

Baseball Practice Begins

By BOB ALLEN

February 5 marked the beginning of baseball practice for many prospective players. Throughout the month of February, players have been engaged in afternoon practice sessions in hopes of making Coach Hawkins' first cut, which was scheduled for Thursday, February 22.

Last year at the end of the season, the Braves posted an 18-10 record, giving them second place in the conference, behind top-seated Louisburg College. Chowan was stopped in its bid for the championship by Sandhills in a doubleheader at the end of the year. The Braves lost the last game of the doubleheader, which consequently dropped them in second place.

In a recent interview for Smoke Signals, Coach Hawkins was asked about possible strengths and weaknesses the team might have this year. He said, "I think

we'll have a good defensive club; we have good outfielders and infielders."

Commenting further, he said "our game will probably depend upon pitching. All our pitchers are freshmen, except Stanco." Jim Stanco is one of the six returning players from last year. He played the right field position for the Braves, but near the end of the season he saw action on the mound.

Other returning players include Pat Wagerpack, Ray Rawls, Carl Lancaster, Freddie Knight, and Pat Callahan. All of these players saw action in the outfield except a couple who often alternated at other positions.

Coach Hawkins expressed hope in this year's team and is looking for a good season. He feels that "Louisburg, College of Albermarle, and Ferrum will be the teams to beat."

The season opens March 13 at home against Chesapeake

College at 1:00 p. m. All students are asked to lend their support and back the Braves.

The Schedule

March
 13—Chesapeake, Home
 16 Baltimore, Home
 17—Kittrell, Home
 20—COA, Home
 23—Durham, Home
 29—Chesapeake, Away
 30—Durham, Away
 31—UNC JV's, Home
 April
 3—E. Conn. State, Home
 7—Ferrum, Away
 10—Louisburg, Home
 14—Sandhills, Home
 17—COA, Away
 24—Kittrell, Away
 27—Sandhills, Away
 May
 2—Louisburg, Away
 5—Ferrum, Home



EXPERIMENT—A student is pictured deeply involved in a laboratory project in Greene Hall. The new science-engineering facility is nearing completion which will provide modern laboratories.

Mrs. Bowers Enjoys Teaching In Science

By Stephen Bowman

After graduating from college most young professors look for a teaching job not expecting to really settle down anyplace, but just shop around a while until they find what they want.

Mrs. Shirley Williams Bowers was born in 1943, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. El Williams, Jr. In her hometown, New Bern, N.C. she grew up with two sisters and two brothers all younger than she. Directly after graduating from New Bern High School in 1961, Mrs. Bowers enrolled in East Carolina College (now East Carolina University), Greenville, N.C. She majored in history and minored in English. It wasn't until taking a biology course in her sophomore year that she decided to major in science. She graduated in only three years, after taking courses in chemistry, physics, and biology she received an undergraduate degree in Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. As a lab assistant in her senior year, Mrs. Bowers got some experience in teaching and won the Teaching Fellowship Award and the Outstanding Senior Award in Science at East Carolina in 1964. She stayed in East Carolina for two additional years working on a Masters degree. During this time she taught as a graduate student, and in January of 1966 Mrs. Bowers completed requirements for the Masters degree in Biology with an interest in Botany. Although Mrs. Bowers says that she enjoys college, she admits that it was a lot of work.

In June of 1966 Mrs. Bowers married Douglas Bowers. Her husband is now head master of Ridgcroft private school in Ahoskie. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have two daughters, Julie, one; Karen, three, and two dogs, Valentine and Mark, of which they think a lot. Mrs. Bowers also plays the piano when time allows.

Mrs. Bowers teaches the general biology courses at Chowan, Biology 101 and 102. During the past two summers she has taught Anatomy and Physiology. Mrs. Bowers is presently enrolled in a graduate program in Botany at N. C. State. In this program she is studying



MRS. SHIRLEY BOWERS

the plants of Hertford County.

