

Sports Scene.

By DAVID C. GUTHRIE
As I sit here at my desk I cannot help but reminisce back to the basketball season that so quickly past us by. North Carolina's dramatic upsets in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, UCLA's winning their tenth NCAA Tournament, and of course Chowan's fine season are just a few of the memories of the season past.

It was the first winning season in Lord knows how long for the Braves and the team and Coach McCraw are to be congratulated. Overall it was an exciting season with the Braves providing us with quite a few thrills of their own. There seems to be one other thing that crops into my mind also, that being the lack of an adequate squad of cheerleaders at our home games. Game after game I sat and watched as few as three cheerleaders try, without much effort on their part, to raise the spirit of the crowd.

The cheerleaders soon became a laughing-stock among the fans. Game after game they spent the majority of their time observing the other teams' cheerleaders. One would think that after awhile they would get the idea that they were supposed to be doing the same thing as the other teams' cheerleaders but alas they did not. For a person who is sensitive, the matter could have been taken as an insult to the school and to the team.

The worst incident of all occurred during the semi-final game of the conference tournament at

Louisburg. Though a bus was available at no cost to students, only one cheerleader saw fit to make the trip. I suppose she is to be commended for her effort.

The point I am trying to make is that cheerleaders are supposed to do just what their name implies and that is to cheer. I realize that this sounds extremely elementary but one would have thought that they could have figured this out for themselves long before now.

Each cheerleader probably has their own individual excuse for not cheering at a given game but I dare say that the majority of the excuses would be flimsy. Before trying out for the position of cheerleader, each girl realized the responsibility the position carried. How would the basketball team have fared if several players had decided not to show up at several games because they had to study or because the game was on a weekend and they wanted to go home? Hopefully the freshmen cheerleaders will take this as constructive criticism and make an effort to improve next year.



Chowan Braves



Baseball



Baseball Scene

The Braves opened their season by losing five straight, 8-0 to the University of North Carolina JV's, 10-5 to Fort Bragg, 6-4 and 13-3 to Brookdale Community College, and 5-2 to Sandhills in the first game of a doubleheader. Bryan Pfleger, sophomore from Waldwick, N.J., pitched Chowan's first win in the nightcap. Behind 2-1 in the sixth inning, third baseman Paul Morgan, Newport News, Va. sophomore, doubled in two runs for a 3-2 victory.

Roanoke Rapids sophomore James Humphries spun a two hitter as Chowan banged out 14 hits for its second win, 4-0 over Mercer Community College. In a home doubleheader against Southeastern Community College, the Braves dropped the first, 5-4, before Pfleger won his second game and Chowan's third, 10-5. Freshman Fred Darby of Assawoman, Va. sparked the victory with a homer.

Coach Jerry Hawkins said the key to the turnaround has been improved pitching. All of the Braves' pitchers are either freshmen or sophomores who did not play last year.

STUDENTS!

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Fishing Contest

PLACE: Parkers Ferry on the Meherrin

DATE: Saturday, April 19, 1975

TIME: 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The contest will begin at 9:00 in the morning and the count and weigh-in will begin at 3:00 p.m.

There will be two categories: (1) The person having the most poundage of regulation size bass (12" long) will win a \$10 prize. (2) The person catching the most

poundage of panfish will win a \$10 prize.

1. Persons must furnish or rent their own boat and have their own equipment.

2. Artificial and real bait can be used in both categories.

3. Person must have resident county or state fishing license. You are considered a resident of Hertford County if you have been at Chowan for at least six months. Fishing licenses may be purchased at Planters Hardware or the Sunoco Station.

If you have additional questions concerning the contest, get in touch with Coach Hawkins.

Chowan College

By PEA JONES

Oh Chowan how we love thee
How we cherish your
long and lonely days together
Oh Chowan how we love you.

All our days here
All our nights together
Chowan we will really miss you
Home or visiting wherever.

The first day we met
I smiled at you
And wished myself best
But, now my smile has disappeared

Two years have passed by
Two years with you my love
Two years we must separate
Oh, Chowan how I love thee.

P.S. For all those who are
leaving their love; Chowan.

Tears of Joy

By PEA JONES

When you walk down the line.
I'll smile and wave at you.
Tears will fall from my eyes
But you just keep on walking

When you get your diploma
Take it and walk with your head high
I'll wave and tears will fall from my eyes.
But, you just keep on trucking.

When it's all over
I'll run to you
my arms wide open
My heart filled with joy
My eyes filled with tears

Just keep on walking
Slowly hold me gentle
Let me go and,
Let my tears flow

I'm crying because I'm happy
Happy that you have served your time
Throw down your number
Give it to the prison warden

You are free now
Because you were born free
Let my tears fall
You, only just began.

Literary Musings



By PROF. ROBERT G. MULDER

My first writing on North Carolina's Sam Ervin was unfavorable. About three years ago our new-famous senior senator had placed into the *Congressional Record* a paraphrase of the Twenty-third Psalm written by a then-deceased drug addict. It began: "King Heroin is my shepherd..." and continued throughout the familiar psalm with similar substitutions.

I have always objected vehemently to take-offs which ruin David's beautiful masterpiece. That our senator would include such mundane copy in the *Congressional Record* disillusioned me to no small end. At the time my opinion of Senator Ervin's literary evaluation was not a high one.

