



5-Year Man on Campus With Ellison Clary

Tired Team Will Rest, Then Try For Tournament Title

Last Sunday Coach Harvey Murphy was excited. This past Sunday he was tired, very tired, but still excited.

He and the team had just returned from a grueling two-game road trip which capped a strength-sapping four-games-in-four-days hoop stint. The Forty-Niners played at Greensboro Friday night, then bussed to Rocky Mount for a Saturday battle.

The result of the road trip was two hard-fought losses, one to Dixie Conference champion Greensboro College and the other to N. C. Wesleyan.

Earlier, Murphy had said of the four in a row, "We can win all those games." The Forty-Niners made a run at that goal by surprising Methodist College and Lumburg College in home territory. They were impressive in those two victories.

Against Greensboro in an unfriendly gym Friday, Charlotte still appeared sharp. They hung on tenaciously until the end and lost by eight points, a margin two lower than was suffered to the same squad at Harrisburg just before Christmas holidays.

Between 75 and 100 Forty Niner fans followed the team to Greensboro and Murphy said their moral support was greatly appreciated. "There's no question that we heard those cheers for us and that they inspired the team," he said.

"It sure would be nice if we had that kind of support for the tournament in Laurinburg this Thursday," he added.

With any luck, you'll get it, Coach.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a car caravan to Laurinburg for students here. It is hoped a good number of the student body will participate.

At this writing, details of the trip are sketchy but signs should be posted with details by the time this column is read.

Hopes Support Is Strong

Bob Lemmond, a virtual rebounding machine during the past few games, agrees that home fans helped Charlotte stick close to Greensboro. "It's hard to win at Greensboro because those people really raise Cain, but we could hear our people yelling, too, and it really made us feel good. We really appreciated it," he said.

Lemmond also hopes support will be strong in Laurinburg. "That car caravan is a good idea," he said. "I hope some people in addition to those who have watched us through thick and thin will go down there."

The loss to Wesleyan Saturday was a direct result of fatigue, according to Lemmond. "We were just too tired to crash the boards the way we could have," he lamented.

But that game doesn't make too much difference now. Greensboro has already won the DIAC title and will participate in the NAIA regionals even if it fails to cop the tournament title.

Even so, the Forty-Niners would enjoy three victorious days in Laurinburg. They enter the tournament in the conference sixth spot and must meet the third place team first.

St. Andrews and Methodist tied for second so a coin toss will determine which will be the first Charlotte foe. Coach Murphy said the game time would most likely be nine o'clock Thursday.

If St. Andrews is paired against Charlotte, the match will be doubly tough since the Knights will enjoy a home court advantage.

Lemmond was philosophical about this possibility, however. "We're going to be high as a kite that night and it doesn't matter who we open against. We're going to have to play most of them anyway if we're going to win the tournament," he explained.

Snipes May Be Key Man

A key man in Charlotte's tournament hopes might well be Robbie Snipes. A senior guard, Snipes began the season as a starter but recently has been relegated to a role similar to that of Davidson's Rodney Knowles.

Snipes, who calls himself "the John Havlichek of the Dixie Conference", now roars off the bench and usually plugs the nets for a point total in the teens. "I'm enjoying it," he says of his new role.

"I learn a lot about what I should and shouldn't do while I'm on the bench," he said. "When I get in, I'm loose."

The fact that Snipes pours in points in torrid spurts seems to back up his statement. "I have to score in spurts; that's my bread and butter," he admits.

Murphy says Snipes hustles more than any other player on the squad.

Snipes said he wouldn't mind if he met St. Andrews, a team which defeated the Forty-Niners at home by three points in overtime, in Charlotte's first contest.

"We owe them something," he said determinedly.

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Letters To The Editor 'Sarcastic Rubbish' Of Logan Is Misinformation

Editor of the Carolina Journal UNC-C

Dear Editor:

I will dispense with the type of sophomoric sarcasm which has so recently filled the pages of your space for letters to the Editor, and speak my opinion as clearly as possible even if it is the opinion of a third-rate writer. I just read the piece of sarcastic rubbish by Larry Logan that was the latest skirmish in the battle of the campus critic versus the campus writer.

I do not know the qualifications of Mr. Logan as a critic, but if he is indeed so concerned with his chances of having work published in a "reputable high-quality magazine," I hope he will be prepared to demonstrate his literary talents. To ask the concerned student body and the "Barnstormer" to accept the validity of his criticism without opportunity for comparison between his own talent and the talent he has so bluntly labeled "third-rate" is certainly unfair. If he honestly thinks that publication in a campus magazine of ANY caliber would make or break his chances as a writer later on, he is even more misinformed than I thought. Certainly he is misinformed about the "creative spirit of the majority of our students being overlooked, that it is not being recognized, that it is not being encouraged." If the "Barnstormer" had a nickle for every time we've appealed both to individuals, to the student body as a whole, and to members of the faculty for work to be submitted,

we could publish our next five issues without even dipping into the treasury. Doubtless, there are students on campus who can write as well as and some better than any Barnstormer on the staff--but if their work is being overlooked it is because of their own disinterest in submitting it. I invite Mr. Logan to look through "Barnstormer" files any time and find all these miraculous creations that he so ignorantly accuses Mr. Hancock of overlooking.

In the midst of all this apathy, I am glad someone feels strongly enough about having a literary magazine to take time to express an opinion. Certainly, any organization, if it is worthwhile, should benefit from criticism. My disappointment is that it has to come from someone who sets off, full sail with blissful ignorance of the facts, and proceeds to get such undignified dribble published in your newspaper. He has enough misinformation to mislead the student body, enough ego to ask us to trust him as a critic, and enough gall to sign such knock-down drag-out mud-sucking "respectfully, Larry Logan."

