

Prospects bright for cage season

By WILLIAM McCRAW
Basketball Coach

The echo of leather on hardwood; shrilling blast of the whistle, and voices of purposeful men in practice clothes signal an undercurrent of activity while yet pigskin-mania reigns supreme in the "village of the Braves."

The small, dedicated legion points its nose toward the same goal (victory) its pad-poppin' brothers incessantly struggle, but in a different atmosphere: an edifice where sleekness of glass bedecked with orange rims and limp nets mark a target sometimes seemingly too-elusive. Here one sees the reflection of moving grace as a candidate player softly projects the leather sphere airborne hoping to break the silence of an imposing basket.

Chowan College basketball doesn't appear, physically, to be a college team, but the lack of size can be deceiving. The Braves will count on good speed, quickness, and defense to offset the lack of power under the hoop. Round-ball play may assume a variety of styles, but the Braves' choice is more apt to be a slow-down, controlled offense, though they intend to run when possible. The shortage of beef under the boards will hurt a consistent running effort, although Chowan isn't exactly devoid of rebounding. The Braves may even resort to some kind of starving tactics.

The footsoldiers of note in the Brave camp include a couple possibilities from the freshman class; maybe more. Jack Ross, a thin, but well-coordinated 160 pounder standing 5'11" tall, and having an assortment of effective moves around the basket, is one of the best of the new boys. He has a good short jumper, great ball handling and defensive ability and is familiar with the kind of offensive operations the Braves will employ. Carl Yankey, another newcomer, at 5'10" has an accurate short jump shot, and though he isn't a flashy player gets the job

done. Clifton Faison will see duty at center, though he is a small one at 6'3".

The troops back from the exciting crowd of 1968-69 are Bert Brown, Todd McConnell, Mike Bennett, Nathan Sosebee and Steve Flack. Upon their shoulders will be cast most of the responsibility. Unexpectedly, the Braves lost Harry Flipping, leading rebounder with an average of 19 rebounds per game, which has left them weaker at

center; the play of Sosebee and Faison will determine the extent of the weakness. Bennett will be the main outside threat and will have to help on the boards, while McConnell is expected to be the Braves top rebounder and inside man. The ball handling and agility of the 6'4", 205 lb. McConnell is better than any player of comparable size in the league, and he gets up in the air well. Brown gives the Braves excellent quarterbacking with

Ross and will be a steadying influence from the backcourt. Steve Flack has looked better this year and will play more.

The team to beat this time would have to be Louisburg which will field a team looking too much like the one that won the conference title last year. And look out! that giant who slept a year ago, isn't dead! (The one with the letters F-E-R-R-U-M across the jersey, and he may have his map out this season.) Southwood is tall and has a fine shooter in E. J. Wilder which may make them very tough. Mt. Olive lost too much talent and College of Albemarle is an unknown this year.

The Braves hoist the curtain on the panic with a contest at

Chesapeake College on November 26; first home game is slated for December 3, with Mt. Olive. Following are 20 nights of heart-stopping action: dramatically bringing the most stable to his knees and sending coach, players, and fans home, ready for the cardiologist. New opponents on the Braves' schedule include Kittrell College and the University of Richmond freshmen, who replaced the William and Mary fresh.

Tar Heel-Cavalier Conference face-off gets underway at Nashville on February 25, 26, 27. And with nine weeks of academic concentration, to say nothing of spring sports, hope they keep the doors to the mental health clinic open on Sunday!

Chowan scores total of 17 TD's

MURFREESBORO, N.C. — After seven games played, Chowan College has scored a total of 17 touchdowns, seven on passes from quarterback John Casazza.

Chowan's record is 4-3-1 with one of the victories by forfeit from Croft Junior College of Durham.

