

## Rat Day Filled With Much Fun

December 3 was the day that all sophomores at Chowan College had been looking forward to ever since they entered the school. This was Rat Day or the day the freshmen had to obey the slightest command of the mighty sophomores.

The Rats had to wear their clothes backwards and had beautiful whiskers on their face, and the word "RAT" was written on their heads with lipstick, shoe polish, or anything that a sophomore found handy.

The sophomores enjoyed their one-day supremacy by having the Rats clean their rooms, bow down to them in the student center, polish their shoes, serenade them, and even roll pencils across the floor with their noses.

For any freshman who failed to abide by the strict letter of the sophomore law, a court was set up in the auditorium.

The judge for the occasion was Paul Dickerson, while Jack Perkins acted as prosecuting attorney and Dwight "Country" Compton was sergeant-at-arms.

Several punishments were given out for breaking such rules such as (1) Not obeying the sophomores rules; (2) Not dressing properly; (3) For insubordination of the sophomores; (4) Anything not covered in the above roles.

Other punishments were such as making a rat find a hair from Miss Ross's dog. Another had to get Miss Crouch's hymn book. Others had to sing, wash their faces, or be given the capital punishment of the belt line behind the curtain.

The Rats seemed to think they had a raw deal and claim that they are really going to make it rough for the freshmen next year.

## SPICE BOX

Betty Lou Askew: "You promised me a bracelet last Christmas which would make my neighbors turn green with envy."

Henry Temple: "Well, didn't they?"

Betty Lou: "No, the bracelet beat them to it."

"Dukie" Watson: "I gave a pint of blood when I was in the country last summer."

Tommy Ludwig: "To a dying friend?"

"Dukie" Watson: "No, to the mosquitoes."

Married folk have an advantage at Christmas. Two can give as cheaply as one.

## Spanish Club Has Organization Meet With 31 Members

By GENEVA CONGLETON

Miss Berta Marquez's classes met Thursday night, November 20, to organize a Spanish Club. Officers were elected as follows: Bob Darden, Broadway, president; Joe Bland, Williamson, vice president; Bonnie Tinkham, Alexandria, Va., secretary; Geneva Congleton, Washington, treasurer; Jim Darden, London Bridge, Va., and Julian Mills, Roanoke Rapids, program chairmen; and Charles Perlick, Suffolk, Va., reporter.

It was decided that at every meeting a program would be presented pertaining to the customs of the Spanish speaking people.

The club has a total of 31 members, including the four Cuban students. Its main purpose is to try to increase interest in the Spanish language and to promote a stronger relationship between the Spanish and the English speaking people.

A Christmas party has been planned for December 16, at which time a program about Spanish Christmas customs will be presented.

## Annual Queen To Be Elected

By JANICE WHITE

Most of the organizations on campus have met and selected a representative for Miss Chowanoka. She is chosen each year to reign as "Queen of the Yearbook." Miss Chowanoka's identity will be kept a "deep dark secret" until the yearbook comes out in May.

In the past she has been chosen by someone of importance. Last year we were honored to have the head basketball coach of Wake Forest College, Horace McKinney, select Miss Chowanoka. This year it has not been decided who will be the judge, but it has been suggested that a committee on campus pick her. The committee will more than likely be made up of faculty members.

Miss Chowanoka will not only be chosen for looks, but also for personality, character, neatness, friendliness, and leadership ability.

The names turned in so far as candidates are, Audrey Mariner, Sarah Burrus, Mitzi Oden, Dolores Hill, Lillian Carter, Betty Jo Lassiter, Geneva Congleton, Reba Hale, Gloria Sumner, Jane Winslow, Pat Moore, Patsy Picot, and Lisa Costen.

## Editor-in-Chief To Be Married

*Mr. and Mrs. James Lonzo Harris*

*request the honour of your presence*

*at the marriage of their daughter*

*Virginia Ann*

*to*

*Mr. Joseph William Sumler, Jr.*

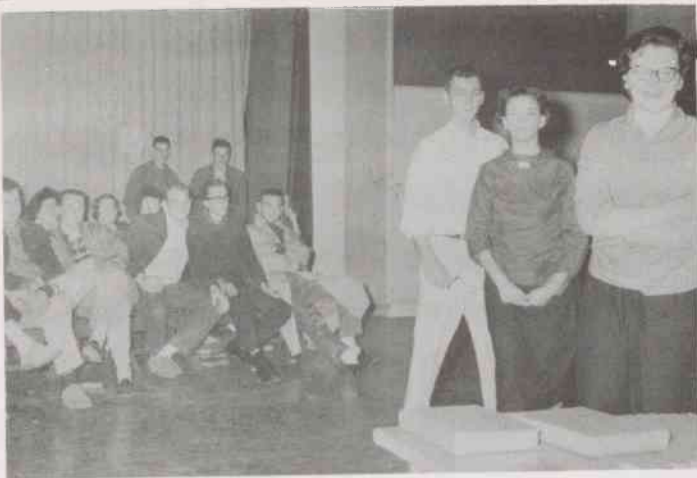
*on Saturday, December the twentieth*

*Nineteen hundred and fifty-eight*

*two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon*

*Woodlawn Baptist Church*

*Alexandria, Virginia*



Prosecutor Jack Perkins and defendants Sandra Pendergraft and Becky Turner face the Judge as a distinguished sophomore jury looks on.



Guilty as charged was the verdict given Bonnie Tinkham and Geneva Congleton by the Rat Court.



"We Love Thee, Sophomores," sing these freshman rats.

## Mexico Orchestra Enjoyed Here

By JANICE WHITE

The National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico presented a formal concert at Chowan College on November 25, 1958. The 106-piece orchestra was conducted by Abel Eisenberg. This was the first in a number of concerts to be held at Chowan this year.

The Symphony Orchestra presented an exciting evening of entertainment to a large group of spectators. The concert began with the orchestra playing "Huang-pango" by Jose Pablo Moncayo, and "Three Dances" from the ballet "Three Corners Hat" by

Manuel de Falla, and "Indian Symphony" by Carlos Chavez. Then after a brief intermission, they played "Symphony No. 5 Op. 47" by Dmitri Shostakovich.

This was the first time this year the auditorium had been packed. Not only were the students and faculty members present but also people from the surrounding neighborhoods, and from other parts of the state.

The concert played by the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico was one that not many of its spectators will forget, for it was a first for many of them.



AND THE SNOW CAME—Chowan's beautiful campus was a picture to attract any artist following the recent snow storm. This is but one of many spots that attracted the eye.