Then came the summer of '73, Senate Watergate Hearings, and Chairman Sam Ervin. As I watched the seventy-six year old "country lawyer" preside at the hearings, my respect and admiration kindled and flamed.

It came as no surprise when Ballantine Books, Inc., brought to the reading public in August a paperback, *The Wisdom of Sam Ervin*. Edited by Bill M. Wise, the 177-page volume contains an introduction by Senator Howard Baker, a collection of sixteen pictures of Senator Ervin, and an assortment of the popular figure's comments and stories.

I was mainly interested in the stories; this volume is full of them, therefore I was not disappointed. To unfold the collection is to recall the Senator's own voice as so many of these stories were shared with his large television audience in 1973.

The quotations of Senator Sam are conveniently arranged, giving his famous comments and stories on a wide variety of topics. These divisions concern such areas as women's liberation, the bureaucracy, crime and punishment, the Constitution, the press and finally Watergate.

I should feel forever guilty if I did not share some of the choice comments from this book with our readers. The following quotations concern computers, faith in God, and his outstanding Watergate observation.

"I once jokingly mentioned that the day may come when we will replace politicians with computers. Judging from some of the reasoning of politicians I've seen over the years, I know I would sooner take the logic of a computer. The machine may suffer the same lack of intelligence as some politicians, but at least there is consistency in its idiocy.

"It is impossible to overmagnify the importance of faith in God. It is, in my judgment, the most potent force in the universe. Faith in God gives men and women the strength to face the storms of life and their consequences with the peace which passes understanding. In times of greatest stress, faith in God had the

miraculous power to lift ordinary men and women to greatness.

"I think that the Watergate tragedy is the greatest tragedy this country has suffered. I used to think that the Civil War was our country's greatest tragedy, but I do remember that there were some redeeming features in the Civil War in that there was some spirit of sacrifice and heroism displayed on both sides. I see no redeeming features in Watergate."

I am thoroughly convinced that Senator Sam Ervin is an unusually wise man. Television is primarily responsible for this belief, but I find the total collection in *The Wisdom of Sam Ervin* giving me further substantiation.

If, however, I ever see the Senator, I intend to ask him why he padded the *Congressional Record* with the likes of that trite take-off on the Twenty-third Psalm.

Stories of Love and Flight

There are many in our area who will recall the name of Doris Betts. For years she has authored articles and stories appearing in the Sunday editions of *News and Observer*. Ms. Betts is a Chapel Hill resident involved, in addition to her own writing, in the creative writing program at the University.

Her most recent work is a collection of hard-hitting short stories titled *Beasts of the Southern Wild and Other Stories*. (Harper and Row, 192 pages, \$6.95) Just one story will convince the reader that here is a Southern author who demands to be read, whose stories are delightfully natural and extremely well written.

Plots in *Beasts* cover a wide range of areas dealing with people driving toward some sort of real or imaginary release from their everyday situations. The title story depicts an unhappily married woman who leads a private fantasy life as a black man's concubine. Another pictures a homely girl who travels to a faith healer for the gift of beauty. In "The Spider Gardens of a Madagascar," Betts involves her readers in an erratic mother's logical and illogical attempts to establish a right relationship with her unenthusiastic son.

Whether the author writes of likable or unlikable people, she brings to the story an almost seamless structure. The careful development and resolution are handled in a near-perfect manner, and her style is a pleasure to explore.

Like most anthologies, so many collections of stories contain a few really good ones and a sufficient padding of mundane sketches to fill the volume. Such is not the case with Betts' *Beasts of the Southern Wild*. Readers may reach the final story with the desire that there were more to follow. Her recent collection is indeed a joy to have.

Educational Opportunities Now Available Abroad

By MIKE PATTERSON

Have you given any thought as to what to do after finishing at Chowan College? Why not look into the many opportunities to study abroad? There are a number of possible ways to accomplish this.

You could develop your own individualized program of travel and study at a foreign university. If you are going to attempt this method you will need to know the language. You would be taking the same courses as the students of that country and under the same conditions. Unless you are very familiar with the language it could be rather rough going.

If you would like to study abroad, but aren't particularly interested in spending a year there, why not investigate the various summer school abroad programs. You can study anywhere from Mexico to Europe. As an added incentive, it is not always necessary to know the language or you can learn it while you are there. The cost is competitive with most U.S. summer schools.

A number of American universities, such as Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, offer travel-study abroad programs during the summer. For a fee of approximately \$8.00 a student may enjoy an interesting experience abroad, in addition to earning from 3-9 hours credit in foreign civilization courses.

Another possibility lies in spending one of your junior

semesters abroad. You can take one semester of study in Europe or South America and transfer the credit back to a senior institution in the United States.

If you prefer, you can spend your whole junior year abroad. You would spend a whole year of study and travel in the country of your choice. Costs are comparable to expenses at Chowan.

Experience is a vital part of education and travel abroad is perhaps one of the better ways to obtain a liberal arts education.

You can study in almost any liberal arts field, ranging anywhere from art to zoology, and transfer the credit back to the states.

Why not take advantage of one of the better opportunities to visit another country. You may not have the time or chance again until you are ready to retire.

For more information on a study abroad program that will fit your individual needs contact Dr. Felker in the Language Department.

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