

Large Crowd On Hand For Chowan Homecoming



FIRST AWARD — GRAPHIC ARTS DEPARTMENT FLOAT

It was a day such as to be remembered in the years when memories bring back happy events. It was Saturday, October 3, 1959 . . . Homecoming Day for Chowan College.

There were lovely prancing majorettes, and band music . . . a parade in which gayly decorated floats carried attractive co-eds from the more than 100 on Chowan's campus; and there were queens (everyone of them) in beautiful gowns waving from convertibles to the several thousand spectators who lined Murfreesboro's main street to watch the passing parade.

Of course there were alumni . . . some from long distances . . . who came to see the many changes . . . the growing alma mater . . . and to talk excitedly with old classmates. So much to talk about . . . of course even children . . . of course (new or old) boy or girl friends

. . . and the days at Chowan . . . "remember when—".

The crowd at the football game between Frederick and Chowan was the greatest . . . nearly 600 paid admissions . . . of course there were a couple of hundred free-loaders also in the mass that almost encircled the high school field. It was a merry kind of crowd even when Frederick was pouring on the touchdowns . . . (thought while scribbling notes: if the Braves had fought as hard in the first three quarters as they did in the last, perhaps the score would not have been Frederick 27, Braves 14.

The Floats

There was a parade prior to the football game . . . a police car . . . the Ahoskie High School band . . . cars with Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker, Dean and Mrs. Brooks being recognized by the people along the way . . .

and several attractive floats which were decorated by students . . . Graphic Arts department (first award), Baptist Student Union (second award), Sophomore class (third award), student N. E. A. float, Freshmen class, Department of Business, and the float carrying Queen Jackie Anderson. With the exception of one or two floats the students not only did the decorating but paid for the materials used.

Campus Decorations

Some campus decorations were attractive . . . some suggestive of what would happen (but didn't) to Frederick's football team . . . all of them represented planning and much work by the students occupying the various dorms.

The "Big House" had a blue and white Chowan emblem . . . made of white napkins and blue paper . . . hanging on the second floor between the big columns . . . 15 by 15 feet in size . . . lettering—made of blue paper—was set on a white background. This won an award from the judges.

The girls's dorm had a tractor and mower . . . with a dummy standing on the mower . . . and a sign saying "Mow them down, Chowan."

The men in the "old presidents home" had a simulated football field . . . with dummies dressed in Chowan uniforms . . . one carrying an ugly stick to push Fredrick off the field. Also a plow on the field with a sign that read, "We're going to plow Fredrick under." Over the steps of the house a white design with blue letters spelled out **Chowan**. This dorm tied with the "Big House" as the best.

The men's dorm had a miniature graveyard . . . with 11 graves . . . each representing one of the Frederick players . . . and a sign reading, "Here lies Fredrick."

Pre-Game Crowning

Prior to the start of the football game between Frederick and Chowan, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan, placed the crown on Queen Jackie Anderson who was surrounded by her court members and their escorts. (It should be reported that the Queen received a delicate kiss on the cheek from Dr. Bruce . . . after he had placed the crown on her pretty head.)

The Queen's court and their escorts . . . Audrey Marriner, Hickory, Va., with Harry D. Sell, Southport; Lois "Bunny" Jones, Red Oak, with John Brake, Rocky Mount; Geneva Congleton, Washington, N. C., with John Bryant, Rescue, Va.; Bonnie Tinkham, Alexandria, Va., with Lawrence Swain, Manteo; Linda Bradshaw, Franklin, Va., with Rice Day, also of Franklin; Vivian Burgess, Conway, Va., with Herman Moore, Hampton, Va.; Queen Jackie Anderson, of Severn, was escorted by "Bunk" Roberson, Washington, N. C.

A Special Homecoming

All to soon there'll be another Homecoming Day at Chowan . . . but somehow this one . . . the 1959 Homecoming Day . . . was all filled with brightness for a great future for the old college . . . it kind of seperated the struggling days of being reborn from evident advancement in material as well as educational growth.

Yes, Saturday, October 3, 1959 . . . Homecoming Day . . . will linger with the several hundred who enjoyed its moments.



SECOND AWARD — BSU FLOAT



HOMECOMING QUEEN JACKIE ANDERSON



THIRD AWARD — SOPHOMORE CLASS



STUDENT N. E. A. FLOAT



FRESHMAN CLASS FLOAT



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS FLOAT