

Baseball Begins; Prospects Good

Chowan College with only one returning starter, fielded a "surprise" baseball team when Durham Business College invaded to open the season for the Braves Saturday, March 13. The single contest began at 2:15 p.m. on Chowan's diamond, located across the street from the new men's dormitory on Union St.

Called a rebuilding year by Coach Jerry Hawkins, the Braves will depend on freshmen to man the majority of positions. Only centerfielder Steve Barlowe of Virginia Beach started all games last year as the Braves placed second in the conference and district and fourth in the region. Their overall mark was 21-10.

Two other Braves started half of the games. They are Larry Philpott, Norfolk, Va., third base, and Lin Spears, Richmond, Va., outfield.

Named "Miss Day Students

Two Conway girls, Rebecca Jane Martin and Deborah Merle Vann, were selected as "Miss Day Students" for the Chowan College Queen of Spring Pageant, which was held Feb. 25 in McDowell Columns Auditorium.

Competition for the annual event included beauty, poise, talent, personality and dormitory support.

Miss Martin, daughter of William Bruce Martin, is a sophomore majoring in nursing. Miss Vann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Vann, is a freshman majoring in secretarial administration.

Both girls are graduates of Northampton County High School, near Conway.

First white child born in New England was Peregrine White, born on the Mayflower while it was in Cape Cod Harbor.

Allan Rappaport, Wilmington, Del., and Randy Michie, Chesapeake, Va., at second base, Lewis Willis of Eastville, Va., at short stop, and Ed Herring, Virginia Beach, at first base are listed as outstanding freshman infield prospects by Hawkins. First year men who have caught his eye in the outfield include Mike Simmons, Vienna, Va.; Ken Haislip, Williamston; Allan Wilson, Ayden; and Tom Philopena, Alexandria, Va. Competing for catcher are Donald Perry of Ahoskie and Bill Henley of Virginia Beach.

The only returning pitchers are Rhett Ramsey and Jack Taylor. Freshman Ronnie Albertson of Portsmouth, Va., and Phillip Greene of Asheboro have impressed Hawkins. The 25 man roster includes five other pitchers including Paul Black of Camp Lejeune, quarterback on the football team, who also plays outfield.

Hawkins does not know what to expect from his inexperienced team. He reports Chowan will have "some good hitters" including several who hit the long ball. At present, no one of the caliber of Pete Carpenter, slugging outfielder, or Gus Roberson, the league's leading hitter last year, has emerged. Hawkins allows that game experience could produce an outstanding hitter.

The Braves open play in the Cavalier-Tarhell Conference March 20 against College of the Albemarle at home. The doubleheader begins at 1:30 p.m. Hawkins rates COA, Louisburg and Sandhills as the pre-season favorites. He gives the edge to Louisburg on the basis that half of the club which finished first last year is back.

"You can't rule out Ferrum or Southwood either," Hawkins said. "And we hope to develop into a title contender too," he added.



POPULAR CLASS—Members of Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris' creative writing class are pictured during a recent class session. The popular non-credit course

is conducted each Tuesday evening in Robert Marks Hall under the direction of Dr. Harris, well-known author from Seaboard.

Students Select Same Name For Two Separate Publications

By Mrs. J. L. Moose

Life has many coincidences. Some have tragic or comic impact, while others evoke only temporary interest or surprise. The subject was brought up in the Chowan College creative writing class during the last session in February (1971). It was prompted by the Director's mention of the first semester the class met in 1963, when the six students decided to organize their work into a literary magazine.

Each member suggested names for the magazine. Rowland Stallings, a North Carolina student, chose a name that seemed most appropriate. So the literary magazine was called SMOKE SIGNALS. Rowland drew a cover sketch consisting of a wigwam from which smoke was issuing and around which a few Indian relics were scattered. These further suggested the pertinence of the name to the Chowan area.

Some years later a student, John Ryder from Wyoming, chose this name for the

campus newspaper. It was a coincidence that two students from different areas of the United States, both strangers to each other, selected this appropriate name for campus publications. So far as is known by those involved in the selections, SMOKE SIGNALS was original to the students who doubtless meant to suggest that where there is smoke there is fire—or sparks.

Another coincidence involving names was a surprise to the member of the class, Marshall Wheeler, who chose SWEET SATURDAY for her book now in revision. It was also a surprise to the Director of the class who did not remember having heard this title before Marshall chose it for her engaging story. Then looking through a literary encyclopedia one day, she came upon a literary work named SWEET SATURDAY. An outstanding University Professor was asked if he had ever heard the name used as a title. He had not.

This coincidence reminded the Director of a novel she wrote in the 1940's and published by Doubleday. The title used was SWEET BEULAH LAND. The novelist was surprised after her book was on the market to receive a letter from a New Zealand author, Roderick Finlayson, together with a copy of his book SWEET BEULAH LAND. He requested a copy of Bernice Kelly Harris' SWEET BEULAH LAND. He received a copy. In later letters he explained that soldiers leaving London for New Zealand had brought papers in which there were reviews of the American novel that had the same name as his.

A poignant coincidence was told recently by a member of the creative writing group, Frances Midyette. During her tour of Asia two summers ago she went to the far-away cemetery where her brother was buried during World War II. Feeling sure this was the last physical reminder of her brother she would have, she placed a rose on the grave, said a prayer and then joined the party she was touring with. When they reached Hong Kong she was startled to see in port the McKinley, the ship that carried her brother to the far corners.

On the night when coincidences as a possible subject for a feature story was suggested (February 22) Mrs. Dell McKeithan spoke of a former Chowan College literary magazine called THE CASKET. (The idea was that jewels of literature might be found in THE CASKET.) A search for a copy had been made near and far without success. It happened that on this particular evening Miss Rebekah Long of Jackson, was visiting the creative writing group.

She said without any dramatic emphasis, "I have a copy, left me by my mother who had been given the book by her grandmother."

Some intuition prompted me to get up from where I was sitting and walk to the front where Miss Long was seated. The result of our whispered conference is that a copy of this 1854 magazine will become a valuable addition to the Chowan College Library.

Braves Capture First Baseball Games of Season

Chowan College opened its baseball season on a victorious note by sweeping both ends of a doubleheader from Durham Business College March 13 at home.

In the first game, the Braves collected only five hits, including a triple by first baseman Rhett Ramsey, but took advantage of four Durham errors to win 10-3. Larry Philpott, third baseman, added two singles in four trips. The winning pitcher in the seven inning contest was Ronnie Albertson.

Chowan raced to an 8-0 lead after two innings of the second game and went on to win, 11-1. Two Braves each had two doubles, Tom Philopena, who plays left field, and Ken Haislip, first base. Phil Green, the winning pitcher, and reliever Jack Taylor limited Durham to three hits while their mates were contributing 11.

Not unexpected, Coach Jerry Hawkins had mostly praise for his Braves. "They did a good job. I'm proud of them," he said before adding, "although they could have done better."



PRESENTS BOOKS TO LIBRARY—Mrs. Margaret M. Hoffman presents Mrs. J. L. Moose with a copy of several of her more recent writings. Mrs. Moose accepted the contribution as a representative of Whitaker Library. Mrs. Hoffman, a Roanoke Rapids resident, is a member of Dr. Bernice

Kelly Harris' creative writing class which meets weekly in Robert Marks Hall. Among the books donated were "Northampton County Deeds," "Halifax County Wills (Abstracts)," "Abstracts of Edgecomb County Deeds" and "Granville Grantees of Halifax County."