

The Functions of a College Newspaper

By CAROL DENTON

The college newspaper is a means of expression whereby students are kept informed, entertaining articles are provided, and opinions are expressed.

It is a vital part of college life and to the public. It is in a sense a power which can save this society. A college newspaper is a living thing. It's young men and women with their fingers on the pulse of the college campus and the community, devoting their time to bringing you the news and opinions, as it happens and as they see it, as truthfully, and accurately as is humanly possible. And you know that one year in the life of a newspaper is just a fragment of time. Time moves on, others take over, and our ideas are forgotten, but the newspaper lives on and flourishes.

This is the last edition, there have been many, some right, perhaps some wrong, but all honest opinions based on the facts at hand. Some battles have been won. Apathy has been conquered in other instances. Accomplishments have been made, but there is still so much to be done.

We, on the Smoke Signals staff, worry continually about how we will fill up the paper, or about what we will have to leave out. Sometimes it gets frustrating and we on the staff wonder why we ever chose to work on the paper. We ask ourselves: "What's the use?" and "What's it all for?"

Even so, we on the staff have become a working unit. The Editor, Richard Jackson, and myself as Associate Editor realize that it would not have been possible to have a paper at all without the hard work of those persons, students and faculty alike, who worked with us in making this paper truly a college student newspaper. As we have learned to deal with our frustrations, we have become a part of the paper. Deep down we take pride in knowing that the paper looks pretty good after all. We also get a sense of satisfaction when the facts are accurately reported and the editorials are just and constructive.

Trying to cover both the campus and the town news is sometimes an impossible task, especially since we have academic standards to keep up. And yet, this is the real function of the college newspaper. We have tried to cover as much as possible, as well as possible, and to get it in our four-to-eight page newspaper. Some stories don't get in. But then more have got in the recent publications because of the better understanding arrived at between the editor, his staff, and the publications committee.

There have been times when we on the staff have been accused of not knowing what we are writing about. It is the job of us on the staff to be in a position to keep all things in their place. We can't begin to know it all; but we can make an effort to find out the facts and report them as accurately as possible.

Sometimes the paper is charged with the fault of just being a "mouth-piece" for the administration. In truth the paper is caught in the middle between the student body and the administration. Both sides have their own ideas about what is good for Chowan College, and these ideas are not always—and often seem never—the same. The editor has to choose whether to take either, both, parts, or none of the opinions. Above all, he and his staff have tried to weigh the merits of "right" and "wrong" in making decisions about what is best for Chowan College.

What is best involves both agreement and disagreement with other's ideas. The SMOKE SIGNALS is not a publicity sheet; we report on what is happening, and the editor comments either for or against—whichever seems to be for the good of the school.

Another thing that is sometimes very difficult to do is that of remaining open-minded about opinions other than our own. This does not mean, we are not to have an opinion. If facts prove us wrong, our open minds will then allow a change in our way of thinking.

