

Defending Champs Open Cage Season

College, Police In Accord

By SUSAN L. PATE

Recently there has been quite a bit of question about the relationship between Chowan College and the Murfreesboro Police Department.

In past years there has been a close working relationship between the police and the campus safety and security office. According to Dean Clayton Lewis, dean of students, the police department also maintains a close relationship with the student personnel deans.

The town police are not involved with the cars in the parking lots on campus unless they are searching for a stolen car.

If the police have reason to come on campus, they usually notify one of the deans. When they do come on campus, they seldom if ever enter a residence hall without notifying one of the deans or the resident director of the dorm, Dean Lewis pointed out.

Occasionally, the police are called on campus, but only when the matter at hand is both a violation of college policy and the law, he said. An example of such a violation is pulling a fire alarm.

"We usually try to deal with things on campus ourselves to save court record", Dean Lewis said.

If a Chowan College student is arrested downtown, the police department normally calls one of the deans. This is not required, Dean Lewis pointed out, saying it is done as a courtesy.

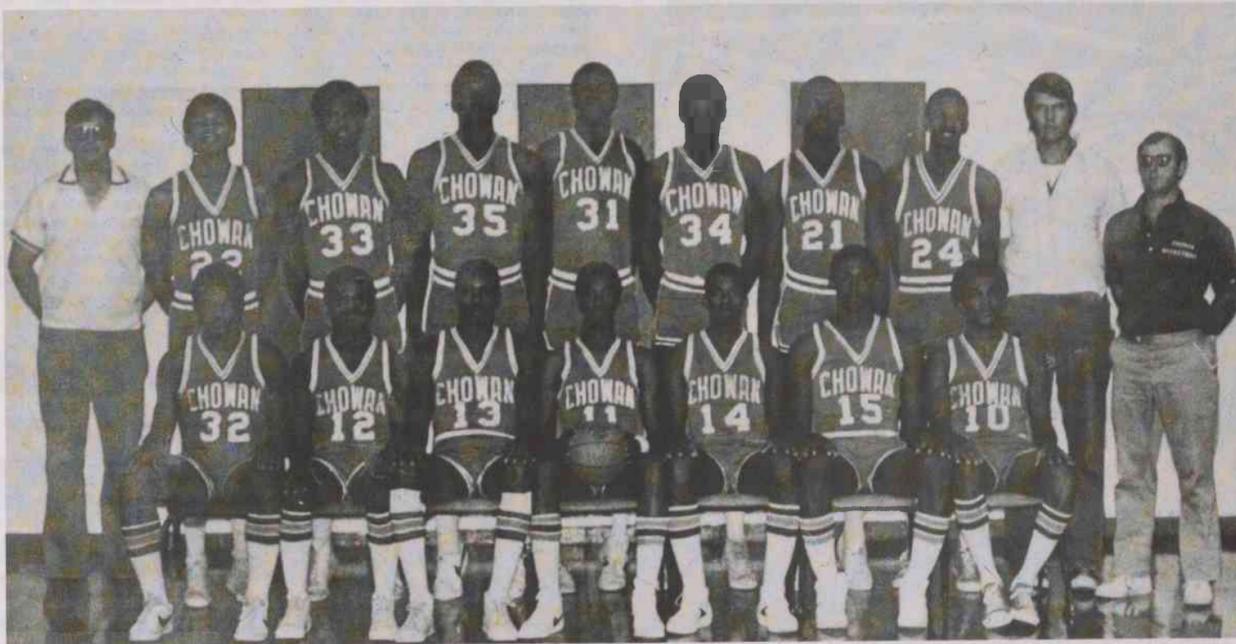
Dean Lewis said that when the dean arrives at the station, he acts as an advisor and a friend to the student. The dean does not pay bail for the student, but will, however, help the student secure bond, he said.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time we are pleased with the way the police have treated us and the students," Dean Lewis observed.

