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Names Make News

NAMES make news. And a good many popped up over the Thanksgiving holidays.

JIM HICKEY probably popped loudest, although the now ex-North Carolina coach did nothing that wasn't expected. He merely resigned to become athletic director at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, Conn. Salary? Supposedly \$21,000 per year. a \$3,000 jump over his reported earnings at UNC.

The move came after 11 years at Chapel Hill, three as assistant to the late Jim Tatum and eight as head coach. The record was a weak 36-45, but it included Carolina's first bowl win, 35-0, over the Air Force in the 1963 Gator Bowl. Hickey's 1966 edition went 2-8, and it was a good time to bow out.

Immediately, names of rumored replacements for Hickey began flying around, including Oklahoma assistant PAT JAMES, Notre Dame aide JOHN RAY, Georgia Tech assistant BUD CARSON (a former assistant at Carolina) and George Washington head man JIM CAMP.

Also, Wake Forest coach BILL TATE, who's done wonders with the Deacons' football program, some say, would be a good man to lure to Chapel Hill.

The best bet? North Carolina will name an interim coach, for a year, and will search for the right man to handle the football program carefully. Offensive coach JOE MARK and offensive assistant ACE PARKER have been mentioned for the one-year stand, but Parker lacks a college degree, and that is supposedly one of the reasons he is at Carolina now, not Duke.

Parker's status, like Carolina's other assistants, may be in jeopardy. When Duke football experienced a coaching turnover last year, Parker was edged out by Tom Harp, who preferred his own assistants. Carolina's new coach may feel the same way. It might mean that Parker, who held one job at Duke for 19 years, will look for his second in less than two years.

Talbott, Riggs, Wood . . .

It was not altogether a bare season. Defensive end BO WOOD, and guard JIM MASINO made the Greensboro Daily News All-State team for 1966, and honorable mention plaudits went to end CHARLIE CARR, tackle HANK SADLER, and backs DANNY TALBOTT and DAVE RIGGS.

Talbott's case is an interesting one. A year ago, the Tar Heel dandy was ACC "Player of the Year." But injuries cut him down during the season, and today he is relegated to honorable mention.

NORTH CAROLINA popped up in the pre-season basketball polls, ninth in the UPI list and 15th in the AP prediction. DUKE, though, zipped in higher: the AP sees the Blue Devils as the nation's fourth best team, and so does UPI. Reason? BOB REIDY, MIKE LEWIS, BOB VERGA . . . et al. Vic Bubas is a good bet to win 20 for the seventh consecutive season. Adolph Rupp, move over.

Sloan, Tyler . . .

New State coach NORMAN SLOAN, an alumnus of the Raleigh school, will find the going rough minus the "Pittsburgh Pickpocket," as Eddie is called. But next year . . . Biedenbach will back, better than ever, and Sloan's sophomores will have matured.

And, finally, there is AL TYLER, 6-2, 195-pound quarterback who made the Daily News All-State team as a representative of . . . would you believe LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE? It is, they say, at Salisbury.

But Tyler is a nifty passer . . . he hit 174 of 338 tosses for 2,449 yards and 29 touchdowns. All of which means only one thing: in a month, he will slip out of the state and wind up somewhere like, say, the Big Ten. Fayetteville's Jimmy Raye did.

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KATHY WELLS, an Alderman Dorm resident from Chapel Hill, wears a double-breasted Austrian Import in loden green from THE FIRESIDE.

-The Hickey Era Ends-

(Continued from Page 1) Included among the wins were four big ones — 50-0 over Duke in his first season, 14-3 over Ohio State last year, and 21-7 over Michigan this season. Carolina also defeated Notre Dame in 1960.

Original plans called for Hickey to announce his resignation — which he tendered to Erickson following Carolina's 21-14 loss to Virginia Saturday — at 5 p.m. Sunday, but Connecticut announced the move at 11 p.m. Saturday.

That announcement from Storrs, Conn., home of the University, followed an 8 p.m. phone call to Hickey during which final agreement was reached.

After making the announcement, Hickey issued a statement which said: "As you well know, I have enjoyed my 11 years at the University and will look upon them as the best years of my life."

Erickson, who now must

take part in the selection of a new coach as rapidly, yet as thoroughly, as possible to keep recruiting on an even keel, said:

"We regret losing Mr. Hickey, who has been a member of our staff 11 years. Mr. Hickey has always represented the University well, and we wish him every success in his new position."

Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson accepted the Hickey resignation "with regret. Because of my high personal regard for him and his family, especially regret his leaving the University."

