted outside the Columns building to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

On the night of Wednesday, October 14, person or persons unknown vandalized and did irreparable damage to the helpless tree.

The tree had been planted as a symbol of the Constitution for which many American patriots died. The Constitution is the document that gave us our personal rights as Americans. It stated that all men were created equal, it gave us the freedom of religion, the right to bear arms, the right to vote, freedom of the press, and the freedom of speech just to name a few. The Constitution said that we as Americans can create our own destiny, that we can be the rulers of our own lives, that we could be free. The ideals of our country were based on the Constitution.

On September 17, 1987, a small willow oak was planted on campus to celebrate the Constitution's 200th anniversary. Thirty people helped in the planting of the tree. Members of the student body, faculty, distinguished members of the community, and two Boy Scouts willingly gave their time and effort to this joyous occasion. Speeches were prepared, plans were made, the tree was bought, and then after all this work a celebration took place that even the foul weather could not stop. After the end of the ceremony, a sense of pride was felt by all who participated and were present. These people knew that

the ideas that were brought forth 200 years earlier still meant something, something important.

For the following few weeks students joked about urinating on the tree, defecating on it, vomiting on it, and also chopping it down. The jokes were all harmless and a good release of frustration as well as being funny. While these jokes were going on, Mr. Nicholson, the father of one of the Boy Scouts and the Registrar for Chowan, took the time out of his busy schedule to water the tree daily. It was not a task he was asked to do, but rather a task he took on because of the pride he felt for himself, his son, and the others involved in the ceremony. It was an act of kindness and caring. It was an honorable thing to do. He felt that the tree was a symbol of a combined effort on campus and brought about a feeling of campus pride.

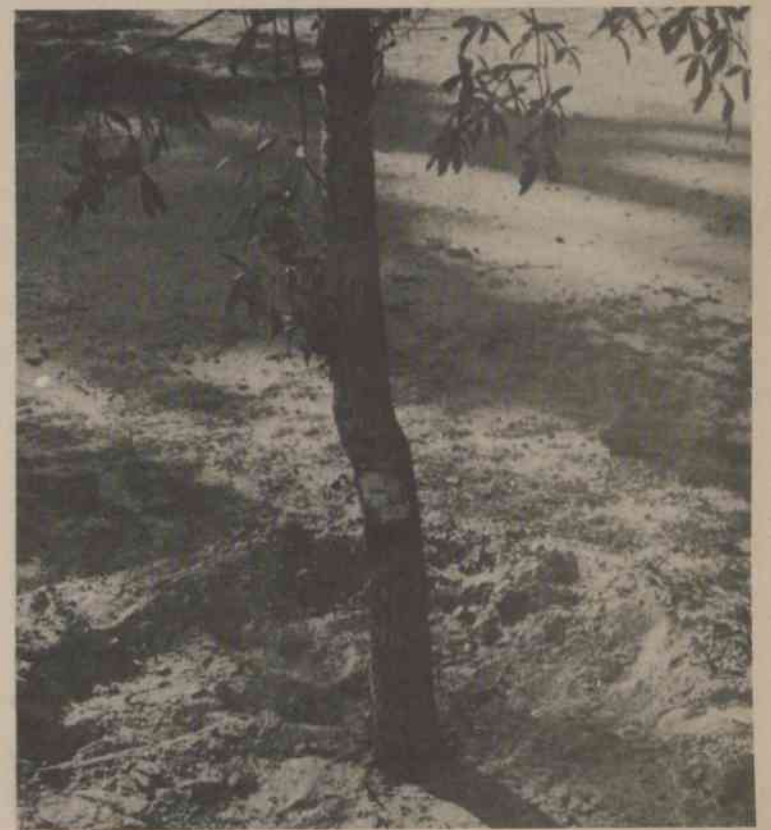
The idea for planting the Constitution tree had been Dean Lewis'. It was one of the few ideas that had been backed by all sectors of the college community. A special tree had to be found that could withstand a fall planting. A couple of men then had to drive back and forth to Raleigh to get the tree. A marble marker was then made to permanently record the day in time. A lot of work was put into the Constitution Tree Planting Ceremony.

Then came the fateful evening of October 14. Person or persons unknown had taken a sharp instrument such as an axe or a machete and chopped a large piece out of the tree and then pulled the tree down splitting the tree from the base to the area which was chopped out. This caused irreparable

damage to the tree which is still dying as you read this article.

A \$500.00 reward is being offered for information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the damage done to the tree. This will not bring the tree back to life, nor will it help repair the hurt feelings of the people involved in the ceremony. What it will do though is make someone all that much richer and place the blame of the individuals responsible. This is wished by all who took part in the ceremony and also by those who did not.

