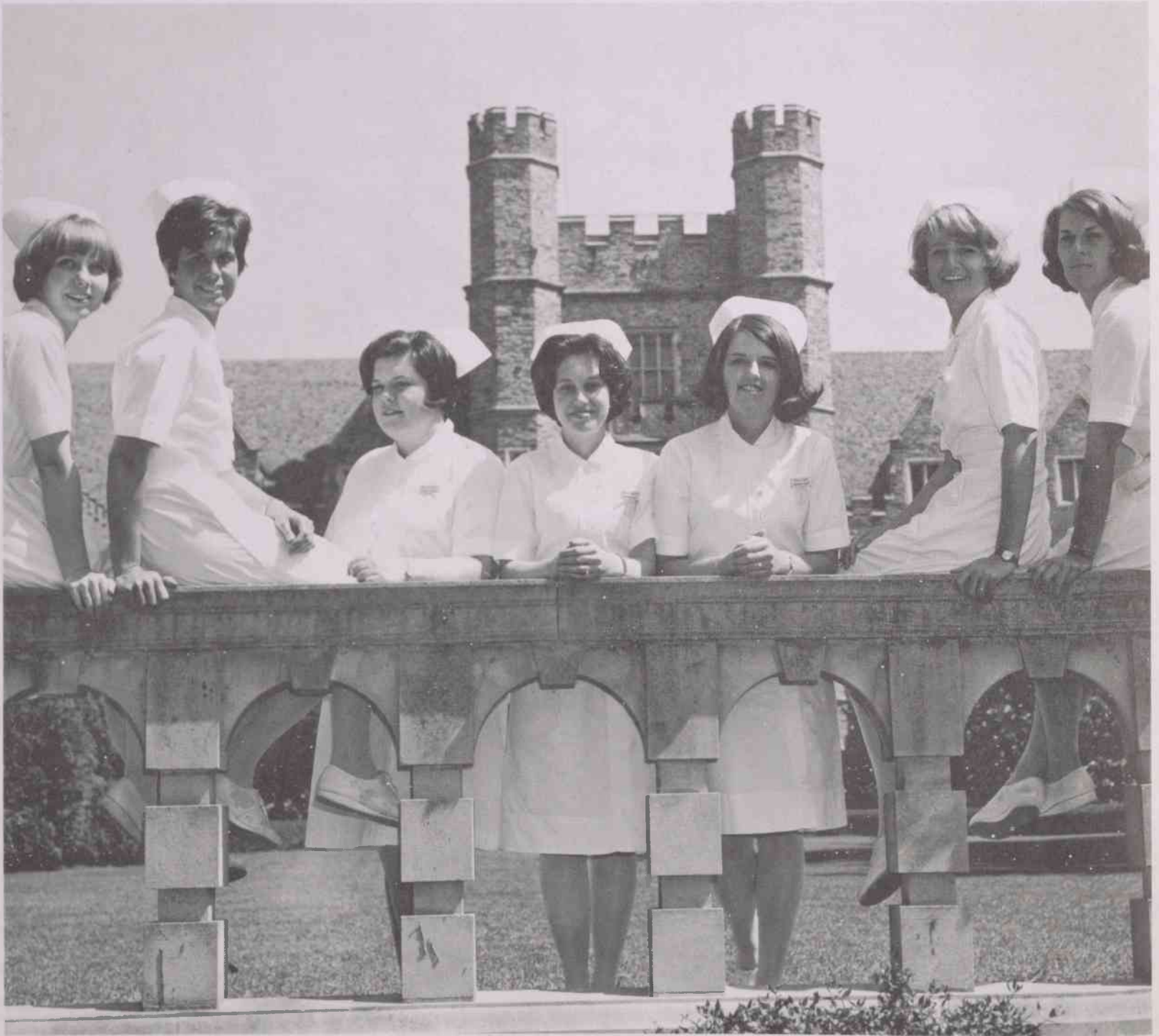


Chowan's First Nurses to Graduate



CHOWAN'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF NURSES — With the towers of Duke Hospital in the background are seven "angels of mercy" preparing to receive their degrees at Chowan College on May 28. They are, from left,

Kitty Garriss of Jackson, Marsha Purvis of Ahoskie, Julia Hayes of Rocky Mount, Betty Jean Crawford of Ahoskie, Sandra Hare of Edenton, Judy Shearin of Roanoke Rapids and Judy Grimm of Springfield, Va.

The first class of nursing graduates at Chowan College will receive their Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing on May 28, having completed the college's 33-month program and then becoming qualified for admission to the licensing examination to become Registered Nurses.

This program, which arose to help meet increasing demands for more skilled nurses in Coastal Carolina, is only offered by Chowan College. Other colleges are currently

planning to begin offering programs similar to Chowan's in the near future.

Facilities of Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in nearby Ahoskie and Duke Hospital are used, but the program is completely under the control and supervision of Chowan College. Students gain supervised experience at Roanoke-Chowan during their second year in the program and, along with regular academic courses to meet requirements for degrees, students attend lectures and con-

ferences in medical-surgical nursing and maternal-child care, and care for patients under the supervision of their instructor in clinical nursing, Mrs. Sarah Bryant Tankard.

Chowan instructors coordinate conferences and clinics with direct care of patients at Duke, a combination designed to help students gain better understanding of how to meet patient needs in medical-surgical nursing, maternal-child care and in psychiatric nursing.

Co-ordinator of the program at

Duke is Miss Maryiva Carpenter, professor in Chowan's Department of Nursing, which extends the college's campus across a large portion of North Carolina through its unique program of education for nursing.

Forty-four young women are now enrolled in the college's Department of Nursing, which extends the college's campus across a large portion of North Carolina through its unique program of education for nursing. Chowan's first nursing graduates all plan to become "angels of mercy to Coastal Carolina."