



# THE SPORTS FRONT

By MARSHALL GREENE

## Christmas Layoff Softened Owls

The Charlotte College basketball team had only one practice session before their game against Louisburg on January 2. Because of the long lay-off during the holidays, the Owls could not quite stay up with the stronger Louisburg team.

In the Louisburg game the fans saw some terrific plays by Bubba Rion, the 5'10" back-court whiz, would work his way up under the basket and make some nice passes to his team-mates which usually led to points. This play-making by Rion has helped the Owls considerably this year.

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## Ronnie Greene Is Strong Competitor

Ronnie Greene, the Owls' 6'3" center, scored 26 points in the Louisburg game. This raised his average to 22.7 points per game. Greene shoots a variety of shots. Most of his points come from tap-in shots and uncanny twisting shots underneath the back board.

Greene is also the team's top rebounder. No team, thus far, has been able to control his scoring.

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## James And Gilbert Recuperate From Wreck

Jimmy James and Butch Gilbert are getting back into shape after their automobile accident about a month ago. Both of them played in the Louisburg game but were a little out of shape. Of course, they weren't the only ones out of shape in that game.

James and Gilbert are two of the star players on the Owl squad. Their absence in the Gardner-Webb game was fatal for the Owls. With these two players back into action, the Owls are expected to be plenty of trouble for their opponents.

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## A Little About Everything

Bubba Rion gets my vote for fastest man in the North Carolina-Virginia Jr. College Conference.

The unsung hero on the Owl squad is Ed Owen, a 5'10" back-court ace.

A good name for the Owl team is "Disaster Squad."

# College And Students Honored By Scholarships

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Doris Jarrett has received a \$100 scholarship for the second semester of this year.

"I've never been so honored," said Clinton Canaday, recipient of the Jefferson Standard Scholarship. "It is a good feeling to know someone appreciates your work enough to show financial interest."

Canaday's scholarship is for the school year 1961-62. He will receive a rebate for the expenses of the first semester.

Canaday is not an all "A" student. He does good work in a hard curriculum and is very active in extra-curricular events.

"Scholarships are not awarded to only 'A' students any more," said Mrs. Ramona Potter, director of public relations. "Other things are taken into consideration — citizenship, interest, potential, need."

Miss Mildred English, director of student personnel, said that "a serious student who proves himself to be an asset to Charlotte College and to the community has a good chance of being awarded a scholarship."

Applications for financial aid are handled by Miss English. It is the usual application, with a short statement of "Why I Want To Go To College," and a request for letters of recommendation from three persons.

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can do so through Miss English.

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Other gifts received by Charlotte College recently include a breakfront, valued at \$400, from

Mecklenburg Furniture Shops.

R. E. Forbis donated a number of wisteria vines for the college campus.

Two copies of a genealogy of the Byerly family in North Carolina, two books in memory of Dr. Walter Rankin, professor at Duke University, and a book in memory of a former student were donated to the college.

## Building Is Named

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will end the ceremony with a prayer.

In the planning stage of the college, Mr. Kennedy took time from his duties with his WAK Industries here to prepare charts and brochures on Charlotte's needs as "the most undercolleged city in the South."

He made talks in public and traveled great distances in the state in private persuasion efforts. He had high hopes that Charlotte College would become a major educational institution.

Mr. Kennedy's death occurred the day before he was to become a member of the first Board of Trustees of the college. Other members of the board recognized his dedication to the college by proposing that the first building on the new campus be named for him.

# Gallagher Is First Professional Football Player To Attend CC

By DWIGHT CHRISTENBURY

Ben Gallagher, a former Myers Park and University of North Carolina student, now a student at Charlotte College, has signed a one-year contract with the Minnesota Vikings, a professional football team.

The Minnesota team has just finished its first year in the National Football League.

Ben, who was a business major at UNC, was forced to drop out because of a new ruling concerning credits. However, he does plan to go back in the

summer session.

He is taking geography, English, history, and Spanish while here at Charlotte College.

Ben played tackle at UNC, but will play right guard for the Vikings. He is to report to St. Paul, Minn., in July of this year.

There seems to be some interest in a football team here at CC, and Ben was asked for a comment concerning this.

"Football is the major college sport, and any athletics

will help a school," he said.

He was asked whether he thought there were enough potential players at Charlotte College to make up a football team.

"There seem to be several guys interested who played in high school, and who could certainly help out a team. at Charlotte College," Ben said. "I think it's a good idea."

We certainly want to wish Ben a lot of luck and hope that he is successful with the Vikings.

After all, he is the first professional football player to come from Charlotte College, and we don't even have a football team . . . yet.



"Duck" poses with four admirers at a meeting of the John Duckworth Fan Club. At the meeting he was unanimously voted the most popular boy on campus. (Photo by Reggie York).

## Dr. Cone To Receive New Honor

Dr. Bonnie E. Cone has been named one of eight Charlotteans who will be honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for their work in human relations.

Dr. Cone will receive the Silver Medallion award which is presented annually by the local NCCJ. The Silver Medallion is presented to an individual who is judged to have contributed most to the improvement of human relations and brotherhood during the past year.

Dr. Cone will receive the award at a dinner February 20 at Hotel Barringer.

## CC Owls Drop Pair Of Games In Hot Battles

Charlotte College played St. Andrews College Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the St. Andrews gymnasium at Laurinburg.

The team played a heated and spirited game as the Charlotte College cheerleaders encouraged them from the sidelines.

Ronald Greene was high scorer for Charlotte College with 28 points.

The St. Andrews team pulled away at the half-time and went on to win the game 84-75.

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Tuesday night, January 2, the Charlotte College basketball team fell to Louisburg College 77-61. The Owls looked great the first half. They showed plenty of hustle, ball-handling and scoring. The first half ended with Louisburg ahead 38-32.

The second half was a different story. The Owls, having only one practice session since December 9, started tiring. The Louisburg team began to edge away. The game ended in a Louisburg victory, 77-61.

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