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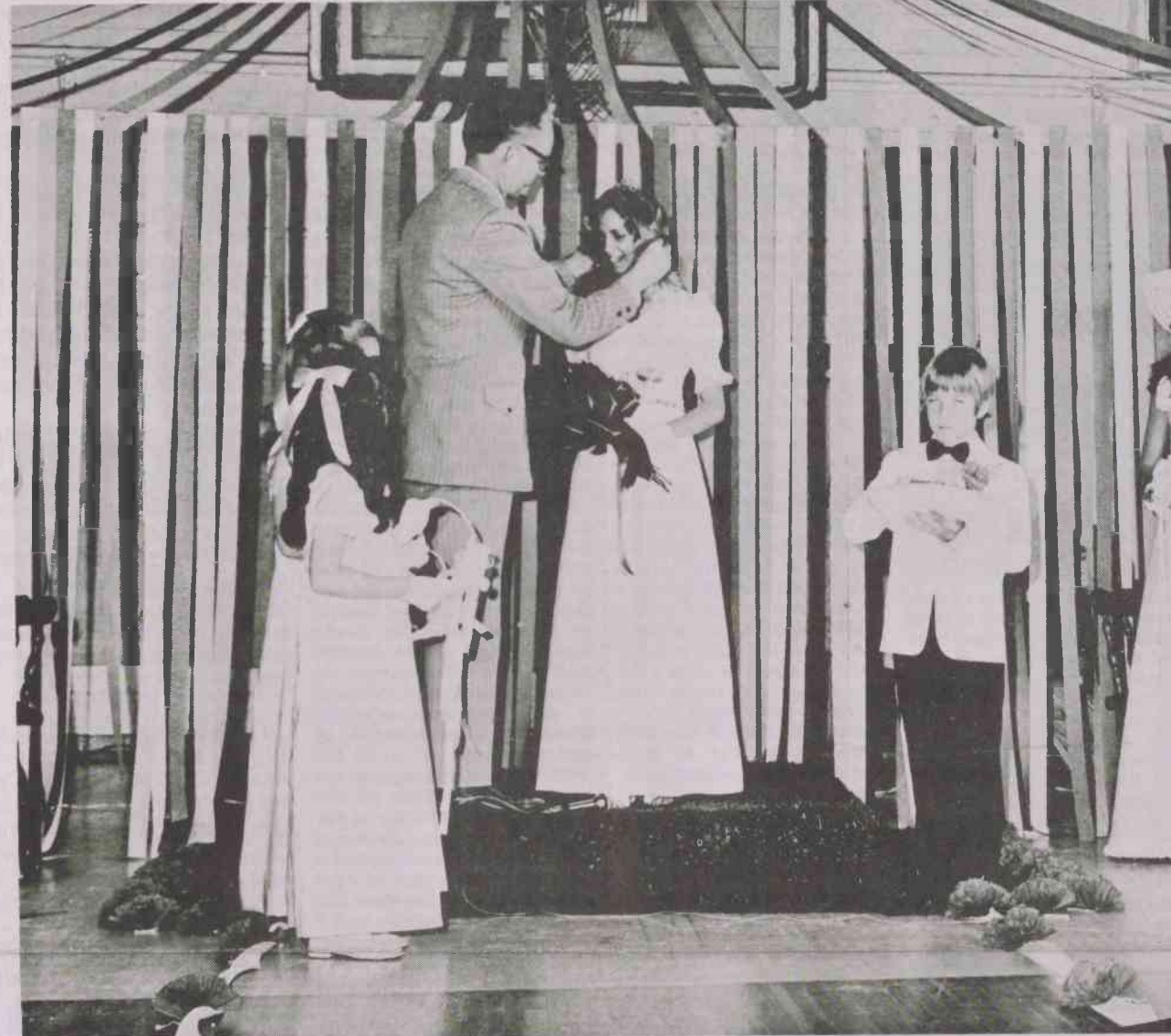
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Miss Patti Fallis Crowned Queen of Spring



THE QUEEN IS CROWNED—Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of Chowan, places the crown upon Miss Patti Fallis, to begin her reign as the 1972 Queen of Spring.

The rain drizzled but Chowan College's Spring Festival, moved indoors to the gymnasium, refused to fizzle Saturday, April 22.

The decision to move the festival from the traditional site, the front lawn, was made at noon following morning rains and the promise of more to come, which materialized.

Saturday's rains were sandwiched between bright and sunny days but Mrs. Janet Collins, faculty director of the festival, and her student assistants quickly made the transition to the gymnasium. We before the time of the coronation the athletic structure had undergone such a colorful transformation that it would surely have left Braves' basketball coach, Bill McCraw, wondering, "Is this really the gymnasium?"

On schedule at 3 p.m. the procession began. A decided hit with the overflow crowd were flower girls Linda Paul and Shari Lynn Harris and crown bearer Robert Morris.

Basking in the center spotlight was Queen Patricia Fallis and her court, which included freshman princess, Debra Alley of Norfolk. Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker fixed her crown in place to signal the command performance for the reigning Norfolk beauty.

The weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the audience nor the performers, Chowan's snappy drill team of coeds in Indian costumes, Spanish dancers and Professor Jefferson Ishee, soloist, accompanied by the Chowan Stage Band, Bob Brown, director.

