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Dean Lowe appears to be glancing on the direction of flower girl Heather Nelson before crowning Queen Helen Lindsey. Royal escort Marvin Hunter stands beside the queen. (Photo by Pattie Bolgosano)

## Helen Lindsey Crowned Spring Festival Queen

By CINDY LEE

Helen Lindsey, representing East Hall, was crowned Queen of Spring by Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college, as the climax of the annual Chowan Spring Festival week.

East Hall made a clean sweep when Betsy Paffe was selected Princess.

Members of the two royal courts were sophomores Joy Braswell, Veronica Stevens and Suzanne Bradley and freshmen Terri Arnold, Nancy Stephenson and Pamela Harris.

The Spring Festival was begun with movies every night during the week of April 23.

The height of the festivities were Friday and Saturday. Friday, even with the threat of rain, afternoon activities were begun as scheduled. Students played volleyball, horseshoes and many other games. The eventual rain caused cancellation of only one activity, the cutest legs contest. Music

was provided by the local radio station, WWDR.

The evening's activities came to a climax with the showing of the movie "The Wizard" followed by a disco dance in Belk Hall.

Saturday, Parents Day, included many of the same activities in the park, as well as alumni meetings and class reunions. Alumni from classes as far back as 1910 were present.

The afternoon was spent leisurely participating in many activities. One could listen to a blugrass band, Vic Clayburn and the Soundmasters, enjoy 60 gallons of free ice cream, listen to the stage band or choir. At 4 p.m. the Queen of Spring was crowned.

The week's activities came to a close with a semi-formal dance, music provided by "Buster".

Dean R. Clayton Lewis called the 1979 Spring Festival one of the best in his years here.

## Students Give Study Lab Good Evaluation Grade

By MIKE MATTHEWS

Student development, with the help of Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilcox and a few concerned students, has been conducting a weekly study lab in Belk Hall. The purpose of the study lab has been to assist students with subjects in which they may have been having trouble.

The study lab has been held every Wednesday night since the middle of the fall semester. So far, approximately 200 students have attended the study lab at least once.

Recently a questionnaire was handed out to a number of students to give them a chance to evaluate the study lab. Almost all of these students were aware that the lab was being conducted and 84 percent of them knew its purpose. Only 24 percent of the students questioned had attended the study lab and of these 78 percent found the lab beneficial. Sixty-six percent of those questioned, who had not attended the lab, felt that

they would be interested in coming to the lab.

Below is shown how different aspects of the lab were rated by those who filled out the questionnaire. (M-good; F-fair; P-poor; NR-no response.)

	G	F	P	NR
Location	81	42	12	29
subjects	71	50	4	39
time	63	49	22	30
leaders	76	46	6	36
day	70	45	9	40

Students were also given a chance to comment further on the labs. One student suggested that the location be changed to Marks Hall. Another student commented, "I don't need the study lab, but it's good to know that someone does care."

From the results of the questionnaire, Mrs. Wilcox and the student leaders feel that the study lab has been a success and plan to continue conducting it as long as students show an interest.

## Mrs. Elliott Gives Painting To Chowan

By DANIEL BENDER

"I love the river," stated the infirm's resident artist, Mrs. Marie Elliot, after giving a painting to Chowan.

The painting of a scene on the Perquimans River was given to Chowan to live in the lobby in Columns Building.

Mrs. Elliot stated, she remembers swimming in the river at this point as a child. She added that it has a new bridge across it now but she chose to paint it at she remembered it from her childhood.

Mrs. Elliot, the associate director of health services for the college, graduated from Chowan with an associate degree in art.

## Interesting People on Campus

### It Takes Real Dedication To Be a Good Trainer

By HARRY PICKETT

It's 5 a.m. All of Chowan's students are soundly sleeping.

All but one. This student is carefully planning the care and safety of the Chowan College football team. He's sweeping the carpeted dressing room floor at the fieldhouse, fixing damaged helmets and washing towels and uniforms.

Robert Scarboro takes his job seriously — dead seriously. And doing his best for the care of these muscular athletes is what he likes doing most. He makes no bones about his job being tough at times, but says, "I love being around athletes and anything dealing with them."

Scarboro, a physical therapist major, and one of three managers for Coach Jim Garrison's football team, says he longs for the day that he can get out in the world and begin trying to be one of the top trainers in the country.

"I want to be a trainer at a small college first; and then maybe I can move up to big time," the soft-spoken freshman asserted. "My dream is to be a trainer for some pro football team."

Chris Didlake, a reserve quarterback on the Braves' 7-2 squad this past season, sees Scarboro as one of the

guys. "He's just like a part of the team as far as we're concerned. He's easy to get along with," Didlake went on. "He encourages us when we're down. He's a good man — a real good guy."

Garrison said that he believes he has a real fine group of manager-trainers in Scarboro, Mike Sexton and Greg Benton, all of whom will be returning next season as sophomores.

"Good managers and trainers are just as important as any man you have playing," Garrison declared. "If you don't have good managers and trainers, it's going to reflect on the team. They are important in taking care of these guys (players)."

Garrison said that managers must be able to accept responsibility and "they must have the respect of the players because they are such a valuable part of the program."

The coach said that Scarboro possesses all the fine qualities that the manager-trainer must have. "He's done a super job," he stated. "He's a fine young man, always on time — never late."

