

Alumni Return for Spring Festival



Recognized for Service, Loyalty

Mrs. Sandra G. McCoy, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, tries out her Chowan rocker with a young friend. The rocker was presented to Mrs. McCoy for her outstanding service and loyalty to her Alma Mater during the Spring Festival alumni luncheon.

Chowan College crowned its queen of spring Saturday, April 25 during its Spring Festival celebration that included special activities for everyone. Sophomore Priscilla Hughes of Jacksonville was selected queen and Lisa Davis of Bowling Green, Va. was chosen freshman princess.

Registration and reception for parents and other guests was held from 9:45-10:50 a.m. on Pine Walk in front of the home of President Bruce E. Whitaker. Alumni registration and reception was held in Marks Hall. Reunions were planned for the classes of 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, and 1976.

Alumni Officers Elected

Alumni officers were elected during an 11 a.m. general meeting in Marks Hall auditorium. The alumni luncheon was held at 11:45 a.m. in the President's Dining Room of Thomas Cafeteria.

Art and photography exhibits were also scheduled. Works by Chowan art majors were on display in the Chowan Art Gallery in Daniel Hall. Selected works by high school students from three states were featured in the Chowan Teaching Gallery in Green Hall. The Chowan Student photography exhibit was held in Whitaker Library.

Victor Claiborn and The Sound Masters presented bluegrass music on the front lawn. The Chowan College Choir and Stage Band presented the Spring Concert beginning at 1 p.m. in McDowell Columns auditorium. The Student Government Association, sponsors of the Spring Festival, served ice cream on the front lawn, the site of the coronation ceremony at 4 p.m.



Among alumni enjoying Spring Festival activities was Dr. James E. Dula, Jr., class of 1951, of Williamsburg, Va. It was Dula's first visit to Chowan since his student days. After viewing the many new buildings, he remarked he was "very impressed" with the progress at Chowan.



The Rev. Patrick Dudley Neal, class of 1968, president of the Chowan Alumni Association for the 1981-82 year, presents a framed certificate of appreciation to past president, Sandra Gatling McCoy, class of 1962, during Spring Festival alumni luncheon.

Gift from Garrett Estate

Fund Established for Needy Students

Chowan College has received a gift for the establishment of a scholarship fund for needy and deserving students and a gift for the general endowment fund from the will of the late Roland Lemuel Garrett of Elizabeth City.

Garrett, a Camden County native, died on Aug. 16, 1979 at the age of 85. He served on Chowan's Board of Trustees for three terms and was a trustee at the time of his death. He served on its Standing Committee on Religious Life-Denominational Relations and was a member of the Chowan Endowment Committee.

Chowan President, Bruce E. Whitaker,

said the college benefitted from his "wise counsel, strong leadership and faithful stewardship. He played an important role in the progress, growth, and service of Chowan College."

Whitaker said Chowan "is deeply grateful for his gift through his estate. Through his generosity, his influence will continue to live on to provide opportunities for Christian education for future generations of young men and women."

Added Chowan's president, "Mr. Garrett's gift in support of both general endowment and the scholarship fund is of the ut-

most importance in helping Chowan continue its Christian service as one of the nation's finest private, two-year colleges. It comes at a time when so many young men and women need financial assistance in order to be able to attend college."

Garrett was postmaster of Elizabeth City from 1943 until 1964 and also owned a hardware store. He lived in Elizabeth City and in Pasquotank County most of his life. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Nina Wiggin Garrett.

He also was chairman of the Board of Albemarle Savings and Loan Association and retired in 1978 as its president. He was a former No.1 Citizen and known as "Mr. Albemarle." He was a director of Peoples Bank.

During his long civic and business career, he served on the Boards of the Salvation Army, Pasquotank and Camden Library Board, the Museum of the Albemarle and was a former president of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club.

In addition to his service at Chowan, he was a former trustee of the Elizabeth City State University. He also served on the Executive Board of the Eastern Lung Association for Eastern North Carolina and was a life member of the Cosmopolitan Club and former president of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was a life deacon, former Sunday School superintendent, and chairman of the Board of First Baptist Church, Elizabeth City.

Band Festival Held

The Fine Arts Department of Chowan College sponsored the first stage Band and Choir Festival in McDowell Columns auditorium in April.

The festival featured nine high school choirs and nine high school bands. Each group performed for 20 minutes.

The choir festival featured Murfreesboro, Norlina, Williamston, Fike of Greenville, Bertie, Washington, Manteo, Edenton and Menchville.

The band festival spotlighted Smithfield Junior High, Manteo, Northern Nash, Washington and Greenville, Rocky Mount,

and from Newport News, Va., York and Menchville.

Chowan music professor Bob Brown said professional entertainment was provided by the Carolina Clubmen and Lucien Montagna, who played during the changes of the bands.

The Carolina Clubmen are Jimmy and Tommy Aycock and Ray and Earl Abernathy. Montagna is a Norfolk resident.

Brown said the choirs and bands offered "some great musical entertainment. We are very fortunate to have so many outstanding musical groups in our area."