

## Personality Rating Sheet Is Important

By D. H. NICHOLSON, Registrar  
Along with the transcript and the personal interview, the "confidential inter-college request" or personality rating sheet has become one of the admissions officer's important tools for measuring the transfer student's potential for success at the four year school. In fact, the confidential request or rating sheet is becoming increasingly important when one considers that the number of those transfer students who apply for admission to the senior colleges or universities far exceeds the number actually accepted. When one understands that perhaps a few thousand applications may come across the desk of an admissions officer at a reputable four-year school and that the admissions officer generally has a short time to make a decision concerning only a few hundred openings in the junior class at his institution, then one can begin to realize that the confidential request or personality rating sheet is sometimes the only practical way to determine the transfer student's "Social aptitude" when everything else has been weighed. The confidential reference from the transferer's own college can become one of the most important factors which will lead to his admission or rejection.

For purposes of definition, we might say that a confidential inter-college request or confidential personality rating sheet somewhat self-explanatory: it is, at most institutions of higher education, a standardized form that presents a series of questions which range from those purely academic to those purely social and or personal. This form is sometimes sent by the college or university directly to the college official designated to complete it, but in a majority of instances the form is included in the transfer student's application packet and therefore, his responsibility to get it to the designated reference. When the student is given the form by the college or university to which he is planning to transfer, he will be instructed to take it directly to the designated official, and that will be the last that he will see of it. At that point the official will answer the questions and mail it back directly to the admissions officer of the college or university under consideration. Here at Chowan College, the Dean of Students, the Associate Dean of Students, or the Registrar is generally designated to complete the form.

The questions found on the standardized forms of the various colleges and universities direct themselves to the general areas already mentioned, but the questions themselves, of course, will vary greatly from school to school. Contrary to popular

### LIBERTY AT LAST

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Navy Lt. Mark Gartley says he will spend his first 90 days of liberty since 1968 mulling over a civilian career and visiting families of servicemen he knew in North Vietnam prison camps.

Gartley, released from Jacksonville Naval Hospital Wednesday after 10 days of medical tests and military intelligence debriefings, headed "further up the East Coast."

## 'The Dare To Be' Premier Held

By Mary Vann  
Wednesday, October 11, 1972 will certainly be a memorable occasion in the minds of all those who attended the premier of Chowan's latest official college film "The Dare To Be". The ground work for the film was begun in July of 1971 when President Whitaker appointed a committee which was given the task of either revising the current film of the college, "Born To Serve" or planning an entirely new one. This action was taken at the suggestion of Mr. Jimmy Morriss of the Department of Communications of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina who suggested "Born To Serve" was in need of revision.

The committee which began to function during the fall of 1971-72 was composed of Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., Chairman, Dr. Hargus Taylor, Dean Clayton Lewis, Mr. E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., Mr. Phil Royce, Mr. Herman Gatewood, Mrs. Daisy Lou Mixon, Mr. Steve Brannon, and Mr. Clifton Collins. It was the committee's decision that an entirely new film was needed. After several meetings the committee submitted a comprehensive report to Mr. Morriss containing suggestions for materials to be included in the film, and the preparation of the

belief, the affiliation of the college or university, i.e. whether it is a private or public college or university, bears little relationship to the type of questions asked. For instance, Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University have rating forms with headings labeled with certain personality traits, and under each trait, are five and six classifications respectively. As an example, Appalachian State questions five personality traits: Leadership, Cooperation, Self-Confidence, Social Acceptability, and Emotional Stability. Under each of the preceding traits are five classifications, each classification being an approximation of the individual's possession of the trait.

