

## Braves post first winning season as a senior college

By JACK GOLDBERG, Sports Information Officer

The Chowan Braves men's basketball team closed out a successful season earlier this month by winning four of their last five games to post a 13-12 record.

The victories set two new standards for Head Coach Bob Burke and his young band of Braves. The victory total was the most wins since Chowan initiated a four-year athletic program and also gave the Braves their first winning season as a senior institution.

With only one senior, Mark Hall, in the starting lineup, the Braves matured over the course of the season and finished with an impressive 12-11 record against NCAA Division III opponents.

Always tough at home, the Braves did not disappoint their fans this year and won their final two games back-to-back to seal an excellent 8-2 record on the hard court of Helms Center.

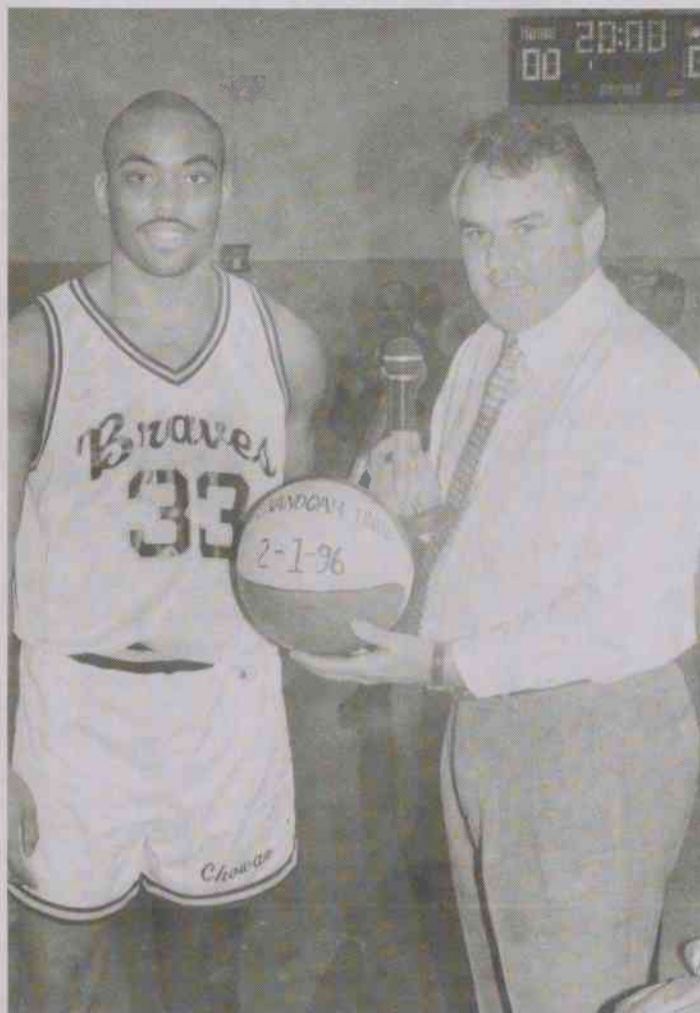
The Braves were also tough on the road, defeating nationally ranked Shenandoah University and Methodist College, as well as making a winning sweep over Villa-Julie College.

Coach Burke's Braves also made their presence felt among the member schools of the Dixie Conference, finishing with a 6-6 record in head-to-head competition.

The second semester saw the return of junior forward Herman Jordan to the Braves' teepee. Jordan, after working himself back into shape, led the Braves in scoring and tied his career and modern day school record with a 46-point scoring effort against Villa-Julie College.

Jordan also wrote his name in the record book by becoming Chowan's first 1,000 point scorer when he led the Braves in victory over Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.

Coach Burke and his staff were cited for a masterful coaching job in directing the very young squad, which consisted of two freshmen, one sophomore and one junior in the starting five. With the return of junior point guard Jere Croke with his year of experience, the Chowan Braves will likely become a force to reckon with among the Division III ranks in the 1996-97 season.



