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## In The Slush, A Lesson

At the University of Illinois, where the "slush-fund" scandal is playing havoc with the school's Big Ten standing and three of its major coaches, a vital lesson for intercollegiate athletics is unfolding.

Because the school admitted giving athletes illegal aid from a \$21,000 fund, Big Ten directors have ordered the Champaign-Urbana institution to fire the head football coach, the basketball coach and his assistant, or show cause why the school's Big Ten membership should not be severed.

The punishment itself is severe, for it could result in any or all of the following:

- the termination of a 70-year membership in good standing with the Big Ten;
- the firing of football coach Pete Elliott, only the school's third grid coach in 50 years;
- the firing of basketball coach Harry Combes and his assistant, Howard Braun, both of whom have headed the school's basketball program longer than many can remember.

## Pressure; \$21,000 Worth?

It is too difficult to determine just how much of the reasoning behind the illegal fund was based on the constant pressure to win.

Even if the Fighting Illini are willing to admit that alumni pressure and the pressure of big-time athletics today were partly behind the shady handing out of from \$15 to \$50 per month to athletes, still the school's overall record would indicate something else.

Neither in football nor basketball has Illinois built a powerhouse, and basketball Coaches Combes and Braun have not tasted a Big Ten title since 1951 — 16 years ago.

Still, the school has always maintained a respectable if mediocre winning way, and no one has demanded that the axe be taken to a coach's head because he couldn't win big.

Ironically, Illinois President David Henry, who turned in the school for the rules infraction, is now yelling foul, climbing that the penalty imposed by the league is too severe.

After all, Henry maintains, the school has put the three coaches on a one-year probation, and has forbidden them to see prospective recruits. In addition, a number of athletes, including several cage stars, have been dropped from the team.

That is, Illinois maintains, enough.

## 'Other Days, Other Fields'

But the school's own punishment is far from enough. There may not be enough punishment for a school that willfully violates the NCAA and Big Ten rules, that willfully slips money under the table to athletes who already enjoy a paid education, that willfully contributes dishonesty to the lives of developing young men.

True, the fact that Illinois' 70 years as a Big Ten member in good standing may be terminated, or that three coaches may be looking for work elsewhere, seems rather a stiff slap on the wrist.

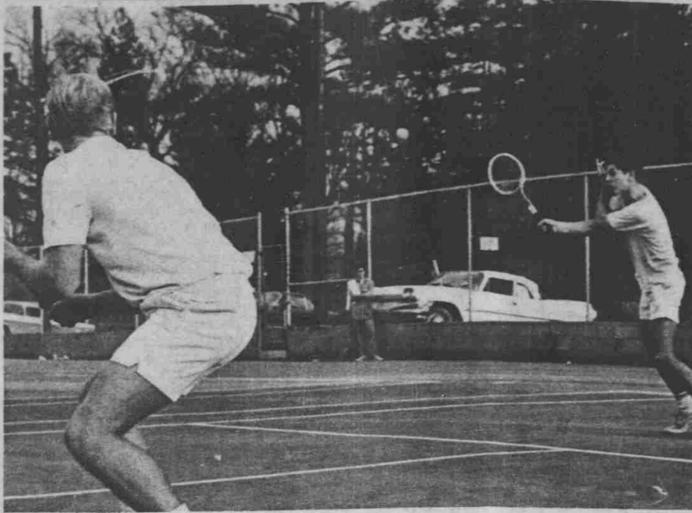
But there is an even greater rule the school has violated. . . a rule of life.

General Douglas MacArthur once said, "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, on other days and on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory." His words are so clear in their meaning that the United States Military Academy at West Point enshrined them forever, carving them into Michie football stadium.

Illinois chose to ignore the words. Instead, the school chose to keep athletes happy by violating rules and slipping them shady money. Easy money.

It may make only one Illinois athlete think that there must be an easy way to make it today. . . an easy way to riches and "someone to always be there with a little extra, whether it be honest or not.

But if Illinois' action makes just one athlete feel that way, no punishment can be too severe.



UNC's Gene Hamilton slams back a shot during the first week of coach Don Skakles tennis practices. —DTH Photo by Jock Lauterer

# UNC Baseball Underway

By OWEN DAVIS  
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The clean, crackling sound of a bat and the constant chatter of a baseball team have pervaded the Carolina diamond for the past three weeks as the UNC baseballers have prepared for the 1967 season.

Although inclement weather has hindered workouts somewhat, the Tar Heels of Coach Walter Rabb have practiced batting, fielding, and pitching since the middle of last month.

This year's squad will be hard-pressed to repeat the record of last season's outfit which traveled to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Nine lettermen have been lost from the 1966 team including all three starting pitchers. Nine lettermen return, however, to give UNC strong hitting and defensive strength.

Assistant coach Bill Barr said the Tar Heels have performed well in practice thus far. "We haven't had many good days to work," he said, "but we've looked real good on the days we have gotten out."

"Pitching will be our strong point. Our pitching is untried but we have some good boys coming up off last year's freshman team and some hold-overs who will help out."

"At this stage of the game, the pitchers have all looked real good. The infield will be strong and the outfield should be good, too."

"Replacing John Shaw at

catcher will be a big problem."

A major problem of the Tar Heels will be in finding suitable replacements for the lost starters from last season.

Carolina opens the season against the University of Rhode Island here March 20 and then takes a Southern swing to meet Georgia Southern, the University of Florida, and Florida State.

