

Poignant Production Scheduled for April By Chowan Players

Poignant drama, "The Diary of Anne Frank," is being readied by the Chowan Players for production April 20-22 in the auditorium of Chowan's Columns Building.

Randyne Tekla "Tiki" Frey, a freshman from Falls Church, Va., is rehearsing the role of Anne Frank, while Dianne Renee Jarvis and John Ward practice to act as her mother and father.

Performing in supporting roles are Betsy Garner, Bob Gomer, Clif Joyner, Becky O'Neal, Wesley Sumner, David Tillotson and Judy Winborne. Some roles will be double-cast and other performers added to the cast as rehearsals continue in preparation for this three-night stand.

Establishing new attendance records with "South Pacific" in November, the Chowan Players have been busy dramatists this year. Children's Theatre and other group performances throughout North Carolina and Virginia have proven successful, while the college's dramatists have remained active with productions on campus.

Active behind the scenes while viewers watch "The Diary of Anne Frank" will be Ellen Jo Jones and Lewis Paynter, usually seen on stage, who will be stage managers for this production.



ENJOYING BALMY BREEZES and summer-like weather on campus is Teresa Arlene Taylor, Commander of Chowan College's Marching Majorettes, who calls Middlesboro, Ky., home. A Dean's List student whose baton-twirlers have appeared as special attractions at athletic events and in parades and pageants, she is always smiling.



CHARLEY

Charley's no sleeper; he's top dog in the Children's Theatre

A campus pet who received national headlines for sleeping through classroom lectures here is believed to be the first dog to star with a troupe of college dramatists.

Performing before thousands of elementary school children in North Carolina and Virginia, the pet dog acted with Tom Brett, Linda Ferrone, Ellen Jones, Becky O'Neal, Lewis Paynter and Jim Robinson in supporting roles.

Youngsters, also in supporting roles in the Children's Theatre production

of "Mr. Dooley, Jr.," were Luann Whitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Whitley; Don Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen; Teresa Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Pike; Don Morrisette, son of Dean of the College and Mrs. W. Clayton Morrisette.

National recognition came because of Charley's habit of sleeping through lectures but refusing to sleep through tests.

When he walks onstage, Charley is no sleeper; he's top dog.

Outdoor Theatres Select Students

Outdoor theatre, featuring historical pageantry, will use talents of three Chowan Players during summer months to produce nightly dramas throughout the Carolinas and Virginia.

Renee Jarvis, Lewis Paynter and John Ward were chosen from among hundreds of college dramatists from six states auditioning for the National Theatre Organization at Greensboro.

Miss Jarvis, veteran stage performer who has also handled makeup application and technical positions for the Chowan Players, was chosen

for a dancing role in "The Common Glory" at Williamsburg, Va.

Paynter was chosen for a role in "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee and also for another role in a drama to be produced in an outdoor theatre at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Ward, who has won awards for public speaking as well as drama, was interviewed by the director of "Horn in the West" at Boone and procedures were set in motion for having him appear as a featured performer in this historical drama.

Carriage Performers Acting Before Many Clubs and Groups

The Carriage Performers, four actors selected from the Chowan Players, are producing dramas for churches, clubs and other organizations.

Starring in "A Pink Party Dress," are Terri Gallagher of Mount Holly, N. J., Darlene Goforth of Kannapolis, Julia Anna Griffin of Williamston and Clifton Joyner of Norfolk, Va., all experienced performers for the Chowan Players.

Mrs. Edith Larson, Chowan College professor of English and drama who directs the college's dramatic organizations, explains that the new group's title comes from the fact that "there are just enough involved to put all the actors in a small coach and take them anywhere a club or other group wants to witness good drama."

Working with Mrs. Larson and her actors are Mrs. Rose Lawrence, music professor acting as vocal coach; Leah Pittman, freshman from Virginia Beach, musical accompanist; Renee Jarvis, freshman from Newport News, make-up artist.



"SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE," W. Clayton Morrisette, Dean of the College, advises students as he points out courses offered during Summer School sessions June 5-July 11 and July 13-August 18.

Workshop

Ava Quincy of Virginia Beach, Va., a freshman dramatist with the Chowan Players who performed in "South Pacific" and is planning further activities for the college's Drama Department, participated in an instructional drama workshop recently at Raleigh, sponsored by the Carolina Dramatic Association. She was accompanied by Professor Edith Larson.