

# Festival of Bands, Gridiron Victory at Homecoming

Beautiful fall weather, the visit of alumni, and a victory on the gridiron were among the highlights Oct. 22 when Chowan celebrated 1977 Homecoming activities with a Festival of Marching Bands, alumni luncheon, and the selection of a Homecoming Queen and Freshman Princess.

Eleven marching bands from 10 cities in two states competed during the morning hours at the Festival of Marching Bands. Participating were bands from Ahsokie, Murfreesboro, Windsor, Williamston, Vanceboro, Manteo, Washington, Robertsonville, Currituck, Barco and Suffolk, Va.

Competition among the various bands was divided into two classes, one for bands of fewer than 65 playing members, and the other for groups of 65 or more. Taking top honors in the Class A group was Currituck High School, of Barco, in first place; Nansemond-Suffolk Academy of Suffolk, Va., second John Yeats High School in third place.

In Class AA, Washington Senior High School claimed the first place trophy, with Williamston High School in the runner up position, and Ahsokie High School taking third place. Washington Senior High School's group took first place honors in the marching, competition in both classifications.

In the smaller classifications, Washington Senior High School claimed top honors with both their rifle corps and flag bearers. Williamston High's majorettes and drum major were selected as tops.

Presenting the entertainment during halftime of the football contest, and

selected as "Band of the Day" was Currituck High School's marching band from Barco.

The festival of Marching Bands, scheduled to be an annual affair, was under the direction of professor Bob Brown, of the college's Department of Fine Arts.

## Braves Stop New Yorkers

On the gridiron, the Chowan Braves defeated a tough squad from Hudson Valley College of Troy, N.Y. in a Coastal Conference game, holding the New Yorkers scoreless for a 37-0 win. The stands were packed for the annual classic, and the Braves were able to improve their national ranking.

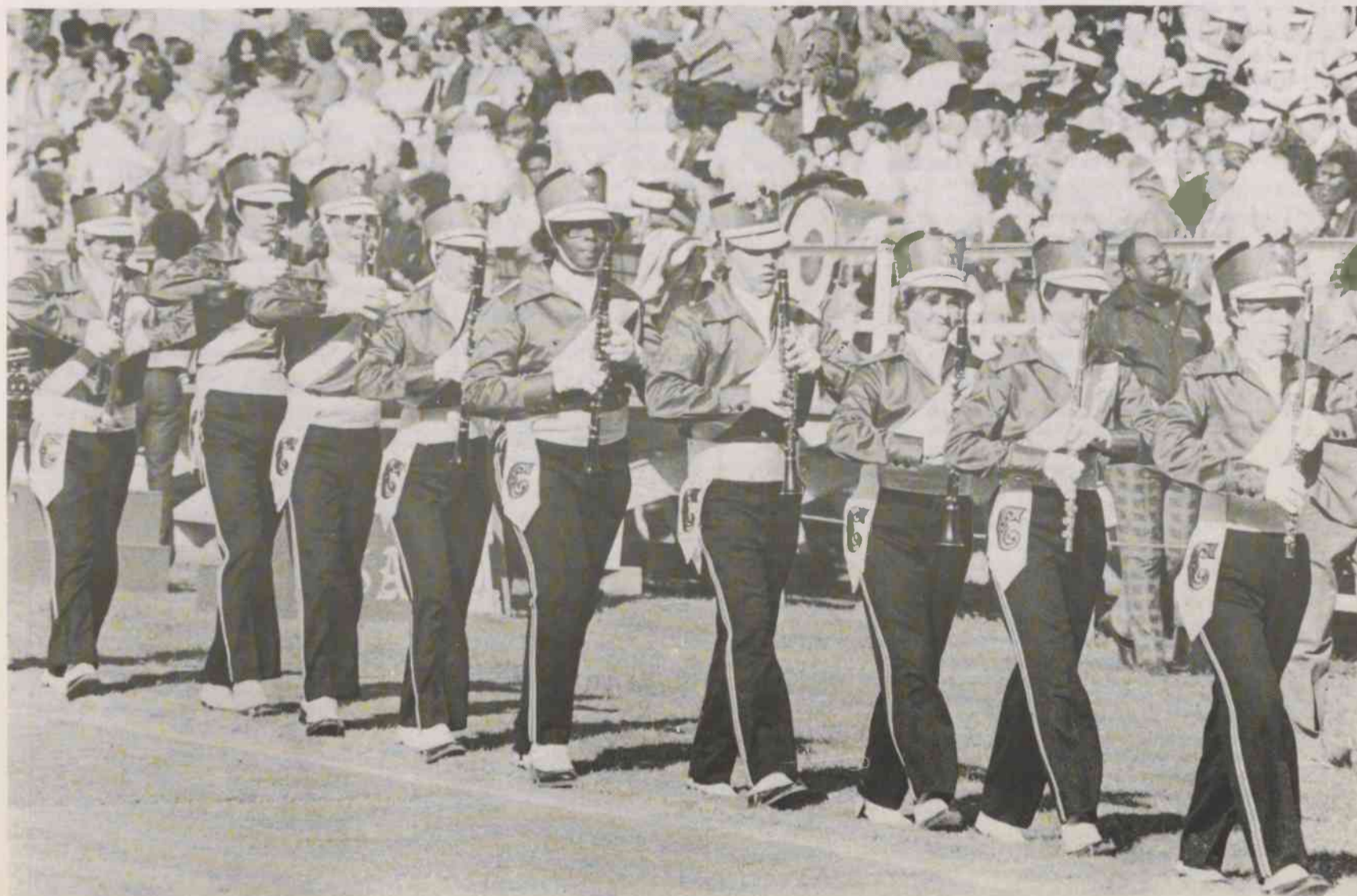
During halftime ceremonies, President Bruce E. Whitaker crowned Mary C. Overman of Edenton, Homecoming Queen for 1977. Claiming honors as Freshman Princess was Carrie Michelle Pitman, a pre-education major from Virginia Beach, Va.

Other members of the Homecoming Court are Freshmen Pamela Coley of Rocky Mount; Kimberly Ann Brewer, Macclesfield; and Denise Jewel Austin, of Hatteras. Sophomore court members were Ginny Raye Wurst, Cary; Mary Jeanne Ranslem, Puerto Rico; and Peggy Anne McElmore, of Richmond, Va.

Following the football game, Alpha Pi Epsilon, national honorary society for secretarial students, held a reunion for former members at the "Friendly Place," in front of Carrie Savage Camp Hall, the college's new science-engineering facility.



A drum major gives the command to begin a band performance.



Members of Currituck High School's marching band from Barco, march along the sidelines in preparation for their performance during halftime of the Hudson Valley-Chowan game. The band claimed first place honors

in their division during the Festival of Bands, held earlier in the day, and was also selected as "Band of the Day." The band festival is scheduled to be an annual affair at Chowan.