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The Baltimore Colts' Christian Linebacker

Albert Long, the last four-letter winner at North Carolina, introduced Baltimore Colt linebacker Don Shinnick to a gathering of 100 Tar Heel athletes at the Rams Club Monday night.

It was a meeting of the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Don Shinnick," began the personable Long, "has been a Colt for 11 years. He was an All-American fullback at UCLA. One of the NFL's best linebackers, he has intercepted more passes than any other professional football players at that position."

Long rapidly continued: "So Don has had a lot of thrills, but not one was as great as the day he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Now that sounds corny, doesn't it?"

And then Shinnick, the broad shouldered, powerful number 66 of the Colts, stood before all those Tar Heel athletes and, after a routine joke or two, talked Christianity in terms that only an athlete would appreciate.

He contrasted the "majority team," and the "minority team."

"It's easy to be on the majority team," he said. "You just do what everyone else does. But what is important is to be on the majority team in god's sight—and the minority team in man's."

It all seemed kind of strange. You looked around and saw fellows like Gayle Bomar, the second leading ground gainer in the Atlantic Coast Conference last year, and Jeff Beaver, the Tar Heel quarterback drafted by the Baltimore Colts.

On the back row was Danny Lotz, who played on that great 1957 basketball team and is now a successful dentist. He's married to evangelist Billy Graham's daughter.

A late arriver was basketball Coach Dean Smith, who is on the national FCA board.

Shinnick, who does this sort of thing at least four times a week during the off season, talked football and related it to Christianity.

"It's funny," he said. "I'm 32 years old now and I've been a Christian, a real Christian for only 18 years. I thought I had always been one. I had all the ribbons and stars from Sunday school attendance. I did everything the minister and Sunday School superintendent said. I didn't doubt God, Christ or any of those Church doctrines."

"But I learned the belief was all in my head, not my heart and soul. It wasn't until a group at UCLA confronted me with the question of 'Did I really believe?' that I got on my knees and asked God to be my Coach."

Don Shinnick is not unique among professional athletes either.

The FCA, which realizes that the athletic star can have a very great influence on the actions of his admirers, includes such men as Bill Bradley, Fran Tarkenton and Bobby Richardson in its membership.

Bradley, in fact, will speak here this spring.

"We have about 40 guys on our football team," said Shinnick, "and 30 to 35 show up for Chapel Service every Sunday before a game."

"Our Coach, Don Shula, attends the services also. You know, after we were beaten by Los Angeles this season and lost our chance to play in the Super Bowl, he said 'I guess the good Lord is just testing us to see what we've got.'"

The Colts may have been the best team in pro football this past year, better than Green Bay, Dallas, Los Angeles or Oakland.

Their only loss was to the Rams.

"I prayed before that game and after that game," smiled Shinnick. "I guess I should have played during it too."

In the question-answer period that followed, there were as many queries concerning Shinnick, the Christian, as Shinnick, the athlete.

After David Riggs, the football team's most valuable senior concluded the meeting with a prayer, one baseballer was heard to say, "I wouldn't have missed this for the world."



Tar Heels Maintain Third As Duke Advances To Ninth

NEW YORK — (UPI)Time is running out on UCLA. The once invincible Bruins, who six weeks ago were in the midst of the second longest winning streak and the second longest stay atop the major college ratings in basketball history, now find themselves less than a month away from failure in their bid for a second straight national championship that seemed sewed up at the turn of the new year.

And there doesn't appear to be very much Coach John Wooden and his boys can do about it.

Now it's the University of Houston that is calling the shots and Tuesday it became ever more apparent that if the Cougars can go through the final three weeks of the regular season without a loss, United Press International's national championship trophy will be shipped off to Texas for the first time in history.

UPI's 35-man board of coaches, who will crown the 1967-68 champ on March 11, continued to give Houston a slim margin over UCLA in the 12th weekly balloting, making the unbeaten Cougars No. 1 for the fifth straight week.

Coach Guy Lewis' quintet (23-0), which has won 24 in a row, the longest current major college win streak, snared 25 first place votes and amassed 340 points. UCLA (20-1) was 16 points behind after being named to the top spot on the other 10.