Dan Dayvault of Kannapolis, the team's leading rusher, has scored five times and Oxford's Carroll Hart three. The other TD's were scored by Windsor's Nick Shook on a 50-yard punt return last week against Lees-McRae, and Bill Comerford, who recovered a fumble in the end zone against East Carolina. Twenty-one of the remaining points have been registered by Robert Kilbourne of Prince George, Va. He has kicked 12 of 15 points after and 3 field goals. The other two points were given Chowan by Potomac State on a safety.

Casazza's favorite targets have been Durham's Billy Harris, who has caught four touchdown passes, and Wingate Burden, Annandale, Va. who has caught one. Morris Newlin of Greensboro has caught two.

The rushing records:

Player	At.	Yds.	TDs
Dan Dayvault	93	411	5
Carroll Hart	48	48	3

Wingate Burden	14	20
Greg Park	13	59
Earl Gibson	15	13
Ronnie Jarmon	9	24

The receiving records:

Player	Comp.	Yds.	TDs
Billy Harris	17	197	4
Wingate Burden	26	426	1
Dan Dayvault	5	28	
Earl Gibson	3	15	
Morris Newlin	6	95	2

Casazza has completed 63 of 118 for 818 yards and seven touchdowns.

The low yardage produced by backs other than Dayvault and Hart reflects the effectiveness of the defenses of three Chowan opponents, Ferrum (Va.) Junior College, Lees-McRae of Banner Elk, and East Carolina University freshmen. Against these squads, Dayvault and Hart were the workhorses and the only consistent gainers for the Braves.

The longest scoring play for the Braves covered 68 yards and was produced by Newlin on a pass from Casazza against Potomac State.

Chowan's scores:

Gardner-Webb 16-14, Baltimore 14-14, Potomac State 29-12, Croft forfeit win, Ferrum 6-24, Lees-McRae 13-21, East Carolina Freshmen 27-33, Montgomery 20-6.

Dan Dayvault asset to Braves

The running and kicking of Dan Dayvault of Kannapolis is one reason Chowan College has compiled a respectable season record.

In Chowan's first seven games (Chowan won by forfeit from Croft Junior College of Durham) Dayvault, tailback, has carried the ball 93 times gaining 385 yards. He has scored five touchdowns, and is leading the team in all rushing departments.

In Chowan's opening game, when he scored Chowan's first touchdown in a 16-14 victory over Gardner-Webb, Dayvault carried 23 times for 36 yards. Against Baltimore, Chowan's second opponent, Dayvault ran 12 times for 54 yards before an injury forced him out of the game early in the third quarter.

In Keyser, W. Va., Dayvault sat out the first half and then roared back to carry the ball 11 times for 68 yards, as Chowan downed Potomac State 29-12.

His value to the team is not indicated by points made. As one observer commented at the Potomac game, with Dayvault in the game Chowan moves the ball. When yardage is difficult, Dayvault usually gets the call. Except for several long scoring pass plays, most of Chowan's touchdown drives have been the result of eight or more plays. Dayvault's contribution has been vital in keeping the drives going and in picking up necessary yardage.

With Dayvault in the game, the defense can not adjust to stop the passing attack of quarterback John Casazza, who has thrown six touchdown passes. The defense must try to stop the running of Dayvault while being alert at the same time for Casazza's throws.

In the Potomac game, the 6-foot, 185-pounder also showed his worth as a punter. With Chowan leading 20-12 early in the third quarter following a quick Potomac TD, Dayvault booted the ball dead at Potomac's one-foot line.

This accurate punt from Potomac's 35 led to Chowan scoring nine points including a safety on the third play following the punt and a touchdown on the heels of the safety. In the East Carolina freshman game, he scored twice but Chowan lost 33-27.

Head Coach Jim Garrison says that Dayvault "probably has as much natural ability as any boy I've had. He can play quarterback, is an excellent receiver and a good runner. He is also a threat as a punter. His speed is deceiving. When he breaks into the open he's hard to catch," Garrison reports.

Dayvault is known to be the object of interest of several senior college scouts.

