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Pro-Alumni contest: fans were the real winners

Old Tar Heels never die. They go to those big four corners in the sky.

There were a few passes to the Invisible Man and a couple of missed dunks a la McAdoo.

Lee Shafer showed that the net is still where it always was (by consistently connecting with his set shots and jumpers).

But apparently, the free throw line has moved since Steve Previs last played here. On one of his few attempts from the charity stripe, Previs missed "the whole thing."

The young blood, Davis, and Kupchak, started the action, and the not-so-young-blood, Chamberlain, Rosenbluth, and Shafer kept it going for the victorious Blues.

"Sweet D" stole the show, but Shafer showed that he still could go. With these two guys red hot, along with teammate Kupchak dominating the inside game, not even the four corners could have spared the white team its doomed defeat.

Most of the players felt that the fans were the real winners. Indeed, there was a large turnout as expected. In fact, the only seats available were the seats in dark heaven. (You know, the ones way up in the rafters, near the ceiling.)

It used to be a thought, but after observing the Pro-Alumni basketball game, I'm thoroughly convinced that old Tar Heels never die.

"Great to be home"

"I'm tired of waiting," crooned a young feminine voice from the

crowd. Many others were waiting also. Men, women, and children.

They were not, however, waiting in line at Bynum Hall. They stood outside the basketball locker room door at Carmichael Auditorium. They awaited the emergence of their favorite star or stars, through the door which was guarded akin to gold at Fort Knox.

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Brown, Bunting, Chamberlain, Cunningham, Davis, Dedmon, Elston, Grubar, Jones, Karl, Kuester, Kupchak, Larese, McAdoo, Miller, Moe, Previs, Quigg, Rosenbluth, Scott, Shafer, Washington, and Wycik.

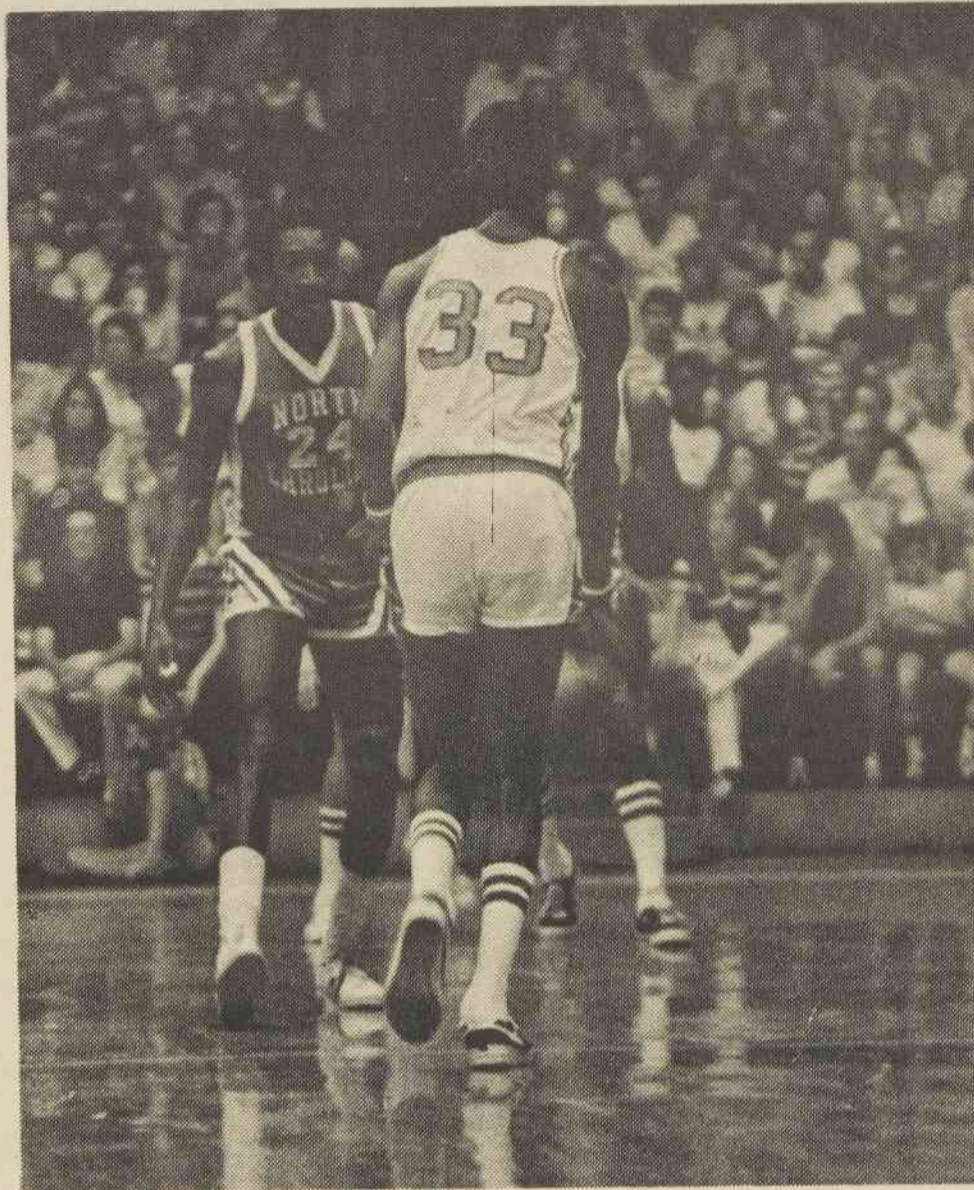
One by one, at varying intervals, these former Carolina greats filed out of the heavily guarded room.

They signed autographs. They chatted. They held back tears. They all seemed to share at least one sentiment:

It feels just great to be back "home".

They had just completed the first annual Pro-Alumni basketball game. Despite the fact that the Blues had stained the Whites 105-59, the game was no less than a classic affair.

I'm already looking forward to next year.



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The veteran against the young blood: Scott (33) moves against Davis.

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