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Bobby Cale: a life of contradictions

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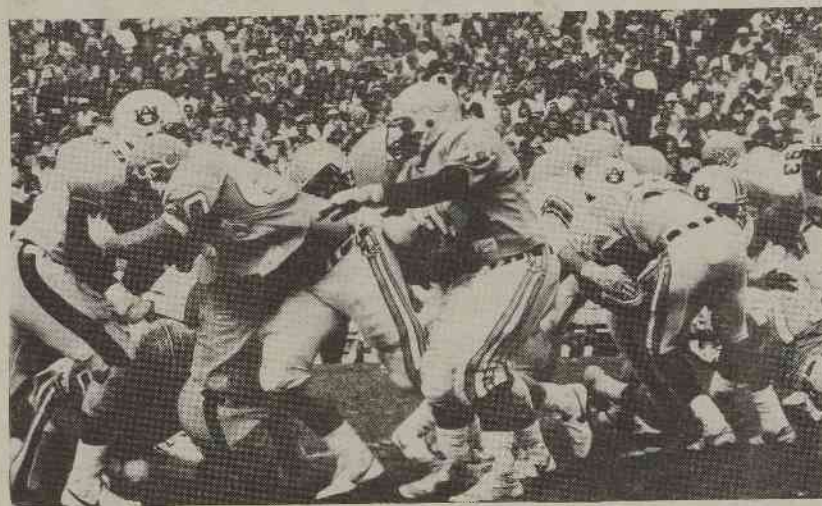
Fifteen years ago, if someone had asked young Bobby Cale what he wanted to do with his life, going to college and playing football probably would not have been his response. But three years later, in 1975, Cale left Midtown, Delaware, as a highly recruited football star and became a starting cornerback for the UNC Tarheels. Cale was recruited by then UNC head coach Bill Dooley and fell in love with Chapel Hill on his first visit. Cale said, "When I toured Carolina in November, it was cold in Delaware, but 75 degrees in Chapel Hill." Nearly 13 years later, he is still here.

Cale was a 4 year starter for the Tarheels and even played under his current boss Dick Crum. In 1977, Bill Dooley's last season at UNC, the Tarheels went undefeated in the ACC and won the conference title. Cale ranks that as his memorable experience as a Tarheel football player. But Cale also remembers his sophomore year in 1976, which he calls his worst year in school. "I had a little jock in me," said Cale. "I cut class now and then, but it taught me a lesson." Cale was an excellent student coming out of high school, so mediocre grades were a

new experience that he did not like. In the spring of 1979, he graduated with a degree in business.

After a short stint in the NFL with Seattle and Baltimore, Cale came back to Chapel Hill to work for IBM. He was asked to help out at the UNC summer football camp and he liked it. Cale said he had never wanted to be a coach, but in 1981 he became the Tarheels running back coach. He held that position for 5 years before making the move to wide receiver coach. Even though he coaches the receivers, he still believes in running the football. "If you're going to win, you've got to have a ground game," said Cale.

What does Bobby Cale see for himself in the future? Three years ago, to be a head coach was not one of his goals. But now he says it is something he would like to do. There is one problem, though. Most black head coaches are found at black universities, but Cale wants to coach at a major university. Cale said of black universities, "The benefits aren't as good, the facilities aren't as good, and you really have to work your butt off. I don't know whether that would be a lateral move or an upward move." Either way, he still feels he would be a good head coach. "I've done everything I've never wanted to do."



UNC vs. Auburn. Photo by Sherry Whitesides.

Is Dick Crum the problem?

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The time has come for a change within the UNC football coaching staff. The main problem is that everyone realizes this except for the people who have the power to make the changes. John Swofford and the rest of the powers that be within the UNC athletic department need to open their eyes. The time has come to fire head football coach Dick Crum.

Many people may ask how I can make this claim. After all, isn't Crum the winningest coach in UNC history? Did he not take the Heels to five consecutive bowl games, of which he won four? While all of these assertions are true, they are as equally deceiving.

Dick Crum is the winningest football coach in UNC history. His current record is 70-38-3. However, for his first four years at UNC, Crum's teams were mostly players recruited by Bill Dooley. During those four years UNC was 34-12-1. This means that half of Crum's victories were with Dooley's players, while two-thirds of his losses have been with his players. This is not to say that Crum has not had talent. Since 1980, UNC has consistently been one of the top three teams in the ACC in terms of recruiting. However, in Crum's nine years at UNC he has won only one ACC Championship.

