

Inaugural deer hunt successful

More than 75 hunters participate in event to promote the Department of Science

More than 70 hunters, including three women and a handicapped person confined to a wheelchair, participated in Chowan College's first "Management Deer Hunt for Science" in late October.

Biology majors, and all students enrolled in ecology classes assisted the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (District 1) in collection of scientific data on the local herd. Gilbert Tripp, associate professor of biology and also an avid hunter and outdoorsman, directed the students in their research.

David Rowe, District 1 Wildlife Biologist of northeastern North Carolina, dissected a deer in a classroom setting to allow ecology and biology students the opportunity to gather

pertinent data relative to the deer's age, body fat content and reproductive rate.

The data collected by the Chowan students and wildlife biologists was forwarded to the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission for consideration when determining hunting season dates and territorial bag limits.

A total of 27 deer were killed, including 11 doe and 16 bucks.

New Jersey hunter David Burke took the trophy for the largest buck with his eight-pointer. Burke is the supervising wildlife biologist for the state of New Jersey.

Hunters from a wide area registered for the event to benefit the college's Department of Science. "We had five hunters from the states of



Dr. Garth Faile, chairman of the Department of Science (back to camera) presents Professor Tripp an engraved plaque in appreciation for coordinating the deer hunt.



David Rowe, a wildlife biologist (second from left), explains to a group of students the structure of a deer's jawbone to determine the animal's age. The data collected during the deer hunt was forwarded to the North Carolina Wildlife Commission for use in establishing season dates and hunting limits.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania," said Tripp, who coordinated of the hunt, "and one hunter was here from Missouri."

More than 24 landowners in Bertie, Gates, Hertford and Northampton counties provided their private land for the weekend of controlled hunting. Either the landowners or their representatives served as guides for the hunters.

An awards banquet was held on the final day of the hunt in the President's Dining Room for all persons participating in the hunt including the host guides, the landowners and their spouses. Awards and a number of door prizes were given away.

Greene's Gun and Tackle, of Eure, provided a free shoulder mount for the highest scoring buck.

All proceeds of the hunt will supplement the budget of the Department of Science.

Burke building another winning cage team

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If Bob Burke ever decides to hang-up his whistle and retire from the coaching ranks, he may give Bob Villa of TV's This Old House fame a run for his job.

You see Burke, Chowan's veteran men's basketball coach, has a knack for building things — as in winners on the hardwood.

And Burke, beginning his 16th season at Chowan with a 337-12 coaching record, just may have the right building blocks in place this season to erase the memories of two consecutive losing campaigns. Both campaigns came on the heels of the college making its transition from two to four-year status.

"We've been competitive the past two seasons, but those two years had to take place before we could move forward with this program," stressed Burke whose 1993-1995 clubs posted an overall record of 18 wins and 31 losses. Fifteen of these setbacks were by three points or less.

"We've quietly gone about rebuilding through the means of recruiting quality freshmen," Burke continued. "We feel strongly that a solid foundation has now been constructed and one which could flourish this season."

Upon what "bricks" does Burke look to build? Namely sophomore returnees Tyrone McCreary (6'4" guard), Carlton Modlin (6-5 guard) and Thad Forehand (6-7 forward), along with junior Brian McAdoo (6-3 guard) and seniors Mark Hall (6-7 forward) and Chris Hanburger (6-0 guard).

"I think they're some pretty good bricks to build upon," quipped Burke.

McCreary (6.0 ppg. 4.4 rpg) and Modlin (6.3

ppg., 2.5 rpg) are battle tested from a year ago; Forehand and Hall are back following a one year absence. These four players accounted for nearly 19 points and 11 rebounds per game during the 1993-94 campaign.

"McCreary may be our best overall athlete while Modlin made great strides last season," noted Burke. "Carlton is a consistent threat from the perimeter.

"Thad and Mark are a bit rusty right now, but they'll come back around. With both back in the lineup, it gives us a chance to become even more competitive.

"Brian will be asked to play a variety of roles in our backcourt," continued Burke, "while Chris will contribute as a role player off the bench. He has a solid attitude and loves the competition."

To bolster an already solid foundation, Burke, along with fourth year assistant Tony Bulford, has brought in a talented group of freshmen.

"Our main point of emphasis was to bring in some help in our backcourt," observed Burke, who lost the services of last year's starting point guard Jere Croke due to an injury. "We recruited quickness and shooting ability."

Freshmen guards James Dix (6-0, Newport News, VA), Ezra Jones (6-1, of Greensboro), former Hertford County High School standout Rob Burke (5-10, Murfreesboro), Talley Powell (6-0, Raleigh), Matt Daughtry (5-10, Wabash, IN), and Rudy Crichlow (6-1, Newport News, VA) are Burke's new kids on the backcourt block.

"Solid guard play will be the key to our success and just how quickly these youngsters adapt will tell the tale," observed Burke. "We

have a lot more maneuverability in the backcourt than in the past but very little experience. There's so many combinations to work with here. Who'll get the nods with the game on the line will come from gut instinct."

Another trio of freshmen were recruited to add depth to the front court — 6-8 Greg Delnat of Mishawaka, IN; 6-5 forward Herman Spencer of Plymouth, NC; and, 6-6 Dominique Lee of Pendleton, NC.

"Dominique gives us a physical presence underneath the basket," noted Burke. "Greg has shown flashes of talent and is a quick learner, while Herman has an abundance of raw talent. I'm really excited about these three guys."

Another item that excites Burke is the flashbacks he sees from his powerful JUCO teams from years past linked in unison with this year's new crop of talent.

"The competitive juices are flowing with this bunch," said Burke. "In them I see some shades of yesteryear, because this bunch, with their defensive quickness, will come after you."

With the addition of a junior varsity team, which will play a separate 18-game schedule, Burke did hint at the possibility of flip-flopping a few of these prized recruits between the varsity and jayvee levels.

Nine freshmen have already been placed on the jayvee roster — guards Mike Harris (6-2), Greg Melton (5-11), Mike Starace (5-11), Jon Lee (5-10), Quincy Hayes (6-1), Victor Lambert (5-9), Jason Christensen (5-10) along with 6-4 forwards Jeff Bean and Khalid Thomas, both of Ahsoskie.

Bulford and newly hired assistant Rob Dooley will coach the jayvee squad as well as serve as Burke's aides on the varsity level.

Facing tough schedule with Division III squads