

Have Van, Will Travel

By Tom Appenzeller

The opportunity to drive a van full of young ladies to Miami, Florida does not happen every day and so a primitive diary was kept so that others might know what life was like on the road.

The week did not begin well for Coach Janet Collins or the Lady Braves because Wednesday during practice Monika Herz, a leading player, was injured and ruled out of the national tournament. Travel plans called for two college vans to be loaded at 7:00 p.m. Thursday night and departure was set for 2:00 a.m., Friday. Thursday night it was discovered that the young ladies had a meeting and would not be able to load until 8:30 p.m., and when 8:30 came, so did the rain. After the luggage had been loaded in the vans (in the rain), it was discovered that the lights on one van did not work. After a call to the College maintenance staff, both vans were ready by 11:00 p.m. The vans were to arrive at the dorm at 1:45 a.m. to pick up the ladies, but unfortunately, one of the drivers overslept. Awakened at 2:00 a.m. by the other driver, the tardy driver was at the dorm by 2:05 and, with a rest stop, the vans left Murfreesboro at 2:30 a.m. The vans were planning to stay together during the 18 hour trip, but somewhere between Jackson and Conway, they became separated.

The vans stopped at the South Carolina State line at 6:00 a.m. and breakfast was eaten at 8:30 in Walterboro, SC. By mid-afternoon, both vans were unloaded for the night in Ormond Beach, Florida. The Red Carpet Inn in Ormond Beach had two signs welcoming Coach Collins and the lady Braves and went out-of-the-way to make everybody feel at home.

Saturday morning it was up at 7:00 a.m., breakfast at 8:00 and on the road at 9:00 for the six hour ride to Miami. The Tournament Headquarters (and Chowan's) was the Miami Marriott and by 5:00 p.m., everybody was checked in. The Volleyball Team left the Marriott at 6:00 to see the men's National Volleyball Team play the Brazil National Team. The U.S.A. men's team is ranked number one and the match against Brazil was a rematch of the 1984 Olympics. To watch the greatest volleyball players in the world was a tremendous experience and the U.S.A. won the match!

Sunday morning the young ladies were up by 10:00, brunch at 11:00, over to the gym at 1:00, practice at 2:00, finished at 3:30, back to the Marriott by 4:15 and back to Miami Dade College for the 5:30 Banquet. All the teams were recognized Sunday night and Coach Collins was presented the Region X Coach of the Year trophy.

Monday, the Lady Braves were up at 7:00, pre-game at 8:30, the first match at 11:00, the second match at 1:00, a short break and the third match at 5:00. The 16 teams were divided into four pools of four teams each and each pool had round robin play on Monday. The two teams that won the most games then advanced into the double elimination part of the tournament. Chowan played the 4th seed Barton, the 5th seed Schoolcraft and then 12th seed Genesee. The Lady Braves played nine games and were able to win only one, but the matches all lasted longer than matches in the other pools. Chowan played evenly with Schoolcraft and Genesee, even though they were ranked higher.

Tuesday morning it was up at 7:00, breakfast at 8:00 and on the road at 9:00 for the traveling van. A stop for souvenirs and a nights rest in South Carolina and by Wednesday, it was home to Murfreesboro.

Driving 18 hours down to Miami and 18 hours back was not fun, but the young ladies made the trip pleasant. Chowan was one of only 16 teams in the entire nation to qualify for the tournament, which was a tremendous accomplishment in itself. The Lady Braves were able to see the men's national team and they were able to play against the best women's teams in the country.

Miami by van... I would not want to do it every day, but it was a good experience and a trip some young ladies will never forget.

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Is known for giving
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You give thanks at Thanksgiving
For all you have
Then give thanks at Christmas
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Though these days he seems to be forgotten
Along with all tradition for
this time of year

This day is not only gifts
But better yet love

The love for our Lord
And all he has given us
And the love we share for our
family and friends

For the gifts means nothing
Without the love
So really the best gift
Is your gift of Love

by Janey Paffe

An Exciting All-Star Contest

Saturday afternoon in Chowan Stadium, the North All-Stars defeated the South All-Stars 18-14 in one of the most exciting games in the 14 year history of the event. It was a beautiful afternoon in Murfreesboro as a crowd of college coaches and spectators witnessed a little bit of everything.

Head South coach Jim Garrison saw his team an early 14-0 lead behind the running of Chowan's Troy Suggs, and Todd Dags from Lees McRae. However, Chowan running back Andre Cook, who played for the North, helped bring his All-Star team back. Cook scored on a one yard run to narrow the South's lead to 14-6 and then Lester Hardley from Nassau electrified the crowd with a 49 yard punt return for a touchdown with 30 seconds left before intermission.

The second half was a defensive struggle and the South lead looked safe until Cook caught a 38 yard T.D. pass from Glenn Fohr with 4:54 left to give the North the lead and the victory. The South game was close, but an incomplete pass at the North 14 yard line with 50 seconds remaining stopped the last drive.

