**VOLUME 16** 

Number 4

# Smoke Signals

March 18, 1988

## THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF CHOWAN COLLEGE

#### **Campus** Events March

March 21st. - Columns-Play (All Day)

March 22nd. - Columns-Play (3 pm. until)

March 23rd. - Columns-Play (All Day)

March 24th. - Columns-Play (5 pm. until)

March 25th. - Columns-Play (All Day)

March 26th. - Columns-Play (5 pm. until)

April 1st. - GOOD FRIDAY! 3 pm. to 6 pm.) Easter Holidays begin at conclusion of classes. Easter Service-Turner

April 3rd. - Easter Sunday

April 11th. - Classes Resume at 8 A M Advisor/Advisee Day

April 13th. - Individual Conferences

April 20th. - Stage Band **Festival** 

April 21st. - Community Concert-Frank Faucette(Turner Aud.-2 pm. until)

April 23rd. - Spring Festival-Preview Day(Admissions-MHA 8 am. to 12 noon)

#### SPECIAL DATES

March 21st. - 26th. - Spring Play Production

April 4th. - 22nd. - High School Art Competition(Green Hall-Visual Arts Building)

April 11th. - 15th. - Returning Students Meet With Advisors To **Plan Fall Schedule** 

April 18th. - 22nd - Pre-Registration For Returning Students



## Fire destroys men's dorm

#### **By Warren Breniman**

Saturday afternnon, February 20. Through the misty haze of the sprinkles of rain an amber odor of smoke drifted across the campus of Chowan College. If it had been summer it might have reminded you of a backvard barb-que, but sadly this was not the case.

On Friday morning at approximatly 12:30 am a fire had broken out in Mixon Hall. The fire gutted the lobby area and damaged rooms above and next to the lobby. An extreme amount of smoke damaged walls and rooms throughout the building. As flames were pouring out the windows and the thick smoke rolled down the long hallways, some residents were pounding on doors in the dorm trying to get residents out.

Wilbert Eugene Dahlem, Jr. was one of the students who helped get students out. He was rewarded by his efforts with a helicopter ride to Duke University Medical Center for smoke inhalation.

James Patrick Lawson, a resident of Mixon Hall, was also flown to Duke University Medical Center. Jim suffered from burns to 10 percent of his body and severe smoke inhalation. He was held in the intensive care unit for

10 days until he was released on Saturday, February 19. Dahlem was released from Duke at 6:00 pm on Friday February 19th.

Six other students who were released after treatment at the Roanoke Chowan Hospital were; William Mingo, Orin Rathers, Charles Haislip, John Plageman, James Roberts, and Fumihiro Arai.

Three students have been arrested in connection with the fire. Michael William Pinkney, Micheal Anthony Bijou, and Kevin Laray Gambrell were charged and arrested Saturday, February 20. Due to the nature and seriousness of the charges against these students and the investigation employed by the SBI - Arson Investigation, Dean Lewis and Dean Dilday, after consultation with legal counsel requested permission from Dr. Whitaker to delay whatever disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the college until the cases involving those arrested are disposed in the courts.

A major problem in alerting the students inside was the lack of working fire alarms. The alarm was pulled in West Hall to help alert the students. The school is beginning to realize the serious potential of this problem by getting ready to install a new fire alarm system in Parker Hall. This effort is just a start to fixing many necessary items for



campus safety. It is a shame these efforts did not arise sooner. Chowan established a fund from which the residents of Mixon Hall could receive \$50.00 for laundry costs. Mr. Sutton, Mr. Hassell, and Dean Lewis met with the residents of Mixon to explain about Chowan's coverage of medical bills and counseling if needed, although the college did not carry insurance on the personal belongings of students. Fire departments from Murfreesboro, Woodland, Como, Ahoskie, St. Johns, and Winton responded to the fire. Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker praised the six fire departments and Murfreesboro police and county Sherrif's office, who answered the call for their "outstanding efforts" to fight the fire and assist the students

## Spring; season of renewal

### **By Richard Perry**

Springtime has at least arrived now that spring break is a thing of the past and Easter vacation only a few weeks away

Spring always evokes feelings of happiness and contentment in me. After all, it is the season of rebirth and renewal

Now is the time of year that makes students want to spend time outdoors, while professors want students to read, write and do more mathematics. The great outdoors seems much more enticing than a claustrophobia inducing classroom. However the prettier and warmer the weather is, the more homework you will have. At least it seems that way. If you feel it is nice enough outside to wash your car, watch

## Perfect bodies

## **By Richard Perry**

The perfect athletic body, is there such a thing? Many think so, but it's all a matter of opinion. The macho image seems to be

the "in" thing as evidenced by the Sylvester Stallone and the Hulk Hogan craze.

