

1988 Homecoming Queen, Princess crowned

Christi Lynn King of Cary, was selected Chowan's 1988 Homecoming Queen and received her crown during halftime of the Braves' football game against Potomac State on October 15.

The Braves took command of the game offensively and defensively, whipping the Catamounts 25-0 before a large crowd that included many alumni.

The alumni participated in receptions before and after the game and a luncheon was held in the President's Dining Room for alumni and other guests.

1988 Homecoming Princess

Christi King was Chowan's homecoming princess last year. A graduate of Apex Senior High School, where she was selected queen of Homecoming, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Patrick King, and a commercial art major.

King also is manager of the Braves wrestling team, and a member of the Art Club and Phi Theta Kappa for academic excellence.

Jennifer Ruth Shepard of Williamsburg, Va., a Lafayette High School graduate, was named 1988 Homecoming Princess. She is a nursing major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepard.

Homecoming activities began on Thursday with a pep rally and parade, sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Members of the Court

Other members of the Homecoming Court include sophomores Beth Davenport, of Hampton, Va.; Jennifer Grooters, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Donna Jo Phillips of Murfreesboro.

Other freshman princess candidates were Julie Brooks of Kinston; Celeste Keller, of Tabb, Va.; and Susan Thompson of Durham.

President Bruce E. Whitaker presented the crown to King and a bouquet of flowers to Shepard to begin their reigns at Homecoming.



Christi Lynn King smiles proudly as she begins her reign as 1988 Homecoming Queen. Miss King was escorted in the annual activities by Todd Smallwood.



Jennifer Ruth Shepard, of Williamsburg, Va., was selected as Chowan's Freshman Princess for 1988. A nursing major, Jennifer was escorted by Chris Williams.

Mark Brown art works exhibited

Contemporary works of art by Mark Brown of Kinston were featured in the Chowan Art Gallery in Green Hall in October. Brown, visual arts director of the Community Council for the Arts in Kinston, is a MFA graduate of East Carolina University.

He has exhibited recently in St. Louis, Mo.; Elk Grove, Ill.; and Rochester and Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Professor of Art Doug Eubank commented, "The artist's work consists of some small oil paintings on paper and low-fire earthenware ceramics sculpture."

He said Brown's work "reflects the latest and most contemporary small scale sculptural pieces being done in the art world today."

Eubank said in the artist's own view his works gave the viewer "a sense of whimsy in order to make them fun to look at as well as thought-provoking."

Catalog carries work of new poets

Nine poems by men and women from six states are being distributed in all 50 states and overseas in publication. The poems appear in a seven-page literary supplement within the Chowan College 1989-90 catalog.

Dr. Ken Wolfskill, Chairman of the Department of Language and Literature, and Darrell Nicholson, Registrar, began "New Poets Review" in 1975 and the works of nine or ten unknown poets have appeared in each succeeding catalog to the applause of the literary and educational worlds.

The poets win the honor through a poetry contest conducted by Wolfskill and Nicholson.

Each fall, contest rules are sent to over 500 colleges and universities across the nation. "We get around 400 entries a year, most from college students and professors," stated Nicholson.

Keen Competition

Commented Wolfskill, "The competition is real stiff. Opportunities to be published are not real broad. We have received some really good poetry. Generally we come up with 10 poems that we think are outstanding. We don't publish anything that isn't publishable. One year we published only nine poems."

"Every serious poet likes to be published," noted Nicholson. "This provides an avenue for the new and mostly unknown poets to express themselves. This is a start. This gives poets a chance to have an audience."

Nicholson is himself a published poet. His poems have appeared in a number of regional and national literary publications. Wolfskill's writings have been published in professional and literary journals.

Nicholson expressed the opinion "this is an activity the liberal arts college should support. It's good that the college is willing to commit some of its resources to this activity."

Wolfskill pointed out that entries come from all over and some from "name" poets. He and Nicholson said the latter include well known North Carolina poets Shelby Stephenson and Anthony Abbott, whose poems have appeared in "New Poets Review."

Nicholson said "New Poets Review" has boosted the careers of a number of poets. He said they have gone on to have poems published in other publications. He said several have even had books of their poetry published.

He said the circulation is the number of catalogs printed each year. The 1988-89

edition which is currently in use had a printing of 16,000.

"The catalog has a universal circulation," Nicholson explained. "An employee of the Nigerian embassy in Washington, D.C. sent word that she was impressed with it."

The "New Poets Review" is taken seriously by the literary community, Wolfskill and Nicholson said. "Sam Ragan of Southern Pines has mentioned our New Poets Review in his column several times," stated Wolfskill.

Nicholson said the late Guy Owens of Raleigh also made positive comments about the poetry section. Nicholson noted, "It's a pleasant respite for persons who think a catalog is dull. It's nice to have a section that is manifesting inner beauty."

"Good Idea"

"Parents attending orientation comment that it's a nice idea. One time in my office I overheard two parents arguing over a poem. The wife told me she didn't know that her husband was interested in poetry," Nicholson said.

The nine poems in the 1989-90 catalog are from California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Texas. The contest deadline for the following catalog is March 2, 1989.