

## New challenges face Chowan athletics

By Al Biddlecomb

There are many changes in store for Chowan College during its transition into a four-year college. The school's athletic department is no exception. Chowan has been a major force in junior college athletics over the years. However, beginning in 1993, the Braves will step up to the N.C.A.A. division III level of competition.

NCAA division III is the smallest of three categories of collegiate athletics. The eligibility requirements for student athletes will change to meet division III stan-

dards. Athletes will be encouraged to spend four years at Chowan. Rules regarding transferring while keeping athletic eligibility are strict. Also, athletic scholarships are not offered at the division III level.

Chowan will not be affected by the controversial N.C.A.A.A. proposition "48." This rule requires high school athletes to attain a minimum GPA and SAT score before being allowed to participate in college sports. This rule does not apply to division III athletics. Chowan Athletic Director, Jim

Garrison stated that academic requirements are the responsibility of each individual college.

"The school is currently working out a scale of academic requirements for student athletes," Garrison said. "These requirements will probably be equal to that of regular Chowan students. Our athletes will be four-year students as well as athletes."

Chowan is scheduled to begin division III play during the fall of 1993. The Braves will compete as a member of the Dixie conference in basketball, baseball, softball,

soccer, tennis, volleyball, and golf. The Dixie Conference is composed of colleges from North Carolina and Virginia.

The familiar names of opponents visiting Chowan will change. Schools such as North Carolina Wesleyan, Averett, Fayetteville Methodist, Christopher Newport, and former arch rival Ferrum College.

Football at the division III level should be exciting and competitive. Opponents for the 1993 season should include Guilford, Bridgewater, Frostburg State, Salisbury State, Wesleyan, and Ferrum. A future football conference for these teams is in the works.

In the past, many athletes have been successful in transferring to larger schools after two years at Chowan. The athletic department has begun recruiting student athletes that can attend Chowan for four years. This will require a high degree of athletic as well as academic commitment from students.

Coach Garrison believes that Chowan can be very competitive with other area colleges in the recruitment of athletes. "We will recruit from basically the same pool of students as our rivals," Garrison said. "Our status as a division III school as well as our reputation at the junior college level should be a plus in recruiting."

Over the next few years, there will be many questions regarding Chowan's competitiveness at this higher level. There will be a transition period in which juniors and seniors will begin to play an active athletic role. However, immediate success is not impossible. Ferrum College recently made the transition from the junior college ranks and has since become a very successful division III school.

Coach Garrison and the Chowan Athletic Department are looking forward to the new challenge of division III. "I am very optimistic about our program's competitiveness at division III level," Garrison said. "We will be the new kid on the block, but our experience at the junior college level will make us competitive."



David Wright gets ready to turn a double play.

## Lady Braves post 8-18 record

The Lady Braves entered the Region X Tournament March 5-7 as the No. 6 seed which was hosted by Louisburg College. The Lady Braves' opening opponent was the No. 4 seeded Mounties of North Greenville College, who they had played just five days prior to their regular season final. Playing with only seven healthy players, the Lady Braves battled the Mounties through the first 20 minutes to trail by only seven as the half time

buzzer sounded. Employing a 2-3 zone, over the final half, Chowan was unable to creep any closer than seven points in dropping a 76-61 to North Greenville College to end their season. Sophomores Charita Burke (High Point, NC) and Rose Ellis (Wytheville, VA), playing their final game as a Lady Brave, responded with excellent performances. Burke led all scorers with 25 points, while Ellis also went out in style, pumping in 15

points while pulling down an eye popping 21 rebounds. At the conclusion of the Tournament, Burke was named to the All-Region Team.

Under Head Coach Tammy Perry's guidance, the Lady Braves bettered last year's record with eight victories, despite injuries which thinned the roster to only seven players. The loss of leading scorer sophomore Angie Allen Moneka Huntley (Jefferson City, SC)

## Softball season begins for Lady Braves

The Lady Braves began their season March 21 entertaining North Adams State College in a non-conference doubleheader. In the opener, freshman Dona Silva (Lewisburg, PA) in her collegiate pitching debut, went the distance, giving up six hits and fanning seven the Braves' 7-6 victory.