The Hickey family consists of his wife, the former Pat Foss of Wooster, Ohio, and four daughters.

A native of Springdale, Pa., Hickey played his college football at William and Mary where he was a halfback.

He served two and a half years on a Navy destroyer during World War II.

UNC Basketball Gallery

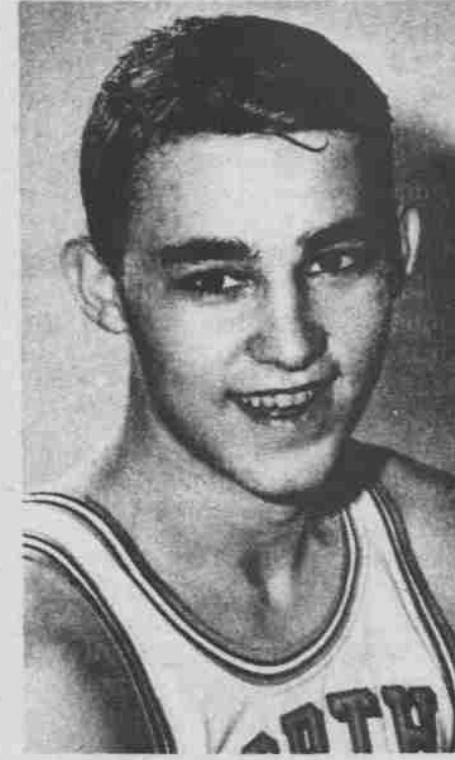
North Carolina opens its 66-67 basketball season on Thursday, December 1 against Clemson in Carmichael Auditorium. This week the Daily Tar Heel presents pictures and profiles of the men who'll make the fortunes on the hardwood in a UNC BASKETBALL GALLERY.



Jim Bostick

Jim Bostick—6'3" 185 pound sophomore from Atlanta, Ga. Carolina's second Morehead Scholar on the basketball team. Was the frosh's sixth man last year. Averaged 8.5 mostly in relief roles. Saw a lot of action. Being switched from forward to guard.

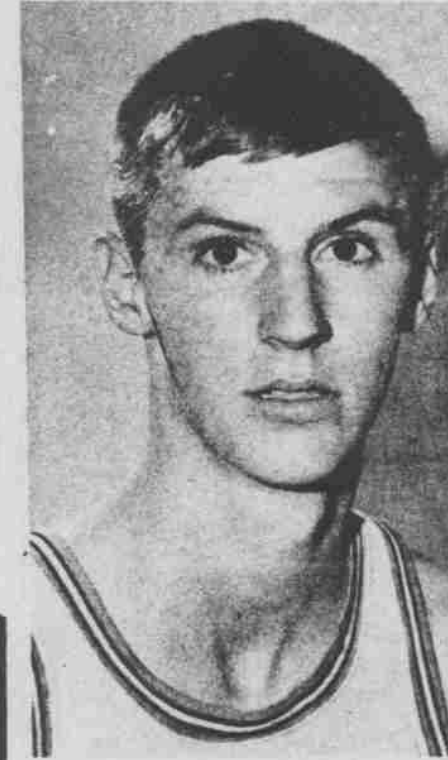
Bostick is much improved over last year. Good outside marksman. Hit 54% of his shots for frosh. Really gets up on jump shot. Extremely competitive. Adequate defender. At 6'3" can give big men a battle under the boards.



Joe Brown

Joe Brown—6'5" 195 pound sophomore from Valdese, N.C. Was a steady performer for last year's frosh. Averaged 11 points a game. Best shooting on team with 59.4%. Could be all around star. Third in rebounding behind Clark and Bunting.

Brown has good moves under the basket. Accurate shooter. Works well in close and on fast breaks. Needs some improvement at foul line. Hit only 44.6% last year. Will play some ball this year. Possible replacement for Bunting or Miller. Improve over frosh year. Can be 1st rate defender with experience.



Bill Bunting

Bill Bunting—6'8" 195 pound sophomore from New Bern. Made over 50% of shots as a froshman last year. As five others, will have to make transition from frosh to varsity. A top rebounder. Averaged 15 points a game. Good from foul line.

Bunting is good at following up shots and crashing the boards. Aggressive defensively. Very quick for tall man. Rebounding could suffer from lack of weight. Really scraps for rebound or loose ball. Fine student of the game. Willing worker. Lack of beef makes durability questionable.



Rusty Clark

Rusty Clark—6'10" 228 pound sophomore from Fayetteville. For the frosh, hit 58% of his shots and averaged 20 points a game. Led team in rebounding with 13 a game. All-state in high school. A Morehead Scholar.

