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Tailback Percy Godette, the Coastal Conference's leading ground-gainer in 1978, shakes off a Ferrum tackler on the way to more yardage against the Braves' traditional rival.

Replacing All-American Mungin Biggest Problem on Gridiron

By HARRY PICKETT

When Chowan's football team takes the field against Atlantic Coast Conference member North Carolina State September 1, at Kenan Stadium in Raleigh, Coach Jim Garrison's primary concern will be — can this edition of the Braves football team come close to duplicating last season's super showing?

In addition to playing State's junior varsity squad, which is a non-conference opponent, the Braves have added two games with East Carolina's junior varsity. Last season Chowan opened the season with a 28-26 thriller over the Baby Pirates to begin what Garrison calls "one of the best seasons we've had yet."

The Braves concluded the season with a 50-6 drubbing over conference rival Nassau of New York to finish with a 7-2 mark, standing second in the "strongest conference" in junior college with a 5-2 loop record behind champion Ferrum. Chowan was ranked twelfth nationally, marking the second straight season the club wore that ranking.

The Braves, who lost 20 sophomores, return 38 players — 24 of whom are lettermen — and lose eight starters which include Junior College All-Americans in strong safety Rick Stottemyer now at the University of Richmond, and quarterback Ben Mungin, the recipient of a South Carolina State scholarship. Nine other Braves also signed with four-year schools.

With 14 starters returning, Garrison says, "We should have one of the best nuclei that we've had in several years coming back." And heading that list will be All-American defensive end Hal Henderson of Charleston, S.C., who at 6-2, 210, terrorized opposing quarterbacks with his vicious tackling, as did teammate and defensive end Robert Brown, an All-Coastal Conference selection at 6-4, 220.

Henderson, who was runner-up for the Region 10 Defensive Player of the Year Award, is described by Garrison as being "a fine, intelligent young man." With Brown and Henderson playing the bookends on the defensive side, Garrison offers with a wide grin, "We've got the best defensive end tandem that we've ever had. I feel we've got two super defensive ends returning."

The defensive side will inevitably be strong around the end position, but the Braves also return All-Region 10 choices in tackle Keith McFadden (6-0, 280), linebacker Donnie Jones (6-1, 210) and defensive back Jack Cerone (5-11, 160).

Garrison, whose defense was ranked tenth nationally a year ago, said that his defense looked sharp last spring during drills, and "had it been any different, I would have been surprised." All totaled, the Braves had 60 players at spring drills.

Offensively

The loss of All-American Mungin at quarterback depleted what was a most dynamic and explosive Brave team. Chowan averaged 35.9 points an outing under Mungin's signal calling. The big quarterback heaved a school-record 18 touchdowns and led the Coastal Conference in total offensive yardage.

"He is one of the greatest quarterbacks we've ever had," Garrison said of the Charleston S.C. resident, "and will be harder to replace than any other position where we've lost starters. Quite frankly, I feel that the success of our team will be how we replace that position."

Four players vied for the quarterback job in the spring, and according to the veteran coach of 22 years, only two have shown any promise. "Neither one of them has developed enough poise."

Garrison noted, however, that Mungin, during spring drills his freshman year, looked a little shaky himself, but last season, "he seemed to get better as the season went on. He had the confidence of a rattlesnake."

"He had the confidence to strike the defense with his passing and running." Perhaps, thinks the coach (in his appraisal last May), these two players can develop the needed poise by Sept. 1, but "the way it looks now, I wouldn't want to open the season with any of them."

Offensively, the strength should lie in the backfield, where tailback Percy Godette and fullback Tommy Jones return. Godette, who led the Coastal Conference in rushing yards (702), scored 13 touchdowns last fall. The 5-11, 190-pounder not only made the all-conference team, but was also selected All-Region 10. "By statistics we had the best tailback in the conference."

Jones, at 6-0, 210, was used primarily for his blocking last season, but rushed for over five yards a tote. His finest game came against Nassau in

the season's finale, when the bruising runner banged out 84 yards and a touchdown.

"Those two should be a great one-two punch as far as the backfield is concerned," Garrison declared.

Weaknesses

During the spring, Garrison's biggest concern was the team's lack of depth from the offensive troop. He said after the final scrimmage that it showed "one good offensive unit."

