Defensive ends in good hands

by Mark Whicker Sports Editor

Defensive co-ordinator Lee Hayley admits he "feels good" about ends Bill Brafford and Gene Brown. Not only are they skilled and experienced, they have escaped the injury jinx that has infested the Tar Heel football squad during spring

And Hayley has another card up his sleeve-an eager, seasoned Bill Chapman

to fill in for either end, Brafford and Brown supplied much of the impetus toward UNC's powerful late-season pass rush. The former took a deflected pass in for a touchdown against Clemson, while the latter played the season's last five games and made life rough for Virginia quarterback Bill

The intercepted pass at Clemson was one of Brafford's few brushes with glory. The Raleigh senior does his thing in more unnoticed ways.

"He is very dedicated and smart." praises Hayley, "and we're expecting him to provide much leadership for this year's team."

Brafford, a Morehead scholar, has started two seasons, but was sidelined his sophomore year with a shoulder problem. He is very efficient against the run and contains many outside plays.

Cougars act

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI)-The Carolina Cougars Friday asked federal court for a preliminary injunction to prevent Bill Cunningham from playing basketball next year with the Philadelphia 76'ers.

The Cougars of the American Basketball Association signed Cunningham to a three-year contract on Aug. 5, 1969, that was to begin Oct. 2,

But since, Cunningham signed a "personal services" contract with the 76'ers of the National Basketball Association for this season and reportedly has signed another contract for next year.

dard NBA contract last season.

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When opponents despaired of running against UNC's tight forward wall, they resorted to the pass in the last few games

So the Tar Heels went after the quarterback with both barrels, and Brafford and Brown received more

Brown, redshirted as a sophomore and nagged with injuries, stepped into the lineup against Virginia under more pressure than most defensive starters.

Judge Mattocks had quit the team that week, so Brown was rushed into his first starting assignment and played like a veteran for the rest of the year.

"He's done nothing but improve this spring," says Hayley.

And if anything happens to either starter, Chapman is ready to step in. According to Hayley, the Myrtle Beach native is just as prepared as Brown was

"Chapman's got fine speed," says his coach. "All he needs is a little experience, and he got some last season."

Battling for the other reserve spot are redshirts Bill Hollingsworth, George Moore and Wes Norton.

Hollingsworth has an edge in quickness, Norton is an aggressive player, and Moore has only been working at the position for a few days.

Hayley is optimistic that most of the defensive injuries will heal by September. Tackle Bud Grissom was expected to ready for practice today after strained shoulder ligaments.

"We have question marks at one tackle position and another at one inside linebacker spot," says Hayley. "But I feel we'll be an improved defensive team provided everyone comes back from

Heels try comeback against tough field in Carolina Relays

Carolina hopes to repair its slightly damaged track image today in the Carolina Relays at Fetzer Field, starting at 12:00.

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Teams from North Carolina Central. Duke, Wake Forest, Davidson, State, Florida State, Virginia Tech, Virginia, William and Mary, South Carolina, East Carolina and Richmond will be on hand, UNC has lost handily in dual meets to Maryland and South Carolina.

Among the outstanding individuals from invading schools will be Duke's hurdler Jeff Howser, NCCU sprinter Larry Black, South Carolina half-miler Bob Kazcka (although there is no individual 880 run slated; Kazcka will be present for relays), Virginia long jumper Jim Shannon and State distance men Jim Wilkins and Gareth Hayes.

Carolina's best bets for victories are miler Larry Widgeon, shot putter John Jessup and triple jumper Darryl Kelly. Charlie Ball turned in a 6-8 high jump, second best recorded in the conference

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this year, in the South Carolina loss last Saturday.

The ACC statistics office released track times and distances this week, showing Kelly as the ACC's top triple jumper so far. Kelly has turned in a 49-2 outdoors, more than a foot ahead of USC's Mike Haggard.

Jessup has the second best shot put, a 55-11, compared to the 60-31/2 recorded by Maryland's Jack Hanley.

Hubert West is second to Shannon in the long jump with a top distance of 23-51/2, just a half-inch behind the defending conference champ.