One thing not known by the party responsible is how many people the cutting down of the tree actually hurt. It hurt the people involved in the planning of the ceremony. It hurt everyone involved in the ceremony. It hurt the girls in Columns who fought for a spot in front of the window. It hurt the students and faculty and any other people attending the planting. It hurt the feeling of pride built by a simple tree. It hurt the self image that the community and the administration had for the students. It hurt the current students who may come back to Chowan with their children long after they graduate. The kids may hear, "we planted a tree here when I first came to college, but someone cut it down." It sounds like a real happy memory doesn't it? The tree was a symbol of hope for the future. It was a symbol of care and support in the college community. It was a sign of personal growth. For me it was a sign of peace. Now our symbol is either dead or dying. Our hearts are heavy and our pride damaged. For some people the tree



meant nothing, for others it meant a lot.

The administration thinks why the tree was cut down was because a person was disappointed by their grades, because of a policy infraction which they had been caught at, or most likely brought on in a sclerotic rage (drunken state). Whichever reason, the action was not needed.

The tree will be replaced by a new one at the expense of the students and the school. It can not regain the pride that the Constitution tree once held. It will still act as the symbol for the document which gave us our personal freedom. Hopefully the new tree will grow tall and strong and not be vandalized again!

## Health up-date

### President Whitaker making a steady recovery

By Warren A. Breniman

Following up on President Whitaker's throat problem, it was found out that he is still having problems. Because of professional meetings he had to attend and talk soon after his surgery, his throat problem stayed in the same condition. It is still sore and he is slowly regaining his ability to talk.

His throat is swollen and the Doctor said that he must try to talk as little as possible for the time being. President Whitaker found out that as he tried to make it easier on his throat by whispering things only got worse. He is now in

the process of trying to be sure and talk in his normal voice and not do any more damage to his throat.

The hardest thing for President Whitaker is not being able to talk to the students at his own free will. He does not want the students around campus to think he is avoiding them, rather he is trying to stay away from them so that he is not as tempted to talk and prolong his ailment. President Whitaker still holds his same office hours and hopes to be well enough to speak with students more frequently towards the end of the semester. With his health willing, he will take his honored space and address the students during Winter Convocation.

# The hurt brave

By Sarah Davis

The Chowan Brave wakes one cold, dark morning, and his mood matches the weather. He realizes that the school year and the calendar year are slipping by; leaves are falling; the temperature is steadily dropping; and both light and the temperature rise more slowly each day. With a "bleak November in his soul" he begins his trek across Squirrel Park to Thomas Cafeteria. On the way he slips on fallen leaves, drops steadily onto the ground, and discovers that he can rise only very slowly. Helped to the infirmary, he is told the worst about his ankle and placed on crutches.

Oh, despair! "November in the soul" is rapidly becoming "bleak mid-winter." If there weren't enough problems, the Chowan Brave has a paper to write for American Literature 203. His primary sources are on the second floor or mezzanine of the library, and his secondary sources are

in the basement. He will have to manipulate 81 steps on crutches! It looks as if the due date for the paper will slip by; the course grade will fall, and the grade point average will drop steadily and rise only very slowly.

Whitaker Library has a lift (an elevator for the American Literature 203 student) that he can use. All he need do is appear at the Circulation Desk and ask the librarian on duty for permission and assistance in using the elevator. He need not climb 81 steps on crutches after all. (He should be aware that some other buildings on campus also have elevators.)

It may be autumn or even mid-winter, but the Chowan Brave knows that "what goes 'round comes 'round." The school and calendar years will begin again; leaves that fall in autumn return as buds in spring; and the time comes when rather than steadily dropping, the temperature and light swiftly rise. "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

# Goodbye Mike Farmer

It is my understanding that the next edition of the *Smoke Signals* will not come out until November 6, 1987. By then, I will have left Chowan College and gone on the other employment in Greenville.

Since coming to Chowan College in July 1986, I have had the privilege of meeting many different people. Some in a friendly way, some not. I've come to know several members of the Faculty/Staff and hold a high degree of respect for them. Some of them stand out more than others, and I'd like to take a moment to say something to them.

One who stands out the most and one I've probably talked to more than anyone else is Dean Lewis. He's come out many times at night when needed and never failed to help me with problems that have arisen. I've gone to his office sometimes to hold friendly conversations, sometimes not so friendly, but we always came out with an answer to the problem. Dean Lewis, I've come to admire and respect you. You have made a Big Impact on my life. I thank you.

