



BRAVETTES TAKE A RIDE — Carrollton Fire Department vehicle carries a bevy of Bravettes during the Firemen's parade in Murfreesboro. Shown from left, Hope Boyce, Cindy Moody, Joanne White, Dee Fairley and Sharon Alexander. (Photo by Dave Fletcher)

Land Gift Received By College

Chowan College has received a gift of two tracts of land totaling 437 acres, with an estimated value in excess of \$430,000, from the estate of Chowan alumna, the late Miss Mary P. Thomas of Cofield, class of 1902.

The gift is the largest bequest in the history of Chowan for the college's general endowment fund.

Mary Thomas also donated \$5,000 through her will to establish a scholarship to aid deserving students.

During her long association with Chowan, she served as a member of the Board of Trustees and in the Alumni Association.

President, Bruce E. Whitaker noted, "The bequest from Mary P. Thomas represents one of the largest gifts in the history of Chowan College, and the largest by far for the general endowment of the college. The gift comes at a critical time when small private colleges are depending on the generosity of the supporters to help provide a quality education for young people. Her meaningful gift will greatly advance the program, progress and service of Chowan, through all the years to come in the life of the institution."

Chowan's president said that over the years "the members of the Thomas family have supported Chowan with their service, love, prayers and gifts."

Thomas Cafeteria is named for her father, Dr. R. P. Thomas who served on the Board of Trustees a record 33 years, including 17 as chairman.

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band festival is put on by the college itself and not the music department.

Mayes hinted that the November 8 festival could be canceled if the SGA money was not forthcoming.

Miss Atkinson said a cancellation is unlikely even if the SGA could not fund the \$400, since the affair is a school tradition.

The motion was tabled until the SGA's next meeting.



HIGH LEVEL STUFF — Chowan's two hottest intramural football teams squared-off recently, with Parker Hall's 7th Floor coming away the winner over 8th Floor. Here, 7th Floor's quarterback Dwight Mangum scrambles from defenders Mike White and Jeff Prillman, center. (Photo by Greg Bassett)

7th Parker's Record Clean in Intramurals

By GREG BASSETT

With the playoffs drawing near, intramural teams across campus are playing some of the best flag-football games ever as they try for a chance to play in the prestigious "Assembly Bowl".

At press time only one team remained undefeated in competition. The National League's 7th floor Parker held an 8-0 record against other Parker Hall teams.

Close behind was 8th Floor Parker featuring a 6-2 record, with one of their losses coming in a tough game with 7th and another from forfeit. The 7th Floor beat 8th in a close 29-26 contest which received good attendance.

Students Disinterested In Truth-in-Test Law

NEW YORK, NY (CPS) — Surprisingly few students have bothered to take advantage of New York's new "truth-in-testing" law by asking to see the answers on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs), according to figures released at a College Entrance Examination Board meeting here last month.

The College Board, which has opposed both the New York law passed in 1979 and the truth-in-testing bill now before Congress, further said that the students who have asked to see the answers tend to be from wealthier families, more involved in extra-curricular activities, and have higher grade point averages than the students who didn't ask to see the answers.

Those trends contradict claims that the law would help disadvantaged students do better on the standardized test, board President George Hanford told the meeting.

The record, he says, does not "support the assertions that a law was necessary" to make sure students get needed information.

The law, which became effective in January, compels testing companies to allow students to see their own answer sheets, and to find out what the correct answers are.

The College Board, Hanford said, expected about ten percent of the test takers would take advantage of the law. Fewer than five percent had asked to see the answers through Sept. 15.

The testing companies themselves have argued the legislation, now pending in twelve states as well as in Congress, would make the tests themselves so expensive to administer that they couldn't be given as frequently.

Before the New York law took effect, the board had seven "special test dates" each year to accommodate students who could not take the exams on normal dates for, say, religious reasons.

Last December, in anticipation of the New York law's effect, the board eliminated all special test dates, and scuttled entirely plans to offer the Medical College Admission Test (MSAT).

Recently, however, the board has liberalized its policies. In July the board announced it would re-institute

four of the special test dates. A month later it announced it would administer the MCAT this fall after all.

