

Nearly 150 Frosh Out For Football

Chowan College's 38 returning football players, who clashed with some of the nation's finest junior college teams en route to an 8-2 season last year, must survive a major test before the Braves' 10 game schedule even begins.

The sophomores, who include 13 lettermen and eight starters, must protect their positions from a challenge from close to 150 freshmen, who reported in mid-August for drills. These include a number of outstanding players, according to Head Coach Jim Garrison.

The freshmen are expected to strengthen positions weakened by transfer of sophomores. But they may also give stiff competition to Chowan's returning players at practically all positions.

In 1974 Chowan posted its best record since 1970 when the team was 8-1. The Braves ended ranked 15th nationally last year.

The defensive backfield is the club's "strong suit," Garrison noted. He can call on three starters, Damon Mealy of Richmond, Va.; Jerre Southern, Winston-Salem; and Larry Holbert, Virginia Beach; and letterman Thomas Nixon of Rocky Point. Also back are two other experienced sophomores, John Hruniuk of Mahanoy City, Pa. and Spencer Meeks of Jacksonville, Fla. Southern was voted to the all-Coastal Conference second team last year.

One starter, Ned Parrish of Benson, returns at linebacker. Garrison will also welcome Phil Mayo of Raleigh with some experience and Ben Howe of Hamlet, hurt on the season's opening kickoff last year.

All defensive line starters have transferred leaving Chowan one letterman, tackle Tim Abel of Morehead City. Based on his spring performance, 6-5, 240-pound tackle Lew Marshall of Delaware is another strong candidate.

The offense boasts four starters, Jeff Dean, quarterback from Elon; Ed Outland, running back of Gatesville; Stan Dixon, center, Murfreesboro; and Roy Etheridge, tackle, Powells Point. Garrison is depending heavily on two other returning lettermen, split end Bill Ross of Rutherford, N. J. and tight end Mike Moran of Newark, Del. Letterman Tony Harris of Richmond, Va., a linebacker last year, has been switched to guard to strengthen the offensive line.

Garrison uncovered two promising running backs in spring drills, Jarvis Pettaway of

Tarboro and Chester Roseboro of Ft. Bragg.

A number of freshmen have size, speed and ability, Garrison indicated. These include hefty tackles Robert Pauley (6,230) of St. Albans, W. Va.; Gregg Stanley (6-2, 245) of Nokesville, Va.; William Wever (6-1, 215) of Egg Harbor, N. J.; Ricky Woodward (6-2, 240) of Manassas, Va.; Edmond Worley, 230-pounder from Tabor City; and Gary Merrell (6-1, 226) of Virginia Beach.

Also, linebackers Craig Vosler of Virginia Beach, Bobby Fink of Concord, Web Buchanan of Ashland, Va., John Buffalo of Jackson, and Rick Fowler (5-11, 210) of Tabor City; fullbacks Melvin Crawley, 210-pounder from Bailey and Steve Craven (6-2, 210) from Pine Bluff; and quarterbacks Mike McConnell of Williamsburg, Va., Tommy Sapp of Loganville, Ga., Mike Posternock, Wildwood, N. J., and Dave Huber, York, Pa.

Prepared to help Chowan with the kicking is William Hinton of Gates County. Bruce Turner of Rocky Mount, called a "fine punt returner" by Garrison, is another freshman candidate.

Under Garrison, who will begin his 18th year as head coach, Chowan has traditionally fielded strong defensive teams. This reached a peak last season when the Braves led the conference in total defense and were second nationally against the rush. This fall Chowan will rely on freshmen to help maintain this dominance, Garrison said.

In Dean and Outland, the Braves have two returning backs who turned in strong performances after winning starting positions at mid-season. Dean completed 35 of 76 passes for 474 yards and five touchdowns. He was also a rushing threat, scoring twice on runs of 19 and 32 yards.

In the Braves' fifth game, Dean passed 14 yards for the winning touchdown in the final minute in a 15-14 win at Lees-McRae. In the next game at Hudson Valley, Dean received the starting assignment. He responded by passing 10 yards for one score and running 19 yards for the second in a 15-7 defeat of victory.

Dean missed most of the seventh game after being shaken up early in the contest. The next

game resulted in a flat performance from the entire team as Chowan lost to Wesley 24-9. In the ninth game, Dean passed 15 yards for one score and raced 32 for a second in the Braves' 33-14 defeat of Nassau. The former Western Alamance

High School star passed 17 yards for a touchdown as Chowan closed its season defeating Ft. Bragg 44-12.

toward the end of the season. In the final four games he gained 75, 78, 73, and 73 yards respectively as a starter.

Outland, who saw limited action through the first six games, also came on strong

The Gates County High School graduate finished with a five-yard rushing average, gaining 377 yards on 74 carries.

1975 Football Schedule

- Sept. 13 — + Baltimore — 1:30 p.m. — Away
- Sept. 20 — + Potomac State — 8 p.m. — Away
- Sept. 27 — N. C. State JV's — 2 p.m. — Home
- Oct. 4 — + Ferrum — 1:30 p.m. — Away
- Oct. 11 — + Lees-McRae (Shriners Day) — 2 p.m. — Home
- Oct. 18 — + Hudson Valley — 1:30 p.m. — Homecoming
- Oct. 25 — Lynchburg Baptist — 7:30 p.m. — Away
- Nov. 1 — + Wesley — 1:30 p.m. — Home
- Nov. 8 — + Nassau — 1:30 p.m. — Away
- Nov. 15 — Ft. Bragg — 1:30 p.m. — Home



Franklin Band To Play For Ft. Bragg Game

Franklin (Va.) High School's band will play at Chowan College's 1:30 p.m. home game with Ft. Bragg Special Services Saturday, November 15.

Edwin M. Barton, director, and members of the marching band have accepted the invitation to present the pre-game and halftime shows at the game.

"Since Chowan's fine arts department does not sponsor a marching band, we invite guest bands to present the shows and to provide the hoopla during our home football games," said Clayton Lewis, dean of students.

Last year, the Braves finished with an 8-2 mark and the nation's 15th junior college club. Chowan beat Ft. Bragg 44-12 in 1974.