

Gail Rowe to Reign Over May Pageant

Queen During Campus Contest Raven-Tressed Student Chosen

A small bundle of singing volume who has captivated audiences in a number of states with "torch singing" of professional stature will reign as May Queen at Chowan College.

Chosen from among Chowan's 1,234 students in a "Miss America" type pageant was raven-tressed beauty Gail Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rowe, 318 Mimosa Drive, Newport News, Va., who has become widely known for her poise and personality, displaying showmanship not yet acquired by many performing veterans.

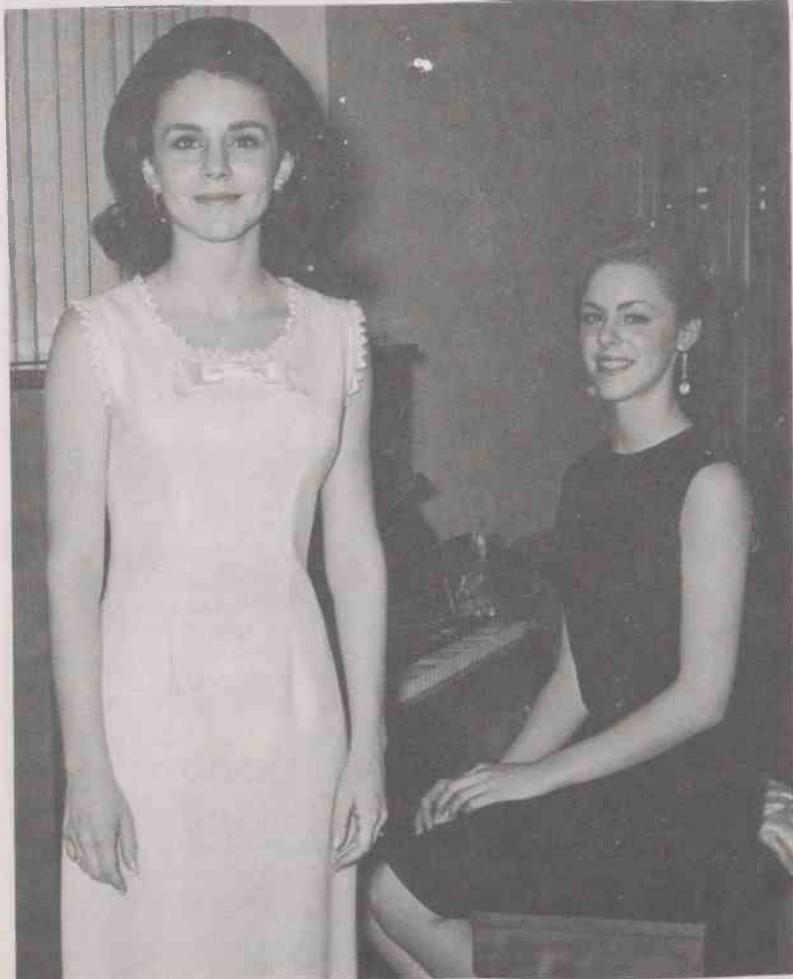
Gail, who has represented Chowan College in singing performances before church groups, clubs and other organizations throughout North Carolina and Virginia, is a veteran of

starring roles in musical comedies, operas and operettas, who has also acted in other dramas and made a habit of winning beauty contests.

Linda Diane Bass of Colonial Heights, Va., was Freshman Princess.

Gail's attendants are Sue Allsbrook of Scotland Neck, Marie Christian of Moncure, Virginia Ferguson of Murfreesboro and Brenda Hart of Greenville. Linda's attendants are Pam Rosser of Hampton, Va., Elizabeth Livingstone of Petersburg, Va., and Emily Williams of Colonial Heights, Va. Contest winners were chosen from among 15 finalists on the basis of beauty, talent, poise, personality and dormitory support.

These winners will reign over annual May Day pageantry at Chowan College on May 6.



Gail Rowe relaxes beside the piano, with accompanist Lavinia Vann of Murfreesboro, after a professional-quality singing performance.



May Queen



A vibrant young lady bounces into action.

Happy Ending to Tragedy Seen At May Queen Pageant

A success story, starting in North Carolina's South Mountains in tragedy and nurtured by North Carolina's Baptist Children's Home at Thomasville, gained wide-spread attention when Gail Rowe was crowned May Queen at Chowan College.

Gail's mother, the former Shirley Faye Price of Casar, became a resident of the Children's Home after her father, Clyde Douglas Price, died when she was six-years-old. She graduated there in 1943.

Determined to give the love, attention and musical opportunities she gained there to her children, Shirley Faye, now Mrs. J. W. Rowe of Newport News, Va. helped develop the

talent of her daughter. Along with her family, Gail is an active member of Newport News' Northside Baptist Church and is also involved in missions work and singing ministries there.

Gail and her family often visit relatives and friends in Casar, as well as being frequent visitors to their many friends at the Children's Home. While being crowned as queen, Gail said, "This is the thrill of my lifetime and I'm very proud to represent Chowan College. I'm very grateful to my parents, teachers and fellow students for their help and their confidence and for all they did to make this possible."