

## Beth Cowan appointed to Council

Governor James B. Hunt has named Beth Cowan, a freshman from Ahoskie majoring in Printing Technology, to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Council. She will fill one of two seats created by the 1982 General Assembly.

Miss Cowan is a graduate of Bertie Senior High School, where she was involved in student government affairs and the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. At Chowan, she has been instrumental in the establishment of the first VICA club on the post-secondary level.

The 15-member council, on which Miss Cowan will serve, advises the Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development on the promotion, development and administration of the state's recreation and parks system.

She is one of the first youth members to serve on the council. Her term of office will expire on June 30, 1983.

## Cafeteria staff completes course in food handling

The staff of Thomas Cafeteria recently completed a 12-hour Food Handlers Certification course offered by the Hertford-Gates County Health Departments and Roanoke-Chowan Technical College.

The instructor for the course was Mrs. Katie Heath, and assisted by Matt Parker, environmental health coordinator for the Health Department.

The three-week course was attended by all cafeteria workers including manager Ronald L. Thompson, and assistant manager Larry Lassiter.

After completing the course, the cafeteria personnel received certificated and arm patches for their uniforms. In addition to hearing lectures, the workers viewed films showing the proper way to handle food. During the final session, they completed a test as a review of the course.

Thompson said he was pleased with the enthusiastic response of his workers for the course.

Among those receiving certificates were Timothy Thompson, Olivia C. Cooper, Brooklyn Manns, Geraldine Branch, Phyllis Newsome, Gertie Moore, Pauline Deloatch, Josie Britt, Gladys Vaughan and Priscilla Branch.

Also Earlene Vaughan, Earlene Williams, Ida Washington, Essie Manley, Margie Stephenson, Marion Newsome, Millicent Copeland, Victoria Jenkins, Inell Jones, Julia Boon, Josie Williams, Mrs. Linda Thompson, Manager Ronald Thompson, and Assistant Manager Larry Lassiter.



Ms. Donna Freeland  
Class of 1967

## Alumnus operating unique shop to feature 'yesterday's fashions'

By VINT TILSON

Donna Freeland, a 1966-67 graphic arts major, is the proprietress of "Donna's Folly," a Hillsborough, N. C., shop featuring "fashions from a century past."

The shop, located in a renovated caboose in the Daniel Boone Village, opened June 27, 1982, and has "a little bit of everything" from lace collars to Saks Fifth Avenue ensembles.

The fashions, all hand-selected by Ms. Freeland, date from the 1850s to the 1950s. Her collection, a large part of which came from the Charlotte Mint Museum, is well-preserved and varied. Most of the clothes are women's fashions, although she is steadily and carefully building a collection of men's wear.

"Blouses are probably the most popular items," Ms. Freeland notes, although children's clothes and nightgowns also sell well. Handkerchiefs are always popular, because, as she continued, "a lot of girls carry them on their wedding day for something old." Her prize garment is a late 1800 beaded cape.

### Customers Varied

Ms. Feeland sells and rents the fashions to people attending costume and turn-of-the-century

parites. Owners of restored homes also use her selections to wear and for display. Play directors often turn to her for costuming as do individuals attending garden parties, weddings, and other festivities.

Ms. Freeland, whose father developed the Daniel Boone Village, is also manager of the Big Barn Convention Center, located in the Village. "Sixteen years ago," she explains, "there was only the motel and cafeteria." Today, the Village is a bustling outdoor mall, even offering an "Antique Music and Wheels" museum.

Before opening "Donna's Folly," Ms. Freeland, whose favorite decade is the twenties, spent several months researching different fashion motifs from 1850 to 1950. Details, such as knowing when zippers were first used in clothes, became important in matching the fashions with appropriate dates.

Her interest in antique fashions dates to when at the age of 10 she began going with her father every summer to antique automobile shows. People who attended the shows usually dressed in the styles which were popular when their cars were popular. Her interest in

antique clothing never waned. The selling experience she gained while serving five years as the advertising manager with *The News of Orange County* helped Ms. Freeland realize her dream of opening an antique fashion shop in her hometown.

"A lot of people thought this was crazy. 'Who is going to buy these clothes from you?' I had a few doubts myself."

Business has been very encouraging, however, and the good word is spreading about "Donna's Folly," an unusual name for an unusual shop.

"When I was little, I often heard my mom kidding my dad about his follies. I wasn't sure what a folly was, but I knew that I wanted to grow up and have one." When it came time to name the shop, "Donna's Folly" seemed a natural.

## Polly Cook, '54, now living in Franklin

Polly Condrey Cook, Class of 1954, now lives in Franklin, Va. She is married to Johnny F. Cook, Jr., and they have three daughters. She graduated from Women's College in Greensboro and has been a school teacher.

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