

Braves Begin Baseball Practice; Outlook Good

On February 15 some 40 to 45 boys gathered together to begin practice for the 1965 baseball season. The baseball season will officially begin on March 24 when the Braves play host to Hiram College, a four year school from Hiram, Ohio. This game will make history because it will be the first game played on the new baseball diamond.

Last year the team got new uniforms; this year the team has new dressing facilities and a new field. The latter two will help to make the baseball program quite adequate here at Chowan.

Each boy competing for a position is pitting his abilities against the others in order to land a position on the twenty-man squad. These boys will be trying to improve on a 10-7 season in 1964.

This year's squad will consist of seven returning lettermen. Players returning are: Infielders Mike Pintz, Vic Camechis and Bill Underhill; outfielder Mickey Perry and pitchers Douglas Barnes, Jackie Hellems and Buck Starkey. These boys will make up the nucleus of the team along with many new prospects. Some of the new prospects include sophomores Tommy Grayson, Jimmy Clark, Larry Smith, Wade Johnson, John Cook, Wayne Barnes, Mac Lowery, Allen Seager, Donnie Whitehurst and Charles Harris. Freshman prospects include C. T. Mathis, Ronnie Hendricks, Randall Pulley, Bo Ellett, Michael Lassiter, Debney Hudson, Harold Newton, Ronnie West, Billy Stalls, Kenny West, Dickie Turner, Joe Willis, Charles Fagan, Ronnie Hicks, Raymond Warren, James Savage, Kurt Pierce, James Dixon, William Boyce, Douglas Harrell, Billy Holloman, Harvey Allen and others.

Baseball will afford these young men an opportunity to

improve their abilities in many respects. Recreation, competition, sportsmanship and physical health including stamina, agility, co-ordination, speed and quickness will be taught. Winning and losing will also be taught in relationship to the game of baseball and later life.

Many fundamental principles of baseball such as hitting, fielding, throwing, base-running, base coaching, sliding, bunting and thinking will be taught.

These principles will help to serve as an incentive towards better play and future coaching.

Little or no financial help is given to baseball players at Chowan although this by no means hinders the chances of having a good program. The student body is large enough to get many good athletes who enjoy playing simply for the sake of playing itself.

Former Chowan players who have signed professional contracts or who have played elsewhere include: Ray Cox (Giants), Alton Lowe (White Socks), Tommy Winston (Salem), Wayne Cosby (ECC), Earl Wade (A.C.C.), Willie Crowder (ACC), Clarence Nichols (ACC), Tom Redman, Richard Mansfield (ACC), Don Redford (U. of Alabama), Beasley Jones (E.C.C.), Bob Willoughby (Frederick), Wayne Yates (ACC), Johnny Dollar (ACC), Dallas Nance (Guilford), Jackie Brinkley (Guilford), Jesse Sikes (East Tenn. State), Pete Britton (U. of Richmond) and Pete Hunter (ECC).

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The web of this world is woven of necessity and chance. Woe to him who has accustomed himself from his youth up to find something capricious in what is necessary, and who would ascribe something like reason to chance and make a religion of surrendering to it.