Providing the power for the Braves in the opener were freshman Sara Jones (Hampton, VA) with two hits, while scoring two runs. Dona Lewis (Morehead City, NC), who had a two RBI base hit, and Susan Fasoldt (Birdsboro, PA) with a two RBI single in the Braves' season opening win.

The second game found Silva back on the mound for the Braves, hurling a masterful five hitter, as Chowan swept their visitors from the North 7-2. Silva helped her own cause, leading the Braves at the plate, punching out two hits and driving in a run.

Wednesday, March 25, the Lady Braves hosted Virginia Union University from Richmond, VA. In the opener, Moneka Huntley (Jefferson, SC), surrendered four runs the first two innings by hurling a two-hit shutout as the Braves defeated Virginia Union by a 12-4 count.

In the second game, the Lady Braves' bats grew silent as a second inning RBI single by Christin Saltarelli (Seaford, DE) accounted for the lone Chowan run as the Braves were defeated 3-1, for their first loss of the season.

## September's Child performs at Chowan

By Marty Grebing

If you were here the weekend of Feb. 21, chances are that you saw a bus filled with long haired guys and two girls, one with sparkling blue hair. If you missed these people, you missed a free mini-concert from an upcoming band called September's Child.

The band is currently touring colleges on the east coast and decided to stop by Chowan on their way to ECU. They have played in such places as Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Virginia on their way to completing a long, draining road trip. They are planning to stop at 36 locations in North Carolina and 16 in South Carolina. Eventually, they will end up somewhere in the sunny state of Florida.

The band consists of four members: Jim Byers (Jazz), lead singer, Dena Recchia, bass and vocals, Jeff Spolnik, lead guitar, and Rob Grentz, drums. They are all from different spots on the map, but somehow managed to meet and merge their talents. Each member has their own unique musical interests, but they somehow fit together to create the distinct sound of September's Child.

When asked about the style of music that they play, Jeff explained, "I can't tell you what we are but I can tell you everything we're not. We're not a glamrock band, we're not homosexuals, we're not rich, and we're not trying to sell a look or image, but to play and hang out."

If they were to reluctantly be

labelled, their music could be categorized as progressive, along the same lines as R.E.M. and The Replacements. They occasionally do cover tunes, but prefer originals, as it's the only way to truly get across their music to the people. The road, as any band will tell you, can be trying, not to mention expensive. Their goal is to be available and bring their music to the public. They enjoy being called up on the spur of the moment. No gig is too big, and no gig is too small, which helps explain why they stopped in Murfreesboro in the first place.

When bands are strictly commercially concerned (such as The Who and more recently, Metallica) they make their music to suit the taste of the public. "I don't care whether or not people like us," replied Jazz when asked about their immediate goals, "as long as they know who we are."

September's Child currently has two albums out, along with a short line of merchandise which is their basic lifeblood. They sell buttons and photos, each for \$1.00, and cassette tapes for \$6.00. If you would like to order something or find out additional information about the band, write a letter to: September's Child, PO Box 22182, Pittsburgh, PA., 15222.

Having personally heard some of their material, I can honestly say that their tapes are well worth the price. On a final note, keep an eye open for these guys, as you never know where they'll pop up next.

## David Glenn pursuing solo career in music

David Glenn from Portsmouth, Virginia, has been singing and playing guitar in the pursuit of a solo career for about three years.

He got his start by being lead vocalist in a rock band from home. They entered a contest, sponsored by FM99 which ranked new bands in the Portsmouth-Tidewater-Virginia Beach area. They showed early potential by actually placing in the contest, but since then David has broken away from the band and has chosen a solo career instead.