Widgeon and USC's Larry Schmelia are tied for second-best two mile, at 8:58.5. The best time so far is Duke freshman Mike Graves' 8:57.7.

A unique event today will be the 3,000 meter steeplechase, including a water jump. Freshman Mike Caldwell broke the UNC record in this grueling event with a 9:48.4 in the Florida Relays.

Long weekend

Heels host heavy hitting Cavs

by Mark Whicker Sports Editor

The long weekend continues today for Carolina's pitching staff when the Tar Heels play Virginia at 2:00 at Durham

Athletic Park. Carolina hosted Maryland, the ACC's best-hitting team last night, and the

Cavaliers have built a 13-2 overall mark and a 2-1 ACC record on strong bat work. The Tar Heels have a 10-11 overall record but have taken a strong position in the ACC race with a 5-2 loop record.

The Cavaliers have to play 13 games in the next 19 days, 11 of them in the conference. However, they appear to be well prepared for the ordeal.

Freshman Steve Sroba has a .357 batting average and shortstop Mike Cubbage, formerly a quarterback on the Cav football team, is hitting .304 with a .554 slugging percentage.

Both Cubbage and catcher Sam Beale

have 17 RBIs. Along with all this hitting power, He played out the option on his stan- Virginia is outpitching opponents glaringly. The Cavalier ERA is 1.86 while

opposition pitchers have given up five and

a half earned runs a game. Sophomore Steve Brindle will put his undefeated record on the line today against Carolina; five teams have fallen to him already.

Ed Kihm lost his first game to State's sensational Mike Caldwell last week, but sports an 0.71 ERA.

And both Mike Judkins and Rick Spigone have undefeated records. Judkins, a sophomore, will be the most likely reliever for Brindle if he gets in trouble today.

Either Fred Gianiny or John Danneman will get the pitching call for Coach Walter Rabb's Heels today.

Outfielder Jack Gillis continues to lead the conference in RBIs, driving in two more against State Wednesday night to

bring his total to 21. Pitchers Dave Bullard and Jim Chamberlain helped the Heels to their 6-2 Park next Saturday afternoon.

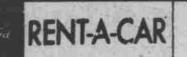
win with timely hitting, and held the hard-hitting Wolfpack to six hits.

Rabb seems to have found a third baseman in freshman Bob Guthrie. Guthrie had a .484 average with the junior varsity team and went one-for-four against State Wednesday night.

Ronnie Cox and Doug Lanham have been consistent hitters for Carolina, along with catcher Mike Roberts who ranks among the top ten ACC batters. Bobby Elliott and John Wilson handle the middle of the infield well, and first baseman Larry Kiser has smashed four home runs so far this season.

A double success this weekend would mean a legitimate chance for the ACC title. Carolina travels to Virginia Tuesday and Maryland Wednesday in two more showdown matches.

If the Tar Heel pitchers survive the heavy hitting in this gamut, South Carolina is waiting in Durham Athletic