The Campus Carnival, minus the games but with eats ranging from tacos to candy apples to cakes and cookies, was shifted to the porch of McDowell Columns following the festival. Business was reported brisk.

Earlier activities included registration and reception for parents in East Hall lounge and registration and luncheon for alumni in the President's Dining Room of Thomas Cafeteria.



QUEEN AND ESCORT—Miss Patti Fallis, Queen of Spring, is escorted to her throne by her escort.

Students Urged to Get Degree Prior to Transfer from Chowan

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Registrar

When an applicant is accepted here at Chowan College as a regular or full-time student, it is automatically assumed by the Director of Admissions and/or the Admissions Committee that the prospective student intends to

Transfer Program Announced

A direct transfer agreement has been worked out between Chowan College and Greensboro College. So that you might have appropriate information for the guidance of your advisees and other students that you might have the occasion to counsel, we are furnishing you with the terms of this agreement.

1. Applicant must complete the requirements for an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at Chowan College.
2. Applicant must be recommended by the Dean of the College and the Dean of Students of Chowan College.
3. Applicant will be accepted by Greensboro College if he completes his application by April 15 preceding the fall semester.
4. All credits earned by the applicant at Chowan College for the Associate in Arts and for the Associate in Science, with the following exceptions, will be accepted for transfer either as required courses or electives, subject to a limit of 66 semester hours.

1. Those majors that require courses in shorthand, typewriting, office machines, Nancy Taylor, dictation, and transcription.

If there are students at Chowan College who wish to go to Greensboro College next fall, 1972, GC would waive the third requirement that the student apply to GC by April 15.

pursue work in a curriculum which leads to a diploma or a degree. Of course, whether or not a student does this is primarily his own decision.

However, members of the faculty and the administration of Chowan College strongly recommend that the student stay in a degree program and get the associates degree, whether or not he plans to continue his education at a senior institution.

It is recommended the completing the work for the two-year degree for two reasons, primarily: First, if the student plans to complete his education after two years at Chowan College, he will have a tangible form of evidence of recognition for the completion of a particular program or curriculum, and this tangible evidence says much to a prospective employer who will want to know about the degree of success which the student has already met in his first two years of higher education. Second, and

perhaps this reason is the most important, the associates degree is becoming increasingly important if that student has any plans for continuing his education at a senior college or university. And it will be on this last reason that the remainder of this column will be focused.

For the Chowan College student who anticipates transferring to a senior college or university, we strongly recommend that he complete work for the associates degree because we know that, increasingly, the senior institutions are requiring that transfer students from the junior and community colleges hold the two-year degree before they are admitted to junior status. Accordingly, we may see this emphasis on the two-year degree as a growing trend in the admissions offices of many senior colleges or universities. For instance, last April, 1971, the Community College System of Florida negotiated with the State University System of the same state an "Articulation Agreement" which will facilitate the movement of the state's community college and junior college student into the Florida state university system. And one of the criteria for this movement from the two-year school to the university is that the prospective transferer must hold the associates degree. Florida is just one of many states with such agreements, and more such institutions are in the making.

Perhaps, the most obvious reason for completing the requirements for the associates degree is that one concerned with the actual transfer of course hours and course requirements from the two-year institution to the four-year institution: many schools will accept an occasional 'D' grade in transfer where the student either has an over-all 'C' average or the associates degree. For instance, through the use of what is termed "Direct Transfer Agreements" many senior colleges and universities will

consider accepting 'D's' in transfer if the student has earned the over-all 'C' average and/or the associates degree.

For example, Radford College in Virginia, Campbell and Catawba Colleges here in North Carolina and East Tennessee State University will accept 'D's' in transfer if the applicant has an over-all 'C' average on all work and/or the associates degree. Since 80 per cent of our enrollment here at Chowan College does plan to transfer, this percentage should address itself early to the clear advantages of first earning the associates degree before planning to transfer to a senior institution.