David has played at such local spots as the Magic Cue, Tuscarora Beach, and the Sully Dog. He enjoys playing for Chowan students and friends, but in some respects would rather perform in front of strangers. This way, he gets an honest reaction from the audience on how they feel about his music. He has learned through experience that when he plays in front of friends, they tend to give a positive reaction, even if they don't

particularly like what he is doing. Not wanting to sound disrespectful, David truly appreciates and values all of the support he is receiving from friends and Chowan students alike, but is assured to get an unbiased opinion from total strangers.

If you ever want to see and hear David perform, just drop by the Scoreboard any Thursday night from 8:30 - 12:30 pm. It is located in Virginia Beach, near Lynnhaven Mall. If you need directions, talk to David or just keep an ear open. Several Chowan students attend every week, so directions and/or a ride are not hard to find.

When you go to see David play, his John Cougar and James Taylor influences are not hard to identify. Some of his favorite bands to cover are Van Morrison, REM, and John Cougar. He might throw in an original or two, but admits that they won't make much of an impact until he has established a name for himself.

He is currently recording a 5-song tape with all original pieces in a studio in Virginia Beach. Selling the tapes for about \$5 each, he won't make a profit. He is happy with the way the songs sound and is looking forward to getting them distributed to the public.

Besides recording and doing gigs, David has been accepted to audition for "Be a Star" on the Nashville Network. He is scheduled to audition July 28th. If they like him enough, he will appear on the actual televised show.

Once he gets his songs established, he might get a backup band together to help with the music. But until then, he plans on staying solo for a while and concentrating on original work.

If you don't have a chance to make it to Virginia Beach, I encourage you to buy a tape once he is finished recording. Also, keep an ear open as he is scheduled to perform for Chowan College during the Spring Festival.

## Baseball team posts 9-1 record at start

The Braves baseball team is off to an excellent 9-1 start, as Coach Jack Moore's squad has blended solid pitching, steady defense and timely hitting to highlight their quick start. Chowan started the season with seven consecutive wins before suffering their first loss.

The Braves opened March 2, sweeping a doubleheader from Muhlenberg College 5-4 and 6-5. In the opener, sophomore pitcher Billy Childress (Richmond, VA) went the distance giving up eight hits while fanning 11. Leading hitters for Chowan were Brett Combs (Kannapolis, NC) who went 2-3 which included a two run home run in the second inning, David Wright, who was perfect at the plate going 3-3 with two doubles and 2 RBIs, and Terry Williams (Conway, NC) who stroked out two hits in three trips to the plate.

Wednesday, March 4, Chowan hosted Rappahannock Community College in a non-conference doubleheader. Sophomore hurler Keith Lutton (Mechanicsville, VA) went five innings in the opener scattering three hits while striking out four in the Braves 10-3 win. Reliever Vince Trypuc (Virginia Beach, VA) threw the final two innings allowing no runs on three hits. Terry Williams led the Braves at the plate punching out two hits including a two RBI double. Thomas Sanchez and Craig Owens. Both chipped in two hits each as Chowan cruised to their fourth straight win. The second game was suspended due to darkness in the fourth inning with Chowan leading 4-3.

After being out ten days, due to mid-term break, the Braves got back into action Monday, March 16, hosting Anderson Junior College in their Conference and Region opener. Southpaw Billy Childress got the call in the opener and responded by throwing shut out ball, striking out nine Trojans while allowing only four hits.

Chowan continued their hot hitting in the second game, pounding out a 10-4 decision over the Trojans to knock their fifth straight win and second Conference and Region victory. Keith Lutton gained the win, pitching six and one third innings with Vince Trypuc mopping up in relief. David Wright set the tone for the Braves at the plate, stroking a two run shot

in the first inning as the Braves never trailed in their doubleheader sweep.