Herman Jordan became Chowan College's first-ever basketball player to break the 1,000-point career scoring mark as the 6'6" junior from Chicago, IL, finished the 1995-96 season with 1,380 points. Jordan was recognized for his feat prior the Braves' final game of the season when Coach Bob Burke, (right) presented him with a memento of his accomplishment.

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## Baseball squad plans another winning season in Division III

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The 1996 edition of Chowan's baseball program is off to a good start even though four of the Braves' early season losses have come against NCAA Division II schools. Within the ranks of Division III, in which Chowan competes, the Braves have compiled an excellent record thus far.

Head Coach Steve Flack was dealt two early season setbacks as two of his projected senior starters, Craig Owens and Mark Murphy, fell victim to injury and sickness. Owens is a strong hitter for the Braves and Murphy received the 1995 "Most Valuable Player" award and was voted "Male Athlete of the Year."

The Braves dropped their first four games of the season to colleges in the NCAA Division II ranks. The Braves gave Head Coach Steve Flack his first collegiate win in February, defeating Christopher Newport University 9-2 in the home opener.

In their first road trip of the early season, the Braves traveled to Atlanta, GA, where they captured second place honors in the Reebok Classic Tournament. The Braves began the tournament by coming back from a 7-0 deficit to defeat Ferrum College 8-7.

The following day, the Braves were defeated by Greensboro College before coming back once again to defeat Rhodes College 11-8 and Ogelthorpe 8-3 to reach the championship game by virtue of their 3-1 record.

The finals saw the host school, Emory College, knock off the Braves 9-0. Despite their loss, the Braves put together five solid games against some of the best Division III programs in the East.

With Owens and Murphy in the line-up, the Braves defeated Marywood College in two consecutive days, 27-2 and 13-10 in early March when the two outstanding seniors combined for nine hits and nine RBIs.

Owens cranked out a home run in his four-for-five day at the plate, driving in seven runs. Murphy wasn't far behind in his spectacular return as he punched out five hits and drove in two runs.

The 27 runs scored by the Braves set a new record for the most runs scored in a game as a four-year program. In addition to their record shattering run production the Braves also etched their name in another category by banging out 31 hits. Freshman Sean Roop of Spotsylvania, VA, also enjoyed an excellent day at the plate, rapping out four hits in five plate appearances. Chris Whitesel and Jeff Emory led the Braves in the second victory over Marywood with three hits each.

### '96 Women's Tennis Schedule

MARCH			
9	St. Andrews College	1:00	Home
13	Mt. Olive College	2:00	Home
16	Christopher Newport University	1:00	Home
18	Averett College	1:00	Away
22	Mt. Olive College	3:00	Away
23	Greensboro College	3:30	Away
APRIL			
10	Virginia Wesleyan College	3:00	Away
13	Longwood College	1:30	Away
17	Virginia Wesleyan College	3:00	Home

HEAD COACH Pam Kocher

### 1996 Golf Schedule

MARCH		
7	Newport News Apprentice School	Home
11	Newport News Apprentice School	Away
18	Ferrum College Golf Tournament	Away
19	Ferrum College Golf Tournament	Away
APRIL		
9	North Carolina Wesleyan Tournament	Away
19	Newport News Apprentice School Tournament	Away

HEAD COACH James G. Garrison

### '96 Men's Tennis Schedule

MARCH			
1	Randolph Macon College	3:00	Home
2	Ferrum College	2:00	Home
13	Mt. Olive College	4:00	Home
15	Guilford College	3:00	Away
16	Greensboro College	12:00	Away
20	Christopher Newport University	3:00	Away
22	Greensboro College	1:30	Home
APRIL			
11	Christopher Newport University	3:00	Home
15	Randolph Macon College	3:00	Away
22	Virginia Wesleyan College	3:00	Away

HEAD COACH John Lindsay

Schedules of spring intercollegiate sports for men's and women's teams