

Crossfire with the president

"I am not trying to punish the students, I am trying to help them to succeed." That was the closing remark in the interview with Dr. Jackson conducted by Ricky Gibson, editor of Smoke Signals.

The interview was conducted to get an in-depth view on the reasons for the revision of the rules and also to let the students and faculty at Chowan hear what our president's thoughts and feelings are on the new rules.

Due to the constant buzzing of students around campus commenting on these new rules and regulations, the editor of Smoke Signals felt it was necessary and important to let the student body hear what the president thought of his revising the rules. Hopefully, these questions and the rebuttal of the president will shine some light on those students or individuals who were in the dark on the circumstances of these rules being revised.

Smoke Signals: Dr. Jackson, do you feel that these new rules are in any way unfair to athletes or to the average student?

Dr. Jackson: Looking back, the new absence policies may be a little harsh on the athletes and on those who represent the college at



Dr. Jerry Jackson

off-campus events. Next year, they (the rules) will be reviewed by Dr. Lowe, vice president for academic affairs.

Smoke Signals: With our new rules and regulations, are we seeing a change for the better in an attempt to return to a stronger academic institution?

Dr. Jackson: Yes. I felt that the residence halls should be more conducive for academics and studying. We were not doing our best jobs to allow students the opportunity for academic success,

therefore, we took measures to produce a better academic environment for the students. This is the reason for the appointment of full-time resident directors.

Smoke Signals: Many students around campus and in the dorms contest these new rules and see these rules as military-like. Would you go so far as to categorize these new rules as such?

Dr. Jackson: I would not, no! The sole reason for door locks was to ensure safety for students in dorms. We have cut back due to

violations in room visitation. The student development office will review these new rules each year. These rules are not forever.

Smoke Signals: As a follow-up to the last question, would you say that the students who have the most resentment and opposition to these new rules are, in fact, those that may be abusing them?

Dr. Jackson: I would not say that. It was obvious that many students could not abide by the old rules, such as the violations of room visitation. The old rules were too lenient for many students to operate successfully in academic environments.

Smoke Signals: What advice would you give those students here at Chowan College who should refuse to obey these regulations?

Dr. Jackson: Our number one goal is to make a positive influence on every student who comes through Chowan College. I hope our students can adjust to the revised rules and regulations. If they cannot live by these rules, I feel they should look for another place to study. We are trying to create a community for students to have the chance to succeed. I am not trying to punish students, I am trying to help them to succeed.

Braves basketball rolls on, 15-4 for season

By Chris Sandbank

The Men's Basketball team started off 1991 with a bang. They won eleven in a row including an undefeated 7-0 record in the new year. The Braves are now 15-4 for the season and have outscored their opponents by an average of sixteen points in their last seven games. The Braves are 7-1 in Region X, and 5-1 in the Carolina Junior College Association.

Chowan started the season by defeating Richard Bland Community College, Garrett Community College, and Columbia Junior College by a combined 64 points. Then, by knocking off 4th nationally ranked North Greenville 95-73, the Braves took over first place in the Region X and Carolinas Junior College Conference standings. Chowan then traveled to Brevard, where Harold Tyson led the Braves with 31 points in an 84-72 victory.

After the impressive wins over North Greenville and Brevard, the



Coach Bob Burke rallies the Braves at a recent game in the Helms Center. (right) The coach gives Guard O'Jay Hymons instructions.

Braves were ranked 19th in the nation in the NJCAA poll.

Chowan then came home to host the sixth annual Northeastern Businessmen's Classic January 25

and 26. On the first day, the Braves defeated Prince George's Community College in a close one, 85-80. Chowan then got the opportunity to reverse an early season loss

against Hagerstown Junior College. The Braves capitalized by defeating the Hawks 78-69. All-Tournament selection Wilbert Hunter led Chowan with 25 points as the Braves won their eleventh in a row. Chowan's O'Jay Hymons was named the tournament's MVP.

NOTE: The Braves defeated Lees-McRae 93-58. Fred Vinson with 18 points and Greg Taylor with 12 were the Braves in the double figures. All 12 Braves scored in that game.