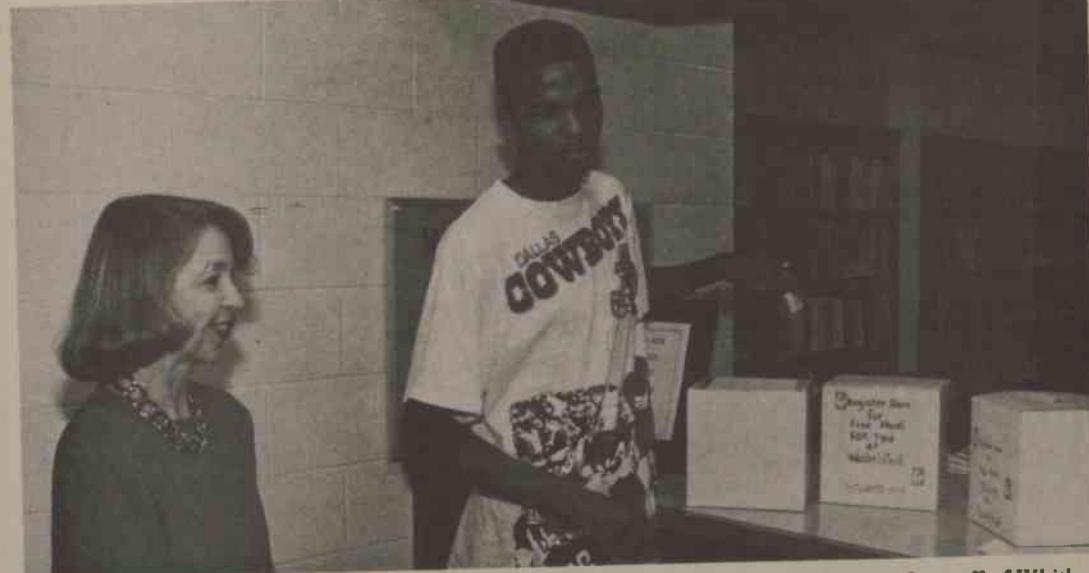
Tuesday, March 17, the Braves hosted Keystone Junior College in a non-conference doubleheader. In the opener, freshman Luke Childress (Richmond, VA) went five and one third innings, before giving way to Vince Trypuc, who gained the win as the Braves defeated Keystone 3-2. Trypuc entered the game with the score knotted up 2-2 and gained the win when Gary Sasser (South Hill, VA) stroked a solo home run in the sixth inning for the winning margin. Terry Williams continued his hot hitting, popping a solo round tripper in the first inning.

The ping of Chowan's aluminum bats rang out in the second game, as they feasted on Keystone's pitching staff for 14 runs in a 14-6 win.

The following afternoon, Chowan hosted Prince George Community College in another non-conference doubleheader. The Braves stretched their winning streak to eight games in the opener, defeating Prince George 9-1. Mike Niemotka picked up his second victory of the season going the distance giving up only three hits while striking out six. Supplying the long ball for the Braves was Brett Combs, with a three run homer in the fourth and Jason Long, who drove one over the left field fence with one man aboard in the second inning. Long also had a RBI single to join David Wright and Terry Williams who collected two hits in the Braves win.

The second game saw the Braves' eight game win streak snapped as Prince George shut down Chowan 5-1. Vince Trypuc took the loss for the Braves as they managed only one run on Timmy Cliborne's RBI single.

Saturday, March 21, Chowan hosted Garrett Community College to conclude a busy week of baseball. In the opener, "Ace Southpaw" Billy Childress found himself in a pitcher's duel with Garrett's No. 1 pitcher. Childress was up for the task, throwing a 10 inning shutout giving up only three hits while fanning 14 to run his record to 3-0, as Chowan defeated Garrett 1-0. Terry Williams drove in Timmy Cliborne with a single in the bottom half of the tenth inning for the game winner.



Winners were announced in the recent National Library Week contest, sponsored by the staff of Whittier Library. Winning free pizzas were Darrick Peartree, Greg Taylor, Jessica Kiser, and Keisha Webb. Winning a free lunch for two persons at Walter's Grill was David Cooper. Members of the student body winning books in the contest were Toshio Goto, Tonia Boone, Christie Wood, and Thornton Jordan. Mr. Doug Eubank, of the faculty, also won a book in the contest. Katherine Wood, librarian, observed the drawing of the winning names.—Photo by NestarVarona

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