

Decor Chosen For Gym

By GREG BASSETT

The athletic department has decided on the colors for the floor of the new gymnasium. The ends of the center court, which will be used for varsity games, will be painted dark blue with Chowan painted on the ends in white letters.

According to buildings and grounds superintendent, Jack Hassell, the dark blue was chosen over Columbia blue because the lighter blue has been known to fade and "yellow" with age.

The exact scheme of the center jump circle has yet to be determined, Hassell said, but he affirmed the center court would be marked solely for basketball.

The varsity volleyball court will feature lines of Columbia blue and the intramural volleyball court will have white markings. The boundaries for badminton will be marked in yellow.

Hassell also noted that the bleachers, being installed by college employees under the supervision of factory representatives were very near completion. He said the factory representatives had been "shocked" that the bleachers could be put together so fast by inexperienced installers. The use of college employees will help reduce the gym's budget.

Also, the main gym and mini-gym's wood floors have been laid the three electronic game clocks have been installed, the basket ball goals are in place, and there is now water in the pool.

Hassell reminded, however, that there is still much work to be done before the complex can officially open later this Spring.



1980 DIAMOND SQUAD — Front row, left to right, Richard Goodwin, Sam Koyea, Keith Atwell, Dale Horn, Woody McDaniels, Dean Barrow, Fran Fitzgerald, Mike Duley; middle row, Donald Winters, Mike Cook, Mark Disharoon, Mike Thomas, Clint Biggs, Chris Didlake, Lynn Carter, Dwayne Pridden, Manager Don Newsome; rear row, Coach Jerry

Hawkins, Rory Davis, Stephen Cooke, Freddie Davis, Floyd Fortune, Lewis Warren, Eric McDaniels, Marvin Hunter, David Bowen, Dwight Mangum, Manager Wesley Carter and Assistant Coach Dwight Collier. (Photo by Nancy Thierry)

Silent Bats, Leaky Mitts Sink Braves

By DEAN LOWMAN

Errors, both mental and physical, coupled with a lack of timely hitting have plagued Chowan's baseballers throughout the early part of this season as they have struggled to a 3-6 mark.

The Braves opened their season with a doubleheader loss to Frederick, 4-2 and 4-0 as they could only muster eight hits in both games combined. Fran Fitzgerald led the slim Chowan attack by going 2-for-3 in both contests while Chris Didlake fought off control problems to whiff ten batters in the opener. Frederick took advantage of two crucial Brave errors to overcome a 2-1 deficit in the top of the seventh of the first contest while limiting Chowan to only three hits and no runners past second in the nightcap.

The Braves next hosted defending national champion Hagerstown CC and fell victim to their own mental mistakes in losing, 8-5. Starter Rory Davis gave up seven hits and four walks in only four and 2-3 innings as Hagerstown rocked him for six runs. Fitzgerald and Eric McDaniels had two hits apiece while Dean Barrow added a solo homer for the Braves. The visitors were led by Mike Starliper's two hits along with designated hitter Mike Knight's two-run shot over the centerfield.

Chowan fared better in its double header at Newport News, splitting the pair 7-4 and 4-9. Donald Winters won the opener behind errorless support from his Murfreesboro teammates. Woody McDaniels, Freddie Davis, and Lewis Warren each homered while Fitzgerald added two baseraps to form the Chowan attack in the first contest. The tide turned in the latter contest, however, as the Shipbuilders mixed five hits with eight walks to score nine runs.

A switch to conference action proved effective for the Braves' spirits as they swept a twinbill from the Trojans of Mt. Olive, 11-2 and 2-0. The opener was highlighted by a 7-run, third inning outburst by the Braves. Chowan's fourteen hit attack was engineered by the three baseraps of Lewis Warren and Eric McDaniels and the eight strikeout pitching of Chris Didlake. The second game was closer as the Braves' managed to push across two unearned runs in the second inning on singles by Barrow and Woody McDaniels. Marvin Hunter struck out eight while allowing just two hits for the winners.

Chowan once again tasted the agony of defeat last Tuesday as they lost a pair of games to Newport News Apprentice, 4-2 and 6-4. The Shipbuilders edged across three unearned runs in the opener to hang a loss on Braves' starter Lynn Carter. Mike Cook homered while Dean Barrow added two hits for the losers in the opening contest. The nightcap saw Newport News take advantage of Chowan miscues to score five unearned runs and drop the Braves to 3-6.

Faculty Ties (?) Students

By GREG BASSETT

When the dust had settled and the annual Faculty-Student basketball game was over Tuesday night, March 18, both teams were tied 47-all despite having played a two-minute overtime when the game ended 45-45 in regulation.

