

# Pirates take advantage of Gates

After polishing off Gates County in a 33-14 mistake-filled victory last Friday, the Perquimans Pirates have a tougher assignment tomorrow evening, as they travel to Camden to play a non-conference game with the Bruins.

Camden enters the game with one game behind them, having beaten a good Manteo squad 21-20 last Friday. The Bruins gained 212 total yards against the Redskins, more than the Pirates gained against weaker Gates.

To win this week, Perquimans can't afford to be quite as sluggish as they were last week. The Pirates scored early against Gates, then slowed down until the fourth quarter. The offense also depended heavily on the defense for points.

"We played well in spurts," said coach Pat Morgan. "We've been practicing for three hours every day for three weeks. These kids are dead on their feet." The team will begin slowing practice down this week, now that all of the teaching has been completed.

"Both teams made a lot of mistakes, but we had more talent than they did," Morgan added. Perquimans also can't expect to take advantage of as many Camden mistakes as they did against Gates. Four of the five Pirate touchdowns came following Gates' turnovers. Perquimans' secondary, which is still the weakest part of the team, had five interceptions and held the Barons to one completion in 10 throws for only 5 yards.

Following two separate first quarter turnovers, fullback Melvin Coston ran in two touchdowns, breaking through for 27 yards on the first occasion, and cutting back against the Gates pursuit for 16 yards on the second.

Morgan named the former offensive guard, who ran for 57 yards in 12 carries, the offensive player of the game.

At the tailback spot, Brad Frierson ran 87 yards in 7 carries, including a 70 yard fourth quarter TD. As a tailback, Troy Jackson ran 26 yards

in 4 carries.

Passing, Jackson was 2-for-5 for 35 yards, one TD (an 18-yarder to James Riddick) and one interception. Richard Thach was 0-for-4. Thach also had one point after touchdown, and Jackson ran in one two-pointer.

On defense, linebacker Mark Lindsey was the player of the game, leading the team with 12 tackles, along with one interception for a 30-yard touchdown and one fumble recovery which the Pirates later converted to a touchdown.

Perquimans held Gates to 140 yards on the ground in 38 rushes. Nearly half of that came on a 61-yard run for touchdown against the Pirate second stringers. A blocked punt and 19-yard run accounted for the other Baron score.

Coston and Marlow Ferebee had eight tackles each, and Paul Merritt, Ronnie Ferebee and John Hurdle each had six. Ronnie Ferebee and Linwood Parker each grabbed a fumble, and Frierson, Parker and Jimmy Flythe had interceptions.



Leaving them in his wake

Pirate fullback Melvin Coston, 32 at left, breaks loose for a big gain against Gates

County. Coston rushed 12 touchdowns in Perquimans' 33-14 win.

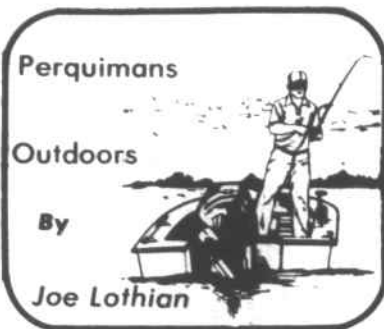
## Waterfowl Fest an experience

This coming Saturday, September 4, is the Saturday that a lot of us have been waiting for. The first day of hunting season begins at noon and there are plenty of doves around.

If you can find a field that's had the corn picked, you'll more than likely have a good day. It seems like it's been a long time coming. I'm sure glad it's finally here.

This past weekend I had the opportunity to attend the Mid-Atlantic Waterfowl Festival up at the convention center in Virginia Beach. It's the first time that I've been, although this is the seventh year they've had it.

It was really incredible. The building is huge and it was filled with everything imaginable for the duck hunter or waterfowl enthusiast. There were all the hand carved decoys in the world, all the paintings, and a pair of hand carved ruffed grouse that were carved by a two time world champion that were



The show was a huge success, as it drew large crowds all three days. The two dollar admission was good for all three days, and there aren't many things you can do for two dollars anymore and have a good time doing them.

The next show will be in March, and then March will become the month in which the show will be held annually.

To give you an idea of the size and scope of the show, you have to realize that there were exhibitors from as far west as Colorado, from as far north as New York, and as far south as Florida.

I hope some of you will make it to the next one and I wish they would have a Mid-Atlantic Duck and Goose Calling Contest instead of just the Virginia Championships. We whip 'em regularly on the basketball court, and I think we could do it to 'em in the marsh. See you next week.

priced at \$20,000.

The highlight of the show was the Virginia State Duck and Goose Calling Championships. There were two classes: juniors and adults (kids and big kids).

The kids were really great and were the whole show. The adults were average and no threat to any waterfowl passing through Virginia on their way to Perquimans County. I'm happy to say.