## Spring break



students took trips to faraway places. "I'm going to California to spend time with my cousins," said Julie Howard. "I will probably just go home and visit relatives and friends and relax said, Jill Simpson. "But if spring break was longer I would love to go to Hawaii to have some fun in the sun", said Jill.

"I am going to Atlantic Beach, get drunk as a fish and chase women", said E.B.

BASEBALL

March 18th Mitchell C. March 19th. Morris County C.C.

March 23rd. - Lenoir C.C.



SOFTBALL

March 22nd. - Norfolk State

March 28th. - Elizabeth City State

16th. - Spartanburg April Methodist

April 18th. - Christopher Newport

April 19th. - Louisburg

April 23rd. - North Greenville

colorful and pleasant visage. The warmth of the sun seems to cheer up even the bluest student in the middle of sophomore slump.

Yes, spring is a season full of term papers, budding flowers, brand new suntans, spring cleaning, beach trips, projects of all descriptions for at least half of your classes and rain.

**EXAM** 

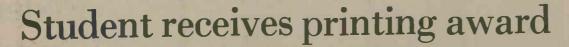
out. Raintall follows within 24 hours. It not, hail will pound dents in your hood. If you are really lucky, the alley cats beside the Pizza Place will put their paw prints all over your windshield.

This time of year is filled with so many things to do and often you hear someone moan because they have so much to accomplish.

Today's society is built around perfection it seems, the body included. Many men and women take steps to achieve this perfect image through such methods as weightlifting and body building.

Weightlifting has long been used by athletes as well as non-athletes as a conditioning and body tune-up measure. It is also a part of physical education curriculum at Chowan. Body building, though not as popular as weightlifting, is practiced by some students.

But the quest for the "perfect image", methods other than weight lifting and body building can be used. Regular exercise and physical sports combined with a balanced diet and adequate rest are just as effective.



Enclosed

Schedule

"I am definitely pleased with the program." -Dwayne Bridges

Chowan College freshman Dwayne Anthony Bridges recently returned to his hometown in Stafford, Va. to receive a plaque from the Stafford County School Board for winning the state printing competition sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy David Bridges, swept high school, district and state printing honors as a senior at North Stafford High School. He placed in the top 10 in the national competition in Wichita, Kansas against over 50 other students. In the state contest, he won over 11 other district champions. The plaque was presented by his high school president and the chairman of the school board.

Bridges said the competition was "very comprehensive." For the press work, students ran several color jobs. Other areas of competition included cleaning the press, layout of a memo pad or flyer, stripping, folding, and plate burning. In addition, the state contest included a written test covering all areas of printing.

Bridges is immersed in printing. In addition to his studies five days a week at Chowan, he returns to Stafford on weekends to work as a pressman in a print shop. He has two years' experience at the local business. After completing his studies in printing technology at Chowan, he plans to transfer into the printing management program at West Virginia Tech to prepare for a career in printing in the management field.

Commenting on Chowan's Graphic Communication program, Bridges said he was "definitely pleased with the equipment and instruction. I knew the basics when I came to Chowan, but they have helped me to add the finer touches. They do a great job."

He had high praise for his fall and spring semester printing professors.



### **By Richard Perry**

To a prisoner, parole is a time longed for with eager anticipation. And for a student, that special time is spring. "Spring that magical season arrives in students minds along with term papers and finals in mid-May.

Spring break activities of Chowanians were widely varied. Many

while most students went non visit relatives and friends many fantasized about where their perfect and ultimate break would be. "My perfect place to visit during break would be the French Riveria to layout with all the naked women", said Ron.

"I would go where all the orange trees and girls are in Florida, said Freshman Brad White.

The relaxation that spring break brings soothes the soul and calms the mind. It also gave students a chance to rest their brains and heal the ulcer that developed from worrying about homework and test grades.



If you are a resident of Hertford County and want to register to vote, Please contact D.H. Nicholson, Registrar, Chowan College, to complete the non-partisan, non-painful, one-stop process. Be able to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming elections!