For more information about this situation and others which the student may not at this time be able to anticipate, a publication, A STEP AHEAD, is available in the Registrar's Office which answers many of the salient questions of two-year college students as they attempt to ready themselves for a senior college or university. The reader is invited to purchase a copy of A STEP AHEAD and explore the many options open to him as he prepares for his admission to a senior institution.

Registrar Issues Information On Transcripts

Chowan College sophomores and prospective 1972 graduates who anticipate transferring to senior institutions next fall semester must have their final transcripts released to the institutions under consideration, according to an announcement this week from D. H. Nicholson, Chowan Registrar.

These final transcripts will include grades for this semester. Such releases to senior institutions are wholly the responsibility of the students themselves, and these releases are initiated when the students fill in the "Transcript Request Form" in the Registrar's office and pay the proper fee.

Nixon Trip Topic of Symposium

President Nixon's visit to China and its repercussions on Taiwan was discussed at a Sino-American Symposium for North Carolina and Virginia high school students held Saturday, April 15 in Marks Hall auditorium at Chowan College.

Registration began at 10 a.m. with refreshments served until 10:25 when Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker gave the welcome.

The program featured a native Hungarian and former chairman of the Social Science Department at Chowan, Dr. Bela Udvarnoki. He spoke on President Nixon's visit to China at 10:30 a.m.

At 11 o'clock, Stephen T. S. Chiang, a Chowan student from Taiwan, discussed "Storm Cloud Over Formosa." At 11:30 a.m., a panel of faculty and staff members gave their reaction to the messages. Members were Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college; Darrell H. Nicholson, registrar; and professors Bruce Charles Fryer, social science, Mrs. Rachel N. Pittman, business, and Warren G. Sexton, chairman of the sponsoring social science department. A question and answer period completed the program.

Dr. Udvarnoki served as president of the Hungarian Baptist Convention and Baptist Siminary in Hungary before fleeing the country in 1947 during the Communist takeover. From 1948 to 1952 he was pastor of Gatesville Baptist Church and served as chairman of the social science department at Chowan from 1952 to 1963.

He is presently the editor of a Hungarian magazine, "The Gospel Messenger," distributed across the United States and 10 foreign countries. He is the author of several books and many articles and widely known as a speaker on international relations.

Track Team Sets Record

Chowan College's track team has set five school records while compiling a 7-0 record which includes two victories over Ferrum.

Coach Dan Surface reports that the Braves' victories also include two over Wingate and Fork Union and defeat of Elizabeth City State.

Stan Lucas of Cary, N.C. has set records in the shot with a heave of 45' 1/2" and the discus with a toss of 138' 9". Bobby Britt, sophomore of Rocky Mount, N.C., broke the mark in the 100 with a run of 9.9 against Ferrum April 14 and Mike Ribet of Durham, N.C. set the pole vault standard at 12' 8 1/2". Don Holts of Waynesboro, Va., tied the high jump record of 6' 4".

The mile relay squad added another record with a clocking of 3:28 against Ferrum, April 17. In that meet, Chowan trailed the Panthers by nine points entering the last three events. The Braves finished 1-2 in the 220 with Britt winning and Johnny Smith of Smithfield, Va., second, and first and second in the two-mile with John Spears of Afton, Va., the victor and Drew Thompson of

Portsmouth, Va., runnerup. The team clinched the victory with the mile relay win. Members of this outfit were Ribet, Smith, Bill Wingo of Cary, N.C. and Earl Boyette of Clayton, N.C.

It was the first 440 run by Smith this season who replaced the ailing Alphonso Collins and Surface said the sprinter turned in an outstanding performance.

Chowan closes its regular season at Hargrave Military Academy Friday. The Braves will compete in the regional tournament April 26 at Brevard. The host team is favored but Surface believes his Braves will give a strong showing.

YEARBOOKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED THURSDAY

The 1972 publication of "The Chowanoka" will be given out to the students Thursday at a supper on the green. Students will have to bring their ID cards to be able to pick up their copy of this year's annual.

This year's "Chowanoka" is really an outstanding issue. It has many pictures that are representative of the campus scenes and activities.