Chowan Coach Jim Garrison saw several of his sophomores have an outstanding game and catch the eye of college scouts. Troy Suggs was the game's leading rusher with 86 yards and 9 carries, while Andre Cook was the leading receiver with 2 catches for 57 yards. Ed Powell had two interceptions; while Todd Warthan and Rodney Belfield each had one. Linebacker Mike Felosci, forced to assume the punting duties because of an injury, had three punts for a 31.0 yard average. Felosci also had five tackles and seven assists, while Ed Powell had four tackles and six assists.

Hardees Classic Champions

The 3rd annual Hardees Classic Basketball Tournament was held this past weekend and the Chowan College Braves emerged as 1986 champions. The 2-day tournament featured some strong teams and outstanding players as Westchester Community College battled for the championship trophy.

Friday night in first round action at the Helms Center, Westchester defeated Charles County 84 to 80 and Chowan downed Lees McRae 88 to 59. Saturday night in the consolation game, Charles County finished 3rd by defeating Lees McRae 89 to 76. In the championship game, Coach Bob Burke watched his Braves win over undefeated Westchester. The victory gave the battling Braves a 10-1 record for the season, one of the best starts ever for Chowan College.

To the victor goes the spoils and the Braves dominated the all-tournament team which was selected by media representatives. Gary Strickland, Lees McRae; Bruce Robinson, Charles County; Steve Morgan, Westchester; Gary Mattison, Chowan and Bobby Ray Smith, Chowan; each were honored as members of the 1986 Hardees All-Tournament Team. The M.V.P. trophy also stayed in Murfreesboro as Hank Ellis, a sophomore from Washington, D.C., was selected to receive the award.

Wrestling Record 5-0

Head Coach Paul Anthony saw his young squad push their record to 5-0 Saturday as the Braves won two matches. The Wrestling Team traveled to Burlington, NC to take on Elton and Hiram Colleges. The Wrestling Team, which is ranked 18th nationally, defeated Hiram 45-6 and Elton 37-10. The Braves had a successful weekend despite having several players out with injuries and illnesses. Coach Anthony now will have a break for exams and the Christmas holiday before his team will wrestle again. The next match will be January 9th with Gloucester College.

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Lady Braves Basketball 86-87

By Kevin Huffstetler

Coming off a 4-20 record from last season, Coach McKeel is confident of a better season. The Lady Braves have already posted two great games against top teams in the Region X, giving them a 1-1 record. The win came against North Greenville 73-60. The Lady Braves lost to Lees McRae by a score of 61-60.

The team has a good combination of strengths. According to Coach McKeel, the keys to this year's team is the aggressive defence, experience from last year starters, and having four players averaging scores of double figures.

Coach Belinda McKeel has a very positive outlook on this year's season. The team appears to be a contender in the Region X. She is planning on a big bounceback from last season.

No.	Name	Class	Pos.	Height	Hometown
21	Tammy Donahue	F	G	5'4"	Moyock, NC
22	Regina Cox	F	C	5'9"	Bethel, NC
23	Stephanie Elliot	F	G	5'6"	Tyner, NC
25	Kim Rogers	F	G	5'5"	Rowland, NC
32	Barbara Lewis	S	C	5'10"	Murfreesboro, NC
35	Amy Pierce	F	F	5'7"	Gatesville, NC
40	Charlene Cutrell	F	F	5'7"	Shiloh, NC
41	Rosalyn Flood	S	G/F	5'8"	Murfreesboro, NC
42	Melanie Sawyer	S	G/F	5'10"	Belhaven, NC
44	Lisa Thomas	F	C	6'0"	Miami, FL

1986-87 Men's Basketball

By Kevin Huffstetler

Coach Bob Burke will be assisted by Rene Osborne. The two are looking forward to another great season. Burke is very confident of this year's squad.

The team is well balanced with quickness, height, experience and depth from the bench. The Braves have four starters returning from last year, each started at least fifteen games last year. Mike Brown, 8ppg, co-captain, Hank Ellis 11ppg, co-captain, Bobby Ray Smith 8ppg, David Stubblefield 8ppg. These young men are said to be the stabilizing force of the team.

This seems to be the best recruiting year yet for Coach Burke. He is very pleased with 3 youngsters all at 6'8", who will see time this season. Burke's highlight of the freshmen appears to be Gary Mattison, a 6'4" guard from

Raleigh, N. C. Mattison averaged 18ppg through the first four games, including a 28 pt. game coming off the bench against North Greenville. Another freshman standout appears to be Sean Andrews, a 6'1" guard from Mt. Vernon Virginia. According to Coach Burke, Andrews has shown excellent poise in the early season.

Burke is enthusiastic about this year's schedule, the club will play teams from five different regions. The Hardees Classic is always a big meet for the Brave's, this year's tournament will include some of the country's best junior college basketball teams. This year's team will be "hunted" by many colleges this year, and Coach Burke has his sights set on the NJCAA championship in 1987.

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