"When you lose your first three split ends, your first three flankers, you aren't expected to have great talent there," he noted, "and that's the position we're in now."

"We need an awful lot of work offensively. We don't have any wide receivers, split ends or flankers who can catch the ball consistently."

Eric Nelson, the 190-pound tight end who was third on the team in the receiving department, could very easily move into a split end slot, according to Garrison.

"Nelson can catch the ball. If we get a big tight end in here, Eric could very well move out to split end."

"He's a guy who can certainly catch that football."

The offensive line looks to be another place Garrison must make compensation for. The line returns two starters in Tim Sechrest, a 5-11, 235-pound guard, and Steve Knowles, a tackle at 5-11, 225.

At press time, Smoke Signals was unable to have the names of the freshmen recruits. We understand, however, that this summer as many as 200 tried out for the team.

College President, Deans Extend Welcome

Throughout a very busy summer, we have been actively making preparations for a new academic year. It is now a real pleasure to welcome back on campus those students who are returning to continue their studies at Chowan. Of course, a special word of welcome goes to those students who are new to the campus and who are at the beginning of their college career.

Whether you are a new student or a returning student, I would assure you that Chowan College is interested in you as an individual personality, with individual goals, aspirations, and needs. Further, it is our desire for each of you that your experience at Chowan will be one of physical, spiritual, social, and intellectual growth. We are concerned for your total development.

Having said this, however, I would emphasize that Chowan is first and foremost an academic institution. While we want you to have an adequate amount of time for your social life, for intramurals, for athletics, for concerts, and the like, I would encourage you not to sell yourself short with respect to your studies. When all is said and done, your primary purpose for being at this institution is to achieve an academic goal, whether it be to acquire those skills that will prepare you for employment upon completion of your program of study at Chowan, or whether it is to complete the first two years of study leading eventually to the baccalaureate.

I would mention briefly some of the provisions made by the college for the enhancement of your educational experience and, at the same time, I would urge you to take full advantage of what has been provided for you.

Our faculty is exceptionally well qualified, possessing academic credentials far in excess of the minimum requirements of our accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges

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WHITAKER

As we begin the 131st year in the life and service of Chowan College, we genuinely welcome each of you to the campus. We anticipate a good year of work and growth, as well as fellowship, in association with you.

This is a special edition of "Smoke Signals", our campus newspaper. It has been prepared for you, especially those of you who are new to the Chowan campus.

Through the pages of this newspaper and in every way possible, we want you to know that your faculty and staff are interested in you and dedicated to helping you succeed in college. We believe that this special issue of "Smoke Signals" and the Student Handbook will assist you immeasurably, as will your Residence Hall Counselors and all the people in Student Development.

Chowan is an institution of Christian higher education. It is related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This is a guiding principle in all of our work and relationships, and it determines to a great extent the work and functions of all of us who are a part of the college community. The interest, love and support of the North Carolina Baptists have helped to make Chowan one of the top two-year independent colleges in the United States.

I challenge you to make an effort, early, to catch the "Chowan spirit." Learn to speak to fellow students, faculty and staff as you meet them throughout the campus. A friendly and open spirit makes for communication and wholesomeness of living.

Have a good year at Chowan.

Bruce E. Whitaker
President

Since Chowan is primarily a residential college, you will be interested in knowing that leaving home and living in a residence hall enhances one's college experience. Residential students, according to surveys conducted across the nation, express more satisfaction than commuting students with student friendships, faculty-student relations and social life.

At Chowan we regard residential living as an essential part of one's education. Behavior controls are emphasized through residence directors, resident assistants and residence hall councils. Chowan has not eliminated policies which regulate behavior in residence halls. We seek ways to maintain a wholesome environment that is regulated through guidance and supervision from peers and staff members.

Hedonism, or devotion to pleasure as a life style is not promoted at Chowan. Chowan is concerned with the total development of students. Chowan respects the rights of students. Chowan also exercises its rights as a private institution. Chowan adheres to its purpose as a church-related college. Members of the faculty and staff work to help students gain a philosophy of life which leads to their development into responsible leaders and citizens.