Clark maneuvers well around basket. Needs to work on explosive jumping power. Will supply needed height. Will help defense under the basket, blocking shots and forcing shots over him. Need for experience. Could blossom into top rebounder in ACC. Good passer for big man. Comes through with some fine assists.

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On The Treadmill

By SANDY TREADWELL

A Man Named Hickey

When the late Jim Tatum won a big football game, he threw a big party. Close friends, reporters and freeloaders would all attend the open house celebration.

When the drinks were flowing Tatum would make his grand entrance — almost as if accompanied by the roll of drums — and his followers would cheer the conquering king of Carolina football.

Suddenly, the king died. The job of carrying on fell into the hands of a different sort of man, a man named Jim Hickey.

After Hickey's team upset nationally ranked Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall, he came home and went to bed.

That's the way Hickey was. There was no big show about him. There were no grand entrances. There were no celebrations in victory and no tears in defeat.

When the Tar Heels, playing without quarterback Danny Talbott, lost a heartbreaker to Wake Forest, someone asked Hickey whether the presence of a healthy Talbott would have made the difference.

"That wouldn't be fair to say," he replied. "Wake Forest played good football. I don't want to take anything away from their victory."

After the Clemson game Frank Howard looked back over his team's runaway win and said, "Jim Hickey is a fine man. He's a good friend. There are a lot of coaches I'd rather beat."

Hickey never made excuses after a ball game. He never cried about the calls or the opponents. He was quietly dignified.

Coaches liked him because he never took anything away from anyone. They liked his honesty and his sincerity.

To the world outside the practice field and beyond the sidelines, Jim Hickey was always a nice guy.

He Expected Too Much

The coach was the same with his players. He treated each one of them as a man. He assumed that they would have pride in themselves. He expected them to try their hardest during practice, scrimmages and for sixty long minutes on Saturday afternoon.

He assumed they would love the game of football as he loved it.

So Hickey left the emotional element, the desire

Saturday In Kenan Belonged To Virginia's Frank Quayle

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It was, by anyone's standards, Frank Quayle's afternoon in Kenan Stadium Saturday.

The sophomore halfback kicked his heels and scored all three Cavalier touchdowns as Virginia handed North Carolina a 21-14 defeat. It was the third straight year the Virginia team had beaten Carolina.

For the Tar Heels, it was a dismal close to a dismal 2-8 season, and it was only six hours later—at 11 p.m.—that the announcement of Jim Hickey's resignation was released.

For Coach George Blackburn's Cavaliers, it was an afternoon of justice: "In my 30 years of coaching," he said after the win, "I've never been associated with a team that kept coming back from adversity like this one. Now, we have been rewarded."

It was Virginia's fourth win, against six losses, and that is how they finished a year ago. Their 3-3 ACC mark was considerably better than Carolina's 1-4, good enough for the league cellar.

For Tar Heel quarterback Danny Talbott, it was the end of what might have been — were it not for the injuries he suffered — a banner senior season. The Rocky Mount senior hit 22 of 38 passes for 220 yards, but he had two intercepted, and they were costly. In addition, Talbott rushed for 63 yards in 10 snaps, a 6.3 average.

Virginia wasted no time, taking the opening kickoff and moving 58 yards in 11 plays. The momentum carried them from their own 19 to the UNC 25, where the drive fizzled.

There were no significant dents in either defense until, with 4:18 left in the first half, Carolina's Canadian halfback Dick Wesolowski capped a 48-yard drive with a TD plunge from the five. Bill Dodson added the first of his two conversions.

But the halftime score was 7-7, thanks largely to a quick, eight-play, 74-yard Cavalier scoring romp. The Virginians drove from their own 26 to the UNC 23, where — on first and



DANNY TALBOTT during his final sixty minutes of football at Carolina.

—DTH Photo by Ernest H. Robl.

10 — Quayle shot through his own right tackle, cut back across the field and broke enough tackles to reach the end zone.

Early in the second half, Dave Riggs fumbled a pass reception at the UNC 38, and UVA's Randall Harris pounced on the ball. On the third play in the series, Quayle hit right tackle again, went for 30 yards, and Virginia had the go-ahead score with 12:38 left in the third period.

They traded series until — with 3:47 left in the third quarter — Talbott sneaked over from the one, and it was 14-14 and a new ball game. Quayle, however, burst that bubble quickly. No thanks to the officials who tried — and did — swipe a down from the Cavaliers.