Everystudent

A new column by Associate Editor Angela Elder makes its appearance in this issue.

"Everystudent" will present Angie's thoughts and musings on a variety of subjects which it is hoped will be of interest to almost every student at Chowan. It will be found on page 2.



1977-78 Eastern Tarheel Conference Basketball Champions who open new season tonight are from left (front row) William Bogues, Mark Murdock, Allen Porter, Robin Hoey, Lewis Williams, Jr., Brian Armstrong and Haywood Evans

and (rear row) Manager Tandy Dunn, Greg Dawson, Ronald Williams, Randolph Bell, William Barnes, Johnny Johnson, Ricky Lewis, Jean Williams, Manager Harold Mask and Coach Jerry Smith. Photo by Paul Kelly.

Bigger, Stronger — Smith

By HARRY PICKETT

Jerry Smith, in his first season as head basketball mentor at Chowan College a year ago, led the Braves to a 20-8 season (the finest record in the school's history), the Eastern Tarheel Conference crown, and a second place finish in the rugged 36-team field in Region 10 play.

But that was the 1977-78 edition of the Braves basketball team, a team which won 13 games on its home court without a loss, a team which started three freshmen — and a team which Chowan calls its best ever. But Smith doesn't hesitate to say that this team is "much better."

"We are bigger than we were last year," Smith started, "and a little stronger physically."

"I think we'll be much like we were last year," Smith went on, "we'll be much the same caliber team, but we'll be a little quicker, and have more depth than last year."

Smith's returning players include three all-conference choices, headed by 6-foot William Bogues of Camden. Bogues a forward, averaged 15 points a game last season and hauled in an average of 12 rebounds an outing. He was a first team All-Eastern Tarheel selection, and second team All-Region 10 choice.

Forward-center Ronald Williams, 6'5 of Harrells, and guard Robin Hoey 6'1 of Shelby, were both second team all-conference choices. Williams was sick for most of last season but managed to score at a 13-point clip and snatch 9 boards. Hoey averaged 11 per contest, and shot a blistering 82 per cent from the line. Smith labels Hoey as a "clutch man."

Others players back from last year's squad include three who started in some of last season's games: Center Randolph Bell, 6'6 of Currituck, forward Greg Dawson, 6'4 of Kinston, and guard Allen Porter from Tarboro. Guard Lewis Williams saw spot-duty last season.

Smith seems to think that he had a real good recruiting year. His top lure was William Barnes, 6'8, 230, from Greenville. Barnes was named to the East-West All-Star game in Greensboro last July. He averaged 22.9 points and 16 rebounds per game for Greenville-Rose High School. Greenville finished second to state champion Rocky Mount in Division I conference play.

Smith said that the All-State performer will be Chowan's back-up center behind Bell. "He can do a lot of things, and he's a big strong kid, but he's got a lot to learn."

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Students' Blood Gift Praised

By TIM ELLIOTT

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to the Chowan campus on November 6 was deemed a "overwhelming success" by Steve C. Nelson, director of student activities.

The goal for Chowan College was to have 200 persons participating in the blood program. Two hundred forty-eight persons participated and 236 actual donations were taken. Twelve persons were excused for medical reasons. Among the donors were 10 members of the faculty and staff.

"The large turnout created a few administrative problems, the major one being the long delay while waiting in line," according to Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson stated that the students "were very courteous and patient. They are to be commended for donating their time and their life-giving blood so unselfishly."

First the Water, Then the Flames; Trash Truck's Adversity Continues

By ALLAN DAVIS

Smoke gushed from the back of Chowan's mammoth trash truck as it zoomed up to Thomas Cafeteria loading

dock. But this smoke didn't surge from the exhaust pipe, it came from the blazing trash that had caught fire in the back of the truck.

As the truck came to a screeching stop by the loading dock on October 27 the driver William Peebles, jumped out and grabbed the cafeteria's water hose and began to drown the blaze that had erupted in the back of his truck.

