

## Editorial

## Running with the Blue Devils

By Ricky Gibson

March Madness ended with tremendous jubilation for the Duke University Blue Devils on April 1, for the first time in nine attempts, the Blue Devils' persistence paid off in a great reward: a national championship. That's right, the 1991 NCAA Men's Division I Championship in basketball was Duke's first ever.

Whoever came up with the brilliant statement that success breeds success must have had the Blue Devils in mind. When you take a basketball team to five Final Fours in six years, four years in a row, I would definitely call that a successful program. And it is really great to see a team that has been a bridesmaid so many times finally toss the proverbial monkey off their back. Those of you who are really into college hoops will hopefully agree that there could not have been a more deserving team to win this championship.

I look at what the Duke Blue Devils accomplished on the basketball court and easily see how their hard work, determination, devotion to their goals, focus, and above all their persistence can be implemented in our daily lives and jobs. How sweet it must have been to be a Blue Devil on that night of overcoming all odds to beat an undefeated and number one seeded Nevada Las Vegas. But, then to have poetic justice to capture a previous elusive national championship. My hat's off to you Blue Devils.

## Lady Braves on a winning streak

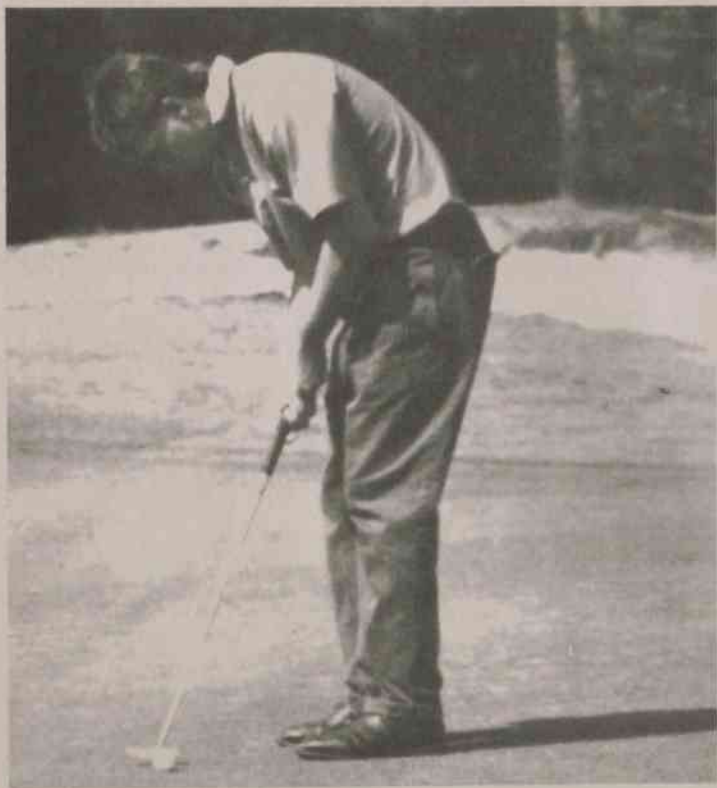
By Chris Sandbank

On March 28, the Lady Braves softball team took on Hutchinson Community College losing a double-header 11-1 and 13-2. In game one, Wendy Yarborough took the loss giving up three hits, walking one and striking out two. In the second game, Mary Farley and Julie Jordan both went two for two.

Chowan defeated Elizabeth City State on April 4 by the final of 1-0. Wendy Yarborough had a great day pitching a one-hitter and striking out 10 and also driving in the winning run. Two days later, the Lady Braves defeated Barton College 8-4 behind pitcher Wendy

Yarborough who yielded only two hits and struck out 15. Pam Snyder went two for three with an RBI on the day. On the 9th, Chowan fell to Louisburg in a doubleheader, 5-1 and 14-0.

The Lady Braves lost to North Greenville on April 12 by the scores of 8-0 and 22-2. Chowan gave up 23 unearned runs in the doubleheader. On the 14th, the Lady Braves lost a heartbreaker to Spartanburg Methodist College 1-0 in 10 innings. Wendy Yarborough pitched the complete game allowing four hits and striking out 10. In game two, Chowan fell 19-0. The Lady Braves are now 3-11 overall.



## Golfers finish third in conference

Rick Peel is the designated medalist who will represent Chowan in the Nationals in Texas June 3-6. He shot a two day score of 148 in a recent tournament. The Braves golfers finished 36-18.

## Braves baseball tops in conference

Chris Sandbank

Chowan baseball started the season February 27 splitting a double-header with Elizabeth City State. They lost game one 9-8 but then won 2-1 behind lefthanded pitcher Billy Childress who gave up only four hits, and struck out 7.

On March 4, the Braves impressively defeated Mulhensburg in two games 5-0 and 11-3. At home on March 8, Chowan fell to Garrett Community College 7-3 and 16-4 and the next day the Braves lost their Conference opener to Lenoir Community College 3-2 (10 innings) and fell 7-1 in the second game.

