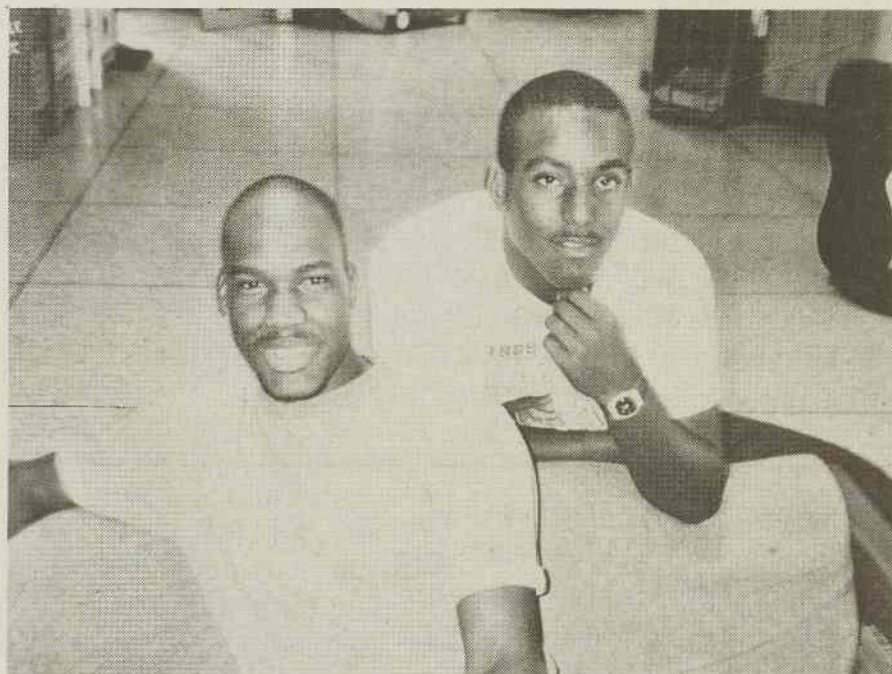


Freshmen Griders Mature Early Despite Age



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The UNC two-deep roster may be laden with freshmen, but that does not necessarily mean the Tar Heels are at a loss for maturity. One talk with freshmen quarterback Chuckie Burnette and

split end Randall Felton is evidence of that.

Both have had some rough times in their first collegiate action, and they know they will have to work hard to become the type of dominant players they were in high school.

As a senior at Cummings High School in Burlington, Burnette

hurled his way to a state record 3,240 yards and an equally impressive 24 touchdowns in leading his team to the state 3-A title with a 15-0 record. The 6-0, 190-pound Burnette also set state marks in pass completions, attempts, and completion percentage on his way to being named the state player of the year by Associated Press.

Someone with those credentials might think he can step on a college football field and compete successfully in big-time football right away — but not Burnette.

"I'm a freshman and I have to be patient," he says.

Burnette has had to make some major adjustments as well.

"The crowd is a big change from high school," he said. "[There is] all the noise and excitement."

The 6-1, 180-pound Felton was a standout at Jordan High in Durham. He caught 40 passes for

707 yards and seven touchdowns his senior season, and picked the Tar Heels over in-state rivals Duke, N.C. State, and Wake Forest.

Like Burnette, Felton quickly realized that the college game has major differences than what he was accustomed.

"The practices are more intense and the coaches emphasize the importance of films, something we didn't use in high school," he said. Because of the overall talent level in college, Felton admitted that he needed to work on his blocking techniques and pass routes.

Head coach Mack Brown sees Burnette and Felton as part of a potent offense in the future.

"We feel very good about our receivers," Brown said. "The biggest thing about them is their ability to get deep. And with Chuckie we feel like we have someone who can get it to them."

Sweet Carolines Encourage Tar Heels

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The hard times for the UNC football team aren't just giving players and coaches trouble.

"I hate that they're losing," said Tracy Brown, one of the 29 Sweet Carolines whose job is to help recruit high school seniors for the football program, "their misfortune makes it hard to talk to the recruits and get them excited about Carolina."

The Sweet Carolines is a hostess organization that not only encourages football recruits to attend Carolina by promoting the athletic as well as academic advantages here, but they also do administrative work in Kenan Field House.

Brown became a Sweet Caroline in the spring of 1987. "When I came here, I knew no one. In high school I was very involved with school things like cheerleading and student council and I wanted to do something school oriented here at UNC, as well as meet people. A friend told me about the Sweet Carolines so I decided that's what I wanted to do."

A senior economics major from Dallas, Brown said being a Sweet Caroline enhances her communication skills.

"I'll just have to say that it's a big communication plus," she said. "It's forced me to learn to talk to a lot of people from different backgrounds. I have to be flexible which obviously will

help me once I leave UNC."

A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Brown said she is not sure about her career plans but she is positive that she wants to go to law school, but not necessarily to become a lawyer.

She thinks African-American students have a very good chance of becoming Sweet Carolines and she encourages them to apply.

"I encourage African-American women here to apply because it does give you a chance to get involved with University oriented things," she said. "It also broadens you as a person. And African-Americans here should not participate in only black oriented things such as the Black Student Movement and the Black Greek Council."

S C H E D U L E

1989 UNC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	V.M.I.	HOME
Sept. 16	Kentucky	Away
Sept. 23	N.C. State	Away
Sept. 30	NAVY	HOME
Oct. 7	WAKE FOREST	HOME
Oct. 14	Virginia	Away
Oct. 21	Georgia Tech	Away
Oct. 28	Maryland	Away
Nov. 4	CLEMSON	HOME
Nov. 11	SOUTH CAROLINA	HOME
Nov. 18	DUKE	HOME