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Debbie Dorrrough was crowned Homecoming Queen (left) while Sara Jones captured the crown of Princess.

Homecoming highlighted by parade

Chowan Homecoming was celebrated Saturday, October 5, with the traditional football game, class reunions, and activities for alumni.

For the first time in many years, Chowan had a Homecoming Parade and it was one to be remembered. Residence hall floats, cheerleaders, last year's homecoming queen and a clown or two made their way down the streets of Murfreesboro and around Jones Drive on campus.

The Grand Marshalls were Dr. Allen Casey, class of '62, president of the alumni association; Louise Strickland, class of '36, of Woodland, and Suzanne Clifton, class of '64, of Cary. Strickland and Clifton were named Outstanding Alumni of Chowan later that day in the alumni meeting.

Students, alumni, faculty and friends enjoyed a picnic on alumni green prior to the football game. Chowan defeated Georgia Mil-

itary 14-13 in the final seconds of an exciting game.

Debbie Dorrrough was crowned Homecoming Queen and Sara Jones was crowned Homecoming Princess by President Jackson during halftime. Debbie was escorted by her brother, David Dorrrough; Sara was escorted by her father, Dr. Donald Jones.

The day concluded with an all-campus dance in the Braves Den featuring the Mike Latham Band.

Halloween uneventful on campus, students call vandalism "uncool"

By Jessica Kiser
Feature Editor

Halloween was celebrated at Chowan with parties, costumes and dance featuring the band Moment of Silence. The costumes at the Chowan Halloween Dance were varied and creative. Chowan students were dressed as Disney characters, phantoms, and even babies. The students with the best costumes won monetary rewards up to fifty dollars for their efforts.

First prize went to Amy Runger of Cary, N. C. She dressed as a scarecrow, and she said she got the idea from a magazine. She plans to spend a little of her prize and save a little. "The dance is all right. The music is great. I am having a lot of fun. I think the threat of vandalism on campus is stupid. You can have fun without doing stupid stuff," Runger said, summing up her opinion of the evening.

Stephanie Boyce from Ahoskie, N.C., won second prize with her pumpkin outfit, an idea that her mother came up with. Boyce's thoughts of the evening were, "The lead singer and the lead guitarist (of Moment of Silence) are great. HOT! I think it was stupid for someone to break the band's jeep window. Why do they have to vandalize to have fun?"

Ken McGinniss of Wilmington, Delaware dressed as a court jester to win third prize at the dance. McGinniss claimed, "I got the

idea from the jester on playing cards. I think the dance is great. We should do it again next year. I think the people doing the vandalism need the Lord in their life."

Kevin Lawrence of Durham, N.C., summed up everyone's thoughts about Halloween at Chowan. When asked what he thought about the dance, he said, "Pretty cool."

When asked about the vandalism, Lawrence said "Pretty uncool."

The students' opinions of Halloween at Chowan were as varied as the costumes at the costume dance. Some students like Alison Newlove of Falls Church, Va. were more worried about the effects that actions of vandalism would have on the student privileges, "We need more school spirit. The band is awesome. I don't agree with the people who do the vandalism because they are the ones getting visitation taken away. They don't care about the other students," she said.

Other students were tough on the people who do such things as break windows on school property. Julie Atkins of Colerain, N.C., said, "I think it is ridiculous. If they are supposed to be grown ups, they ought to act like it."

Sharon Dial from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania agreed with Atkins, "It is an exciting evening, but I think vandalism is stupid. People should have enough dignity to care about their school."

Students from big cities had a hard time accepting the Chowan Halloween dance as a party.

Amador Padillo from Miami, Florida said, "Parties in Miami are not like this. We need more people to come to the parties, and we need more music variety."

Yet some students were not bothered by the threat of broken windows or egged cars. Wanda Lassiter of Gates County, N.C., defended students who participated in such things by claiming, "They are just having fun."

Most of the students and faculty were pleased with the Halloween dance but were very anxious about the pranks and vandalism that was expected that night. One of the male security guards was pleased with how the night was going as of eleven o'clock. "The biggest problem we have had so far is students running through Squirrel Park. I hope that will be extent of it, but you never can tell. A lot of students are off campus. When they come back, we'll see."

Most students celebrated the evening off campus or in their room and moved their cars out of the student parking lots in preparation for the onslaught of eggs expected later in the evening. Quay Johnson from Staunton, VA said, "I am scared to walk to the student center." Her companion Shawn Moore from the Bronx had a different approach to the evening's happenings, saying, "Halloween is boring because nothing is going on yet, but wait until after midnight." After midnight, very little went on. Some one did break the window of Moment of Silence's jeep, but that seemed to be the extent of the expected vandalism.

The lack of immediate destruction just seemed to heighten tensions between students and the security guards. A group of twenty or more students gathered outside of Jenkins dormitory around ten o'clock. The students claimed, "We are just hanging out."

The security guard did not accept this reason and tried to break up the group reportedly by using mace on some of the students. One female security guard warned several female students to stay in their rooms because there was going to be a racial fight in front of the female dorms or in Squirrel Park.

Yet for all of the warning and fear that was spread around campus several students met at midnight and played a game of Capture the Flag. Halloween at Chowan came and went without any of the major incidents expected.