Coaching For Tests No Help

(CPS) — The controversy over how much "coaching" can help a student score higher on standardized tests escalated again last month with the release of an Educational Testing Service (ETS) study which claims coaching doesn't help much.

ETS, which helps administer the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), found that short-term preparatory courses don't dramatically improve scores. ETS Vice President Rex Jackson concludes only extensive, long-range instruction can make a sharp difference in scores.

"A few hours or a few weeks of learning the format and some of the answers," Jackson says, "can not make up for years of low and poor instruction."

But Jackson's study, published in the current issue of the Harvard Educational Review, conflicts with other recent research into the issue.

The Federal Trade Commission, in a now famous 1976 study, found coaching could improve scores by 20 to 30 points. Last July the National Education Association repeated the FTC study, and concluded coached students can significantly improve their scores the second time they take the SAT.

A Harvard experiment reached similar conclusions.

Douglas Porter, a Harvard psychologist, and Warner Slack agree with ETS that "cramming" — a few hours of study before the exam — won't make a difference in the scores.

But the dispute crops up when the test-training time is extended to several weeks of intense preparation. Porter and Slack insist that, in some schools, preparation improved results by as many as 30 points.

Jackson, however, argues that only long-range preparation produces significant improvement in the final scores.

"Porter and Slack do not have any evidence of where a short-term course had a positive effect," Jackson charges.

But Porter says his findings are clear evidence that some types of short-term instruction can raise students' scores by some 25 points in the verbal section of the exam, and 30 points in math section.

"We found out that students in six weekly two-hour sessions (of instruction) and in 12 weekly two-hour sessions did much better after they had taken the courses," Porter says.

The crux of the disagreement seems to lie in the definition of what constitutes a short-term instructional course.

Porter and Slack define a "short-term" course as anywhere from 10 to 24 hours of study.

Jackson defines "short-term" as less than 10 hours of training.

The studies also differ on how fair those standardized tests are.

Jackson contends the SATs are accurate representations of a student's academic abilities. Porter and Slack argue the tests are unfair because underprivileged students cannot afford coaching, and therefore score lower.

"The SATs should be done away with," Porter asserts. "They're unfair, and achievement tests and grade point averages are better indications of the academic intelligence of students."

Agee Passes For Two TDs Over PS

By SCOTT GODWIN

The Chowan Braves defeated the Potomac State Catamounts 21-13 at home in front of a Parents Day Crowd September 20. Potomac State was the first conference team Chowan faced.

After a scoreless first quarter, Potomac State came through with a touchdown run by fullback Yual Carpenter. The extra point try was no good to the right making it 6-0, Potomac State.

With 3:56 left in the second quarter, Chowan attempted a 30-yard field goal which was wide to the left.

On the next series, Arthur Washington, a 5-11, 190 lb. safety, from College Park, Ga., intercepted a Potomac State pass, and raced into the end zone from the 22. The extra point was good, making it 7-6, Chowan at the half.

Early in the third quarter, a Potomac punt was muffed by Chowan and recovered by the Catamounts on the Chowan 39-yard line. After three plays, which netted only five yards, Potomac State went for the first down on fourth and five, and were held by the Chowan defense which forced an incomplete pass.

In a drive that took eight plays, Chowan scored with 5:28 left in the third quarter, on a Perry Agee to Leroy Zimmerman pass that covered seven yards. Agee a 6-0, 175 lb. quarterback, from Louisa, Va., was brought in the game late in the first quarter, and responded by completing eight of 18, for, 148 yards and two touchdowns. The conversion was good, making it 14-6, Chowan at the end of the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Potomac State stalled on the Chowan 35, the Catamounts attempted a pass from a fake punt formation on fourth down, but it was incomplete and almost intercepted.

With the Braves controlling the ball on their own 35, Agee started a drive that brought the ball to the Potomac State 32 after a pass interference call. With first and ten from the 32, Agee connected with Greg Harrell on a 32-yard touchdown pass down the sideline that came with 11:26 left in the game. The conversion was good, making it a 21-6 Chowan advantage.