The eager student team, led by the heroes of David "Lurch" Lerman and Norman Marsh had a tough outing against Coach Scott Colclough's aging but determined educators. With occasional help from Clifton "Fasthand" Collins, who happened to be operating the scoreboard and time clock, the faculty managed to stay close with intriguing "five-point plays" and "catch-up points."

Faculty standouts Doug Gatewood and James "Earl the Pearl" Dilday provided their associates with consistent point scoring. Surprising buckets by Warren Sexton, Carl Simmons and Scott Colclough also helped the faculty team along the way.

For the students, the "Salt and Pepper Duo" of SGA President Mike Burke and Smoke Signals editor Harry "Bookstore Shoes" Pickett, teamed up for their famous "slow break" and added to the excitement. Pickett sunk one lucky basket from near mid-court and threw in a few others.

Warren Sexton, under pressure, tied the game on a foulshot with just one second left in the overtime. The students managed to call a time out with just "one-half" second left, but it wasn't enough time to pull out a victory.

The faculty had their own cheerleading squad in attendance composed of Mrs. Betty "Give Me An N" Batchelor, Mrs. Esther Whitaker and Mrs. Marcela Buffaloe. The cheerleaders not only cheered the faculty on to a tie, but they were periodically called onto the floor to shoot various "technical" fouls. Their baskets, or near misses, were sometimes worth two points just for effort.

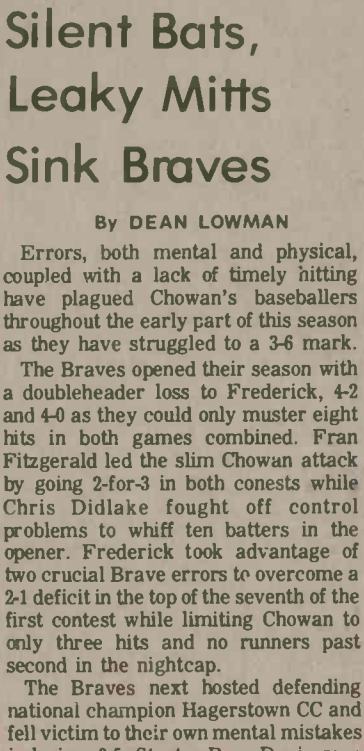
The student team was coached by Johnny Johnson and Haywood Evans. It featured the talents of Freddie "Which Basket?" Glover, Rory "Dr. Doom" Gibson, Charles Williams, Mark Delano, Randy Stogner and Chris Miller.

The faculty team was composed of faculty favorites like Coach Jerry Smith, Roy "Slam Dunk" Winslow, Wesley Shrewsbury, Coach Janet Collins, Dan Surface, James B. Graham, Mike Britt, Bob Lumpkins, Lynn Carter, R. Hugh Middleton and James Chamblee.

Proceeds from the game went to the Day Students Scholarship Fund.

Payments Wrong

WASHINGTON, DC (CPS)—More than half the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOGs) given out in 1978-79 were awarded in the wrong amount to students. A. U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) report has found that 55 percent of the awards were either overpaid or underpaid, and that the major reason was that the EOG application forms were so complicated.



Dean Barrow slides in for a score against Hagerstown as Lewis Warren watches the play.

(Photo by Bill Williamson)

Royce

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League fields," He laughed. "And I used to deliver the St. Petersburg Times Paper to Berra's rented home."

As he got older, young Mr. Royce started taking his interests toward journalism and track. As a senior on St. Petersburg High School's track team, Royce's long jump of 20 feet, six inches placed fourth and gave him the two points it took to claim the Florida state title. The tracksters won by one and three-quarters points. "I weighed 125 pounds."

Newspaper Reporter

When Phil was a junior in high school, he became editor of the Church Youth newspaper at his church. "I just loved to write articles for the paper," he chuckled. As a senior, he was selected as a sports reporter on the school newspaper and because of previous experience, became a writer for The Trojan, St. Petersburg's Junior College newspaper.

At Florida State University, Royce majored in journalism and public relations and was a member of the Flambeau, the school's weekly. His two fondest memories as the paper's sports and feature writer were interviewing Linus Pauling, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, and covering the first two-point conversion ever in football.

"Pauling was the best celebrity I interviewed at Florida State and probably the greatest or best-known celebrity I ever interviewed," Royce boasted. "He had a lot to say about politics, but I think he got the prize in physics."

In 1959 when the two-point conversion was legalized, Florida State played the first game of the season. "It happened early September on a Friday night. They (the Seminoles) got a jump on everyone else."

Working in the office of sports information with S.I.D. Pat Hogan, now Florida State's vice-president of university relations, gave Royce his first taste of public relations work. "I felt like I'd like to do public relations, so I enjoyed working in sports information."

"I was a sports correspondent, also," he remembered. "I covered sports for the St. Petersburg Times while I was at Florida State."