Dean Dilday, you've had to put up with a lot of problems I've sent to you. How you handle them and the other

things you do, I'll never know. Best of luck to you. Keep up the good work.

Mr. Jack Hassell, you pulled a rabbit out of the hat this past summer. How all the things you set out to do were completed is unbelievable. How do you keep things running? What ever you are doing, keep it up.

I'd also like to say thank you to Glynda Cooke, Mark Krauthelm, Tyrone Johnson, Scott Cassell, Elizabeth Stark, Mrs. Tripp, Mrs. Stanfield, Miss Linda Hassell, Mr. Sutton, Jack Moore and several others. To all of you, thank you, and a special thank you to William "Bubba" Newsome, Shirley Outlaw, and Jack Britt.

I would also like to say something to the students. I've come to know many of you. Last year I saw several graduate and move on. This year, some of last year's best returned. I hope I can come back and see you cross that stage also.

For those of you who came here this year, for the first time, give things a chance. Hang in there. You can do it. To those of you that I wrote up, it wasn't easy, it never is, but remember, I had a job to do. To those of you I carried back and forth to church on Sunday, take care, we enjoyed your

company, especially the three regulars: Elaine Fala, Kathy Del Gais, and Vanessa Martinez.

I enjoyed the times each and everytime you stopped by the office, even if it was only to say "Hi." I treasure the times you stopped and confided in me, the friendly conversations, and even when you came in slightly intoxicated and called me some things that you shouldn't have. I still hold a great deal of respect for you.

To all the RA's your job is most difficult, but you can do it, all of you. Some of you I've worked with one on one: Bill Garvey, Bill Noyes, Jeffery Thompson, Matthew Smith, Bryan Bailey, Hulan Williams, Cheryl Graham, Andrea Coom, Angela Whitley, Terry Ambrose, Tammy Brunner, Penny Corey, Tanya Shearin, Catrina Glass, Glenda Jones and Tony Clark. I thank all of you.

To all of the students here at Chowan College and the Faculty/Staff, I say to you, God Bless each and everyone of you. Best of luck to you in the future and much continued success. I will always remember Chowan College.

Michael L. Farmer  
"Mike"

# Devil's Disciple gets under way

In the year of the Constitution, The Chowan Players have chosen a play taking place in the year between the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. George Bernard's humorous melodrama *The Devil's Disciple* will be performed in the Columns Auditorium November 11-14, 1987 at 8 pm. A matinee is also scheduled for Nov. 12 at 1:00 pm.

The play is set against the strict Puritan ethics of the eighteenth century. Dick Dudgeon, who calls himself "The Devil's Disciple," has been brought up in a household where the Puritan religion has become an excuse for his mother's strict and cruel treatment of others. Dick stands for practical, healthy goodness. He is a person who does a good deed when it needs doing. He appears to be against his mother and the church, but his behavior is quickly shown to be his honest protest against the sham and

hypocrisy displayed by his mother. When Dick is put to the test, he proves to be capable of great self sacrifice and loyalty.

The cast is made up primarily of Chowan students and faculty. The title role of Dick Dudgeon is played by Fabian Rathbone. Dick's family disapproves of the way he lives. He has too much fun and is too warm hearted for their cold Puritan standards. The female lead of Judith Anderson is played by Jennifer Groter. Judith is very much attracted to Dick, but she must exercise restraint for she is married to the minister Rev. Anderson, played by Lenzy Vibbert. Other characters of note are Richard's brother Christy, played by Chris Glasby and his mother played by Dr. Joyce Elliot. His niece is played by Lisa Kirby. Chaplin Taylor will once again play the military man in the role of General Burgoyne. Mr. Harden will portray Major Swindon. Other cast

members include Jac Copeland, Ken McKee, Jerry Wiesman, Theresa Burdi, Jeff Schrey and Bill Noyes.

The production is under the direction of Mrs. Boyce. She is assisted by Michele Turner. Stage Manager is Laura Ryals. Dozens of others will fill the many backstage positions required by this production.

This play expresses the fundamental philosophy that there is something good in the nature of every man which, when put to the test, responds to the highest demand made upon it. This melodrama by Shaw has many of the old fashion stage devices: a hero in disguise; a married woman so attracted to him that his departure leaves her in a swoon; finale in the courtroom.

Tickets for Chowan College students are FREE. A ticket may be obtained by presentation of a valid I.D. card in the Fine Arts Office in Daniel Hall during the week of the performance (Nov. 9-14) between 9-12 and 2-5 weekdays.