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Basketball breaks into brawl

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It began like any rivalry -- screaming fans, intense players, local media coverage -- but the final score took a backseat to a brawl.

The result was explosive -- screaming players, intense fans, Mace, and national media coverage.

Saturday's NAIA basketball battle with Mars Hill turned into the real thing after the Lion's Rocky Spaulding knocked UNCA forward Tom Haus to the court with a right cross.

UNCA basketball coach Jerry Green said, "Haus never had the opportunity to defend himself."

The packed Justice Gym (2,333) stood and stared in disbelief as both benches emptied onto the court and into the clash, which halted the game for about 10 minutes.

The gathering on the court grew to include coaches and three UNCA security personnel (Arnold Jones, Victor Fulp, and Charles Dewberry).

What happened next



Mars Hill Melee: This photo was taken seconds after a fight erupted between players from Mars Hill and UNCA in Saturday's basketball contest at Justice Gym. Despite the 10-minute disruption, the Bulldogs came from behind to take a 71-57 NAIA win over the Lions.

Photo by Pam Walker

has caused reaction nationwide. According to UNCA Athletic Director Ed Harris, Jones used Mace to quell the mob of players and coaches.

According to the incident report, Jones sprayed Mace over the heads of those involved in the disturbance. Mars Hill Coach Bob Ronai felt the Mace was directed at specific

people (namely, his players) and claims it was sprayed at the face.

Ronai, who refused to comment for the *Kaleidoscope*, said in an Asheville *Citizen-Times'* interview, "It seemed like everybody that got sprayed with Mace was from Mars Hill. I've never seen security guards try to shoot Mace at players

during a fight."

"Ronai's statement is bull," commented Green. "Everybody on that floor got the Mace."

Harris agrees. "If anybody has seen the film, they'd know everything Coach Ronai has said is wrong."

The controversy which placed the incident in the national light revolved specifically around the use of Mace

during the scuffle.

"The action that Arnold (Jones) took stopped the fight," said Harris.

"In the opinion of the security guard, it warranted non-violent means of controlling a fight," said Green.

Vice-chancellor of Student Affairs, Dr. Eric Iovacchini, said, "We feel the officer used minimal force."

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Students mount "Pieces" protest

By Anna Paulette Witt

Some people find the movie "Pieces" so perverted that the local theater management is reluctant to show it.

Even the assistant theater manager's mother and girlfriend joined the over 50 demonstrators protesting its opening in Asheville Friday night.

Others find the flick so fetid that pickets, organized mainly by

UNCA students, are braving icy winds and temperatures as low as 14 degrees Fahrenheit to stand before the Plaza Theatre at every scheduled show time and hand out a protest leaflet.

The leaflet states in part:

"PIECES is a brutal film showing the murder and dismemberment of women. It sexualizes the murders by showing the victims scantily

clad or nude with close ups of their breasts and thighs and the heavy breathing of the killer."

"Recent studies show that these images... create an accepting attitude toward sexual violence."

Assistant manager of the Plaza, Mitch Grey, said "I'll tell you straight, the movie is a junker, a piece of garbage. It has awful effects and awful act-

ing. There really isn't much of a plot. All it is is an excuse for showing violence and it's all against women. I hate running it!"

Grey said the theater employees called Irvin-Fuller Theaters headquarters in Columbia, S.C. last Thursday and tried to get the movie pulled.

"But they said it had already been booked and they couldn't do any-

thing about it. I could do something about it if I were in their places!" he said.

Another demonstration took place in front of the theater at noon Wednesday. Men and women holding placards lined the front of the Plaza.

Others handed leaflets to passing pedestrians and motorists, many of whom waved and smiled their support.

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