CHOWAN COLLEGE

Spring 1991 Intramural Activities

The intramural program provides an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to participate in organized sports activities. Team sports may be entered by teams of recognized organizations or by independents (make up your own team). Those wishing to play, but unable to locate a team, should sign up in the intramural office to be placed on an independent team. People interested in individual or team sports should sign up in the intramural office by the entry deadline.

Competitive Rules and Regulations

1. Any participant in intramural sports must be able to verify enrollment in school during that semester.
2. Varsity sport players are ineligible to play in the respective intramural sport and should contact their coach about participation in other intramural sports.
3. All team rosters must be completed with required information before participation. No player may play for more than one team in the same sport for that particular season.
4. Games involving ineligible player(s) will result in a forfeit, suspensions, or both. Protests on eligibility must be voiced within 48 hours after the final game in that season.

Player Conduct

1. Officials in charge or the intramural coordinator may disqualify any player for poor sportsmanship.
2. Suspension from subsequent games is the intramural coordinator's responsibility.
3. Alcoholic beverages or participants under their influence will not be tolerated at events due to the possibility of mishap to themselves and others.
4. Teams are responsible for all the members' conduct and that of their followers.

Pool

Coed One-Pocket and Rotation tournaments will be played this semester. Entry deadline is Thursday, Feb. 21.

Ping Pong

Singles and doubles teams will be able to play in ability grouped divisions. Entry deadline is Thursday, Feb. 21.

Tennis

Men's Women's, singles, doubles, and mixed doubles leagues will be divided into divisions according to abilities. Play will occur during daylight hours. Entry deadline is Thursday, March 7.

Horseshoes

Singles and double teams will be arranged as needed.

Softball

Men's and women's leagues will be set up into ability groupings. Play will occur during daylight hours. Roster limit is 20 per team. Entry deadline is Thursday, March 28.

Beach Volleyball

Men, women, and co-ed teams are played as doubles or foursomes with rules similar to that of National Championships applied. Ability grouping will evolve as needed. Entry deadline is Thursday, March 27.

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Editorial And the National Champion is . . . ?

By Ricky Gibson

During the past four years at the close of the collegiate football season, there has been a tremendous controversy over to whom the national championship should be awarded. In this dilemma of who really deserves the national title, the idea of a playoff system has been brought to the forefront of both sports writers and sports commentators across America. The question of a playoff in the post-season of college football may seem closer than one realizes.

Of course, a playoff system in post-season extends the time students are away from the classroom, but only a few days at the least would they miss, if any.

Due to the holidays, most major universities and colleges that would be affected by such a playoff do not start the spring semester until nearly the middle of January. So, a playoff system may not be so bad. If the university is doing its part to offer a 'good' education, and the student-athlete is holding up his end of the deal, then there should be no realistic rebuttal. But, what about the financial bind that such a playoff poses?

If a university feels that there would be additional finances and fees to spend, let's look at the playoff system first and the possible profits and revenues a university could bring to its program.

First of all, the playoff should be between the top ten teams in the nation as ranked by the Associated Press (AP) poll at the close of the regular season. Set up brackets in the form of the top team (#1) playing the tenth ranked team (#10), the number two (#2) ranked team playing the ninth (#9) ranked team and so on.

The sites of these playoffs would not deny fans all over America from watching the ever-so-popular bowl games that have become a tradition in collegiate sports. Take the top ten bowls, beginning with the tenth ranked bowl and progress upward until the ten most attended bowls have been decided. Once the top ten bowls are separated, there should be a change in the dates in order to agree with time slots so students may return to school. Thus the student athletes would return to campus as soon as possible.

Now, one would ask, "what team goes to what bowl?" Well, here is your answer. Since the Associated Press has done a "fabulous" job in giving us an undisputed champion, let their number one team play in the tenth ranked bowl. Allowing the sequence to run with #2 and #9 and so on, let the system go until it fills its brackets and let's have kickoff. There would then be no question of who is the national champion. It will have been proven on the field by the absolute best team.