It was third and one at the Carolina 4 with almost 15 minutes left in the game when the officials made it fourth and one. It was all the officials' math. . . Virginia, from first down, had run two plays, but the officials' word is law. Quayle cared not. He took the "fourth down" handoff from Bob Davis and burst four yards for the winning score.

And despite a Carolina drive to the Cavalier 20, it ended when Stetter intercepted a Jeff Beaver pass at the UVA three and returned it to the 19.

It was the end to a long season in Chapel Hill.



JIM HICKEY takes a last look at Carolina football during the Virginia game last Saturday.

DTH Photo By Ernest H. Robl

to win, up to the players themselves. He rarely gave a rip-roaring pep talk before a game because he wasn't that sort of man and he didn't believe in that approach to football.

But Jim Hickey expected too much. There were a lot of individuals on this year's squad who loved the game of football and who gave a hundred per cent plus to win.

But there were others who just went through the motions — players only interested in collecting their scholarship checks as the weeks and losses crept by.

Other coaches might have demanded more from these boys. If the freeloaders didn't respond, they might have found themselves off the team.

But Hickey walked around the practice field and quietly observed his assistants putting the squad through its drills.

Perhaps the underlying reason for Carolina's failure in football and Hickey's failure as a head coach is explained by his attitude towards his players.

Maybe this intangible reason explains why, despite Hickey's knowledge of the game and his talented personnel, he could only manage one winning season in eight tries at Carolina.

The students and alumni expect winners. That's why a man's future is determined by the cold impersonal figures in a record book.

They demanded Hickey's resignation. They began demanding it in 1964, just one year after he gave North Carolina its only bowl championship.

Last Saturday night they finally got it.

A Sad Commentary

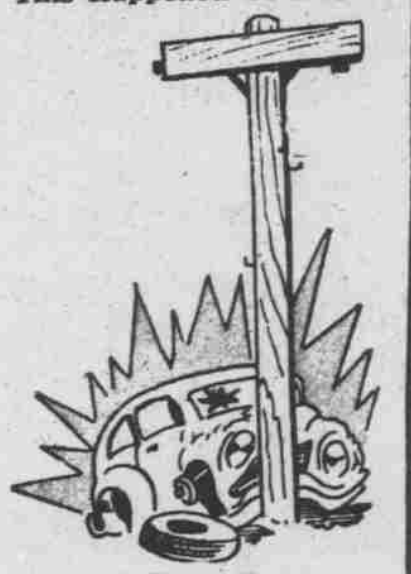
If you read the story of Jim Hickey's career at Carolina, a moral emerges as a sad commentary on collegiate athletics.

Jim Hickey is a nice guy, but there isn't a place for nice guys among big time college coaches.

Leo Durocher coined the phrase, "Nice guys finish last."

Jim Hickey's story makes Durocher's time worn statement ring with somber truth.

This Happened To You??

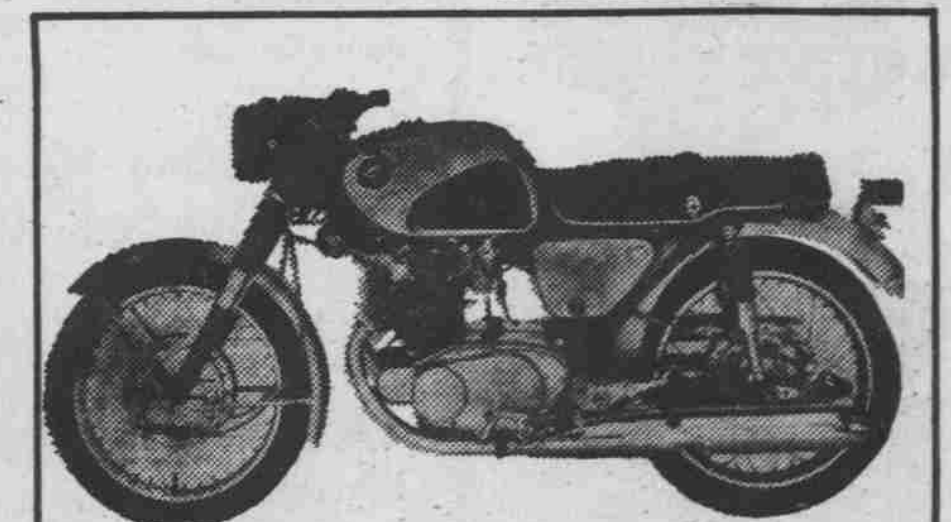


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