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To defend Region X title

## Braves gearing up for new season

By Al Biddlecomb

As the weather becomes cooler, things will be heating up at the Jesse Helms Center. The Chowan men's basketball team is ready to defend its Region X title against all foes. Coach Bob Burke and the Braves have been at work since early October fine tuning their skills for the school's final campaign at the Junior college level.

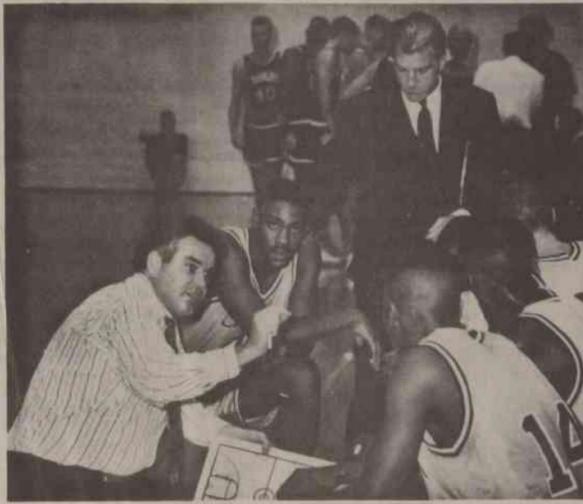
The Braves will have a different look this year with the loss of six starters from last years 25-8 squad. A loss of this much talent would cause many coaches to push the panic button, but Coach Burke sees this as an on going process of moving new talent to the forefront.

"The terms 'rebuilding' or 'transition' are not to be used at this level," Burke stated, "we are simply reshaping the team by mixing a

few new faces with returning players in order to achieve the same result."

The result has been an average of 25 wins per season over the past 12 years and 300 victories under coach Burke. This season should be no different from the years past as Chowan fields what is probably its largest team ever with an average height of 6'5". Among these players is a pool of talent that will place the Braves among the top contenders for the Region X championship.

The team will be based around three returning sophomores who saw considerable amount of playing time last season. Sophomore Albert Telfair returns to take over the shooting guard position. Last year during his freshmen apprenticeship, Telfair scorched the nets



Coach Bob Burke gives instructions to the team during a break in the action.

from outside while averaging 10 points per game. With the loss of 3 point marksman Andy Kelly to Clemson, Telfair seems poised to step in as a dominant 3 point shooter.

The Braves also have size and experience returning under the basket. Algemon Moore (6'6, 215 lbs.) averaged 7 points and 4 rebounds and will be a force to be reckoned with this year. Joining Moore will be Ka-Ron Edmunds (6'7, 200 lbs.) who has proven to be an aggressive rebounder and inside scorer.

Futher down the the roster it is clear to see that the Braves are not as inexperienced as some may think. Red shirt sophomore Troy Dollyhigh, Mark Stinson, Bernard Powers, and Roy Henderson return to the team with prior knowledge of the team's system. In January, sophomore Melvin Brooks will become eligible along with Derrick Wall. The sophomore, Wall, is a transfer from the U.S. Naval Academy.

With the departure of Darrell White and Corey Baker, the Braves will have some big shoes to fill at

the point guard position. Coach Burke is optimistic about finding a replacement to run the Chowan offense. During the early part of the season, freshmen Ron Ajim, Dannel Richardson, and Mike Johnson will be called upon to contribute to the Brave back court.

"November and December will be a period of finding an effective back court combination," Burke said. "By January our positions should be stable as we enter conference play."

This season's schedule is not as spread out nationally as in the past. Most of the opponents will come from the Carolina-Virginia area. The number of games has been reduced from 31 to 25. However, the Braves will still travel to Florida and participate in the Pepsi NIT in Ocala, Florida on November 26-28. This nationally acclaimed tournament features some of the fiercest junior college competition in the country. Here the Braves will be challenged right from the start as they face Daytona Beach Community College. Like Chowan, Daytona Beach also

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## Chowan undergoing accreditation process

During the week of November 15th through 18th a Substitutive Change Committee will be at Chowan College in preparation for Chowan's candidacy to a Level II accredited school. This will upgrade our current two year Associates Degree program to a four year, Bachelor of Arts Degree program.

The degrees available will include: Printing, Physical Education, Religion, Business Administration, Music, Education, Art, Sciences, and a new addition of Liberal Arts.

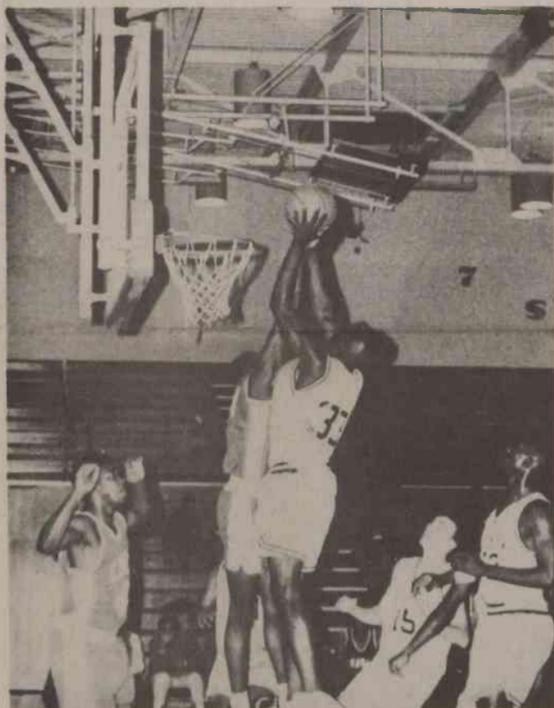
The Liberal Arts Degree will not be as structured as the traditional fields of study. The degree will include 124 credit hours with guidelines in English, Language, and math, and balanced with elec-

tives chosen by the student and his advisor. This gives the student the opportunity to chose a cross-section of courses.