On the Road to Chowan

After graduation from Florida State, Royce felt a calling for Christian education, and thus trekked to Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, where he was a student director of the news bureau under the tutelage of director Dr. Ben Fisher, now a member of Chowan's Board of Advisors. There he received his bachelor of divinity degree.

"I think I owe something to the men who I saw sacrifice time, energy and money," he offered. "And I feel I'm paying a debt back to them."

For the last two years, Royce's boys and members of the West Chowan Baptist Association have won the state championships held on the campus of Campbell College in track. The track men compete against 25 other associations.

The church and public schools are very important to the small man with the giant heart. He is a member of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church and has served as past president of the Parent Teacher-Student Organization here in Hertford County. Royce is now chairman of the Parents Advisory Council at Murfreesboro High School.

"I think we should support our public school," Royce said leaning forward and voice bearing emphasis. "The mixing of the races and the way they get along means so much to the relations."

"For me and my family we like the public school approach." He said, however, that many of his friends have their children in Ridgescroft and other private schools. "I can see that there is room for both."

Royce and his wife Rosemary reside in Murfreesboro with son Jon and daughter Karen. Both children are enrolled in the public schools, Jon a junior at Murfreesboro High and Karen an eighth grader at Murfreesboro Middle.

Youth

Growing up in Florida, young Royce was a sports enthusiast. He and his young friends formed many tag football teams in the tall St. Petersburg grass, where young Royce played scatback.

Later as an 11-year-old centerfielder in 1948 on the Johnston Florist Little League team, Royce was a second alternate on the team which finished runner-up in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn. "I was two boys away from making a trip of a Little Leaguer's dream."

As a Little League centerfielder, Royce idolized Yankee greats Micky Mantle and Yogi Berra. When the Yankees pulled into the St. Petersburg in early March for spring training, Royce and all his friends would climb fences and bleachers to get a glance at the perennial champions.

"Idolized the Yankees because they trained on the field next to the Little



Randy Murphy volleys in tennis team warm-up.

Johnson, Barnes All-ETC

By HARRY PICKETT

LOUISBURG—Two Chowan cagers have been named to the All-Eastern Tarheel Conference basketball teams for the 1979-80 roundball campaign.

Johnny Johnson, a 6-7 forward for Coach Jerry Smith's 22-8 Braves, is a first-team selection. Teammate William Barnes, a 6-8 center, is a second-team choice.

The two ETC teams were selected by the head coaches of each of the five-team conference members. Teams in the junior college league include Chowan, Louisburg, Lenoir, Mount Olive and champion Southeastern (7-1) of Whiteville.

Southeastern's Mike Southerland, who led the league in scoring with a 21.9 clip, paced the first two teams by receiving 44 points out of a possible 50 games because of a fractured wrist.

Southerland's coach, Harry Foley, put the icing on the cake for the Cinderella team of the ETC by receiving "Coach of the Year" honors from his peers. Chowan's Coach Smith finished second in the balloting after taking the honor the two previous seasons.

Johnson of Tarboro, led second-place Chowan (5-3) in scoring and rebounding, tagging on stats of 15.6 and 9.0 to pull 27 votes as a first-team pick. He followed Jeb Barlow of Louisburg and Leonza Nickelson of Mount Olive who pulled 28 votes. Cad Bowlus, also of Mount Olive, rounded out the first-team honor roll with 22.

Barnes, a Greenville product, received 17 votes from the league coaches after he averaged nine points, seven rebounds and shot 58.3 from the floor.

Two Vans Beef Up Aged Fleet

By GREG BASSETT

The Athletic Department will soon receive two new Dodge vans to be used for transporting school teams. The vans will now give the department three 15-passenger vans that will be more economical than the larger buses.

According to Jack Hassell, college superintendent of buildings and grounds, the new buses will aid Chowan's fleet of aging buses which have been breaking down over the past months and have become very costly to operate and maintain.

The college will pay \$9,200 for each van. Hassell said he believes the school got a "good discount" on the vehicles which are normally priced between \$11,000 and \$12,000.

A Dodge dealer in Aulander had the best price for the two vehicles, Hassell said. Dealers from Charlotte to Norfolk were contacted about the sale.

The vans will be all white with the name of the school painted on the side in blue letters. The vans will also have blue interiors, and unlike the new van purchased last fall, the vans will have rear seat heaters.

Hassell said the need for the new vans evolved this spring when both basketball teams and the wrestling team needed to go "three different directions at the same time." The college's large bus and Ford school bus were prone to breakdowns.

Hassell explained that the big bus, a 1964 model, suffered a blown engine and figures are now being made to determine whether it would be practical to install a diesel engine.

The Ford school bus, a 1963, model, could be kept and used for field trips, Hassell observed. The largest bus, which is used exclusively for football, may be sold if it becomes too expensive to repair. Hassell said it would be no problem to rent a bus for use by the football team.

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