In the voting based on games played through Feb. 17, North Carolina remained a distant third and unbeaten St. Bonaventure easily held onto fourth, but Kentucky soared three places to fifth and surprising Columbia continued to advance, moving up a notch to sixth.

New Mexico lost its second place to seventh, Vanderbilt and Duke each moved up a place to eighth and ninth respectively, and Louisville moved up to 10th, returning to the select circle after an eight-week absence.

Tennessee suffered two losses last week and fell all the way from sixth to 11th; Kansas, unranked a week ago, was rated 12th, New Mexico State fell one spot to 13th, and Princeton took over sole possession of 14th place.

Marquette and Utah returned to the ratings, tying for 15th, Davidson leaped three places to 17th, and Army fell four spots to 18th after its 12-game winning streak was severed. Rounding out the top 20 were Wyoming, which slipped slightly to 19th, and Southern California, which made its first rating appearance of the season, ranking 20th.

The Top Ten

TEAM	VOTES
Houston (23-0)	340
UCLA (20-1)	324
North Carolina (20-1)	274
Kentucky (17-3)	146
Columbia (17-3)	139
New Mexico (20-2)	136
Vanderbilt (17-4)	96
Duke (16-3)	79

Second Ten: 11-Tennessee, 12-Kansas, 13-New Mexico State, 14-Princeton, 15-tie) Marquette and Utah, 17-Davidson, 18-Army 19-Wyoming, 20-Southern California.

Lemaster Inks Pact For 1968

HOUSTON (UPI)—Southpaw Denny Lemaster of the Houston Astros has agreed to terms and will report to the Astros spring training camp in Cocoa, Fla., immediately, Astro officials said Tuesday.

Lemaster, acquired from the Atlanta Braves in an off-season trade, agreed to terms by telephone from his home in Chamblee, Ga., in a conversation with general manager H.B. (Spec) Richardson in Cocoa.

Lemaster had said only Monday that he and Richardson were far apart and he planned to go hunting as the Astros opened the training camp. He said he had rejected what Richardson said was his final offer.

Astro officials said they did not know what kind of a compromise was accomplished. Lemaster, who will be 29 Sunday, had a 9-9 record with a 3.35 earned run average last year, but he was 7-2 at mid season before being bothered by back trouble.

LEGENDARY SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI) The legendary George Gipp played his last game for Notre Dame on Nov. 20, 1920 as the Irish whipper Northwestern 33-7. He contracted a strep throat and died Dec. 11.



North Carolina Plays Terps Here

You'll never find Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith looking ahead and that's the last thing he wants his nationally third-ranked Tar Heels to do, too.

North Carolina takes its 18-game winning streak and overall 20-1 record into Carmichael Auditorium here tonight for an 8 p.m. game against Maryland.

"I'm sure the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament is very much on the players' minds," he said Tuesday afternoon. "I just hope they won't let it affect their play for the remainder of the season."

"We've gone too far and done too well not to concentrate on what lies immediately ahead."

The Tar Heels can extend their ACC leading record to 11-0 with a win over Maryland. That would leave Virginia, South Carolina and Duke still to be played.

"Maryland gave us a real good game at their place," Smith said. "We beat them by seven points but we had to come from behind early in the game to do it."

The Terrapins, who have defeated Virginia and Wake Forest in their last two outings, are playing very good ball now. They have improved their record to 6-13 overall and 3-8 in the conference.

Will Hetzel, a 6-6, 190-pound sophomore who scored 28 points against the Heels at College Park, leads the Terps in scoring and rebounding.

Miller Falls To Third Behind Lewis, Zatezalo

GREENSBORO—(UPI)—Mike Lewis of Duke is maintaining his hold on first place in individual scoring and rebounding, official ACC statistics showed Tuesday.

Lewis, playing in 19 games, has scored 461 points for an average of 24.3 points per game and has grabbed 304 rebounds for an average of 16 per game.

George Zatezalo of Clemson University is second in scoring with 452 points in 19 games for a 23.8 point average per game.

North Carolina's Larry Miller is close behind, scoring 488 points in 21 games for an average of 23.2 points per contest. His total 488 points is high for the conference.