East Tennessee State University probably has one of the more complete forms in terms of coverage. The two page form employs both a yes and no rating scale as well as a series of questions which require fairly complete evaluative statements from the Dean of Students or Registrar. The College of William Mary has a complete form when one considers it. It asks for a fairly thorough rating of designated personality traits as well as evaluative statements from the reference. For instance, William and Mary asks for statements about the following: Special Abilities, Appearance and Department, Physical or Emotional Disabilities, Academic and Social Adjustment, et cetera. Along with the preceding which requires statements, the form also has a rating scale in which the admissions officer asks the reference, by marking plus or minus under the headings of Superior, Good, Average, Below Average, or Do not Know, the following qualities: Intellectual Interest, Industry, Reliability, Leadership, Maturity, Emotional Stability, Personal Appearance, and Social Adaptability. The form then ends with a desire for some General Comments and Recommendations. Indeed, the form used by William and Mary is complete and leaves little unanswered concerning the personality and academic ability of the prospective transfer student. Wake Forest University, Campbell College, and Atlantic College use forms much simpler than those mentioned above. An example could be Atlantic Christian's which employs a short check-off system.

The academic and social records here at Chowan College become most important to the admissions officer of a four year school. The records will serve as strong tools in the prediction which the admissions officer must make concerning the prospective transfer student's potential for success.

Presumably, a prospective transfer student has been tested by fire and found wanting or else been tempered, and, unless there is evidence to the contrary, we act accordingly in our attempts to aid the student in his efforts to transfer and further his education at the four-year school.

In the next issue of the SMOKE SIGNALS, we will want to look at some policies in the Registrar's Office concerning the release of any information from the student's records.

script was left to Mr. Morriss and his associates. The script was written, and after being reviewed and revised by the committee was approved. Mr. Morriss interviewed and auditioned Chowan students for various roles in the film and the actual filming began late in the spring semester and was concluded just prior to graduation in May, 1972.

The leading roles were played by Linda Carawan and Joe Forbes. Linda and Joe did a tremendous performance in portraying the characters of Doris and Chuck. Linda is no longer at Chowan, but Joe is still a member of the student body and is pursuing his education in drama. Other students with parts in the movie included: Marty Lynch, Bob Wrenn, Richard Jackson, Paul Hare, Carol Henderson, Ben Harrington, Mrs. Alice Vann, Steve Fisher, Robert Felton, Sterling Gatling, Hugh Clark, Julie Harrell, Pat Waguespack, Greg Lazon, Ben Lee, Mike Sternberg, Janet Eure, Susan Riggan, and Harry Jackson, Jr. President Whitaker and the faculty members who made appearances in the film did a good job also.

The title of the movie "The Dare To Be", chosen by the film committee expresses the significance of the film in the

## Largest Event In History

# Joyce Ward Crowned Queen Of Chowan's Big Homecoming



THE QUEEN IS CROWNED—Joyce Ward of Chase City, Va., is crowned Homecoming Queen for 1972 by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President. Miss Susan Hayes was selected as Freshman Princess during the halftime activities of the Harford-Chowan game.

## Professor Pruette Torn Between Teaching, Preaching As Profession

By Stephen Bowman  
Often times people are torn between choosing one of several vocations. Such a man is religion professor, Rowland S. Pruette, who first chose to follow in the

footsteps of his father as a lawyer, then changed his mind and turned toward religion. But even in the field of religion, he was and still is torn between preaching and teaching.

Mr. Pruette was born in 1921 at Wadesboro, N.C. His father, Rowland S. Pruette, was a lawyer, and his mother, Elizabeth Handcock, was a school teacher. He has two sisters and a brother. Mr. Pruette grew up in Wadesboro, where he graduated from the Wadesboro High School in 1939. Continuing his education, he went to Wake Forest College as a history-government major. At that time he was planning to be a lawyer.

From 1943 to 1945, during World War II, he was an infantryman in the Army. It was during this time, when he was exposed to the difficulties of war, he was convinced that religion was a necessary part of life.

After World War II he went to Duke University, where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1947 and in 1953 a Master of Arts degree in religion and political science.

His first job after graduation from college was as pastor of the Boonville Baptist Church, Boonville, N.C. He was pastor there for four years before becoming chaplain at Western Carolina University. He received some teaching experience during his stay at Western Carolina. He later moved to Murfreesboro where he was pastor of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church for twelve years. Mr. Pruette worked as a substitute teacher at Chowan before becoming a full time teacher four years ago.