After spraying the fire for a hour with water the flames died out, Peebles said. "The fire was probably ignited by something dumped from a trash can into the truck during one of my final trash pickups on campus," he added.

"The trash truck was parked between Robert Marks Hall and McSweeney Hall when I noticed the smoke seeping from the burning trash in the back of the truck. So I drove the truck quickly to the cafeteria loading dock where I extinguished the flames, Peebles said.

Later on that same day the engine of the mammoth truck blew up. This wasn't caused by the fire, but as a result of the damages done to the engine when the truck was pushed into Lake Vann by vandals on October 11, Jack Hassell, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said.

"We had anticipated having other problem with the truck after it was shoved in the lake and this is one of them," he added.

Pay Day Advanced

By JANE BRIDGFORTH

Due to some changes in the business office, pay days will be changed from the 10th to the 5th of each month.

Some drastic changes are taking place in financial aid for 1979-80. More people will be eligible for a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) and Guaranteed Student Loans, according to Clifton S. Collins, director of financial aid. The details are not yet available.

In response to questions by several students who asked how to transfer their financial aid to another college for the spring semester, Collins pointed out that financial aid does not transfer. He listed four steps to follow to receive aid at another institution in the fall:

1. Contact the financial aid office at the institution you will be attending for

an institutional financial aid application.

2. Have a FFS or FAF sent from the processor to the institution. The addresses and fees are:

College Scholarship Service
Box 2700
Princeton, NJ 08540
Fee \$3.25

Operations
ACT Student Assistance Programs
2201 North Dodge Street
P.O. Box 1000
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
Fee \$3.00

3. Contact Basic Grants for another Student Eligibility Report. Request forms are available in our office.
4. Have us send a financial aid transcript.

Interesting People on Campus

Never a Dull Moment When Snake Man's Around

By HARRY PICKETT

A herpetologist on campus? That's right, Chowan has its own herpetologist.

What's a herpetologist? A herpetologist is one who studies biology with most of his emphasis on the study of amphibians and reptiles. Brett Cullen isn't a professional herpetologist, but at Chowan, he's the closest thing to one.

Brett, a 19-year-old freshman here at Chowan by way of Wilmington, N.C., calls himself an "amateur herpetologist", but the students here at Chowan affectionately refer to the red-bearded outdoorsman as "snake man."

Brett seemed to capture the attention of many students here at Chowan from the very first day of school. He told tales of his snake hunting adventures in the swamps of southeastern North Carolina that captivated his West Hall listeners, he went to all parts of Murfreesboro asking the town's people where he could find cottonmouths and, to the surprise of everyone, unveiled two snakes, two turtles and a baby alligator weeks later in his dorm.

Cullen later took all of his creatures home where his mother is now the reluctant nurse maid. He found out that Dean Roy Winslow here at the school, didn't particularly care for his pets.

One might frequently ask himself, "Why would anyone want to be a handler and keeper of reptiles and amphibians?" Cullen answers, "Why not?"

"Two years ago I started snake hunting for the excitement," Cullen said. "I

began catching wide variety of snakes; I became interested and I wanted to know what kind they were.

"Usually I like to learn as much about something as I can, so I started

reading about different snakes — started collecting them — and breeding them," he explained.

Brett says he has five snakes at home, and in the summer when he's not

helping George Tregembo, owner of Wilmington's Totem Zoo, he's collecting snakes, giving them to people and selling them.

The Wilmingtonian says he wouldn't call himself a snake expert yet, but he can recognize almost every snake in the United States.

"I've got a lot to learn. I'm trying to study up on a few diseases of snakes, how to cure them and how to recognize them in other countries."

