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NEWS NOTES

FCA members compete in volleyball marathon

Eight Fellowship of Christian Athletes members played in the Easter Seals Volleyball Marathon on Saturday, March 23 at East Carolina University. Through donations, they raised \$485.50.

Accompanied by FCA sponsor, Professor Sissy Eakin and her husband, Steve, the volleyball players earned "Polar Huggies" and T-shirts for their ef-

forts. They also received two cases of Pepsi products as a prize.

According to FCA members, they all had a good time.

FCA members who participated in the volleyball marathon are: Lisa Bunce, Chris Buchanan, Mary Wilson, Willis Godwin, Ricky Gibson, Amy Salley, Greg Raynor, and Adam Barnes.

Purpose of the college approved by faculty

The faculty of Chowan have approved the purpose of the college as the transition to a four-year institution continues.

The approved purpose of the college reads: Chowan College, shaped by Christian ideals, endeavors to provide quality higher education and to help students gain a philosophy of life which will lead to their development as responsible citizens of the world community.

The college seeks to fulfill its purpose by: (1) employing fac-

ulty and staff who are compatible with the college's statement of purpose; (2) offering instruction in the standard academic disciplines for those students who plan to earn baccalaureate or associate degrees; (3) providing career instruction, on a liberal arts foundation, for those who complete their formal education with diplomas or associate degrees; and (4) striving to meet the personal needs of students through academic, social and spiritual counseling.

Tutoring services available

If you are unhappy with your midterm grade in a course because you just cannot understand the material being presented in class, or if you feel that with a little more explanation you might gain the proper insight into the nuances of accounting, economics, or some other subject, perhaps you should investigate the tutoring services available to students

through Special Services.

Mrs. Bobbi Wooten is the person to see to help you find the kind of tutor you need. Her office is located on the ground floor of Camp Hall. There is no cost for this service and it just might be the kind of help you need to pull you through exams. Stop in and talk to Bobbi Wooten and see if tutoring is what you need.

Educational loans available through College Foundation

Three educational loan programs for North Carolina residents attending colleges in or out of state and for non-residents attending colleges in North Carolina are available through College Foundation Inc. These loan programs are funded by North Carolina banks and other investors.

Stafford Loans are for dependent or independent students and are based on financial need.

Supplemental loans are for independent self-supporting students and are not based on financial need. PLUS Loans are for parents of dependent students and are not based on financial need.

For more information, write College Foundation Inc., 2100 Yonkers Road, P.O. Box 12100, Raleigh, N.C. 27605-2100, or call 919-821-4771.

Two professors of religion honored

Two Chowan professors of religion and philosophy have received honors recently.

Dr. Kenneth M. Craig, Jr., interim chairman of the department, was elected to hold the E. Lee Oliver Fagan Chair of Bible and Religion. This chair is the first established at the college and was funded by the late Lee O. Fagan of Stanardsville, Va. in memory of his mother who graduated from here in 1893. The chair was last held by Dr. Earl H. Parker, professor of religion and philosophy, who died last year.

Dr. Craig is co-founder and managing editor of *Paradigms*, a religious studies journal, and currently serves as Book Review Editor for *Pulpit Digest*, a journal for clergy published by Harper Collins. He has just completed a book manuscript, "The Poetics of Jonah: Art in the Service of Ideology," and an article entitled "The Deuteronomistic Historian in Question Land: The

Rhetoric of Rhetorical and Other Questions."

Dr. David Gowler, professor of religion has published a book investigating the portrayal of the Pharisees in Luke and Acts. The work, over 400 pages in length, is

entitled, *Host, Guest, Enemy and Friend: Portraits of the Pharisees in Luke and Acts*.

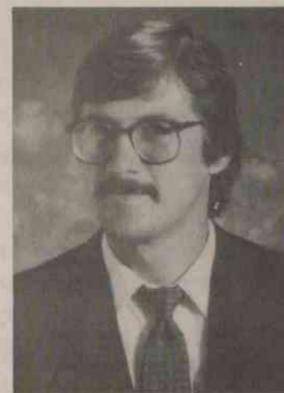
Dr. Gowler's work has been assessed as a significant advance in Gospel study. Reviews of the book have already stated its impact

on scholarship.

Dr. Gowler joined the faculty of Chowan in 1990. He previously was assistant professor of religion at Berry College in Georgia. He has been invited to serve as Associate editor of "Emory Studies in Early Christianity".



Dr. Ken Craig



Dr. David Gowler

Alpha Mu Gamma inducts members

By Krystal McDowell
Club Reporter

Alpha Mu Gamma, a foreign language honor society here on campus, held its initiation ceremony recently. Three full members and three associate members were inducted. Full members include Jason C. Drake, Richard D. Gibson, and Michelle A. Saunders-Spanish. Associate members include DeAngela M. Bishard, Elizabeth McCarthy-Spanish, and Julie L. Hottle-French. Candidates for membership are required to have completed two semesters of a foreign language with either an A or a B and must be in good academic standing with the College. Congratulations to these students.

BSU heads to hills for winter retreat

By Krystal McDowell
Club Reporter

During the weekend of January 25, the Baptist Student Union decided to head for the hills. As a part of their Winter Retreat, they took a trip to Eagle Eyrie Baptist Resort located in Lynchburg, Virginia. The theme for the weekend was "friendship" as twelve students, some of whom barely knew each other, became very close.

Participant, Lisa Bunce, states, "Eagle I Retreat on Friendship involved many different personalities that were brought together to share their ideas of a good friendship. The weekend was full of

laughter and good food. A good day of skiing ended with sore muscles, chapped faces, and an outdoor chapel overlooking the Virginia mountains."

This post-Christmas Break vacation consisted of three spiritual growth sessions (conducted by Kelly Brame, campus minister), a day of skiing at nearby Wintergreen Ski Resort, and lots of picture-taking and sight-seeing.

"The BSU Winter Retreat provided a chance for students to get together before the semester gets so busy. It is also nice to spend a weekend in the Virginia mountains. Our time was spent explor-

ing circular and Christian ideas of friendship. We found out that being a good friend is much easier said than done," states Brame. "We explored lots of ways to express love to others as friends, but found out how much hard work it takes to put these ideas into action."

Lynchburg is nestled in the mountains of central Virginia. The scenery gave BSU plenty to look at on those long rides.

Although the weekend ended all too quickly, this retreat gave students the opportunity to come together, as Christians and as friends, and have some well deserved fun.



Spring break: Where were you?

It was Spring Break and where were you? Many Chowan students went home. Some traveled with Campus Minister Kelly Brame on a missions trip to Baltimore. Here is what some other Chowanians did during break:

Tony Quimper, Marty Grebing, Todd Dollar, Curtis Quick, and Bryan Griffen saw the sights of

Daytona Beach and did they ever see some sights.

Bob Hardison, Roger Webb, Jason Edwards and Joel Fister headed south to Key West.

Brian Crumb and Don Nash took some shots of Eastern Shore, Virginia while they ate Brian's Mom out of house and home.

Jennifer Forehand, and Julie

Godwin hit the slopes on skis in West Virginia.

John Whitehurst went to Daytona Beach, and appeared on MTV.

Charlotte Pitt, Liz McCarthy, Todd Hughes and Greg Rollins went island-hopping to the Bahamas. Of course, Charlotte's folks live in Nassau, but it sounded good didn't it? (From staff reports)

Photographer is there when troops return

Smoke Signals photographer, Brian Crumb, captured the feeling of family members waiting for troops to return home recently at the Norfolk Naval Base. Now that the crisis in the Persian Gulf is over, the ships are slowly coming home. Many are returning to nearby naval bases in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

