

Braves Stop Ferrum Panthers

Homecoming 1980 Called 'Best Ever'

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Despite the chilly, rainy weather which forced the cancellation of some Friday night activities, most agree that Homecoming 1980 will rank as one of the best Homecomings ever.

"I think Homecoming was a total success, especially compared to last year," said Parker Hall's dorm council president Jeff Pishner. "It was by far the best and most exciting weekend this fall."

Parker Hall won the first place honors in the dormitory decoration competition. Pishner said that he and about ten other students worked day and night for two days putting together the decorations and banners that were featured throughout the dorm and at the game.

Ms. Linda Owens, director of campus programming, praised the work of the Parker residents as a "supreme group effort."

The weekend activities began Friday afternoon with "Anything Goes" competition on the center campus. Among the activities were pie-eating contests, a turtle race, and a two-mile relay.

Following "Anything Goes", there was a banquet in the President's Room to honor the Homecoming Court and invited guests.

4,000 Attend Game

The football game saw upwards of 4,000 people jam the grandstands as the Braves rolled past arch-rival Ferrum by a score of 20-7, much to the delight of students and alumni.

When the gun was sounded and the game

was over, Coach Jim Garrison was carried around the field on the shoulders of his cheering players in a never-to-be-forgotten victory celebration.

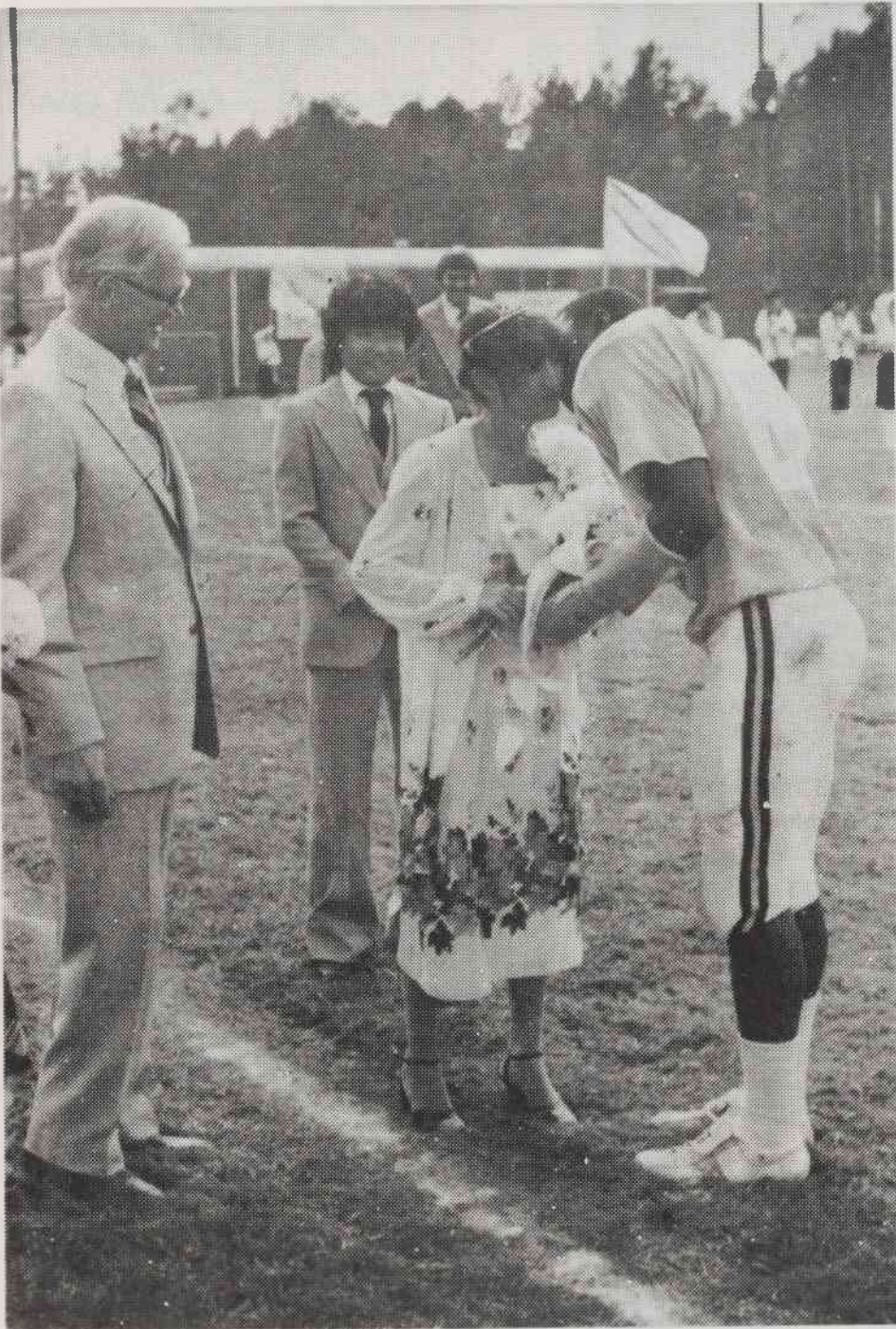
The 1980 Homecoming Court was termed "one of the prettiest ever" by a college official. For the first time ever, a foreign student won the coveted Queen title.

