

Braves dribbling to national tournament

The weekend of March 5-7, the Braves wrapped up their regular season, with a 21-6 overall record, which for the 12th consecutive year amassed 20 or more wins under Head Coach Bob Burke. The Braves, seeded #3, opened the Region X tournament defeating the #6 seed Lenoir Community College 88-87.

The following night, the Braves tangled with Louisburg in the semi-finals and defeated the Hurricanes 87-76 to move into the championship round Saturday evening against the top seed Spartanburg Methodist College. In what best can be described as a

classic confrontation, the Braves knocked off the Pioneers 95-92 in double overtime to win the Region X Championship and qualify for the national tournament.

By virtue of their Region victory, the Braves traveled Tuesday, March 10 to Brunswick, Georgia to play Brunswick College, winners of Region 17 and the Georgia state Junior College Championship in the opening round of the national tournament. Behind a solid shooting performance in the second half, in which the Braves shot 68% from the field, they defeated the Mariners 83-78 to

qualify as one of the top 16 teams in the nation and to travel to Hutchinson, Kansas, site of the national championships.

This victory was the 300th career win for Coach Bob Burke as head coach of the Chowan Braves. Burke's basketball program has averaged over 25 wins per season during his 12-year tenure.

The Braves, 25-6, will play Butler County Community College of Kansas, Wed., March 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the second round of the national championships. This game will be broadcast live on local station WBCG 98.3 FM.



The Chowan Braves — 1991-92
REGION 10 CHAMPIONS
headed to the big show!

Chowan College Braves 1992 Baseball Schedule

Mar. 2	Muhlenburg College	Home	DH	1:00
Mar. 4	Rappahannock CC	Home	DH	1:00
Mar. 16	Anderson Jr. College	Home	CDH	Noon
Mar. 17	Keystone Jr. College	Home	DH	12:30
Mar. 18	Prince George	Home	DH	1:00
Mar. 21	Garrett CC	Home	DH	1:00
Mar. 24	Southeastern CC	Away	DH	1:00
Mar. 27	North Greenville	Home	CDH	1:00
Mar. 28	Brevard Jr. College	Home	CDH	1:00
Mar. 31	Lenoir CC	Home	DH	1:30
Apr. 3	Anderson	Away	CDH	1:00
Apr. 4	North Greenville	Away	CDH	1:00
Apr. 6	Southeastern CC	Home	DH	1:30
Apr. 8	Louisburg	Home	CDH	1:30
Apr. 9	Newport News App.	Home	S	2:00
Apr. 11	Brevard	Away	CDH	1:00
Apr. 12	Spartanburg	Away	CDH	1:00
Apr. 14	Newport News App.	Away	DH	1:00
Apr. 16	Lenoir CC	Away	DH	1:00
Apr. 18	Spartanburg	Home	CDH	1:00
Apr. 21	Louisburg	Away	CDH	6:00
May 7-11	Conference Tournament			
May 14-16	Eastern District Tournament			
May 23-30	Nationals			

My Turn

By Daniel Butler

Modern Medicine: Friend or Foe

So what's up Chowan? Nothing as usual, but check this out:

The world of medicine is constantly changing with the help of new and improved technology. When a new procedure or a new medicine is invented, it has to undergo experiments and testing before it can be introduced into the public market.



Sometimes the AMA will let certain procedure or medicines be introduced into the public while they are still in the experimental stage. For example, the Eximer Laser is a new product for treating heart patients. The Eximer Laser was invented to replace balloon angioplasty. Now balloon angioplasty is where the doctor inserts a catheter through the leg and runs it through the body until it reaches the arteries of the heart. Then the doctors find the blockage in the coronary arteries and try to break through it by inflating the balloon on the end of the catheter. Sounds like fun to me. The purpose for the operation is to basically unclog the blocked arteries of the heart to prevent future heart attacks, and for the most part the operation is that if the artery has a large amount of blockage in it, then the balloon on the end of the catheter will not help. This is the reason that the Eximer Laser was invented. The Eximer Laser uses a catheter with a laser on the end of it instead of a balloon. The laser disintegrates the blockage instead of simply breaking it apart. Now (unlike what it may seem) I'm not trying to give a lesson in medical procedures, but let's look at the Eximer Laser, for example, and how it's put to use.

You see, since the Eximer Laser is still in the experimental stage, most insurance companies will not pay for it. This means that the patient has to pay well over \$25,000. Now maybe many of you are saying, "Well if you want to stay alive, who cares how much you have to pay!" Point taken; but if the procedure is still in the research phase, then why do we have to pay anything at all for it? Studies have shown that balloon angioplasty is just as effective as the Eximer Laser, and a great deal cheaper! So why can't the insurance companies or the people who sponsor the laser fork out the cash? Any guesses? I'll tell you why: you see when the patient has to pay the bill, it helps underwrite the cost

of research. In other words, if four people have the operation, then the hospital can buy another laser (by the way, the running cost on the laser is about \$200,000). So now you might be saying, "So what! Someone has to pay for it!" Once again that is a point well taken; however, there is more to this story than meets the eye.