# Miller And Lewis Named To All-ACC First Team

RALEIGH (AP) — Duke University's Bob Verga was a unanimous choice in the voting for the All-Atlantic Coast Conference basketball team which was announced Tuesday.

He was followed closely by North Carolina's Larry Miller, the only junior on the squad.

Rounding out the first five were North Carolina's Bob Lewis, Wake Forest's Paul Long and Clemson's Randy Mahaffey.

The team was chosen by 73 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

Verga, who led the conference in scoring with 26.3 points, was selected to the all-conference team for the third straight time.

It was the second successive year for Lewis, Miller and Long made the second team last season and Mahaffey was on the second squad two years ago.

On the second team were Jim Connelly of Virginia, Mike Lewis of Duke, Jim Sutherland of Clemson, and Jack Thompson and Gary Gregor, both of South Carolina.

On the basis of two points for a first team vote and one

for the second team, Verga collected the perfect 416 score. Miller had 140 points, Lewis and Long 131 each and Mahaffey 112 points.

### First Team

Bob Verga Duke 6-foot senior hometown, Sea Girt, N.J. votes, 146.

Larry Miller, UNC; 6-3, junior; Catawauqua, Pa. (140).

Bob Lewis, UNC; 6-3 senior; Washington, D. C. (113).

Paul Long, Wake Forest; 6-2 senior; Louisville, Ky. (131).

Randy Mahaffey, Clemson; 6-7 senior; LaGrange, Ga. (112).

### Second Team

Jim Connelly, Virginia, a 6-3 senior, Williamston, W. Va. (87).

Mike Lewis, Duke, 6-7, junior Missoula, Mont. (73).

Jim Sutherland, Clemson, 6-4, senior, Clemson, S. C. (71).

Jack Thompson, South Carolina, 6-1, junior, Brooklyn, N. Y., (49).

Gary Gregor, South Carolina, 6-7, junior S. Charles- ton, W. Va., (41).

# Dolphins Set For U.S.A. Easterns

By JOE SANDERS  
DTH Sports Writer

UNC's hopes at the Eastern U.S.A. Swimming Championships will rest with twelve swimmers who leave today for the three-day meet at Yale University.

The Yale squad, which leads the nation in individual rankings, will defend the Eastern title it won last year against the strong squads of Army, Navy, UNC, and nearly 40 other teams. Last year UNC took fourth behind Yale, Army and Navy.

Two defenders return to the Championships for Carolina. Pete Worthen will try to recapture the 50-yard freestyle and Phil Riker will defend in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly events.

Another strong event for Carolina is the 400-yard freestyle relay, which is currently ranked second nationally, behind Yale.

Filling out the freestyle events will be Jay Scattergood, Steve Hildenbrand, Jim Edwards, Joe Sanders and Greg Meehan.

ACC Champion Fred Danneman will make his first appearance at the Easterns. A sophomore, Danneman will enter the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes.

Doug Behrman, who was second to Riker in the 100-yard butterfly at the ACC's, will enter both butterfly and freestyle events. Senior Jack Hayden adds an extra punch in the butterfly.

Sophomores Dave Ball and Hamilton Gadd complete the Carolina line-up. Both were finalists at the ACC Championships.

Swimming Coach Pat Earey said, "This year will be a rat race, with Dartmouth, Princeton, Army and a number of others battling it out."

He added that, while the Dolphins are a better squad than last year, the competition is markedly stronger with more of the nation's strong teams competing.

# Wrestling Club In AAU Contests

By KAREN FREEMAN  
DTH Sports Writer

The Planetarium Wrestling Club, an unofficial extension of the UNC wrestling program, didn't do as well as expected this weekend in Atlanta at the AAU-sponsored Southern Open Tournament, taking only two fourth places individually.

The Planetarium Wrestlers are unofficial representatives of the University because of a Carolina policy that university-sponsored teams can not compete in AAU-sponsored events and invitational.

The Club was formed in 1954 under the motto, "See the stars on the mat," so that UNC wrestlers could compete in the state AAU tournament.

This year only two of the nine wrestlers who participated placed. Steve Erickson (115) and Syd Wooding (177) won fourths.

David Barnes (152) was the only other Planetarium wrestler to win a match, winning his first match but losing the

second. VPI won the tournament, with Appalachian in second place.

UNC wrestling coach Sam Barnes views the wrestlers' participation as "a good example of the amateur spirit around here," since the paid their own expenses.

Part of the team was flown to Atlanta by the father of a participant, but the rest had to provide their own transportation.

Last year the Planetarium Wrestlers placed fourth in the Southern Open.

They regularly compete in the State AAU Tournament, the Wilkes Colleges Invitational, and Norfolk AAU Tournament.

They chose to wrestle under the name "Planetarium" in order to be identified with the University even while they receive no financial support.

They will travel to Greensboro Friday and Saturday for their last organized activity this season in the North Carolina AAU Tournament.

# ACC First Round On TV In Carmichael

The Carolina-State and Clemson-Wake Forest first round games in the ACC Basketball Tournament will be shown on closed circuit television Thursday in Carmichael Auditorium.

Carolina students and staff members with their Athletic pass cards will be admitted free of charge. The admission charge for others will be two dollars for adults and one dollar for children.

UNC Athletic Director C. P. (Chuck) Erickson made the announcement of the television plans Tuesday.

"We are happy to bring these telecasts to Chapel Hill," said Erickson, "so that all our fans who have been so loyal all season may have the chance to see the team play in this all-important tournament."

The Carolina-State game will start at 7 p.m. and tap-off time for the Clemson-Wake Forest contest is 9 p.m.

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