"He's willing to be there at odd hours. He's always at the right place at the right time." Garrison went on to say that if you don't get a "good one"



TROUT

(manager) you're in a lot of trouble.

Scarboro, who first became interested in sports medicine as a ninth grader at Princeton High School, said he enjoys working under Garrison because "he's got a lot of class."

"I like the way he goes about being a head coach," the 18-year-old explained. "You've got to admit the man's a winner."

Scarboro, an ex-athlete, said that his high school football coach used to visit a sports medicine clinic in Greensboro every year to gain knowledge of the newest innovations in the science. The coach invited Robert to tag along for a session and that's when his venture all began.

"The first year I went, I won a certificate for first place in taping," he noted. The award was from the Cremer Co. and it was presented by Al Procter, president of the company. From that day on, it's been my dream."

Robert came to Chowan with intentions of playing football for the Braves, but a high school football injury that flared up during fall drills, ended his collegiate career.

"Ferguson (Linwood, assistant coach) knowing that I wasn't able to play, asked me if I wanted the job... Garrison took me the same day."

## Student Accuses Police Of Mass Beating During His Arrest For Littering

By DONNA SWICEGOOD

"I'll empty my pockets; I'll take my clothes off if you'll just stop hitting me."

These were the words with which witnesses said Chowan sophomore Paul C. Thompson Jr. begged for mercy during his ordeal which began shortly before 11 p.m. on April 9 when the automobile driven by his wife, Kathleen, was stopped by a Murfreesboro policeman who accused him of littering.

Thompson's version of the incident which led to his being charged with four offenses and later undergoing emergency treatment at the veterans' hospital in Hampton, Va. follows:

The Thompsons, accompanied by two other Chowan students, were headed for the Thompson apartment on College Street when the car was stopped by Murfreesboro policeman Wilbur Terry who asked Mrs. Thompson, the driver, for her driver's license, which she said was back in the apartment.

Thompson offered to show proof of their identity and asked Terry what his probable cause was for stopping the vehicle.

The officer asserted that he had seen a cigarette pack thrown from a window. Thompson's response was that neither he nor his wife smokes and that all windows of the car were closed.

At this point Thompson stepped out of the car and Terry began manhandling him, telling him he was under arrest.

Other police cars arrived and, Thompson continued, several officers



THOMPSON

began beating on him while placing handcuffs on him. The beating continued as Thompson was being dragged into a police car and while the car was en route to the Murfreesboro police station.

During this short trip, the police car was stopped in the parking lot behind the North Carolina National Bank

where additional beating took place.

Thompson estimated eight to ten officers participated at various times in the beating.

Kathleen Thompson said that when she first saw her husband being beaten with a billy club, she attempted to pull the officers off him. As a result, she said, she was threatened at gunpoint with arrest.

The students riding in the Thompson car, Susan Fletcher and Lori Bowden, said they saw mace or some other substance being sprayed in Thompson's face by police. They also told of Thompson's plea to the police to stop beating him.

At the police station, Thompson was charged with littering, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault on a police officer.

At no time during the time he was in police custody were his rights read to him, Thompson maintained.

Mrs. Thompson also declared that when she posted bond in excess of \$500 for her husband's release, a magistrate attempted to prevent her reading the release papers before signing them.

Murfreesboro Police Chief Robert E. Harris refused to allow a Smoke Signals reporter to examine the arrest record, contending that to do so would "violate the Privacy Act." Harris did give the reporter a statement which confirmed the fact that Thompson had been arrested and charged by Terry with the offenses listed by Thompson in his version.

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## Chowan's Big Fish Moves On; Finds Larger Pool at Elon

By HARRY PICKETT

"Fish" isn't your typical "rah-rah", "give 'em heck" cheerleader, the Alexandria resident doubles in the spring as the premier middle distance runner on the Chowan College track team, or should we say defunct track team. For his prowess on the oval pavement, the lanky sophomore graphic arts major has been awarded a track scholarship to attend Elon College, a small school in the hills of Burlington, N.C. There, he'll also serve as a resident assistant, as well as being a cheerleader.

The scholarship will reunite Trout with former Chowan track coach Linwood Ferguson, who resigned his coaching and teaching duties in February to fill coaching vacancies at Elon. At the school, Ferguson serves as the defensive line coach and head track mentor for the Fightin' Christians.

Trout, who was named "Most Dedicated" on Chowan's Region 10 championship team a year ago, strove relentlessly, along with Kevin Radcliff (also a recipient of an Elon College

grant), to field a team despite the lack of financial aid from the college. Their efforts, presently, look grim. But joining their former coach seems to be the most realistic dream the two share.

"He (Ferguson) wanted me and Kevin especially because they (Elon) don't have any quarter or 880 men,"

Trout explained. "They haven't had any good teams, so Ferguson will be rebuilding."

"We have leadership abilities — we are winners," Trout asserted with an air of seriousness. "He knows we can help the team."

Trout, who first engaged in track as a junior at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria under Coach Mike Tomosello, can't remember when he wasn't a winner, or when he wasn't on a winning track team.

During his senior year, T. C. Williams won its fourth consecutive district and regional championship. They were the CYO champions, won the Dogwood Invitational in Charlottesville, and wound up eventual runner-up in the Virginia

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