For this accreditation the committee will be reviewing faculty, staff and student records and credentials. Also included will be records in Chowan's financial records, financial aid, library facilities and support. They will be interviewing the faculty and students to get a view of life on campus.

They plan to mingle with the students during the four days including meals in the cafeteria.

This is a historic event for Chowan College and the culmination of years of rigorous preparation.



The Braves provide exciting play in Helms Center as they meet some of the best teams in the region.



## Homecoming Queen for '92

Anita Gaskins, escorted by her father, showed surprise when it was announced that she had been named Queen for 1992. More photos from the Homecoming weekend on inside pages.—Photo by D. Griffin

## Many students enjoy pilgrimage to N. Y.

By Noel Muehll

We left Murfreesboro about 11:00 at night. We had almost fifty people. Some of us knew two or three, and some (like myself) knew none, but we had one thing in common: we had all made up our minds to experience the weirdest, most diversified place in America.

When the bus parked on forty-sixth street in Manhattan, the sun was bright. Even after being on the bus all night, nobody wanted to sleep. Everybody put up their bags, maybe took a shower and went out. Some went shopping. Others saw sights. The rest wound up God only knows where, but everybody enjoyed themselves. I guess most of us got around four hours of sleep that night, just enough to stay rested in order to go for twenty hours the next day. We did that for four days straight, and nobody seemed to mind.

I guess the most of us had been to large cities before, but we all acted like we had been stuck out in the country for much too long (indeed we had) and had been turned loose in Concrete Storyland. We must have looked the part. We would be walking down the street either looking straight up or gaping at a bizarre shop, or a transvestite, or what looked like a certain five car crash with a police unit right in the middle, or some other imagined feature of the Big Apple. That's why we hardly slept; we loved looking at all that wild stuff more than we hated looking

in the mirror at the bags under our eyes.

Out of all the things we looked at up there, I think the strangest thing most of us saw was within ourselves. It was like at first we were a little uncertain about what we were doing. We wanted to be there, but we were sort of worried about getting lost, or getting mugged, or feeling very much out of place in a city so different to us. But all that changed pretty doggone quick. By the time we had been there eight hours, we had stopped thinking about what we would like to do and started talking about what we were going to do. Even when we went to bed, we knew what we were going to do when we got up. We got to the point where we thought of the city as a playground instead of a jungle. New York no longer intimidated us; we used it as we pleased. In short, we quickly went from feeling like strangers to feeling right at home. We didn't expect that and it really surprised us.

I think all of us would agree that going up there was the best thing we could have done with fall break. It opened our minds to a kind of existence that we had never correctly imagined; one where people can live on top of each other, all doing their own thing, with no one getting in anyone's way. Most of us still agree that we would not want to live there, but we also agree that it should be visited as often as possible. If I can get on that bus, I will surely be there in October on 1993.

## Trip to Nation's capitol interesting, entertaining

By Todd Lucado

On Monday, November 9th, Chowan students and faculty began boarding a charter bus at 5:00 am for a fun filled day in the nation's capitol. The bus pulled out of Chowan at 6:00 and the excitement was felt by all as we knew we were going to make the best of times. The laughter and jokes were a big part in the 5 hour bus ride.

As the bus pulled off at a rest station before I-95 to let the passengers stretch, many ran to the bathrooms or to grab a soda. Some were a little mesmerized by the Elvis Presley look-alike behind the counter. What an experience that was!

Later on around 9:30 or 10:00, everyone seemed to revive from their morning grumpiness, and conversations were started.

Around 11:30 the bus arrived at a traffic jam, as many cars were headed for work or lunch. We pulled up in front of the Lincoln Memorial at noon and were dropped off to see the Vietnam Memorial as well. Since Veterans day followed on that Wednesday, ceremonies were being held as each name of the wall was announced. Friends and families of P.O.W.s were in awe as flowers were draped up and down the wall. Emotions rang out as the televised ceremony broadcasted live. By now our time at this location had expired and we



The White House was one of the places visited during the Washington visit.

were due back on the bus.

After everyone boarded once again, the bus maneuvered through the streets of Washington to one of the most popular places: The Air and Space Museum. Students were given maps of the mall area and were told to be back around 5:00.

Next, students were on their own to visit Washington, D.C. Some experienced a culture shock from the homeless in the street, trying to keep warm by building fires in the park trashcans.

Some students headed to the Hard Rock Cafe for lunch and tea-

shirts. The new Star-Trek exhibit was jammed with people trying to see autographs and even the actual ears worn by Spock.

The Natural Museum of History was visited by a large number of people. There were things to see here such as a bird devouring a tarantula, or the gems and precious stones of the wonderful Hope Diamonds.

As the day ran on and the sun began to set, we all collaborated in front of the Museum before boarding the bus. A bagged dinner was provided by the school and was

handed out fro the ride back to Chowan.

Many tried to sleep on the ride back, but Joanie Hanson's book of jokes kept everyone in laughter. It was obvious that there would be no rest on the way back. After a seemingly quick ride home, the bus arrived on Chowan campus at 9:30.

We would all like to send a great many thank yous to the Junior class for planning this trip and sponsor Gilbert Tripp. If not for the hard work and planning, none of this would have been possible.