

# A Team Named Desire

A few days after the basketball team lost its opening game of the season by more than 40 points in front of a home crowd, a statement was distributed in the cafeteria. It was not passed out for very long, though, for some unknown reason, and not many people saw it. It read as follows:

We, the members of the UNC-C basketball team, wish to publish our thanks to you, the members of the student body, for your undaunted and unceasing support in the stands during Saturday night's game against Kings College of Bristol, Tennessee.

The results of the game in terms of score are known to everyone; but the results of that same game in terms of the spirit shown by you in the stands cannot be recorded on any scoreboard. Even when we trailed by over forty points in the closing minutes of the game, the support and encouragement coming from the stands did not subside, but kept coming on as strong as if the score were tied.

For this support and encouragement we want to thank you; there are not many teams who can feel such unconditional backing as we were given Saturday night. We will work as hard as we can to correct Saturday's mistakes, to smooth out the rough edges, and to clean up the loose ends, until the forty-point margins appear on the "Charlotte" side of the scoreboard, and we will be working to build a record and reputation to match the intensity of the support given to us from the stands on Saturday night. Thanks.

## The Team

Since that time the team has tried to do what it said it would. But complications have set in. Team membership has dwindled to eight and these eight have been racked with injuries.

The Forty-Niners have been in four more games since that statement was written and all of them have been on the road. All four of those games have been losses and in none of them was Charlotte within 20 points of the victors when the final buzzer sounded.

Yet the Forty-Niners played their hearts out every minute.

Many other teams would have completely folded under this type pressure and lost all desire to win. Not the Forty-Niners. During the last five minutes of the last game (with Washington and Lee) they were forced to play with just four men on the court due to fouls and injuries, yet they hung on and grittily traded baskets with their opponents on an almost even basis.

This year you spell Forty-Niners D-E-S-I-R-E.

Don't you think a team like this one deserves tremendous support when it returns to the home court tonight? The JOURNAL does. And the JOURNAL expects to see both sides of the Garinger gym full of UNC-C students screaming like hell for the Forty-Niners.

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# 'Out Of Mess Hall, Solger'

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles by former JOURNAL editor turned soldier, Howard Pearre.

BY PVT. HOWARD PEARRE

FT. BRAGG — Zero Week doesn't count.

You get received at the Reception Center and about a week later (in fatigues and etc., etc., etc., and carrying 90 pounds or more etc.) you board a military bus with this 90-pound item sitting

on your lap and you go to the place where you are to become a solger.

("I am an American Fighting man.") For four or five days you scrape paint off windows, haul sandbags ("double time, young man!"); dig out big rocks (Get off your —, young man!), and a lot of etc.

("Get out of that mess hall, solger!") Nevertheless, it comes (as all good things must) to an

end.

Basic finally beings. (Forget scraping windows. Now you do P.T.)

P. T. stands for Physical Training.

7:30 a. m. (on large football-like field).

Drill Sergeant: "Good morning, men!"

Men: "God morning, Drill Sergeant."

D. S.: "I cannot hear you." Men: "GOOD MORNING, DRILL SERGEANT."

D. S.: "Army Drill One, exercises one is what, men?"

Men: "The high Jumper!"

D. S.: "Sounds mighty weak, Mighty weak, indeed. What is Army Drill One, exercise one?!"

Men: "THE HIGH JUMPER!!!"

You progress through this (doing an exercise five repetitions each) through Army Drill One, exercise 12.

D. S.: "Army Drill One, exercise six: Our favorite, right men?"

Men: "RIGHT, DRILL SERGEANT."

D. S.: "What is it, men?"

Men: "THE PUSH UP!"

D. S.: Starting position, hogch! One, two, three,...."

Men: "One!"

D. S.: "One, two, three,...."

Men: "Two,"

Men: "Tweeeennnty"

D. S.: "That wasn't fast enough. Pump me out 20 more good ones." (This occurs many times during a mornings one-hour exercise period.)

(One Army push - up equals two civilian push-ups.)

That's P. T.

Then comes Drill and Ceremony class (Right face, right flank, column left).

And classes on V. D. ("Don't touch!")

And brushing your teeth. ("Do touch!")

Etc.

## Campus Political Parties Tangle

### SP Blamed For Election Mess

During the last few weeks Mr. Garner (I), Mr. McAfee (UP), Mr. Spitzer (UP), and Mr. Stokely (UP) have been instrumental in calling for a complete investigation of the Publicity and Election Committees. This calling to account was deemed necessary due to the disorderly conduct of these two Student Party dominated committees during the recent Freshman elections. The UP supports these investigations and hopes that they will result in a more efficient means of conducting future elections.

On the brighter side, one of the planks in the UP platform calls for the formation of a fourth standing legislative committee whose purpose will be to investigate student recommendations and complaints. Such a bill was introduced by the UP at the last Legislature

meeting. In brief the bill calls for open hearings once a month for day students and once a Quarter for night students. The committee will hear and investigate recommendations and complaints by the students and report its findings to the Legislature.

As of now the Legislature has almost no effective means of finding out the mood, individually and as a whole, of the Student Body. The UP believes that this fourth committee will not only make the Legislature a more responsive body, but will also provide a healthy outlet for student initiative and dissatisfaction. We hope that this innovation will meet with your approval and that this innovation will meet with your approval and that you will urge your representative to work for its passage.

### SP Says Charge Is Ridiculous

It was my understanding that leaders from the Student Party and the University Party would write opposing columns commenting or giving their views on a current issue at UNC-C. My opponent, Mr. Bud Stokely, would like two

neat columns clearly divided in content. He will not get this at UNC-C. There is no clear-cut

party division presently. A study of SGA voting would substantiate this statement.

Mr. Stokely has decided to attack the incompetence of the Elections Committee in the last election.

This can hardly be called an issue in the first place, and if I were generous enough to call it an issue, I could not take an opposing position;

I agree wholeheartedly. I do not draw the lines when my opponent blames the SP for the committee's incompetence. The chairman is not an SP member but merely an appointee of the Student Body President, who is an SP member. Mr. Stokely is, in fact, saying that the SP erred in nominating Tim Britton for President last spring and that this mistake carries over into his appointments. This is absurd.

So, I would ask Mr. Stokely to please refrain from "blowing up" trivial incidents or fabricating issues, because I will not play his

game. Maybe I can get a real issue next time.

Bill Shuford  
Chairman, SP



"Don't feel too bad about those test grades. The answer sheet got mixed up with your papers and it got only a 'C'."

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