His wife is Mary V. Pruette from Mount Olive, N.C. He and his wife have one son, David, 24, a student at Chowan and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Parker, a teacher in Greenville, N.C. Mr. Pruette and his wife enjoy

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## Susan Hayes Named Princess; Parade Features Ninety Entries

Chowan College celebrated homecoming Saturday, October 21, with its 125th anniversary the theme of the parade—the largest ever—and halftime football show.

An added attraction as Chowan focused the spotlight on its heritage was the presence of a riverboat at dock on the Meherrin River in Murfreesboro.

Founded in 1848 as a four-year women's college, many of Chowan's students arrived in Murfreesboro by riverboat, the chief form of transportation to the northeastern North Carolina community until the turn of the century.

A replica of one of these "paddlewheelers," The Copy Cat, was present courtesy of the owner, Joseph Goldstein of Washington, D. C.

The Copy Cat navigated the Meherrin River from Elizabeth City, Friday. The boat was view at the dock of the Smith-Douglass Warehouse or from the Meherrin River bridge on US 258, explained Dean Clayton Lewis, chairman of the parade planning committee.

The parade began at 10 a.m., included over 90 units sponsored by Chowan organizations and high schools, civic and community groups and individuals from North Carolina and Virginia. A record number of bands, 11, was on hand among the 14 marching units.

"We are receiving an outstanding reception from individuals and groups in the area of northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia," remarked Lewis, dean of students. "We had units from Richmond to Rocky Mount," he added.

The anniversary theme was carried out by the floats sponsored by Chowan's dormitories. Nixon Hall sponsored a float representing an Indian tribe, to signify the origin of the name Chowan. McDowell Columns' entry was a horse and buggy with the "Brown Lady" as driver. Lewis explained that according to legend "this mysterious lady appears each year from the after-life to urge Chowan coeds in McDowell Columns to be loyal to the school."

"Registration Day, 1848" was the theme of Jenkins Hall's float. The 11 girls who formed Chowan's first class were represented. James Moore, great-great-grandson of the founder of Chowan, Dr. Godwin Cotton Moore, acted as Dr. Archibald McDowell, first president of Chowan College.

Belk Hall offered a ship bringing Blackbeard's granddaughters, who actually attended Chowan. East Hall's float was an Indian tribe while Parker Hall converted a Volkswagen to a football. West Hall emphasized Chowan's building program.

On another float was Miss Vanessa Holder, International Sweetheart, sponsored by the Chowan's International Club. Students from six foreign countries were represented at Chowan.

Bands came from the North Carolina communities of Davidson County, Ahoskie, Murfreesboro, Elm City, Lexington, Enfield and Roanoke Rapids. Virginia bands included Franklin, Southampton, Kempville and Kellam of Virginia Beach.

Also marching were the Black Berets from John F. Kennedy High School in Richmond, Va. and two color guards, National

Guard in Ahoskie and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6060 in Elizabeth City.

The Shriners were represented by the Dunn (N. C.) Clowns and the Mini-Bike Patrol from Roanoke Rapids.

Other guests were the assistant chief of the Mattaponi Indian Tribe and his daughter, Debbie Custelaw, a Chowan coed, riding Indian ponies.

A dozen antique cars were in the parade, Lewis noted. Ten, including a 1936 Ford Pheaton, were driven by members of the Tidewater Region Antique Auto Club of America of Norfolk, Va.

Flags from most of the 25 states represented among the student body were displayed in the parade. One of the largest groups was some 100 Royal Ambassadors, boys ages 8-17, members of mission organizations in Baptist churches throughout eastern North Carolina, present for the football game as guests of Chowan. Other boys in the parade were a group of the Order of the Arrow, honor Boy Scout organization from Windsor.

The last units were the candidates for homecoming queen and princess. Riding in convertibles were the four sophomores competing for queen, Jody Litwinowicz of Chester, Va., Freda Smith of Rocky Mount, N.C., Carol Strawderman of Harrisonburg, Va., and Joyce Ward of Chase City, Va.