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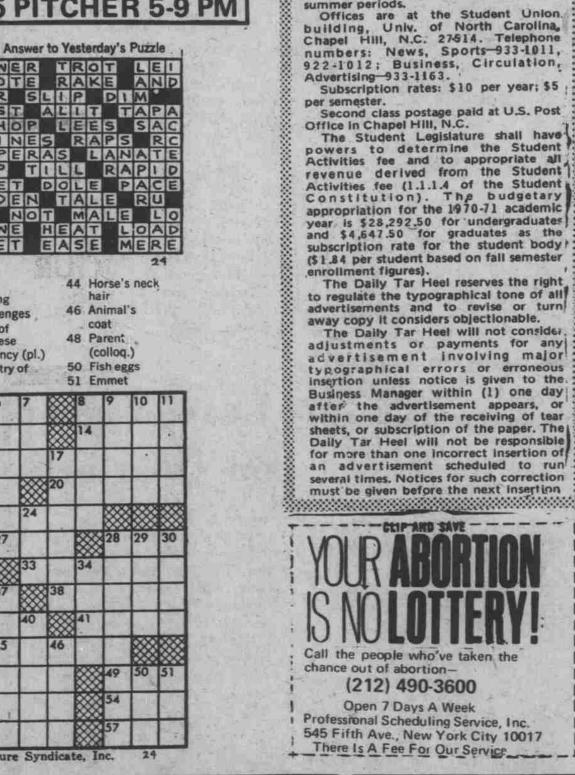
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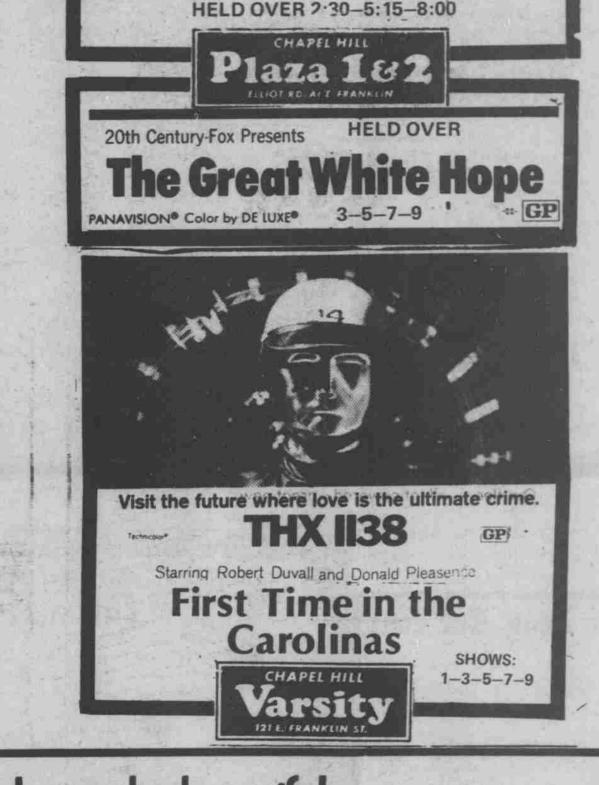
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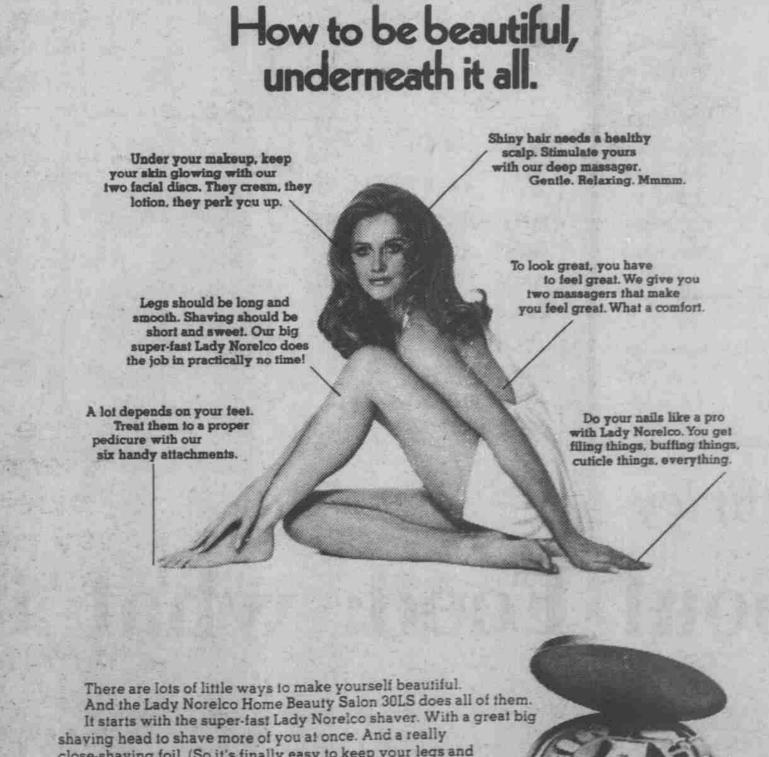




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