For instance, the researchers who test the Eximer Laser claim that it is the best procedure around today. Unfortunately, the researchers have never compared the laser to the balloon angioplasty, its nearest competitor. Therefore, how can it be the greatest thing around? Most importantly, many researchers own large amounts of stock in a company called AIS. So what, you ask? Well AIS is the company who bought the rights to the Eximer Laser and who also started mass producing it. OK, here comes a common sense lesson: if you owned a large amount of stock in a company and you just happened to be a researcher, would you tell the truth about your product, or would you spice up the results a tiny bit? Maybe the fact that you sank thousands of your own hard-earned dollars into the product would help you make a decision. So why am I making such a big deal about a stupid little laser? If you're not bored to death by now and you're still reading this article, here's why: The researchers are none other than our own medical physicians. You know, the people whom millions of Americans trust each day with a decision about my life when deep, down inside himself he may be thinking about profits. There could be thousands of heart patients who are being suckered into having the Eximer Laser procedure!

So where have our morals taken us in this country. Is everyone only concerned with making a fast buck? I know I am, but that's beside the point! If I were a doctor perhaps I would think differently. You see this story strikes me close to home. My father had two heart attacks and he had to undergo triple bypass surgery. I am thankful that he survived, and most importantly that he had a physician that was honest, a physician who cared more about saving lives than making money.

Before I go I would like to say one final thing: Why did Jeff Dahmer have to even go to trial to see if he was insane? The man mutilated and dismembered bodies, then he ate them. Jesus! What does a guy have to do these days to be called insane?

Live your dreams.
Peace.

Allstars capture intramural basketball crown

By Larry Meeks

Director of Intramural Sports

Well, the long-fought battle finally came to an end February 20 in the Helms Center, as the Allstars ended the regular season as Chowan's Intramural Basketball Champions. The Allstars put together a winning record of 8 wins and no losses.

The Ghetto Boys finished second with a 7 and 1 record, followed by The Champions, finishing third

with a 6 and 2 record.

The Intramural Basketball Championship Tournament started Monday night, February 24. The Championship Game will be played March 2 at 7:00 p.m., in the Helms Center, with the winner advancing to East Carolina University to compete in the 1992

North Carolina Collegiate Extramural Basketball Championship to be held on March 21 and 22 at Christenbury Gym on the campus of East Carolina University. The starting time for Saturday, March 21 is 10:00 a.m.

We hope that the Chowan faculty, staff and students will come

out and give the winning team some support.

Members of the Allstars team are: Coach Kip Hicks, David Perry, Kim Richardson, Silas George, Phil Campbell, Dee Wells, John Breadmore, Mike Dowdy, Barry Watkins, Larry King and Troy Dolyhigh.



The
Allstars
Intramural
Team

Intramural Basketball Regular Season Standings

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Allstars	8	0
Ghetto Boys	7	1
Champions	6	2
Darryl's Squad (F&S)	5	3
Superb "6"	4	4
Dunn Gone	3	5
Hoosiers	3	5
Oreo Express	1	7
The Elite Teams (F&S)	0	8

Nathan Ludke takes district, national honors

By Amador Padilla

Coach Dave Maas took his wrestling squad to participate in the Mid-Atlantic District tournament on February 15-16 at Sewell, NJ, in the eastern part of the country. After having two a day practices and putting in so much work throughout the whole season, Coach Dave Maas was somewhat confident of his team's performance.

The Braves got off to a good start but as the tournament went on they dropped some crucial matches thus putting them out of contention for the team title.

Coach Maas said, "I think that we performed quite well considering that there was only one sophomore on the lineup, and I think that the lack of experience is the only thing that hurt us, otherwise we were in great shape and our technique was right." Even though the Braves did not come back to Mur-

freestboro with the team title, they did come back with a champion in Nathan Ludke, who won the 126 pound weight class.

Coming in to the tournament Ludke said, "I felt confident but I wasn't sure what to expect because there are many great wrestlers out there, but I will do my best for my self and the team." Nathan Ludke was redshirted last year because he was still fresh out of high school.

As coach Dave Maas said, "Nathan has great ability and there was no doubt on my mind that he could win the tournament, but to my surprise he was ranked 3rd in the conference because he had lost to the number 2 kid, so I was a little worried." When the team took to



Nathan Ludke

the mats they had only one thing in mind which was to win for themselves as a team.

Nathan also said, "I was mainly concerned at the beginning with taking one match at a time in the season as well as on the tournament because I knew that I could not get too over confident, so I wrestled my hardest through out the whole year." Even though Nathan Ludke thought he could win and his coach also thought he could win, he did not get too confident, as he said.

"I will take it one match at a time." Nathan also added, "I think I'm prepared for nationals and I'm not so concerned with the Mid-Atlantic. My main objective is to place and concentrate on the National tournament because it is much more of a big deal to me and I'm not sure I may not feel to nervous right now but as soon as I get there I think I will be." Nathan

Ludke had been working hard all season and to those who saw him wrestle, know he wrestles with heart and aggressiveness.

When Nathan trained with his coach, Dave Maas, they worked mostly on conditioning to get his stamina for the "Big One," because there was no point in learning new things since he already knew pretty much what he had to do to win.

Nathan began wrestling at age 9. He is the son of Richard and Kathy Ludke, from Accokeek, Md.

Nathan says, "Even though my parents are not here with me I know they are very happy for me and I also know they are proud of me on my way to the National tournament." Ludke represented Chowan in the national tournament February 28-29 in North Dakota. He finished 4th place in the 126-lb. division. He was named to the 2nd Team All-American Squad.