Chowan swept North Greenville Community College 13-8 and 17-2 on March 23. In the two games Chowan center-fielder, Turner Williams hit four for six including 2 homeruns and Terry Williams added a homerun also. Brian Barke got the second game win allowing

only one hit and struck out eight.

On March 26, Chowan took two games from Hiram College 10-4 and 10-7. On April 1, the Braves defeated Southeastern in a double-header 8-1 and 6-0. Chowan defeated Newport News Apprentice at home on April 4 by the count of 7-6 and 12-11. Two days later the Braves won two more versus Spartanburg 2-1 and 7-4.

After 10 consecutive wins, the Braves lost to Southampton Community College 4-3 but in the second game, pitcher Keith Latson pitched a two-hitter as Chowan won 4-1.

Chowan took on Anderson College on April 12 and swept the doubleheader 3-2 and 6-0.

On April 16, the Braves hosted Louisburg College and lost the double-header 5-3 and 8-1. Despite the loss, Chowan is 16-10 overall; 9-5 in Region X; and 4-2 in the Conference.



Bob Hardison throwing heat for Braves.

## Braves basketball finishes season 22-8, host Region X Tournament in Helms

By Chris Sandbank

The Chowan men's basketball team, who were on a five-game winning streak, hosted the Region X basketball tournament March 7-10 and entered as the Number 3 seed.

In the first round, they defeated 6th seeded Montreat-Anderson 96-84. Six Braves finished in double figures, led by Wilbert Hunter (26 pts.), Fred Vinson (24 pts.), and Harold Tyson (12 pts, 12 rebounds).

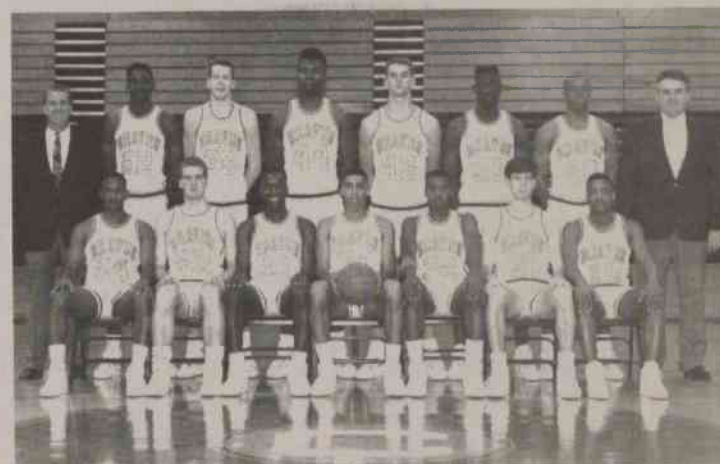
The next day, the Braves defeated 2nd seeded Louisburg 86-83 in overtime to advance to the championship for the third year in a row. Fred Vinson led four Braves in double figures with 27 points

and Harold Tyson, Melvin Brooks, and Darnell White finished with 15, 11 and 10 points.

The Braves played Number 1 seeded North Greenville in the Region X Championship for the second year in a row. Chowan led at the half 44-39 but couldn't hold on as North Greenville won 74-67.

Despite the loss, the Braves finished the season 22-8 and Fred Vinson and Wilbert Hunter were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Vinson was also named to the All-Region X First Team and Carolinas Junior College Conference Player of the Year. Freshman Darnell White was also named to the All-Conference Team.



1991 Chowan Men's Basketball Team coached by Head Coach Bob Burke and Assistant Coach Jim Tribbett.

## FCA rally brings together athletes for fellowship

By Krystal McDowell

"Attitude Check!" was all that came from the mouths of a few members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes following an FCA rally held at UNC-Chapel Hill. FCA chapters from Chowan, Duke, NC State, and Carolina were invited to serve as "huddle" leaders at an annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes rally recently. The rally was held for the high school students in the Durham/Raleigh area for the purpose of bringing them closer to Christ in a positive way. "I enjoyed helping the high school students because they were so eager to learn," stated Queen Williams. In spite of the rainy Saturday it was held on, the rally was an enjoyable event that consisted of Bible study, sing-a-longs, sports clinics, and relay races

known as the "Shinneck Games."

When asked about the rally, many FCA members talked about the Christian fellowship and the positive affect it had on them. "I realized that I needed to change and accept Christ," said Dan Flores. From Chris Buchannan, "I enjoy being around different people in fellowship. People accepting God was the highlight of the weekend." During the two huddle sessions with the students, a certain closeness was formed with God and an admiration for the older huddle leaders was evident as they told them, as long as they keep God in their lives, no matter where they go in life, these kids will be able to make it." The day ended with the Shenneck Games and a hilarious but inspirational message from national FCA member Carey

Casey. Congratulations to Chowan FCA for the Shinneck Games. Out of the thirty huddles that participated, the top five huddles in the finals were led by Chowanians.

