



**MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA** — Among many people helping make Chowan College's drama program a popular success is the Rev. Nathaniel (Bud) Hynson, local Episcopal minister who is seen singing the starring role in the Chowan Players' staging of "South Pacific." He is one of many people throughout the area contributing abilities, talents and much time and dedication to programs of dramatic impact at Chowan. Many musicians in orchestras for Chowan Players' musicals travel daily to rehearsals from homes located throughout northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

## Warrenton Co-Ed Receives Chowan Version Of Oscar

WARRENTON — A success story, starting with her mother's guidance as a mere toddler and nurtured by Warrenton Baptist Church's choir, reached its climax when Gayle Harmon received Chowan College's version of Hollywood's "Oscar."

Special ceremonies in Chowan's football stadium, attended by the college's 1,302 students, along with the faculty, administration and many other friends, set the scene for Gayle to receive the college's "Outstanding Dramatist" award.

She had just returned from touring northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia, taking Children's Theatre productions to more than 4,000 public school children, sang starring roles in "Showboat" and other Broadway-type musicals, starred in every Chowan Players' staging since becoming a Chowan student and — as the reigning Miss Warren County — competed this summer for the Miss North

Carolina title.

A stately auburn-haired beauty, standing five feet and eight inches tall in her stocking feet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Harmon of 636 South Main St., Warrenton, has been on stage constantly since she was 11 years old. A large room at home is the rehearsal hall where her mother carefully developed Gayle's talent.

"When I'm making people happy," says the musical comedy star whose only formal musical training came in her church choir, "it makes me feel good.

"What I've learned with the Chowan Players has added much to my personality and life," she explains. "I learn more every day and hope to teach others, getting them as deeply involved and enthusiastic as I am.

"Cloaking truth in characters people can see performing," says Gayle, believing actress and entertainer roles teach moral and spiritual values, "makes it more real and meaningful."



**"OSCAR" WINNER** — Gayle Harmon, sophomore from Warrenton who is among the most talented actresses, singers and choreographers ever to perform for the Chowan Players, is seen on campus where she was awarded Chowan College's version of Hollywood's "Oscar."



**BEAUTY, MEANING** — Graduation ceremonies gain added beauty and significance

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