Late in the final quarter, Potomac State retaliated on a Tim Hoover to Paul Smith touchdown pass covering nine yards. The point after was good making the final score 21-13, Chowan the winner.

Defensively for the Braves, Jody Schulz turned in an excellent game with nine tackles and four assists, along with two quarterback sacks. Amos Twitty had five tackles, and three assists, with one interception return of six yards. Arthur Washington had two tackles, with two assists in addition to his touchdown interception.

Offensively, Zimmerman caught five passes for 69 yards and one touchdown. Frank Groome caught a couple of passes for 47 yards. Harrell had one touchdown reception for 32 yards.



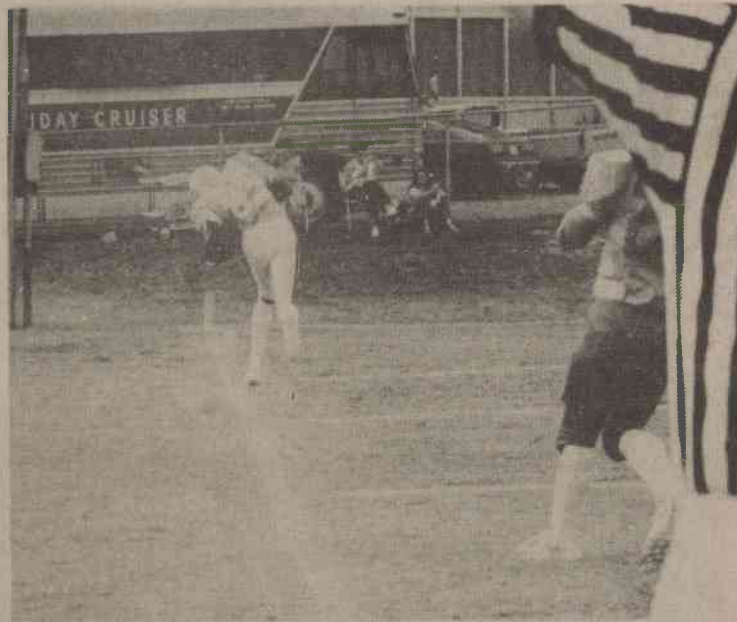
Greg Harrell heads goalward after catching pass from Perry Agee. . .



Eludes desperate tackle near 10-yard line. . .



Careens along sideline at the 5-yard line. . .



And teeters into end zone for score against Potomac State. (Photos by Bill Williamson)

Golfers Show Well In Warm-Up

By GREG BASSETT

Spring sports are months away, but the Chowan golf Team is preparing early by competing in various "warm-up" tournaments.

In two tournaments so far this fall, Chowan has made very respectable showings each time. In an invitational tournament in Norfolk on September 17, Chowan placed second, losing to Old Dominion University by only two strokes, while beating Newport News Apprentice by nine strokes.

Freshman Joey Walker led the Braves by shooting 74. Walker an accomplished high school golfer played in Portsmouth for a state championship golf team.

On September 22 Chowan finished third out of seven teams in the Mt. Olive College Invitational at Southern Wayne Country Club. Walker was just three strokes off the leader this time, shooting a 73. Mt. Olive, expected to be Chowan's toughest conference opponent this coming spring, won the event.

Golf Coach William Sowell said he has high hopes for his team this year and expects to give Mt. Olive a tough time for the conference title.

Sowell, who is in his fourth year as golf coach, said this could be a very productive and talented team.

"We're looking forward to a very fine spring. I would have to pick Mt. Olive first in the conference, but we'll knock them off," he said.

Two Tournaments Slated for Helms

Helms Center will be the scene of two post-season basketball tournaments this winter.

Chowan will host the Eastern Tarheel Conference tourney February 26, 27 and 28.

The women's Region X tournament is scheduled for March 4 and 5.

Hill's Pub

Friday, Saturday, Oct. 17-18
— Plum Hollow Band

Sunday, Oct. 19 — Keys

Friday, Saturday, Oct. 24-25
— Still Creek Band

Sunday, Oct. 26 — Steve Bassett Band

Thursday, Oct. 30 — Full Circle Band

Quarter nights are on Wednesday's

Thursday bands \$2 admission
Weekends \$3 admission