Progressively, these letters to the editor drift away from the theme of honest concern for the quality of our campus magazine to one of spiteful reply and counter-attack. I don't intend to sweeten mine with any allusion to res-

pect -- I respect neither Mr. Logan's approach to criticism nor his misrepresentation of facts to "Journal" readers. Nor can I claim it to be less than a counter-attack, for I have been wounded in this petty battle just as much as any other author who has given a part of himself to creating his work, a part of his time to working in a staff capacity, and a part of his hope to creating a good magazine, only to have his efforts either dropped by the wayside by an uninterested student body and faculty, or publicly slashed by such letters as that of Larry Logan. Criticism I must learn to accept and hopefully to benefit from as a writer. Lies and low-grade sarcasm I will not accept and will do my best to keep others from accepting.

Possibly, I am only inviting prolongation of this unproductive squabble by submitting this letter. In doing so, I have afforded Mr. Logan with three choices for action in his crusade: He can either reply with more flaming hogwash, compose an angelically calm and admirable defense of himself thereby reclaiming the dignity he lost in his last burnt offering, or channel his wealth of energy into finding out the true facts and working to build a better "Barnstormer" in a manner more becoming to the situation as it actually is.

Sincerely, ---- Jayn Connell

Logan Caught In Own Book Of Critic's Jargon

Editor of the Carolina Journal UNC-C

Dear Editor:

In reply to the latest attack by the self-acclaimed critic, Larry Logan, it is quite clear he has been caught up in his own catalogue of critic's vernacular. Mr Logan's lengthy exposition on the quality of the works in the "Barnstormer" served only as proof of his vast lack of knowledge in the literary field.

In Mr. Logan's letter in your Feb. 7 edition he declined an offer to submit any of his own works for publication with a somewhat flimsy excuse. I wonder if Mr. Logan, like a good many other people on campus finds himself too busy to submit to the "Barnstormer". (He found time to write a short-story length letter to the

editor.) Perhaps there is a stronger notice. Could it be that Mr. Logan is afraid he may fail miserably when his writing is compared to the so-called "third-rate" writings of others?

In conclusion, may I challenge Mr. Logan to direct his efforts to improve the "Barnstormer" into a more constructive field. There is a campus-wide lack of interest in the "Barnstormer" on the part of both students and faculty. Rather than to criticize the few dedicated member of the "Barnstormer" without whom there would be no magazine, let Mr. Logan see if he can be more successful in enlisting new talent. If he can, I think he will find the "Barnstormer" staff most grateful to him.

From an off-campus Barnstormer fan, ----R. G. Holmes

Boris, Or Natasha,

Has Exited

By RODNEY SMITH

Don't look for our swans unless you're looking for disappointment. Swans are now swan. Either Boris or Natasha (God forbid that I venture to guess which) has flown the coup.

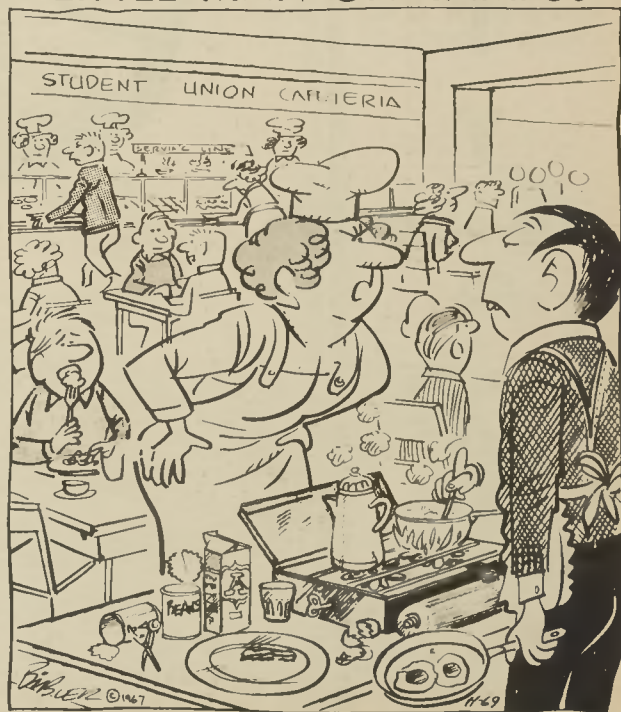
I guess that, like Jerry Vincent, the swan just decided that it was time to move on. On to better things. Perhaps it was the recent spell of New England weather endured by B and N that caused this particular case of itchy feet.

Then again, perhaps it was the lack of visitors. The swans haven't had a real charge since John Hostetter was dumped in the lake last spring. On the other hand, one Journal staffer has suggested that there may be a direct correlation between the low salaries endured by professors on this campus and the missing swan. Another staffer suggests that the two swans were incompatible.

It is, however, the opinion of this writer, that Boris (or Natasha) has ventured from home with a two-fold purpose--to seek out and destroy the Red Baron and to enter the Olympics in Grenoble.

Mauldin To Speak At Ovens

Famed cartoonist William Mauldin will speak at Ovens Auditorium on Saturday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m. Tickets (free) are available at the Union Desk. Mr. Mauldin is speaking here as a part of the Jefferson Standard Convocation program.



"SAY, ARE YOU TH' FELLOW WHO HAS BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT TH' FOOD?"