

## Mark Whicker New look, but old 'mouth'

"Ah, they thought I looked like too much of a redneck," said Bill Currie, gazing forlornly at the Carolina freshman basketball team practicing in Carmichael Auditorium last Friday. "So they told me to change my image."

"They" were the people at KDKA radio-TV in Pittsburgh, where Currie's sports broadcasts are breaking all rating records and educating coal miners and steel workers to such terms as "more money than a show dog can jump over" and "too wet to plow."

And what "they" had done was something to behold. Davidson County's own Bill Currie was wearing wire-rimmed glasses. Longer hair. A white belt. A shirt and pants that, although they didn't seem to match at first glance, looked like the American flag on a bad trip.

But, even in new clothes, Currie is still the same old "Mouth," the same as on the Tar Heel network.

"They told me to grow my hair long, so it's going down to my shoulders," he said. "And then when they tell me to get it cut, it's all coming off."

For the record, Currie is happy at Pittsburgh. "It's as close to a small town as you can get in the North," Bill reported. "All the people have been great to us up there. And of course we have a lot to talk about up there."

What Currie talks about gets listened to more than any other sports commentary in the Steel City. He was at his best when the Pirates won the World Series, and is also one of the few announcers in the country that can make the Steelers, the Penguins, and the Condors interesting.

His old formula - "How many people really care about all those statistics?" - is paying off. "We try to keep the commentary as light as possible," Currie said Friday. "I get the scores over with quick."

Currie does three radio shows and two TV shows a day, both about five minutes long. He'll admit that he owes part of that success to Pittsburgh as a city.

"A lot of people up there came from the South, and many others are small-town. There's a lot of support in the suburbs up there. So I think I've blended in better than many people thought I would."

He called the Associated Press report about the World Series celebration in Pittsburgh "a big lie." They said the town was burning up, that people were getting raped left and right, and all that.

"Well, hell, there were 100,000 people downtown, but the rest of it was all exaggerated. There was a sexual assault, but that was on the other side of town."

"And they talked about drunks - well, you can pick up drunks almost any night of the week up there. Probably find me up there if you look hard enough."

There is a hard core Southern streak in Currie, however, that belies his civic pride in his new home. "Hell, you know we miss everybody down here," Currie said. "We take a Charlotte paper to keep up with stuff, but nobody up there could give a damn so we don't broadcast any of it."

Mallette Poole, Currie's traveling companion (as in many other cases, the "Mouth" took Mallette out of an orphanage and has become his legal guardian) looked at the gleeful reception Currie received in the Kenan Stadium press box Saturday. "Pittsburgh is about the nicest place to go in the North," Mallette said. "But often I wish we were back down here."

Currie is meeting the cost of living in fine style, however. His speaking engagements and his recent night-club comedian career are both very profitable.

"I had a big orchestra in my first engagement," Bill recalled. "Just went off real well."

Is he adjusting his repertoire so the ladies in the audience won't be offended by his often off-color speech patterns?

"Oh, you know me," Currie retorted. "I'm always clean."

He has even succeeded in PTA programs, a feat over which Currie's friends marvel. And Bill hasn't been shying away from reporting.

His expose of the harsh coaching of the McKeesport Little Tigers, a successful midwest league football team, jammed the KDKA switchboard.

"The people who were against it were the players' parents," Currie snorted. "They told me it was good for the kids - it makes them say yes, sir. I told them that in a penitentiary the inmates say 'yes, boss' too."

"But I can't understand what's going on down here lately. I don't know much about it, but I do know that Bill Dooley is a fine coach and a fine person, and some of the people opposing him are just idiots."

Although Currie can argue emphatically and emotionally about issues close to home, and although he is still as complex and highstrung as ever, Bill Currie always leaves people laughing.

As a comedian, he might be even more of a success, but the best of both worlds keeps him going. Does he ever think of performing as a career, if he gets tired of sportscasting?

"Hell, I don't know," said Bill Currie. "Sometimes I think I ought to go wash cars."

# Time for a Big Five? Randle is trying hard

by Al Thomas  
Sports Writer

Saturday was a dark, dark day for the "Pack" - but a very important one for the Pirates.

State hosted the Pirates from East Carolina, an upstart school situated in rich tobacco country down East, and was run out of its own stadium.

The Pirates, winners of only one game going into the sectional battle with State, struck paydirt in the first quarter and

went on to a surprisingly easy 31-15 win.

If the Pirate victory would have come on an interception, a fumble or a freak play, then the outcome could have been excused or dismissed. Instead, the visitors from ECU soundly whipped the Wolfpack not only in the final score but statistically as well.

The implications are many.

The Pirates have begun upgrading their sports programs and are desperately trying to break the Big Four monopoly

on big-time college athletics in North Carolina.