Mrs. Bowers loves her work as well as Chowan College. As far as she is concerned "Chowan is top. I'm impressed with Chowan's academic standards." She sees many advantages in the two year school. "Students and teachers are close." Mrs. Bowers encourages all students to take advantage of Chowan and to take the opportunity to talk to the teachers. She believes that students would come to like Chowan better and get more out of it if they stayed here on

weekends.

When asked what changes she would like to see in Chowan, she said that the new science buildings has been her dream the seven years she has been here. Mrs. Bowers also says that she would like to see closer ties between the students and more activities. She very much likes the idea of chapels because "it brings the students together as a group."

Chowan College? "I love it here!!"

Wrestling Tourney Here

By DERYL WALL

The first full year for the Chowan varsity wrestly team slowly ends with two more tournaments to face. The mighty iron men, are more than ever hungry for their last piece of action for the season.

The team now finished with its regular season, has record of 2 wins, 3 losses, and one tie. Nevertheless, Chowan is sending five of its very best Braves to a national junior college wrestling tournament in Miami, Fla. They are: Tim Conrad, who won this

year's take down trophy, Lee Harcum, Rush Hardety, Dude Maxley, Jim Dortch. They are all Freshmen.

For the other members of this "over the hill gang," they await their last chance to prove they are Braves. There is an open tournament here at Chowan the second weekend in March. All things must come to an ending. But not for the "over the hill gang," practice and conditioning will continue until next year. Then once again they must prove to themselves they are Chowan College Braves.

Country Squire Rally Success

By HUNTER GISH

The afternoon of February 8th saw twenty anxious drivers and their navigators line up for the third auto event sponsored by the Chowan Motor Sports Club.

Named the Country Squire Rally, the event covered some thirty-five miles and clocked a perfect timing of fifty-eight minutes.

First place winner John Yarbrough, driving a jeep, almost zeroed the perfect time coming in only thirty seconds off the twenty-six penalty points.

Coming in second place, Barry Bradberry scored a 45-second off-time with forty-three penalties.

Third place award went to Mike Canada, who was only one minute off timing in his yellow Chevy pick-up. Mike picked up forty-eight penalty points on his run, but managed to time a third place rank.

The Country Squire Rally had certain handicaps along the route. Professor Carl Simmons

gave his stamp of approval at the first station, while Teresa Trigg signed handicap sheets for 10 cents a shot at station two. Drivers counted tombstones in a certain graveyard as a third obstacle.

Susan Mulder and Doug Braswell passed out refreshment bags with fruit cake, candy, nuts and gum at the last obstacle station.

Official for the event was Bob Mulder, Chowan faculty member and sponsor of the group since its organization in 1970. He was assisted by Dean Norris, David McGee, Chris Bowman, and Hunter Gish.

Worldwide natural rubber consumption will climb 3.9 per cent to a record 7.2 billion pounds in 1973, according to Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

Some 78 per cent of the earth's surface is covered by water.

Student Group Visits Library

By KAREN HUMBERSTONE

Early on the morning of Friday, February 16, twenty-one Chowan students and two faculty members took off on the "reliable" Blue Bird for a visit to our nation's capital. The purpose of this trip was a visit to the Folger Shakespeare Library to see a Shakespearian play.

The play seen by the group was "A Winter's Tale". The source of this play, which was one of the final plays written by Shakespear, is "Pandosto: The Triumph of Time", a popular novel by Rober Greene. Like other Shakespearian plays, the theme of "A Winter's Tale" is jealousy, which Shakespeare deals with tragically. The performance of the play was excellent, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members of the Chowan group.

Following the production, the students were invited to remain

for a question-and-answer seminar with the director of the play. Many interesting features of play production were learned from this informal seminar.

The Folger Library itself was of much interest to the students. It contained historical information about the life and literary works of Shakespeare in a small museum. The theater where the play was presented has been built to resemble the Globe Theater, where Shakespeare presented his plays in London.

Other places which were visited by the group of English students included a conducted tour of the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution. The entire trip was organized by Mrs. Ann S. Emery of the English Department. The tired group of students returned to Chowan Saturday night after spending two enjoyable days in our nation's capital.