Students fight observatory planned in Arizona

Students from Arizona, North Carolina, Harvard and Yale have all joined in a campaign to preserve a forest threatened by a telescope observatory proposed by the University of Arizona. The students have worked since 1984 to convince federal lawmakers to stop the project.

Opponents of the plan to construct an observatory among 700 acres of old growth forest on Arizona's Mt. Graham say the project violates the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPCA). Also threatening the rare red squirrels that live in the area, the proposal violates the Endangered Species Act (ESA), according to environmentalists.

Arizona students have written letters of protest to Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ) and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ). They have also enlisted the support of students at the University of North Carolina, Harvard University, and Yale University to write Rep. Walter Jones (D-NC) and Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA).

"This (observatory) could set a dangerous precedent," says David Hodges, a senior interdisciplinary studies major and member of Arizona's SEAC chapter. Hodges says that if the university succeeds, then it has shown that "it just has to come up with the money to lobby Congress and it'll get around the act."

Steve Emerine, University of Arizona Associate Director of Public Information, defends the plan, stating that several artificial structures already exist on Mt. Graham.

Annual Art Trip to New York

Students invade Manhattan during break

By Marty Grebing, Editor

Several students embarked on an adventure that would take them to the most famous city in America during mid-term break.

For the past few years, the art department has been going to New York at mid-term break. All students, teachers, and some friends were eligible to go. A minimal fee was required of all that went, which covered transportation and a three night stay at the Hotel Wentworth. Everyone had to bring their own spending money for such things as food and souvenirs.

The group arrived in New York on October 19th, sometime late in the morning. After checking in and unloading luggage, just about everyone proceeded to Canal Street. On Saturday afternoons, there just isn't a better place to go shopping than Canal Street.

It is a road that can take you through Chinatown and Little Italy. Each side of the street is filled with vendors selling everything imaginable. Cologne, cassette tapes, and watches were extremely popular. It was no problem to find at least ten different places to buy watches on each block. If an item was desired that seemed too expensive, a short walk would discover that same item at a cheaper price.

On Sunday morning, everyone got up early and headed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There, students were exposed to art works from ancient cultures and peoples. The museum was huge; far too big to tour it all in one day. Even the students spent the entire day looking around, they couldn't see everything it had to offer.

After the Metropolitan museum, everyone went their separate ways. Some went to eat, some went to the Statue of Liberty, some went to the Empire State Building, and some went back to the hotel to rest. Later that night, students were exposed to a real Saturday night. The lights at night in New York are incredible. There are so many things to do

that it would take at least a lifetime to do them all. There are more than enough night clubs and restaurants to keep anyone busy. Many people tried to get into one of New York's hottest night clubs, The Limelight, but the line consisted of about three hundred people at any given time. Even when night clubs were inaccessible, everyone found something to do. There was never a lack of action, as ambulances, suicidal taxis, and fire trucks were constantly streaming down the street.

Monday was a free day. Most people continued to go sightsee-

ing, but some went shopping in the countless shopping centers that adorn the streets. Others rested and recuperated from the active night before.

One highlight of the trip was a visit to the Museum of Modern Art. It was an interesting tour. The subject matter included a wide range of ideas and visual concepts. Students often commented about the amount of photography that was on display. After leaving the museum, the group set out on their own once again to explore New York for one last evening.

Everyone had a good time and



Views of the New York trip are (top) a courtyard in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and (bottom) a sculpture of the Greek God, Zeus.

brought back a variety of souvenirs and jewelry. If you have any questions about any part of the New York trip, just ask one of the following people, they will be glad to tell you about it:

Yuko Harada, Chie Masuyama, Keiko Mumamatsu, Michiko Hata, Ayumi Yoshida, Yoko Katsura, Nanami Yoshimura, Kanetoshi Yoshino, Jennifer Scheffel, Amy Wojtkowski, Leanne Wojtkowski, Glenna Tyson,

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Second in a series

DEA — the student's side

By Jessica Carver, Editor

It seems that the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) may be doing their jobs, but at the cost of the Chowan student body's happiness.

"There is nothing we can do without them breathing down our necks," one student commented.

In the last Smoke Signals article, the officers' reasons for being on campus were explained. Their side of the story was told. Now it is time for the students to reveal their feelings.

Many students remember the Lake (in Gates County), although a few have never seen it. It was known as the place to go to party and hang out without Security breathing down your necks. Thanks to those ever-present "boys in blue", it has been closed down. For a period of approximately two weeks, they lay in waiting for students, unsuspecting children, to

come barreling in. Sure enough, on one night, eight cases of beer were confiscated and countless possession tickets were written.

"What's the problem? We were all in one place, not bothering anybody. We could have been out terrorizing Murfreesboro. We were even in a different county!" one irate student said.

Since the foreclosure on the Lake, the DEA have been watching Chowan students like hawks. Somehow, they sniff out every possible, out-of-the-way place students can find to have fun. This isn't going over well with the student body. "We know what responsibility means. We have heard of a designated driver and we take full advantage of it," say some students.

Maybe, with that tiny bit of information, the DEA can learn to leave Chowan to itself and everything will be peaceful again.

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