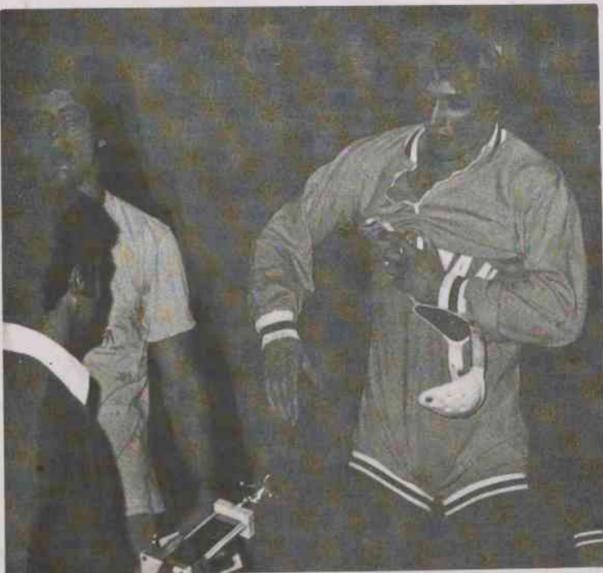
Brett has aspirations of owning his own serpentarium (a museum for snakes) one day and says he wants to "start as soon as possible." He says he wants to make that his main occupation.

"I like snakes and everything to do with them, I want to take care of them," Cullen asserted. "Some people think I'm nuts, a lot of people think I'm nuts!"

He says that most people, however, have interests in snakes even if they are afraid of them. They want to learn about them, he asserted.

Whether young Mr. Cullen is telling some of his tales, meeting eye-to-eye with an Eastern diamond-back rattlesnake, gluing another snake poster to his already filled wall or demonstrating the proper techniques of catching a water moccasin, you can bet that he's looking forward to his future as a herpetologist.

Room 234 in West Hall will never be the same, says roommate Jeff Batson, also of Wilmington, "There's never a dull moment when Brett's around."



Roger Randall receives championship trophy after decisioning ODU's Tim Davidson in the 150-pound finals of the Civitan-Monarch Tournament. Davidson is at left. Photo by Scott Brumley.

Randall Wins Mat Crown In Civitan-Monarch Meet

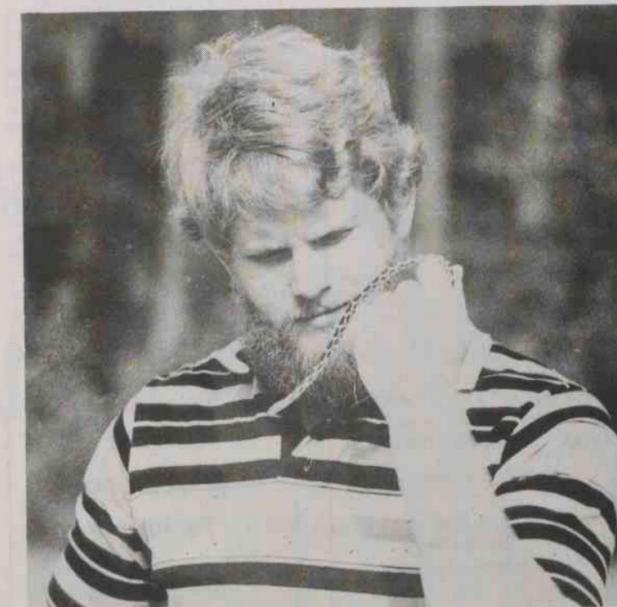
Chowan's Roger Randall took the 150-pound title as the Braves finished tenth out of 16 colleges competing in the Civitan-Monarch Wrestling Tournament November 10 and 11 at Old Dominion University.

The only junior college in the tournament Chowan scored 22 points. William

and Mary with 81 3/4, was the tournament winner.

Randall, who ousted the number one seeded wrestler, Frank Schaefer of East Carolina in the quarter-finals, won the title with a decision over Tim Davidson of ODU.

Details of the tournament will appear in the next issue.



Snake Man and Friend

Photo by Paul Kelly