

Homecoming Highlights

Homecoming 1992, held in conjunction with Parents Weekend in November, was full of festivity, despite a cold, windy day. Friends and family came from near and far to celebrate at Chowan.

Several classes had reunions including the class of 1982, holding their 10th; the class of 1967, holding their 25th and the class of 1942, holding their 50th. The Chowan Society breakfast honored alumni from 1912 to 1952. Becky Vanderslice, class of 1967, didn't let illness or distance stop her from coming. She traveled 300 miles (from Delaware) with her husband Warren.

During the annual business meeting the 1992 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, Carlyle R. Wimbish, 1958, and Richard L. Thompson, 1961, were recognized.

Even though the Braves lost against North Greenville, half-time was certainly a bright spot. Anita Gaskins, a sophomore from New Bern was announced Homecoming Queen. Anabela Adams, a freshman from Portugal was named Princess. Anita was escorted by her father, Billy Gaskins and Anabela by Mark Stinson of Wilmington.

Following the game, a pig-picking was held in the Braves Den and entertainment included Kenney Buffalo's karate demonstration, the Cornfield Cloggers from Eure and 1992 graduate David Glenn in a mini-concert.

Special activities for parents included a reception with Dr. Jackson in the gazebo, a meeting in Turner Auditorium and open-house in residence halls.



(Top) Surprise! Anita Gaskins, escorted by her father, Billy Gaskins, was announced Homecoming Queen during halftime.

(Top right) Anabela Adams (center) was named homecoming princess. She was escorted by Mark Stinson (left). President Jerry Jackson crowned Anita queen. Amador Padilla helped present homecoming awards.

(Right) 1992 Homecoming Queen with her escort and father.

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Four Inducted into Chowan Sports Hall of Fame

Four men were recently inducted into the Chowan College Sports Hall of Fame. David Green of Erie, Pa., Jody Schultz of Chester, Md., Richard Murray of Ahoskie and William Whitley of Murfreesboro were honored at the eighth annual induction ceremonies November 7.

David Green, who played football at Chowan, was inducted by Brock Ridge, principal of Richlands High School. Things Ridge remembers about Green were his hard work and competitiveness. "He never lost sight of the importance of an education and he values the importance of his family," he said.

Green said he learned to channel his hardheadedness and stubbornness into determination at Chowan. He transferred from Chowan to Edinboro State College and went on to a professional football career in both the Canadian Football League, playing for the Montreal Alouettes and Hamilton Tiger Cats and the National Football League, playing for the Cleveland Browns. "You've got to be determined in whatever line of work you perform in this world of ours today and if you set your goals and achieve them, remember that it was done through your determination and the will of God."

Jody Schultz played football at Chowan as well. Coach Garrison inducted his former athlete, who was a 1979 National Junior College Athletic Association First Team All-American defensive end for the Braves.

Schultz recalled how he was a troublemaker and the time he tried to leave Chowan because of disillusionment. At the Murfreesboro bus stop with his bags packed, he waited for two hours. When the bus finally came, it didn't even stop.

"Maybe that was the way it was meant to be," said Schultz, "because I went back to my room, unpacked my bags and went on to learn a lot about football and even more about life from Coach Garrison."

After Chowan, Schultz played for East Carolina University, where he was named the Pirates' defensive MVP two consecutive seasons, Male Athlete of the

Year during his senior season and an Honorable Mention selection to the Associated Press All-American Team.

Schultz was then drafted in the second round of the NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles and was their starting outside linebacker until injuries forced his retirement in 1988.

Eley Newsome, associate superintendent for Hertford County Public Schools inducted Richard Murray, a three-sports star-athlete while at Chowan. "I know of no other person which has meant more to the young people of Hertford County than Richard Murray," said Newsome.

Murray excelled in basketball, track, and baseball for the Braves from 1956-58. From Chowan, he went to Atlantic Christian College. He returned to the area to serve in Hertford County schools for 31 years until his retirement last summer. "Teaching and coaching has been my life and that life has been made possible because of Chowan College," Murray said.

William Whitley, the Braves Club's first president was inducted by J.M. "Piggy" Jenkins, also an inductee of Chowan College Sports Hall of Fame. He was one of the driving forces in establishing Chowan's Sports Hall of Fame.

Retired from the U.S. Postal Office, he served the community of Murfreesboro for 35 years.

Each inductee received a Hall of Fame ring, donated by the Braves Club, Herman Henderson of Henderson Child Care, Gene King of King Athletic Supply and Georgia Pacific.

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1992 Hall of Famers were introduced before the Homecoming football game. Top: Green, escorted by Shipara Jones; Left: Whitley, escorted by Leigh Ann Heimbach; Right: Murray, escorted by Tara Price; Bottom: Schultz, escorted by Amy Langston.