## Locals attend COA's commencement program

Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox told 77 candidates for graduation from College of the Albemarle Wednesday night that success is never a gift, but comes only as a result of intensive effort.

He also confirmed his support of North Carolina's community college system in providing citizens with the kinds of education needed to serve the best interests of the state.

"No matter where you go from here...you'll find the most important thing they taught you here (at COA) was how to succeed," the summer commencement speaker assured his audience. "They taught you how to choose a path for yourself, how to decide on a course of action to take you along that path, and how to stick to the trail until you get where you want to go."

Knox recalled the efforts of British athlete Roger Bannister to run the four-minute mile. He said, at that time, people didn't believe a man

could run that fast. "Roger Bannister believed it, and he did it," the speaker asserted.

"Make things happen for yourself," he urged. "Don't set barriers to keep you from going all the way."

Citing the economic growth of the state, Knox pointed out that in 1981, new industries and plant expansions in North Carolina generated over \$2 billion. The speaker said one of the first things industrial prospects look for in relocating are good community colleges or technical schools.

He said the transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy in North Carolina, along with accelerated changes in agricultural technology, has created a need for increased skills in comprehending technical materials and in specialized job training.

"Yet, in this state, we now have a larger-than-ever number of people who cannot serve these functions,"

Knox said. The reason, he revealed, is because while the need for increased skills is growing, "we are losing ground, mostly because of funding cuts."

He explained that because of less money and decreasing student enrollment, the state cannot continue to fund 106 institutions of higher education to the same extent it has in past years. "We're going to have to start deciding what educational facilities are most beneficial to the state, to the communities, to the business establishments, and to the students," Knox said.

The speaker pointed out that currently in the country, only 20 percent of the available jobs require a four-year degree, adding that most jobs will go to those with technical and vocational training.

"That means we must support our community colleges and technical schools," he said in confirming his

## COA's TV campaign attempts to eliminate area illiteracy

Because adult illiteracy is a pressing concern in North Carolina, next month College of the Albemarle will join other community colleges and technical institutes across the state in a public television campaign designed to help alleviate the problem.

Beginning on September 6, a three-tiered program series will be inaugurated to provide instruction on three different educational levels.

Douglas Sawyer, assistant director of Continuing Education at COA, explained that the programs will provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) lessons in elementary school level reading, mathematics and other subjects; pre-General Education Development (Pre-GED) testing courses at the junior high school level; and GED preparatory

instruction for the high school equivalency examination.

The multi-year project was formulated to combat illiteracy and to prepare adults for high school equivalency examinations. It is sponsored jointly by the UNC Center for Public Television and the N.C. Department of Community Colleges (DCC).

"This is the first instance we know of that a state has used all three programs at one time," Sawyer said. "The project is not looked upon as a cure-all for our adult illiteracy problems, but should be successful in involving more adults with basic learning opportunities because of its accessibility through the medium of television."

Approximately 12,000 adults in the COA seven-county service area have less than an eighth grade education, according to the director. Statewide there are nearly two million North Carolinians without a high school diploma.

The DCC has provided basic education services for years, but has been able to reach only 36,000 adults annually, according to Paul Vandergrift, director of Educative Services at the public television center.

He says he believes the efforts have been hampered by a "distribution deficiency."

"Although most of the programs' potential students live within 30 miles of a learning center," he explains, "many have neither the time nor the

means of transportation necessary to attend classes."

He pointed out that most, however, do have access to television sets.

The courses will be broadcast in this area over WUND, channel 2, at 8 a.m. weekdays. They will be re-run afternoons at 3:30 p.m. and at 7 a.m. on Saturdays.

"The actual 'classroom' can be a livingroom, kitchen or any place students and their TV sets get together," Vandergrift said.

Sawyer said adult ABE or GED preparatory students will need to visit COA only for the initial enrollment, to discuss any subsequent problems they may encounter during the series and to take the required tests to complete their work.

He said there is no charge for enrolling, but students will be asked to purchase a book to use with their program. Prices range from \$11.25 to \$13.25, depending upon the level of study.

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**CHEERLEADING** — Register August 23-September 3 at the Rec. Dept. Ages 9-12. Cost is \$7.

**INDIAN SUMMER 5K AND FUN RUN** — 3.1 mile run on Saturday, September 18 at 10 a.m. beginning at Hertford Grammar School. All ages

welcome. 5K — \$6 until September 10, \$7 September 11-18. Fun Run \$1.

Trophies to overall and age groups in 5K. Co-sponsored by Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department and Chamber of Commerce. Contact the Rec. Dept. at 426-5695 for more information.

**GYMNASTICS** — Beginners and intermediates, ages 5-17. Register September 7-17 at the Rec. Dept. Cost is \$6.

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