## Scroggs replaces Doty as head lax coach

by Owen Page Tar Heel Contributor

William Edward Scroggs will be the new UNC head lacrosse coach next season, replacing Paul Doty, whose contract was not renewed.

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Scroggs, from Baltimore, was the top assistant coach at Johns Hopkins University. Scroggs was an undergraduate there and played midfield on three national championship lacrosse teams. He was also the captain of the football team.

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According to UNC Athletic
Director, William Scroggs got the nod
over several other head coaches
because of his experience on the field
and his academic background.

"Scroggs has the kind of attitude we're looking for," said Cobey. "He has a fine perspective of what a student athlete is all about. He has great rapport with his players and superb knowledge of the game. He's low-key, but firm. He will fit in well."

Scroggs has just finished a hectic recruiting program for Carolina lacrosse. According to Scroggs, the recruiting season was a success despite the unfortunate events of last season(see following story).

"Most players make their decision by December or January. We've drawn some excellent ball players," Scroggs said. "We wanted players who are interested in getting an education, who have a wholesome attitude toward academia. We recruited kids with character. You don't want to sell your soul to the Devil. We want players who will stay here four years and get as much out of Carolina as possible."

Scroggs is very excited about the lacrosse program, but is not making unrealistic promises. "I'm very hopeful for the team and I am a goal setter. However, I want to see what we have first before I set any goals. I want to build confidence and consistency first. Then we'll see what

Scroggs is also looking forward to coming to Chapel Hill and appreciates the life style here.

"If anything, Carolina lacrosse will be exciting, and we'll play a fast paced brand of lacrosse. I've heard that the turn out at games is very good, and I want to make it worthwhile for students to come and watch," Scroggs said.

Last spring the future looked bright for the UNC lacrosse team. The Heels had been ranked seventh in '77 and were returning 13 seniors, including four All-America players.

But the banner season that was hoped for was not to be.

The season began poorly as the Heels dropped a tough battle to Virginia, pounded Princeton, then lost a squeaker to Washington and Lee.

The burgeoning positive attitude was deflated and signs of discontent began to emerge. Some of the players said that their talent was not being utilized properly—a result of poor coaching, they felt.

After the loss to Washington and Lee, the team presented a list of grievances to UNC Athletic Director Bill Cobey. The petition challenged Coach Paul Doty's ability to lead the team. Twenty-three of the 35 members of the team signed the petition.

As a result of the petition, Coach Doty dismissed thirteen players from the squad, including two All-Americas. Four of the five players who presented the petition were dismissed. Doty said the dismissed players had a negative attitude toward the team and coaches.

The next day, Doty offered a reconciliation to regain team unity. He gave each player a chance to return to the team on his (Doty's) terms. Of the 13 dismissed players, 11 returned to the squad. The team had a mediocre 6-6 finish, far below pre-season expectations.

The coaching staff felt that the team's dissension was a reaction to a poor start. Doty said they were searching for a

scapegoat on which to vent their frustrations. The players felt Doty was inadequate.

In an interview Tuesday, Cobey said, "Winning keeps a team from having problems. As always, there is no right or



wrong—it's somewhere in between."

The list of grievances presented to

Cobey proposed an immediate change in the coaching staff which was unacceptable to Cobey.

"The players wanted to coach themselves. I asked Doty to stay and he agreed. He was our coach and we would have lost much if he was removed at that time," Cobey said.

"Doty did what was right under the circumstances. I admire his courage," Cobey said. "There were people (players) who were giving 100 percent, but others were giving far less that their capabilities. I appreciate all those that gave all they had no matter how they felt."

The Athletic Department chose to terminate Doty's appointment effective July 1. Doty did not choose to resign his position.

The decision was based on a desire to retain a united lacrosse program, Cobey said. Cobey felt that Doty could not fulfill this goal.

Cobey said, "We had bad problems in the past. On balance it was in the best interest of all concerned if he didn't return. As things evolved he didn't want to resign, but we definitely needed a change. I don't want to back away from what he did. He helped our program, but as it stands there wouldn't be much he could do."

Doty was contacted this week, but had no comment.

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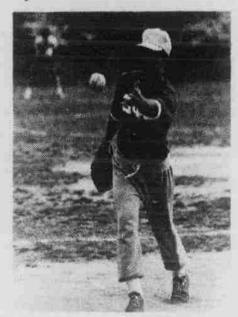
by Ted Avery Staff Writer

For those who tire of constant studying, the Intramural Department offers many sports activities. Among them are volleyball, softball, bowling and golf. According to Intramurals director Dr. Edgar Shields, the program "offers each student, and in some cases faculty members, the opportynity to engage in recreational activity."

Its aim, he feels, is to be "educational in the sense that a student can gain a new skill as will as a new knowledge," In his opinion, Intramurals also provide "the opportunity of social interaction for personal growth."

So farthe Intramurals program has been successful. Turn out has been good, but that is not what Shields feels is a success. Rather he measures the merit of his program by its organization, cleanliness and punctuality. He feels his department has excelled in all three areas.

Consequently things have run smoothly, except for one instance last spring when the miners went on strike. The Intramurals Department was ordered to shut off field lights and close Woolen gym early.



That, however, did not deter Shields.
"You can't sit around complaining when you're better off making a change." So Sheilds made the necessary changes and made up for lost time by scheduling more games in after the miners ended their

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