

Athletics Have Been Likened To Power Of Atomic Energy

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MURFREESBORO — Athletics have been likened to atomic energy in that they possess tremendous power for good or evil depending upon the way in which they are conducted. They may develop health or they may weaken it. They may produce a good



IT WAS STEP and step all the way with Chowan's Earl Gibson edging his opponents in the 100-yard dash at the tape regularly during last year's track season. The triple winner (he also regularly won the 220 and long jump) will be back for Chowan both in football and track.



THE FIRST basketball game is scheduled for November 16 when Chowan travels to Sandhills Community College. Action will begin at home December 9 with Southwood providing the competition. The prospects are bright for this year's team.

citizen or a thug. They may fulfill their true function as a great medium of education for youth or they may be misused to glorify a coach, or school or to entertain the public.

In the first place, athletics are good for any young fellow in the formative years of his life. While in the field of athletics we think in terms of building the body, it is equally a man builder. Entirely aside from physical experience afforded, I doubt that any young man could play an organized game without being benefited in character in the overall personal development which only keen competition with its wins and its losses can produce.

Athletics teach the value of team play and the unique differences team play can make in the years after school is over. Any businessman or any person in a responsible position can point out that the success or failure of any business or operation is no more of a success than is the teamwork of his employees or of his organization.

Athletics is in a real sense the conditioning and a training period where boys become men, where they learn to depend on others and others learn to depend on them, where they learn that they have responsibilities that must be carried out or the team fails.

If a sport is to make its proper contribution to the education of the participant and spectator, it must be conducted on a high plane by leaders who clearly understand its goals and who seek intelligently to attain them.

Athletics provide experience which contribute to the democratic way of life and to the development of desirable character and personality traits.

Participation and competition provides young people with the opportunity to learn how to cooperate and to sacrifice one's personal selfish interests for the greater welfare of the group. They learn to cooperate as members of a team by doing so and not by reading or listening to lectures about it.

Competitive experience also teaches respect for differences in people. Respect for an individual because he is a human being, not because his father has money or his family is listed in the social register, are lessons which can be and are learned in athletics today.

Participation in a game establishes principles of sportsmanship, fortitude and fair play. Athletics develops confidence, leadership and the ability to make decisions.

Athletics demand the most in coordinated reflexes, delicate timing, disciplined teamwork and physical contact. They also can be the most powerful integrating force in our school, uniting our students, faculty, alumni, parents, and our town.

Athletics even take on a spiritual dimension — those in the stands are more than spectators. They become participants emotionally enriched as they share

the experience of the activity.

Any athletic activity gives us all a common experience whether as a participant or a spectator. One of the deepest troubles of our young people today is that there are so many things to do, but so few things that give the sense of the common undertaking, the common experience, the common risk, the delight of the living for and working for the same common end.

When Bill Tilden, one of the first great tennis players, was coaching after he completed his playing years, a young player had won a match in a minor tour-

namment and won it rather well.

He came off the court and expected Tilden to say something to him in words of congratulation, and Tilden didn't. The player said, "What is the matter. I won it, didn't I?" Tilden said, "Yes, you won, but playing that way you will never be a champion, because you played not to lose. You didn't play to win."

We don't need to play it safe always. We don't need to be afraid of defeat. We all need to get into the battle in common experience, and play to win with the idea of achieving excellence in whatever endeavor we undertake.



COACH OF THE BASKETBALL Braves is Bill McCraw who is in his eighth year at the helm of the team. His second coaching assignment will be tennis.



A NEW FACE among Chowan's coaching staff belongs to Dan Surface, right, who will serve as assistant football coach and coach of the track team. Here he discusses the upcoming

season with athletic director and head football coach, Jim Garrison, in his 13th year with the Braves. Garrison also coaches the golf team.



CHOWAN'S HOME BASEBALL games played on the diamond across from South Residence Hall attracts many fans, including students and residents of

the community. The 1970 season ended with Chowan rated the fourth best team in the region. In conference and district play the Braves placed second.



CHAMPIONS — Chowan's golf team poses with the trophy they won as conference champions. The team also placed second in the district and 14th in the national tournament. From the left, Coach Jim Garrison;

Chip Sullivan, Camp Lejeune; George Fischer, Norfolk; Dave Sobrito, Richmond; Grant Parker, Portsmouth; Jimmy Hilliard, Farmville; and Hilton Phillips, Exmore, Va.

Football Schedule Chowan Braves

Baltimore (14-14)	Home	Sept. 19
Potomac State (29-12)	Home	Sept. 26
Worth Business College	Away	Oct. 3
Ferrum (6-24)	Home	Oct. 10
Lees-McRae (13-21)	Away	Oct. 17
Horfford (Homecoming)		Oct. 24
Montgomery (20-6)	Away	Oct. 31
Wesley (14-41)	Away	Nov. 7
Davidson Freshmen (7-6)	Away	Nov. 13

Home games begin at 8 p.m. The 1969 scores are listed in parentheses, Chowan's first.