

## Freshman is experienced Emergency Medical Technician

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Jason Williams is no ordinary Chowan freshman, and Stephanie Harrell, Director of Admissions, quickly realized that fact. In mid-November, Harrell invited a number of freshmen to schedule visits just to talk. Such visits are a vital part of Chowan's "re-recruitment" program. Freshmen are encouraged to discuss their impressions, experiences, and criticisms with Chowan Admissions personnel.

When Williams entered the Admissions Office for his visit, Harrell was struck by his initiative and high level of maturity. During the course of the conversation, Harrell discovered a primary influence on the young man's character. At the ripe old age of 19, Williams already had been involved in emergency medical care for five years.

The son of Mel and Robin Williams, Jason is a longtime resident of Richmond, Va., where he attended Hermitage High School. He was president of his senior class of over 300 students. Williams participated in the marching band for four years and worked as a sports

announcer for three years.

Williams explained that the desire to be involved in emergency medical care "ran in his veins." His grandfather was the city fire chief in Richmond. Williams' father currently is a volunteer with a rescue squad. Flashing red lights and police radio monitors were a natural part of the youngest Williams' environment.

Williams enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course at the age of 15. He explained, "I was a bit too young when I started the course; but, I turned 16 before the course ended." Williams scored well on the Virginia EMT exam. Because of Williams' outstanding performance, the EMT instructor enrolled the youngster in a two-month Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) instructor course. As a result, Williams became the youngest CPR instructor in the state of Virginia. As one who looks even younger than his age, Williams stated, "I got some funny looks from CPR students on the first day of my class. They seemed to be wondering, 'What's this kid doing here?'"

A three-year veteran of Richmond rescue squads, Williams serves with a heavy rescue team. The team performs vehicle extrications using the "jaws of life." After turning 18, Williams was able to work with the medical flight team at Paramount-Kings Dominion theme park in Richmond. Williams recently was re-elected president of his junior rescue squad association.

A Richmond high school guidance counselor directed Williams to Chowan. He wanted to attend a small college. While applying for work-study, Williams discovered that Murfreesboro has a rescue squad team. As an experienced EMT, Williams easily secured a job with the local team. He is paid for each rescue call he answers. Williams, who constantly wears a pager, stated that he answers "two or three calls a day." Before arriving in Murfreesboro, the young EMT had decided that he would work for a rescue squad whether or not he was paid.

Williams has been profoundly affected by cases of abuse caused by drug and alcohol addiction that he has witnessed. He explained that witnessing such violence and abuse has reinforced his own desire to live a clean and disciplined life.

Presently, Williams is applying to the Medical College of Virginia for training as a cardiac technician. After completing the training, he will be able to monitor and pace patients' heart rates. A cardiac technician also can administer drugs and insert breathing tubes



Jason Williams checks out one of the emergency vehicles of the Murfreesboro Rescue Squad in anticipation of his next call to help others.

into patients. Williams hopes to become a certified paramedic within the next two years.

Beyond his involvement in emergency medical care, Williams did take some time to be a typical teenager. In addition to working as a lifeguard, he played the drums in a "classic rock" band.

One might assume that Williams will pursue a career in medicine or emergency medical care. Not so. The freshman plans to major in speech communications. Williams would like to work as either a sports announcer or as a member of a television news team.

Regardless of his professional career, Williams, no doubt, will continue saving lives for years to come because "the desire simply runs in his veins." The city of Richmond, Va., is fortunate to have such a bright and dedicated young man on whom it can depend in emergency situations.

### 1995 Fall Athletic Awards

#### Women's Soccer Record — 1-13

Most Outstanding Offensive Player ..... Angela Cook  
Most Outstanding Defensive Player ..... Michelle Lahm  
Most Improved Player ..... Amy Hinton  
Most Valuable Player ..... Marie Legge  
Most Valuable Player ..... Shama Dunlow

#### Men's Soccer Record — 1-13

Most Outstanding Offensive Player ..... Randy Smale  
Most Outstanding Defensive Player ..... Louis Amigo  
Coaches Award ..... Matt Replogle  
Most Valuable Player ..... Aaron Fenn

#### Volleyball Record — 16-18

Defensive Award ..... Michelle Mitchell  
Most Improved Player ..... Lori Partore  
Coaches Award ..... Melissa Newby  
Most Valuable Player ..... Crystal Wilson

#### Football Record — 2-7-1

Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman ..... Chris Mark  
Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman ..... Derek Smith  
Most Outstanding Offensive Back ..... Ernie Lucas  
Most Outstanding Lineback ..... Mark Long  
Special Teams Award ..... Brian Tynes  
Most Outstanding Receiver ..... Reggie Wilson  
Honorary Captains ..... Brian Canaday and Curtis Noville

### The Lady Braves Soccer Team for 1995

The 1995 women's soccer team completed the season against strong opponents and posted a 1-13 record. Members of the squad were Marie Legge, Angela Cook, Christina E. Smith, Joanna Alvis, Ayumi Kase, Amy Hinton, Robin Adair, Kim Leyden, MacKenzie Martin, Michelle Lahm, Kristen Faucette, Stacey Matkins, Shama Dunlow, Mande McLane and Regen Campbell. The team's head coach was Pam Kocker with Stacy Sage serving as athletic trainer.