The freshman candidates for

princess were Joan Fuller of Hampton, Va. Susan Hayes of Doswell, Va., Kathy Turner of Suffolk, Va., and Karen Vinson of Richmond, Va. They rode a float sponsored by the Chowan Women and Wives Club.

The candidates for queen and princess were serenaded by the Chowan College Concert Choir at the Roberts Village Center.

Following the parade, a free jazz and rock concert was presented in McDowell Columns auditorium by "Doc" Dikeman and The Ambassadors of Falls Church, Va. The public was invited. The Royal Ambassadors met in Marks Hall auditorium for a welcome and orientation program on Chowan.

Also scheduled for homecoming was the Alumni Association luncheon at 11:45 in the President's Room of Thomas Cafeteria.

The football game at 2 p.m. sent Chowan against Harford of Bel Aire, Md. The Braves defeated Lees-McRae, 6-0 two weeks ago and Harford beat the same team 7-0, the previous week.

Halftime entertainment was presented by the 100-piece band and 64-member drill team of Kellam. The climax was the introduction of the homecoming court and naming of the queen and princess, selected by the football team from among the candidates. The queen was crowned by Chowan's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker.

## Drama Production Is Success With Prof. Brannon Director

By Mary Vann

The Chowan Player's got off to a fantastic start this season with their first production "J. B.", the Pulitzer Prize winning play by Archibald MacLeish. This American theatre classic deals with the sufferings of the Biblical Job, but is played in a modern setting. "J.B." has long been a play of controversy, and it is especially significant today when many young people are questioning to the ultimate the basic human and spiritual truths.

Rehearsals began September 4 under the direction of Mr. Steve Brannon, Professor of English and Drama. The cast included: Harvey Wadman as Nickles, Joe Forbes as Mr. Zuss, Kinsey King speaking the Distant Voice, Lenny Sullivan as J.B., Marty Lynch as Sarah—J.B.'s wife, their children David, Mary, Ruth, and Rebecca were played by Craig Michael, Mary Vann, Ellen Wallace, and Marcia Kirby respectively, Debbie Clemence portrayed The Girl and Mrs. Murphy, Ellen Wallace as Mrs. Adams, Mary Vann as Jolly Adams, and Marcia Kirby as Mrs. Botticelli. The Comforters were played by Bob Wrenn, Chris Kara-Eneff, and Ralph Hewitt. Jeffrey Moser and C.J. Bordeaux played the Roustabouts, Policemen, Reporters, and Civil Defense Officers. Richard Carlton as the One-Legged Soldier and Barry Bradberry as the Preacher completes the cast.

Mr. Brannon was encouraged that the audience's of Chowan's drama productions are growing and that a discriminating audience came to see "J.B."

"Part of the roll of the educational theatre is to educate a discriminating audience and I am pleased that Chowan has such

a fine, discriminating audience in that they see our production and make allowances for youth and inexperience, while appreciating the high standards maintained by the division of drama. It is a credit to the hard-working cast that they also appreciate and adhere to professional theatre standards."

Mr. Brannon gave the following reasons why he chose "J.B." as the first play to be presented this season: "Because this is Chowan's 125th Anniversary Year I wanted to emphasize through our drama presentation the Christian heritage that is so much a part of Chowan by choosing MacLeish's 'J.B.'" This Pulitzer Prize play is one of the finest dramatic expression of Christian ideals and precepts that any playwright has ever produced. It was a challenge to our facilities and to our manpower but because we believed what MacLeish was trying to express and because we wanted to express this to our audience, we found the challenge was something which we could overcome."

"J.B." was definitely a success and the Division of Drama deserves appreciation for the time and effort put in to make "J.B." one of the finest productions ever played on the stage of Chowan College.

### Nov. 7th, Election Day

The Smoke Signals Staff would like to remind the students and faculty that Nov. 7th is election day. Voting is a responsibility, not just a privilege. We urge everyone to go to the polls and take their part in the democratic process.