

FORTY MINUTES ON THE HARDWOOD

On January 8, 1955, the Charlotte College Owls met the Oak Ridge Cadets in a thrill-packed basketball game. When the two clubs met, Charlotte College had lost nine straight games and Oak Ridge had won nine straight games.

The Cadets grabbed the ball after the first toss-up and went all the way for their first basket. In the first ten minutes the Cadets jumped to a ten point lead over the Owls. At this time the Owls called for time out. When play was resumed the Owls came to life for the first time that night. John Kilgo and Roy Warren brought the ball up the court and passed it in to Jerry Gaudette. Jerry turned and flipped the ball in as if it were the easiest thing in the world to do. When the first half ended the Owls were only two points behind.

In the second half the lead was tossed back and forth. Neal Broome and Rea Hinson put on an excellent show with their sharp shooting.

As the clock began to tick the last three minutes of the game, the Cadets led by one point. With

a minute and a half left to play, the Owls had possession of the ball when it was kicked out of bounds. One of the Cadets' sharp shooters took a try at a long shot and missed. A Charlotte College boy recovered the ball and raced for his basket. As he was going up for the basket, a Cadet fouled him. Here was the Owls chance to win the ball game. The boy held his breath as he attempted the shot. The ball missed the basket but an Owl got the rebound. As he dribbled to the side lines, some one yelled that there were only ten seconds left. The boy turned and shot. The basket was missed and the game ended. The final score—Charlotte College 70, Oak Ridge 71.

Cop: Hey, you! You need a license for that gun.

Joe: But, Officer, this gun is over a hundred years old.

Cop: So is marriage, but you still need a license for it.

Tourists are the people who travel thousand of miles to get a snapshot of themselves standing beside their car.

I'M SLEEPY, COACH!

Some of you students ought to come out one night when you get a chance and watch C. C. practice basketball. All of the boys on the squad with the exception of a couple work until time to go to school. After school they go to practice, which lasts until about 10:30. Then they go home and study before rushing to bed so that they can get five hours of sleep.

Over at the Piedmont gym one could hear a conversation like this. Wong—"My eyes burn all the time. My job is tearing me out." Baby Rea—"Hey Coach, where is the resin. By the way, Neal, you and Jerry come over and eat some honey with me before the next game. It gives you energy." Monk—"Hey Bud, how about talking to Daddy sometime about letting me practice more." Darkhorse—"They were lucky punks to beat us. Wait until we get them in the tourney. We're going to win that thing."

And last but far from least you could hear Coach Smith—"Come over here a minute. You guys played good last night, and if we had been hitting we would have beat their little fannies. Just remember to keep it spread out and keep hustling. We're gonna get some breaks and win that tournament. O. K., get a shower. Same time tomorrow night."

This is the story of the Charlotte College Owls. A busy schedule and every boy on the team is as happy as a lark.

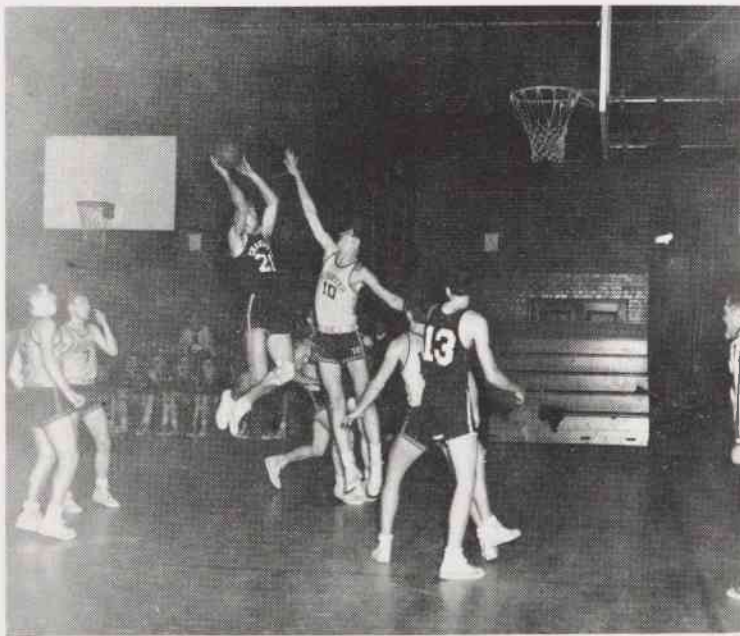
CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

On February 16-19 the best Junior College basketball teams in North Carolina will get together for the annual Junior College Tournament. The winner of this mythical dribble derby will represent this part of the country in the National finals which will be held in Mid-March at Hutchinson, Kansas.

This year something new will be added to the always colorful tourney. The basketball team from Charlotte College will proudly and successfully, we hope, carry the Maroon and White colors of Charlotte College onto the court of Buies Creek, the home of Campbell Junior College. The boys scheduled to make the trips are Jerry Gaudette, Rea Hinson, Neal Broome, Vic Brawly, Roy Warren, Johnny Culp, Slade Joyner, John Kilgo, Jimmy Brady, Raeford Brown, Bob Russell, Bill Newland, and their splendid Coach, Hugh B. Smith.

These boys have done what we think is a terrific job in representing our school this year. We're also sure that these spunky Owls will carry their heads high in the tournament.

Coach Bud Smith deserves much credit for the terrific job he has done with this year's club. This will be the first time in many years that we have had the privilege of being represented in this tourney. Here's wishing Coach Smith and his boys much luck as they go after the league championship. And don't forget—FOLLOW THE OWLS TO HUTCHINSON.



Neal Broome (21) Charlotte College center jumps for a one-hander in game with Pfeiffer. Gaudette (13) moves in to follow shot.

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