The Pirates have always suffered in recruiting the top high school stars in the state because they were considered small-time. The very solid victory over State goes a long way in dispelling this notion.

ECU football coach Sonny Randle had termed the game "The Super Bowl" as far as his team was concerned. He realized the importance of the outcome not only for the present players but for the program as well.

The Pirates will have more chances to prove themselves in the future, especially since Carolina is scheduled to play them twice within the next three years.

A few more victories similar to Saturday's could change the Big Four to the Big Five. It's still a long way off, but the change is no longer inconceivable.

As for the Wolfpack, the defeat has to be considered among the most humiliating.

Interim coach Al Michaels was an optimistic man before the season began. After long years as an assistant coach, he was finally getting his chance.

Michaels' optimism and enthusiasm spread to the State players and others throughout the area during pre-season. For some reason, that enthusiasm simply has not matured into victories.

Michaels was not the only disappointed Atlantic Coast Conference coach Saturday.

In fact, Carolina was the only ACC team to win, and that was against conference foe Wake Forest 7-3.

Except for the Wolfpack, the Duke Blue Devils were probably the most disappointed players in the conference.

Duke was considered too strong for Navy to have much of a chance, but the Midshipmen came alive in the second half for a 15-14 win.

Duke hurt itself throughout the contest, fumbling four times and having three passes intercepted.

"There's a fine line between winning and losing," Duke coach Mike McGee said during his press luncheon Monday. "To win, you just can't make the kinds of mistakes we made."

"We made mistakes offensively and defensively," he continued, "and had bad field position throughout the game. Eight times we took over possession within our own 20."

The three other ACC members had about as much luck as Duke, with Army edging Virginia 15-9, Florida rallying past Maryland 27-23 and Auburn shattering Clemson 35-13.

## Baggett doesn't mind alternating for frosh

by Dan Collins  
Sports Writer

Charles Baggett knows well how the Dallas Cowboy's Craig Morton feels.

As it turns out they both face the same dilemma, stiff competition at the quarterback position.

When Baggett stepped into the Carolina campus after being one of the most sought-after prospects in the State he found a totally new problem awaiting. For the first time he had a rival at the quarterback spot, the only position he's ever played.

As it turned out Carolina also recruited Chris Kupec, a freshman from Syosett, N.Y., with an outstanding quarterbacking reputation of his own. Baggett realized that his days as a high school superstar were over, for the main problem facing him now was to win a spot on the talent-laden Carolina freshman starting unit.

Since his arrival, Baggett has been partially successful in his goal to become freshman quarterback. Coach Moyer Smith has decided to handle the situation the same way he did last year when he had both Nick Vidovic and John Klise calling signals. He decided to give both quarterbacks approximately the same playing time and give them both a chance to prove themselves.

For a player that has never alternated before Baggett has adapted to the situation surprisingly well.

"Of course everybody would like to play all the time," Baggett said, "but really I like the alternating system. This way everyone gets to play."

Even though Baggett was primarily a

## William & Mary - bad memories

by Jack Williams  
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When Carolina players from the great 1946-47-48 teams come back to Kenan Stadium this week for the Tar Heel football game with William and Mary, the occasion could stir some haunting memories.

It was in this same stadium in the 1948 season that a William and Mary team pulled one of the all-time shockers, lobbing Carolina of a perfect regular season.

Coach Carl Snavely's team had opened that season with six straight wins. The Tar Heels flattened Texas, 34-7; Georgia, 21-14; Wake Forest, 28-6; N.C. State,

### Swim meet entries due

Entries for the intramural all-campus swimming meet must be in today. The meet will be held Thursday.

Pairings for the all-campus handball tournament are on display at the Intramural Office in Wollen Gym. With luck, the tag football playoffs will continue this week.

The paddleball and squash tournaments are moving along slowly but surely and Dave Edelman has his eye on a triple crown - championships in handball, squash and paddleball.

14-0; Louisiana State, 34-7; and Tennessee, 14-7.

Then came William and Mary - and Carolina was an overwhelming favorite to smear the Indians. But it didn't happen that way.

Vito Ragazzo, who later was to become a Carolina assistant coach, caught a first quarter touchdown pass for William and Mary. The Tar Heels spent the rest of the day trying to catch up. Finally, late in the third quarter, UNC did tie it, 7-7. Neither team could score after that.

The tie marred an otherwise perfect regular season for Carolina. The Tar Heels finished up by defeating Maryland,

49-20; Duke, 20-0; and Virginia, 34-12. Carolina went to the Sugar Bowl where it bowed to Oklahoma, 14-6, in a classic match.

William and Mary had a sparkling team in 1948, led by a hard-running fullback, Jack (Flying) Cloud. Ragazzo made circus catches at end.

Now the Indians come back with another outstanding cast. William and Mary is 5-2 and boasts a victory over Tulane, a team which conquered the Tar Heels.

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