In seeing such a system, the bigger and better bowls such as the Rose, Citrus, Cotton, Orange, and Sugar will all be placed in order. These five bowls could be the semi-finals and final sites for the true national title and the true national champion. And, in so doing, this playoff will bring in more revenue for all schools. The deeper into the playoffs a school goes, the more revenues the school would receive as well as television time for the promotion of the particular school.

Braves' wrestling off to good start

By Chris Sandbank

Chowan wrestling began the new year in Swarthmore, Pa., competing in the Swarthmore Duals. In the tournament, the Braves defeated Coast Guard twice, 24-17 and 30-18, and defeated a Division III school, Kings College, 30-18.

Chowan's only loss went to Division II, No. 1 seeded Cheyney State by the final of 26-19. Bryan McMillan and Pete Siarkas went undefeated with 4-0 records in the tournaments. Bryan Richardson, Derrick Peartree, and Victor Bal-

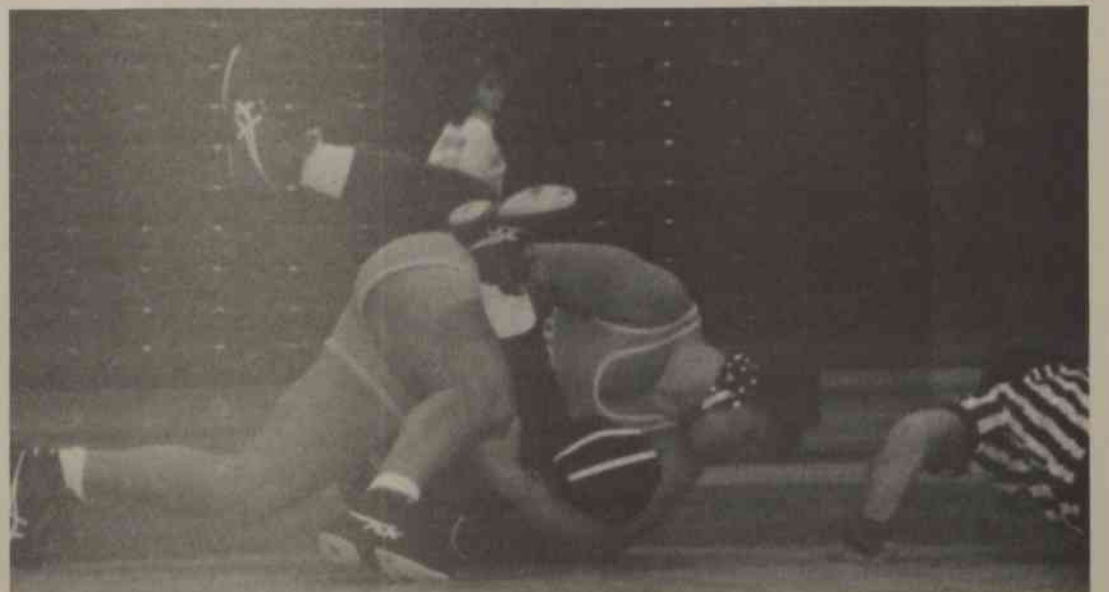
maceda all finished with 3-1 records.

January 15, the Braves came home and faced another Division II opponent Norfolk State. The Braves dominated 41-11. Bryan McMillan won 12-5 while Stockton Williams, Derrick Peartree, Victor Balmaceda, and Tyrone Goins all pinned their opponents as the Braves raised their overall record to 8-2.

On the 17th of January, Wilkes Community College and Gardner-Webb College came to Murfreesboro for a tri-meet. Chowan fell to

Wilkes in a close one, 23-19. Stockton Williams won a 9-2 decision and raised his record to 13-1 in the loss. Victor Balmaceda, Derrick Peartree, and Pete Siarkas got wins while Tyrone Goins pinned his opponent. The Braves regrouped and defeated Gardner-Webb 27-18 as Balmaceda improved to 27-4.

Chowan traveled to Newport News to compete in the a tournament on January 18-19. The Braves finished second out of eleven teams as they continue on through another great season.



Braves wrestlers are having a good season.