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Carolina Review

FOOTBALL...In Raleigh, people are really ticked off by the firing of two winning football coaches in less than an honorable and genteel manner.

DUKE...Red Wilson, of course, was fired by Duke athletic director Tom Butters a couple of weeks ago. Wilson had just coached the first back-to-back winning season (6-5s) for the Blue Devils in 20 years, including a season finale win over Carolina.

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Butters refused to discuss his reasoning for Wilson's dismissal, but he and Duke officials eased the pain by offering the likeable coach a p.r. job with Duke Medical Center The coach accepted.

Since Butters won't talk, and since Wilson seemed a shoo-in after the Carolina victory, the rumors for the firing have been rampant and the speculation best described as dreadful.

One of the least base rumors seems to be that Butters considered offensive coach Steve Spurrier as the man responsible for Duke's recent fairly good fortunes. Spurrier quit at the end of the season to take a pro head coaching job with the new USFL.

Spurrier did seem to be an excellent offensive coach, but really, that should reflect well on Wilson's ability to surround himself with good assistants.

One wag dismissed Spurrier's talent with the pointed observation that "anybody could put together a great offense with Bennet and Castor." Talented passing quarterback Len Bennet and flash receiver Chris Castor have been awarded "alleverything" this season.

N.C. STATE...Monte Kiffin's removal at State might not have been so very different from the Duke situation. That is, in the final analysis, it wasn't the wins and losses as much as how each coach was perceived by the administrations that resulted in the firings. Kiffin respect of the second

Kiffin recently a first strang out (and wrung out) over the past few weeks and much of the season. In three years, he had two winning seasons (6-5ss), but no win over Carolina.

Coach Kiffin came to State with excellent credentials after interning at the Cadilac programs of Nebraska and Arkansas as a defensive coordinator. Lou Holtz at ArkanADVERTISED Each of these advertised items is required to be readily available for sale at or below the advertised price in each A&P Store, except as specifically noted of the except as the except as specifically noted of the except as specifically noted of the except as specifically noted of the except as the except as specifically noted of the except as the except as the except as specifically noted of the except as the except as

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sas, and of course, formerly of State, highly recommended Kiffin, And Kiffin's enthusiasm largely resembled Holtz at State-though admittedly Holtz was more witty. Although Holtz maybe just seemed funnier because he won more.

Anyway, people started complaining that Kiffin played the clown's role too much, and apparently athletic director Willis Casey took the complaints seriously.

But Casey may have had more to do with State's problems than Kiffin. Afterall, who scheduled power-houses like Miami of Florida and Penn State along with Maryland, Clemson, and UNC--the teams that accounted for Kiffin's five defeats this year.

NOW...Well, both coaches are gone and maybe the reasons confidentially are valid. But Wilson's unwarned firing on the night of his finest victory, and Kiffin's forced resignation after week's of ugly and protracted discussion, suggest that a careful evaluation of both of the athletic director's performances are needed too.

Washington Report

by Congressman Walter B. Jones

The Congress reconvened on Monday, November 29 for what is popularly known as the "lame duck" session. A "lame duck" is any Member, who for whatever reason, either through defeat or retirement, will not be returning when the new Congress convenes in January. During this present session of Congress there are 79 "lame duck" Members. Even though Continued On Page 7-8