Way to go teams! The Fellowship of Christian Athletes rally will be a topic of conversation for a long time. What's an "Attitude Check"? Ask an FCA member.

## Advantage Chowan

## Braves tennis serves it up

Chowan tennis opened the season March 25 in a match with Catawba Valley Community College falling 7-2. On the 27th, Chowan traveled to Greenville, N.C. where they fell in a 5-4 decision. In doubles, Hiserman and Dunlow and Vann and Moore were winners.

On April 4, the Braves lost a 7-2 decision to Newport News Apprentice. Dennis Dunlow and Kei

Motsumoto were winners. In New Bern, N.C. on April 10, Chowan overwhelmed Craven Community College 9-0.

The Braves took on Newport News Apprentice on April 17 and fell to them for the second time 7-2. Kei Motsumoto won a singles match while Hiserman and Dunlow won 8-1 in doubles.

Chowan is now 2-3 for the season.

## Students compete in Chowan intramurals

By Marty Grebing

Chowan Intramurals brought out a lot of competition and quite a few winners in March.

Out of a field of 10 people, Kevin Eure took first place in the racketball tournament. The other competitors include Fred Bonet, Elias Thomas, Mason Morton, John

Whitehurst, Bryan Griffen, Marty Grebing, Toddy Dollar, Hugh Walter, and Roger Webb.

On March 26, a ping pong tournament was held. Out of nine people, Elias Thomas easily took first place. Other people that signed up were David Moore, Joe Sibley, Marty Grebing, Billy May, Phil

Abrams, Christ Sandbank, Brett Barton, and Harris Lawton.

On March 28, a pool tournament took place. The field consisted of 16 players, with Briggs Dexter emerging as champion. Other players include Jon Hussein, Tim Bullock, Mark Wade, Joe Sibley, Billy May, David Taylor,

Mo Marks, Larry Hill, Marty Grebing, Gary Hill, Chris Rivera, Gary Dillon, Mike Moore, Chris Glasby, and Todd Dollar.

Congratulations to all the winners! Everyone had a lot of fun. Each person that took first place received a Chowan Intramural Champion T-Shirt.

## Prof. Harden to retire at end of semester, fondly remembered by students

Professor Acheson Harden will retire at the end of this semester and the math department at Chowan College just won't seem the same.

Professor Harden (Ach to his friends) has been teaching and advising students at Chowan for 21 years. A "Yankee" born in New York City, he came to this small southern town in 1970 after 26 years of service in the Army.

To many students, faculty, and staff, Ach Harden is the epitome of the "crusty old professor," a former Army lieutenant colonel who can give you a look to kill, but who really is just a "push-over". He is always ready to help any student and is always looking for a math student who "really enjoys math and wants to learn.

"I enjoy teaching," he says. "And every now and then I get a student who really enjoys math and who does well. I try to motivate my students to motivate themselves. I have to persuade them that math is not hard. You know, everyone thinks math is so hard, and it's not. It's cut and dry and pretty objective. We just can't persuade the numbers to behave the way we can persuade words to behave."

Ach Harden did his undergraduate work at Williams College ("You can't get any more Yankee than Williams, he says), and received his T.M.A. from North Carolina State University after he retired from the Army. He then began his second career teaching at Chowan.

"While I was at N.C. State, I heard Chowan was looking for a math professor, so I came here. I told them I thought I would stay if I ended up liking it as much as I thought I would."

Evidently he has "liked it" a little bit, because he lives next door to the college campus within walking distance and has made Murfreesboro his home.

What will he do in his retirement years?

"Well, I might go back up north to Portsmouth, New Hampshire where I have a home. I might even continue to teach up there, perhaps at a technical school where students are interested in pursuing career skills."

From the sound of it, the 70-year-old professor will probably

not retire at all. This sportsman who lists bird-hunting, trout fishing and gourmet cooking (though not anymore) as his hobbies, does not express much interest in retirement and will probably keep busier than ever.

He has two daughters living in Vermont and one son who lives in Montana. His wife, Mary Carus Harden, died six years ago.

Since then, he has been living on his own, something he got used to in the Army. In the Army Signal Corps, he traveled and served in World War II. He served overseas in the Aleutian Islands, Germany, Korea, and Taiwan. His office walls testify to that fact for hanging there are plaques, awards, honors and hangings from other countries to remind him of his

Army days. Always a teacher, as an officer, he trained hundreds of enlisted men in communications. He remarks he was used to the South, however, because he spent much time stationed at southern bases, including Atlanta.

He hasn't lost his Yankee accent down here, though, and although he holds the southern way of life very dear, and knows he will miss Chowan dearly, it is not hard for us to imagine him trout fishing in a northern stream in New Hampshire.

Wherever he may be in his "retirement," whether in New Hampshire, or right here in Murfreesboro, all of his friends, students, members of the faculty and staff of Chowan College wish Ach Harden the very best.



Professor Acheson Harden