Tar Baby Big Men Shine In 88-80 Romp Over ECU

Fine play from the front court men was the big factor in the North Carolina Tar Babies' 88-80 victory over the East Carolina freshmen Monday night at Greenville.

Don Eggleston, Dave Chadwick, and Lee Dedmon all scored 18 points or more as the UNC frosh notched their tenth win in 13 outings.

Dedmon played an especially fine game for the Heels. The 6-10 Baltimore native tallied 23 points grabbed 9 rebounds, and did a good job defensively.

Chadwick, hitting 7 of 13 shots from the field, scored 22 and picked off 11 rebounds. Eggleston added 18 points and seven recoveries.

Carolina placed five men in double figures as guards Dale Gipple and Richard Tuttle scored 13 and 12 respectively.

East Carolina actually out-rebounded the Tar Babies 53-48. However, a poor shooting night by the Pirates proved to be their downfall. The Bucs hit only 39 per cent of their shots, compared to Carolina's 51 per cent.

The Pirates also had five men in double figures with Him Gregory's 19 leading the way. Gregory led the Corsair rebounding with nine.

Carolina led 44-39 at halftime. The Heels outscored the home forces 44-41 in the final half for the final eight point margin.

The Tar Babies have only four games left on their schedule. They are at home tonight, opposing the intramural All-Stars.

Sold Out Tourney Makes For Trouble

GREENSBORO—With another sellout assured, one would think that there are no problems akin to the fever known as the Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament. One just doesn't know, if one thinks that is the case.

Take, for instance, the problems of the eight athletic directors who are faced with the distribution of tickets for the eight-team affair. "We have received orders for four times the number of tickets that we have to disperse," said one. "I always end up losing friends over the ACC tournament," says another.

Specifically, there are no tickets available for this year's tournament, not under any conditions. Such is the desire for a spot in the stands, that good friends of the athletic programs at the eight member institutions cannot always come up with tickets.

There are fables that circulate under such circumstances, such as the quip about what a dreamer is. A dreamer is a non-alumnus, position for the final home contest on Feb. 28.

The Tar Babies will close the season Friday, March 1, with a visit to Duke for a third meeting with the Blue Imps.

Two Carolina Relay Teams Seek Qualifying Times For Big Meet

By OWEN DAVIS of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

North Carolina's swimmers face East Carolina at Greenville Saturday with two goals in mind: qualify the 400-meter medley and freestyle relay teams for the NCAA swim meet.

"We'll go down there primarily to qualify those two relay teams," said Coach Pat Earey. "We decided to try to get the relays first and hope to qualify the individuals in the Atlantic Coast Conference championships."

"The relays pose more of a problem than the individuals," he said.

Carolina has already qualified for the NCAA meet at Dartmouth in several events. Phil Riker in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly, Fred Danemann in the 100-meter backstroke and the 800-meter freestyle team have all cracked the qualifying barriers.

Earey also hopes individuals such as Jim Edwards and Joe Sanders in the 100 and 200 freestyle, Danemann in the 200 backstroke and Richard Williams in the 100 and 200 breaststroke will make the national championships.

"If we can qualify these people," he said, "our entire year will have been successful."

Earey will put Williams, Edwards, Riker and Danemann together for the 400-meter medley bid.

"I haven't put that bunch together this year so this will be their first time with each other in the medley," he said.

"We won't peak for the meet but just swim through it. At this stage, these boys should have developed enough speed to qualify. I think they have enough endurance, too, to do it."

The team needs a 3:38.3 timing to qualify, and UNC's best effort this year is 3:40.6.

The quartet that will swim in the 400 freestyle is still indefinite. Earey has six swimmers in mind—Dave Ball, Greg Meehan, Edwards, Danemann, Sanders and Andy Bristow.

The freestyle team must swim the 400 meters in 3:12.5. Carolina's best time to date is 3:14.3.

"If we can get these individuals to swim as they have on occasion, we can do it," said Earey. "The four swimmers each need to get a 48.1 for their leg, and Edwards is the only one that has done it so far."

"But 48.1 isn't that hard to get," he said.

The national championships will be headed by Olympic star Don Schollander of Yale.

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