

# The final frontier

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Guest Columnist

Football...the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Starship Tarheels. Its five-year mission, to seek out blue chip recruits; to boldly search for a national championship....

They might as well be voyaging space, because they certainly aren't playing football.

Carolina's dismal showing against such perennial powerhouses (to be read with extreme sarcasm) as Navy and Wake Forest show once again that UNC has definite problems. The biggest is named Crum.

Those of you who've had freshman comp know any essay should have a thesis statement. And this column is no different. My thesis: Carolina coach Dick 'Crum should be fired.

Point one: He has the

leading rusher in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Ethan Horton. That's all well and good, but in Crum's totally finite wisdom, he benched Horton "to get new blood into the offense."

This doesn't really make sense. If you want to spark your offense, you don't bench your best player.

What he should do is stop running Horton straight up the middle every play, and try to get some originality into his game plan.

Point two: Crum is a math teacher. And he looks like a math teacher. That's just fine if you're teaching math. But if you're a football coach, it's difficult to get the team "up" for the game.

I can just hear the pre-game pep talk now.

Crum: "Alright guys, I want you to remember to

always fight hard out there. And now before we begin, let's have a short algebra lesson...Ax - By equals....

Football coaches should be big, rough-housing kinds of guys. If Crum looked like John Madden Carolina would have won a national championship or two by now.

Conclusion: Sure, I guess you could say Crum has had lots of bad luck. I mean, he did lose Rod Elkins and two-time USFL player of the year Kelvin Bryant to injuries a couple of years ago. So you could sort of forgive him.

But c'mon, we all know you could probably take some Vietnamese boat-person, make him coach of the 'Heels, and still do at least as well as Crum has.

All in all, I'd prefer the boat-person.



LISA DAVIS PASSES the ball in Monday's game.

## Lady Bulldogs open season with win

By Joan Sterk

The champion Lady Bulldogs basketball team opened the season with an 83-70 victory over Milligan College Monday in Justice Gym.

The Bulldogs peppered the Lady Buffalos with fast breaks, offensive rebounds, quick passes, reverse lay-ups, and a strong defense.

Offensively, the high scorer for the Bulldogs was Kim Duncan with 17 points. Trish Wyatt, Lisa Myers and Kim Keith each added 11 points.

UNCA led at half time, 47-31. The Bulldogs hit 60 percent from the floor compared to the Buffalo's 40 percent. This higher percentage gave the Bulldogs leads as high as 24 points.

The lead allowed newcomers to the team to put their practice to use. Freshmen Kim Keith and Tabbie Welch played for much of the game. Keith finished with 11 points, Welch with 10 points.

Head Coach Ellen Evans

played every member of the team except Kim Groendal. Groendal, a 6'1" transfer from Monatee Junior College in Florida, is taking a break from the recently completed volleyball season.

The team showed flashbacks of last year's championship season. Returning starters Wyatt and Duncan were leaders on the court.

During the second half, the Bulldogs worked the ball into Duncan and Keith in the bottom of the keys, running through the Buffalo's defense.

Defensively, the Bulldogs played an aggressive game, stealing passes and fighting for rebounds. Myers landed nine rebounds and stole the ball three times.

The next home game for the Lady Bulldogs is Nov. 19. This will be a double-header with the women playing Furman at 6 p.m. and the men playing Pembroke State at 7:30 p.m.

## All-stars defeat Bulldogs

By Joan Sterk

UNCA men's basketball team took on the Palmetto All-Stars, a semi-professional basketball team from Columbia, S.C., Thursday in Justice Gym.

The All-Stars defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 79-55, with former UNCA star, Paul Allen, leading the way for the All-Stars with 15 points.

The Bulldogs' leading scorer was Jeff Jones, a junior transfer from Brevard Junior College. Jones had 17 points, seven rebounds, and three steals.

The Bulldogs kept pace with the Palmetto team for most of the first half. With 8:30 remaining, the Bulldogs were behind 15-12.

The All-Stars started hitting their shots, and with three minutes to go before halftime, the score increased to 34-22. The first half ended with the All-Stars ahead, 42-27.

The All-Stars, fired up for the second half, took a 20 point lead with eight minutes remaining.

They employed fancy offensive skills, slam dunks and tricky passes.

The Bulldogs could not

get much to fall through the basket, averaging only 38 percent from the floor and 62 percent from the free throw line.

Head Coach Jerry Green scheduled the All-Star game to give the Bulldogs experience against taller teams. He had not anticipated upsetting the semi-professional team, but feels the players gained experience.

The Bulldogs will open

their regular season against Big South team, Coastal Carolina on Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. at UNCA.

They will face the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wirthrop College on Nov. 21 in a double-header in the Civic Center.

A limited number of tickets for these games are now on sale in the gym from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. weekdays.

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