

## Our Cover

The front and back of the April-May CHOWANIAN cover show the very lovely May Queen and her court with the stately "Columns" building as a background; then "Lovers' Lane" that leads from the "Columns" building to the front entrance of the campus; surrounded by the glorious colors of Spring.

The School of Graphic Arts used a two color method called "duotone" to bring out the attractiveness of the two pictures, which were also produced by that department.

The May Queen and her court are, from left to right, Karen Nelson, Powhatan, Va.; Sandra Simmons, Powhatan, Va.; Betty Eves, Elizabeth City; Gwendolyn Foy, Richmond, Va.; Joan Sammons, May Queen, Newport News, Va.; Melinda Bishop, Mountainside, N.J.; Alpha Carter, Faith; Sylvia George, Norfolk, Va.; Carolyn Royster, Buffalo Junction, Va.

## May Day

By DAVID BLYTHE

"If the sky had been any bluer, the grass any greener, or the girls any prettier, it just would not have seemed real." So spoke an enchanted spectator upon conclusion of Chowan's annual May Day event.

The program began with the queenly entrance of the May Court headed by Joan Sammons. Following the queen came the maid of honor, Melinda Bishop. Next came the class attendants: Sylvia George, Betty Eves, and Alpha Carter representing the sophomore class. Carolyn Royster, Gwen Foy, Sandra Simmons and Karen Nelson representing the freshman class.

The entertainment followed the queen's procession. First was the French Ballet Dance entitled, "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World."

Beverly Waldrop was the next performer, providing the audience with a skillful display of baton twirling. Her act was done in cadence to the "Washington Post March."

Next was the colorful Spanish Dance, "El Relicaris" performed by Carman Ramirez, a Chowan student from Puerto Rico.

The audience then delighted in the antics of Rubie "Rooster" Lewis and his professional-like whip act. "Rooster" and his whip were in great contrast to the elegant dances. The audience thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Far East was depicted next by the Oriental Dance group composed of Bettye Futrell, Effie Early, Pat Midgett, and Phil Durette. The Orient came alive as Phil came out painted in gold from head to foot. Phil and his "harem" did a splendid job.

The Finale was by the Vienna-Waltz Group dancing the famous "Embassy Waltz". Members of this group were Lynette McBride, Charles Edwards, Beverly Waldrop, Sidney Weaver, Bonnie Baker, Bob Evans, Lorene Holloman, Eugene Holloman, Marty Millis, Bemand Murden, Chinkie King and Bucky Wise. Then the program closed as the queen and her court marched out.

So ended Chowan's annual May Day event. Everyone went away quite pleased with the highly entertaining program. We can only hope that next year's program will be as successful.



TO VISIT CAMPUS AGAIN—Mrs. Betty Lane Bissette, a former Miss North Carolina, will again be on the Chowan campus when she co-stars with George Seymour in the musical "Sounds of Broadway" to be held May 19.

## "Sounds of Broadway" To be Presented May 19

Make this your red letter day, May 19, 1962. Since homecoming many of you have requested that Betty Lane Bissette, a former Miss North Carolina, revisit our campus.

In answer to your request, Betty Lane will co-star with Chowan students in "Sounds of Broadway." Other guests include Mr. James M. Chamblee, professor of music at Chowan; and Larita Umphlett, a graduate of East Carolina College.

The "Sounds of Broadway" will consist of music from "West Side Story", "Camelot", and "South Pacific."

Feature solists will include E. Milton Owen, Jr. Judy Joyner, George M. Seymour, and Betsy Boone. Special dance ar-

rangements by Pat Midgett and Phillip Durette.

Tickets are now on sale: Adults \$1.00, and students, \$.50. No reserved seats. Tickets will be available at the door. Plan to attend!

## YWA Event Held In High Point

By SUE RUFFIN

Six girls from the Chowan College YWA attended the YWA Houseparty in High Point, North Carolina, April 13-15. Those going were Alpha Carter, Ann Gerry, Freda Britt, Carolyn Fincher, Betty Worley, and Sue Ruffin. The houseparty was a combination of college and nursing students from various colleges and nursing schools in North Carolina. The girls were housed in the Sheraton Hotel and held their meetings in the First Baptist Church of High Point. The program included missionary speakers, workshops, and fun and fellowship with the missionaries and other girls.

## May Pole is Bonfire Victim Three Times

Gosh, students, let me give you a word of advice, if you gotta be something—be anything but a May Pole. Yep, take my advice: It ain't a easy life. You'll never believe what happened to me in just one week, one little week of seven days at Chowan College. See, they were having some big May Day Weekend or Sadie Hawkins or something—but anyway they got me, a simple May Pole who usually minds his own business and put me in some hidden place where about 200 boys found me (along with six of the cutest little Columns I had met) about Tuesday night of that week. I really can't tell you ALL that was said or done—but the fellows got a little carried away and STARTED burning me! Well, I never been so burning mad. And they were yelling and screaming and twisting around. I guess they were just having fun, but I declare it was a warm night to get a sun tan, well, then those girls started yelling. See, they were mad cause they were locked up in the dorms. Well, I was kinda glad because all the boys went flying over to the girls' dorm for a while. But before long they were back (It seems that some nice lady, Miss Crouch, thought the fellows should look after the fire—me). Finally, I saw them all running—and as I cooled off, I heard some fellow in a Army uniform or something—say he was dang sorry he had missed breaking up the party. Party! Humph! I didn't see nothing party about it.

Doesn't that sound like enough to happen to a poor May Pole? But no, I had just about cooled off Thursday night when here they all come yelling and screaming again, only this time the girls were in on it. To tell you the truth, I made a promise to myself that night, if I even stopped burning I'll never smoke again! Now, you would think enough

is enough—but believe you me you've not heard the worst And this against Walter Osburn (Who had been appointed to guard me and shoot on sight any May Pole thieves, when low and behold—get this—yonder came Mrs. Mixon, Dr. Whitaker, Mrs. Whitaker, Mr. Sandifer, Miss Crouch, THE WHOLE STAFF of CHOWAN led by Mr. McBride. They were just a singing and a yelling worser than the students— One of which was "Rip 'em up, tear 'em up, give 'em test Monday!" (It seems I heard that on Tuesday night, but it sounded different somehow) Then Mr. Powell, who must be a witch doctor, poured something on me and I was green! What are you laughing at. Suppose you had to tell your children that you was once a green May Pole in flames!

The teachers were nicer than the students though least they passed out refreshments to everyone that was nice, but I declare it didn't help my heart burn any. See teachers are richer than students cause they are the smartest.

Well, I've tried to make a short story long, but please take my advice if you gotta be something—be a bleacher, or be a roof, or a cafeteria, or anything—Anything but a May Pole.

## Births

A daughter, Jerri Lynn, on January 16, 1962, to Coach and Mrs. Jerry Hawkins. She is the former Reba Dare Hale of Conway. Jerry is assistant football coach and head baseball coach at the college.

A daughter, Hope, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dixon of Murfreesboro. She was Dianne Phillips prior to her marriage. Both are Chowan alumni.



NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS—New Student Government Officers recently elected for the fall term are Carolyn Royster, secretary; Bradley Haithcock, social co-chairman; Buzzy Cooke, president; Rick Gallaer, vice-president; and Judy Rasberry, social co-chairman.