One of Chowan's strengths is its size. Numerous studies show that students at large institutions are less likely to interact with faculty members, to become involved in campus government, to participate in athletics and to achieve in leadership, drama and journalism. Research also indicates that students vary in their satisfaction with large and small institutions. Students at large institutions are more satisfied with their social life than students in small schools. Students at universities are not as happy with their relationships with faculty members and with classroom instruction as are students in

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LEWIS

Interesting People on Campus

Chaplain Adds Strength to Basketball Team

By HARRY PICKETT

A smallish man opened the door to Chowan's gymnasium, and with a white styrofoam cup containing piping hot coffee in his hand, gingerly toed in, wearing a grayish vested suit and a pair of shoes — bearing a glaring new



TAYLOR

wax job.

Before he could take a fourth step, he was swarmed on by a small army of sweat-drenched basketball players, who towered over him by a foot and more.

He smiled at them, and teasingly told one, "Have I got to show you how to dunk the basketball, Dawson." Laughter filled the antiquated building loudly after the 5-foot-4 Chaplain mused, and the player retorted gigglingly, "C'mon Chap."

It's not often that you find chaplains in gymnasiums. It's even less common for one to offer a 6-foot-5 basketball player the secret of dunking a basketball through the hoop. But at Chowan, Dr. Raymond Hargus Taylor, the school's chaplain, is a jack-of-all trades.

Says Chowan basketball coach Jerry Smith of his close friend, "He does so many little things, and those things mean so much."

Taylor, a simple man who likes it that way, hails from a once thriving mining community in Colmar, Ky. There, brought up in a very religious setting, young Taylor had aspirations of becoming a lawyer. But during his first year of college, he decided that

the ministry was to be his calling.

At Chowan, Chaplain Taylor has a close rapport with the Braves basketball team. He could possibly be the number one fan. He travels with the team, chats and discusses academic subjects with the players; and leads prayer before and after every game, win or lose.

"He's in charge, during the course of a game, to take care of all close games," Smith says jokingly.

The Braves lost their hopes of going to the national playoffs when they blew a 10-point lead in the second half of the Region 10 finals against Brevard College.

"Evidently, he went to sleep, or didn't pay his dues or something," Smith chuckled.

When Smith or any of the players speak of Taylor, you can sense, at an instance, the love and respect they share for the little man from Kentucky.

"We feel," says 6-8 sophomore center William Barnes, "that he's just as important as any member of the team, and may be just as important."

"Chap does things that so many people are unaware of," Barnes went on. "As far as I'm concerned, he's the

most important person on campus."

Taylor is an important man on campus, and during the course of a day, he is setting up religious activities for the college community. He was acknowledged for his unselfishness last spring at Honors Day, when the staff of the yearbook, CHOWANOKA, dedicated the annual to the chaplain. An excerpt of the dedication reads:

"... Faculty, students, staff and administrators respect him, for his life portrays a loyal friendship enveloped in peace and good will which has endeared him to many."

The dedication came as a complete shock to the chaplain, and he says in a shaky and emotional voice, "It was a good feeling — a feeling of maybe you're appreciated; happy... emotional... just a good feeling."

Asked how he became so closely associated with the basketball program, the chaplain of 16 years explained: "Coach Smith came to Chowan three years ago, and just before the first home basketball game, he asked me if I would come to the dressing room and help in prayer with the players before the game, and I said 'sure'."

"Just before the second game, I saw

him on campus again, and I didn't know whether he wanted me to do this regularly or not, so I asked him if he expected it, and he said, 'of course I do'."

"So, I went back to the second game and we had prayer before and after the game, and the team happened to win the first few games."

Since those early days of Smith's first year at Chowan, Taylor hasn't missed a game, and rarely misses practice sessions.

"I don't think he's ever been involved in athletics," Smith stated, "but he fell head over heels in love with the situation here."

"He fell in love with the players, and they fell in love with him."

"When he speaks," says Smith, "they listen. When they speak, he listens. He fitted in so perfect."

Chaplain Taylor says he gets excited at the games, and worries a little, too. He says he wakes up during the night after the team has lost, "and I think about what might have been done."

How long will the chaplain continue working with the team? "As long as Coach Smith and the team want me to."

That'll certainly be forever.