Another misleading factor about Crum's victory total is the teams UNC has played. While Crum has been at UNC, the

Tarheels have played a fair share of ranked teams. However, they very seldom win these games. UNC has not beaten a ranked team during the regular season since 1980. Since then, the Heels are 0-14-1 against ranked teams during the regular season. Considering that for four of those years UNC obtained national rankings of 3, 3, 5, and 3 during the season, it is hard to excuse such a poor performance. The majority of Crum's victories are against teams that do well to break even. As far as ACC supremacy goes, Crum is a combined 5-13 against Clemson and Maryland, the football powers of the ACC. UNC even failed to win an ACC championship any of the three years Clemson was ineligible for the title, although they were favored to win it all three years.

Talent has never been lacking while Crum has been at UNC. While there have been injuries, other teams suffer them just as UNC does. For a while it appeared that Crum was leading UNC to national prominence, but that was just a combination of weak schedules and the remnants of the Bill Dooley era. Crum has had nine years to establish himself, and for the five years the program has been totally his, UNC is 33-23-2. Crum has shown no evidence of taking UNC to the level that it should be. With the talent UNC has and has had, greater things should have been accomplished. The main reason for UNC's mediocrity has been the coaching. Therefore, I submit my solution to the problem: Fire Dick Crum.

Time for a turn around

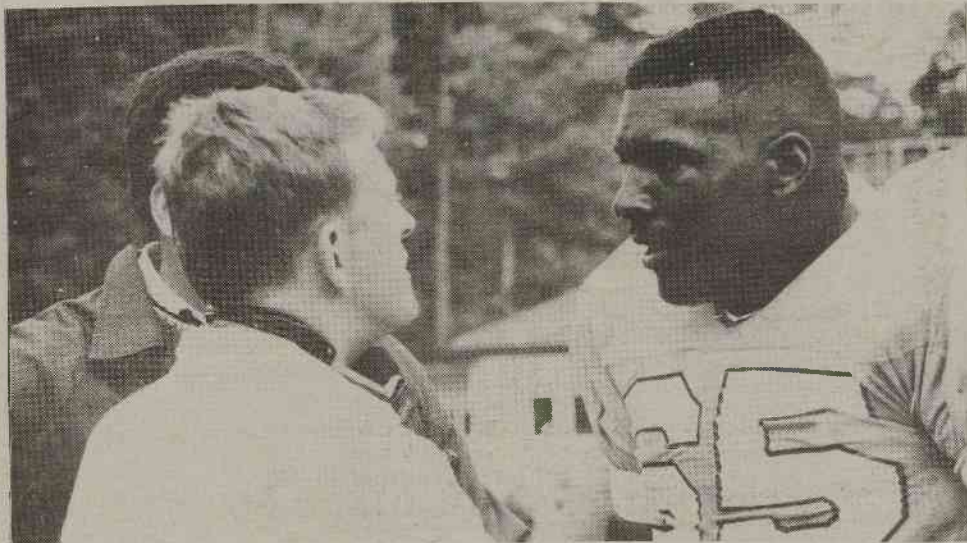
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As the collegiate football season makes it way past the midpoint, the UNC Tarheels have seen their share of ups and downs. The Heels supposedly have one of the most talented teams in years. Highly touted quarterback Mark Maye passes for a school record 406 yards at Georgia Tech one week, but comes back to have his worst game against Auburn two weeks later. Sophomore sensation Torin Dorn rushes for 165 yards versus Illinois in the season opener, but injures his leg and plays only sparingly afterwards.

The Tarheels played a good game in a loss to number one ranked Oklahoma,

but staggers through the first half against Wake Forest. The defense drew raves after the first two games of the season, but then played inconsistently against everyone else but the powerless Naval Academy. Will the real UNC Tarheels please stand up.

Fortunately, there is still time for the Heels to salvage the season. Clemson is the only true test left this year. Everyone else is easily beatable if the team is playing sound football. An upset of Clemson and 8 victories would assure the Tarheels of a bowl bid, and even 7 wins may be enough for a minor bowl bid. There remain a number of questions left to be answered. With a little luck the Tarheels might just live up to all of the preseason hype pressed upon them.



Creighton J. Incorminias, III. Photo by Sherry Whitesides.

Turner and Houston

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An eight-ticket limit will be in effect, and no lines will be allowed to form at the Smith Center until 6 a.m. the day of distribution.

Turner, a Tennessee native, started her career in 1960 as part of the Ike and Tina Turner Revue. The group produced such hits as "River Deep, Mountain High" and the Grammy-winning "Proud Mary." In 1975 she split with Ike and launched a solo career. Spurred by the success of her single "Let's Stay Together" in New York night clubs, she

released "Private Dancer," an album recorded in only two weeks. From the album came "What's Love Got to Do With It?," which was named song of the year and earned Turner a Grammy for best pop female vocal performance, and "Private Dancer" and "We Don't Need Another Hero."

While Turner was rebuilding her career in the 1980s, Houston was only beginning hers. A newcomer whose major musical experience was singing in a church choir, Houston has released such hits as "All At Once" and "Greatest Love of All."