

# Notes From The Sidelines

By John Lafferty

## Basketball: Mid-Season

Somewhere, around four games ago, the 49ers crossed that magic threshold, mid-season. It is times such as these that coaches, players and fans pause to reflect upon the past, and contemplate the future. This season did truly begin upon a dismal note as the 49ers fell before a Guilford onslaught, 125-51. The results were not totally unexpected. Guilford has returned 8 men, and added three promising newcomers to a team which finished 13th nationally in the NAIA. Coach Murphy had predicted that his young and scrappy club were unpredictable, and untried. There was still the DIAC opener with Wesleyan to look forward to.

### 'Wait And See...'

The 49ers lost to Wesleyan, and then a host of other opponents, before picking up its first victory against UNC-G. This in turn was followed by more losses, until once again the team met UNC-G, and scored an even more impressive victory. Better days were surely upon us. But alas and alack, with snow and exams came more dismal defeat, until finally a loss to the College of Charleston placed UNC-C firmly in the DIAC cellar.

Coach Murphy's words come back to haunt one. He had made no predictions, but had begged the spectator to "wait and see".

### 'It Depends On The Effort...'

Can it then be that the 49ers are not putting forth the effort to win, or as suggested by someone who knows, but wishes to remain unknown, that they go into games feeling incapable of winning.

There are many ways one can analyze the hapless 49ers. But I suppose the team's problems come from the shoes they wear. Everybody knows good guys were white, and when they take the court in black, it seals their fate.

For the remainder of the season, I suppose we must wait. I hope we will see.

## SPOTLIGHTING...



Pete Donahue

Pete Donahue, a sophomore who transferred from Central Piedmont, and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Pete is one of the "six starters" which Coach Murphy picks for his team. As such he has been a floor leader, and a perpetually hustling ballplayer. Both spectators and fellow players gave credit to Pete for sparking the 49ers in their second victory over UNC-G, on January 3, 1968.

Born in South Bridge, Mass., he has lived in Charlotte for 15 years. Pete played one year of JV ball at East High, and one year in the US Coast Guard, of which he is a veteran.

His major sport has always been swimming. At East he swam the 400 and 200 yd. free style, and while in the Coast Guard he was on the diving team.

About the team, Pete says, "If we ever get to working together, we'll be hell. We worked together at Greensboro, and also at Lynchburg."

Pete is an inspiration to his team mates, even in the face of defeat. For this reason we spotlight him.

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## Bowlers Briefly Lead DIAC

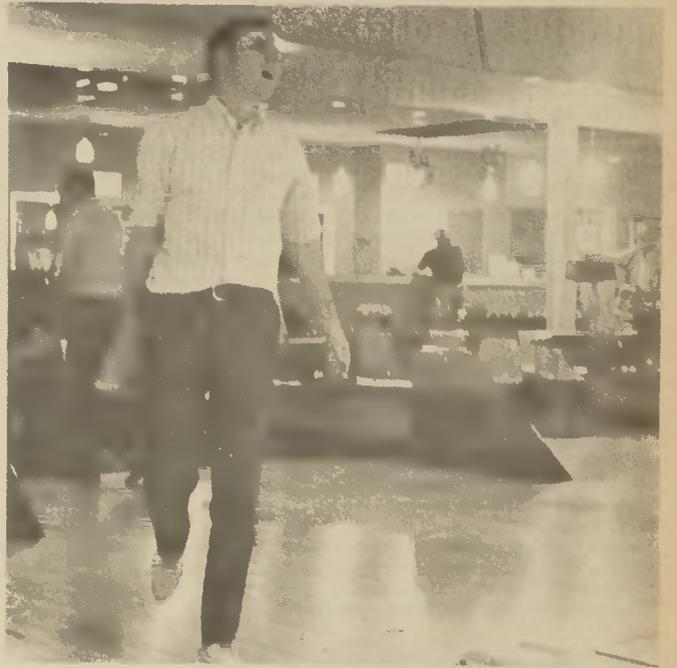
### Drop To 3rd

The 49er Bowlers emerged in the number one spot in the league following a head to head match with Methodist, in which they won all three games, plus most points, to stand 16 wins, and 4 losses overall.

However, following a loss to College of Charleston, in which the 49ers lost all three games, plus points, they slid to third spot in the conference.

In the Charlotte victory, UNC-C's Hensley tied Methodist's Sisk for high game, with a 202, while Hensley had the high series in the match, at 550.

In the latest statistics, St. Andrews College is leading the DIAC with a 19-5 record and an 877 average, followed by College of Charleston with an 18-6 record, and averaging 869. The 49ers are third, averaging 840, and standing at 16 wins and 8 losses.



Bowler expresses dismay in fall from first place.

## 49ers Blow Halftime Lead Lose To Charleston

Charlotte's roundballers held a three point lead at half-time, 36-33 and continued to lead until the final nine minutes of the game,

when College of Charleston forged ahead to stay, as the 49ers seemed unable to shake their season long losing streak, with a 67-64 de-

feat.

Charleston was led in its second comeback, by Fred Florance, who

finished with 23 points, and scoring honors, and Jim Powers, who added twelve. They were assisted

by Ferrara who contributed 13 to the serge.

For UNC-C, Gary Cress has 18, Jerry Anthony 15, Ben Bassinger 12, and Pete Donahur 11.

It was the 49ers 12th loss. to two victories.

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UNC-C	36	28	64
C.Charleston	33	34	67

## Wrestlers Split Debut Match

UNC-C's young wrestling team emerged with mixed emotions from their first competitive meet. Wrestling against N. C. Wesleyan, at Wesleyan, Mike Anderson pinned his man early in the second period, after taking a 2-0 lead in the first.

Terry Eudy was outpointed by his opponent, 2-0, plus riding time which pushed him to a 4-0 defeat. In the final 49er match, David

Sells, who had tied his man, 2-2 in the first period, was pinned midway through the second period. Campbell College wrestled against Wesleyan in the weight classes which Charlotte was unable to fill.

## Sports Notices

The February 3 basketball game with St. Andrews will be played at 5:00 p.m. at the Garinger High School gym.

The track team will meet today, January 31 in the Union. All prospective members are urged to attend.

## Anthony 10th In DIAC Scoring

The latest DIAC report shows Greensboro College leading, with an 8-0 record, followed by Methodist and Lynchburg, which are tied at 4 and 2. UNC-C holds a 0-4 and College of Charleston a 0-6 and they stand 6th and 7th respectively.

Scoring is led by Jim Darden, from Methodist with a 19.2 average. Jerry Anthony makes the first 49er appearance and is 10th in the DIAC, with a 13.3 average.

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