Getting to know our faculty

By TOMMY GARNER

Steve F. Brannon is a new member of the Chowan English department. He brings not only new, fresh methods of teaching English to this campus, but also experience and a broad background in the field of dramatics.

Professor Brannon received his A. A. degree from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N. C. He proceeded on to Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn. where he attained his B. A. degree. He went on to receive his masters degree from East Tennessee University where he graduated with a double major in English and business.

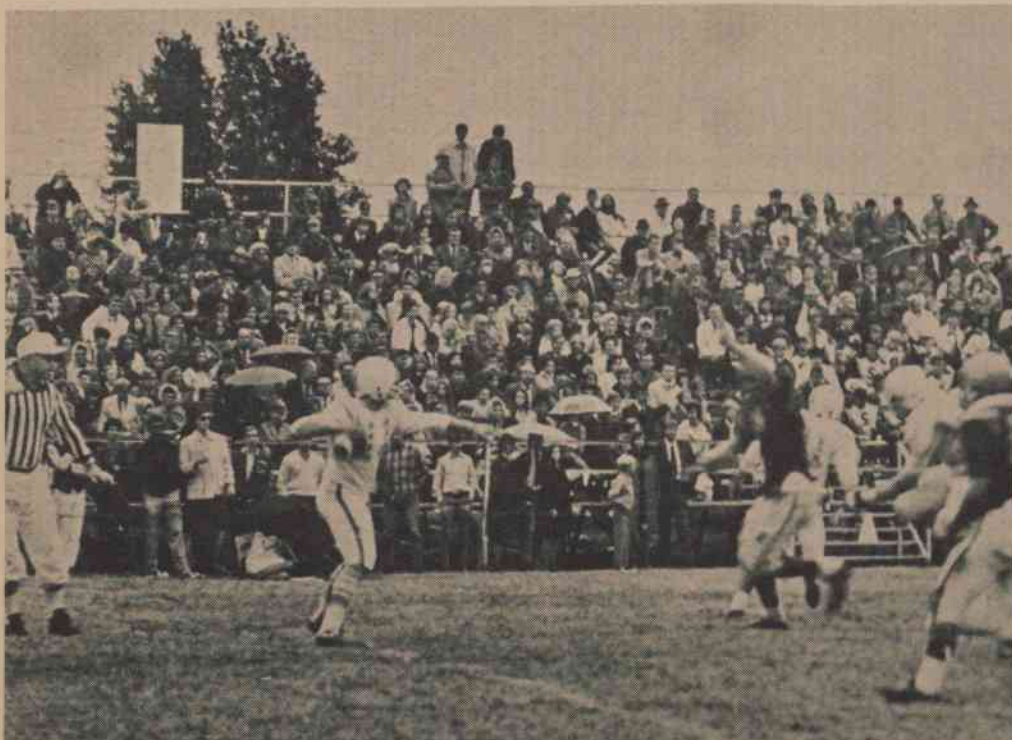
Still searching for a wider and deeper education, Brannon did additional work at Syracuse University, University of Arkansas and the University of Connecticut.

Throughout his college years, he did extensive work in dramatics. He was an apprentice at the Thomas Wolfe Theatre in Asheville.

Before finishing school Brannon was to play the lead in "Kiss Me Kate" and also to perform in such plays as the "Diary of Anne Frank" and "Pygmalion".

Ending his college career he traveled to New York where he received small parts in two Broadway plays, "Oklahoma" with such big name stars as Gordon and Sheila McCray and "Music Man" with Robert Preston.

Brannon is married to the former Miss Dori Bark of Winchester Va. They met during their freshman year at Warren Wilson College, dated throughout college and were married in 1965.



Passing for pay dirt

John Casazza, No. 11 and Chowan's quarterback, prepares to unleash a pass which led to a Brave touchdown. The young quarterback sparked the Braves to a 20-6 win over the strong Montgomery Knights in the annual Homecoming classic.