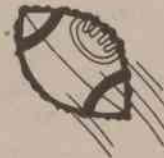




Spring Training: The troops hit the dust



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Spring training for football began sometime in the recent past, just about the time the weather changed for the better. While the football team was sweating through a grueling, dusty, mindrendering two-hour practice, the rest of the Chowan College Community was out in the peaceful sun catching all the good rays.

What we mean by "all the good rays" is that it is impossible for the spring trainees to catch the rays if they have all that "dagon"padding on.

General Garrison stands over his war torn troops as Sergeant Krautheim drills them in conditioning their bodies for the punishment to come. The general knows the upcoming battles will be brutal and punishing, so he makes the troops crawl and battle in the sun-dried dust.

On the other side of campus, in the newly cut grass of squirrel park lay the civilians

soaking up the pleasant spring rays. Their minds peacefully listening to the good ole tunes on the radio.

In the meantime, the troops then break into different formations to perform their specialties. The general wants each and every technique perfected to assure that the troops will do the job well and consistent. These techniques are worked over and over until each and every trainee has their specialty to a perfection.

Those fortunate souls who do not fall under the command of the general can be found spending the afternoon in the park and outside of the dorms perfecting how to throw a frisbee behind their back or how to hit a rag ball with a sawed-off broomstick over West dorm.

After the conditioning and drills are over, the troops gear up for the war games with General Garrison leading the way. The war games are where the troops split up into two teams, each having a different color, one making the offensive attacks and the other making the defensive moves. This is where they really go at it, working endlessly in the

dusty battle field. Here most of the important mistakes are found and solved. Here they find who will hit the opponent hard and who can last till the end, giving up at no cost.

As the troops make their attempt to move towards home base, you will find the rest of the Chowan Community getting up from their restful or even playful afternoon to go eat. Their tans reddened, their muscles relaxed and their minds ready for the night ahead.

At last, all the dust is gone and the troops are back in the barracks taking a nice steaming shower that will sooth their aching muscles, only thinking of the restful night ahead. The commanders look over the days work and setup a new program for the next gathering.

(We know many of the facts were exaggerated in this story, but we wanted everyone to know what the Chowan football players go through to represent our school. We hope the football players don't take us wrong and decide to attack the newspaper staff.)



Intramural sports

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Baseball



BASEBALL

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The Braves baseball team has had a good season. Up to this point, their conference record is 4 wins and 2 losses. The Braves are also doing well in the Region X with a record of 4 wins 4 losses, but their overall record shows the epitome of excellence that the

Braves can produce with 20 wins and 10 losses. Coach Hawkins had a lot of nice things to say about his team and about how they are playing this season.

There are quite a few outstanding players that should be recognized by teammates and Brave fans. For one, Mark Remy, who is leading the team with 32 RBI's and 9 homeruns. Then there's Doug Price who is the leading batter with a .381 batting average and has won 6 games and lost 3 with his outstanding pitching. Leading pitcher Frankie Pridemore has won 8 games with only 2 losses. Two freshman pitchers that

are doing very well this season are Mike Mitchell and Jody Plageman. Darrell White is leading the team with 11 stolen bases. Jeff Williams and Shane Adams are leading the team in runs scored with 32 runs and 31 runs respectively. So far this season, Martin Agee is the leading candidate for the golden glove award with his outstanding fielding.

The most exciting victory came against Louisburg on Saturday April 16, 1988. One that day, Chowan ended Louisburg's 15 game winning streak. The win pulled the Braves within a half game away from first place in the conference. We wish the Braves the best of luck in beating the heck out of all the rest of the teams they play.

During the course of the year, many intramural sports have been scheduled for the participation of the Chowan students. Some of these sports were football, volleyball, basketball, raquetball and softball. They also held a cross country race, a ping-pong tournament and a pool tournament. Participation in intramurals was very poor and unresponsive, but the students that did participate earned points for their dorms in the race for the President's Cup.

At the present time, counting only the points earned during intramural sports, Simons dorm is leading the race with 134 points. Simons is followed by the close race between Jenkins, who has 108 points and West, who has 104 points. Mixon is in fourth with 96 points and Columns is in fifth with 85 points, Belk in sixth with 79 points and Parker in last with 67 points.

Softball is the only intramural sport left that will help in earning points for the President's Cup. Due to the poor participation in softball there are only eight teams playing and many of them do not show up for games. Rain cancellations and poor team turnouts have called for a new system in determining the champion for the softball games. Each team will play another team in their division for the best two out of three. The winners of each division will go on to compete for the division championship title.