25th Homecoming Queen

Shigeko Wakiyama, West Hall's 20-year-old representative became Chowan's 25th Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies. Miss Wakiyama, who received an enthusiastic response when she was introduced to the crowd, was crowned by President Whitaker. Her escort was another native of Japan, Mike Arai, a resident of Parker Hall.

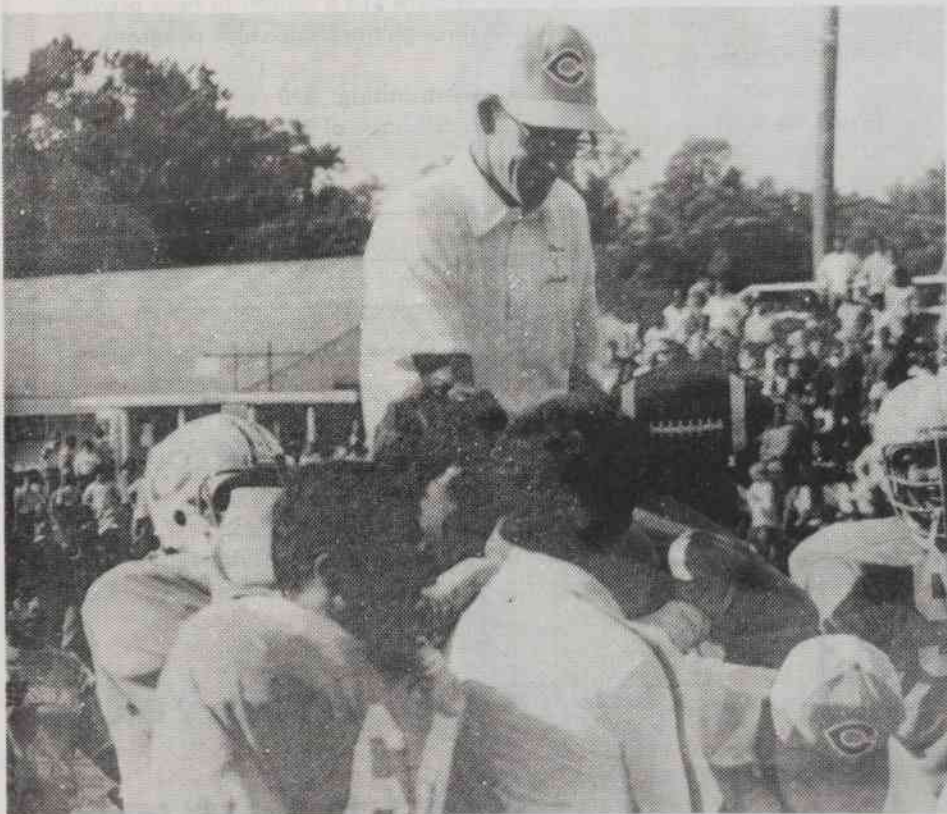
Wendy Strickland, representing Belk Hall, won the Homecoming Princess title. The Delaware freshman was escorted by Chris Cresswell.

Also during halftime, the entire Homecoming Court was introduced. The four sophomores and their escorts were Kathleen M. Bell, Lewisburg, Pa., and Jeff Cornatzer; Debbie Gorse, Harriman, N. Y., and Mitchell Underwood; Denise Reynolds, Virginia Beach, Va., and Perry Martin, Jr.; and Queen Shigeko, from Nagasaki, and Arai. The freshmen were: Krista Schleicher, Denville, N. J., and Bill Schelton; Angela Schenck, Newport News, Va., and Mark Pellechia; Sandy Springfield, Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Jack Spellacy; and Princess Wendy, Milford, Del., and Creswell.



Homecoming Queen Shigeko Wakiyama received congratulations from co-captain Amos Twitty after being crowned by President Whitaker, whose smile of pleasure is exceeded by that of royal escort Mike Arai.

—Photo by T. Dudek



Smiling Coach Jim Garrison gets taken for a ride by jubilant players following Homecoming defeat of the Ferrum Panthers.

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Banner Tells Story For Arch-Rival Ferrum Panthers

West Hall's banner warning the Ferrum Panthers of their impending defeat was unfurled during the Homecoming game from atop the field house at the stadium. On the roof are Sao Vang, the artist (right), and Allen Johnson. Holding the banner at ground level is John LaGesse.

