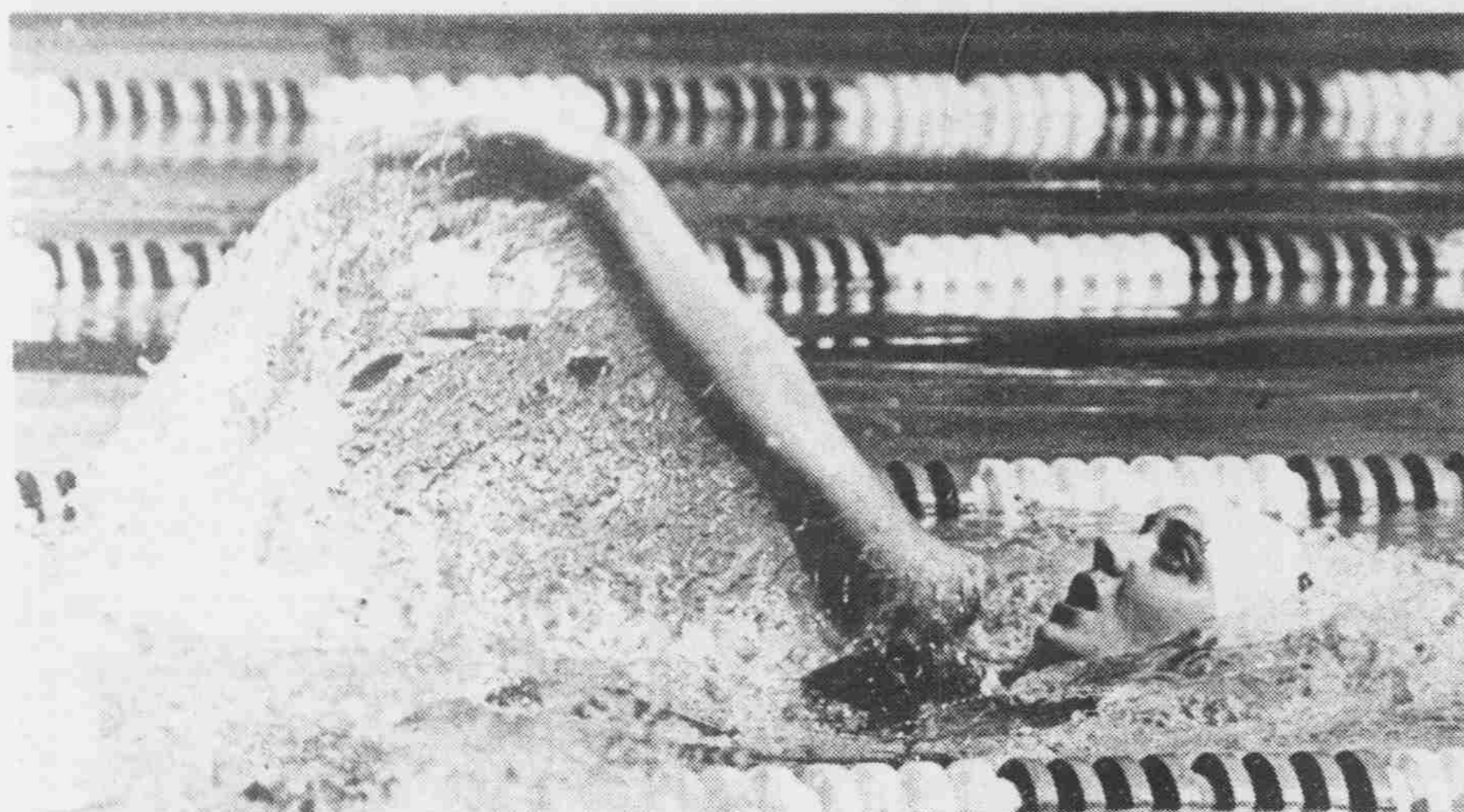


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Cami Berizzi will provide strong support for Sue Walsh in the backstroke.

Swimming

Tar Heels ready to defend ACC titles

By GLENN PETERSON
Staff Writer

The UNC men's and women's swimming teams — each having earned one ACC victory already — are busily preparing to defend their ACC championships of a year ago.

The women are loaded with talent as they look for their fourth straight ACC title. "We have to be considered the prohibitive favorite," coach Frank Comfort said. "The other teams in the conference are playing catchup, and we are the team to beat."

The women lost only two swimmers to graduation — Gayle Hegel and Kaihi Smith — while bringing in seven recruits. "The freshmen have shown that they can contribute," Comfort said. Comfort was particularly excited about freshman Betsy Mitchell. "She may well be the best freshman swimmer in the country," Comfort said.

Four other freshmen women have already made contributions to the team. Soraya Sherwani, a Chapel Hill native, helped the Tar Heels win two events at the Penn State Relays. Mary Lou O'Connor won the 1,000 meter freestyle against Maryland, and Martha McCann won the 400-meter individual medley in the same meet. Amy Bouckaert helped the Tar Heels win the 300-meter backstroke at the

Penn State Relays.

These freshmen join an already talented squad of swimmers. Sue Walsh, a senior, is probably the best backstroke in America, and Cami Berizzi provides strong support in this event. Sue Scott, Amy Pless and O'Connor should provide depth in the freestyle events.

Berizzi and Patty Huey will provide strength in the butterfly, and Polly Winde, Pless, and Jenny Strickland are the best for North Carolina in the breaststroke. Winde and McCann provide strength in the individual medley, and Janice Dalrymple is the best of North Carolina's divers.

The most important part of the season for the women will be the ACC championships. They have been in the top 10 in the country in swimming for the last eight years. "We'd like to think that we are competitive enough every year to compete for the national championship," Comfort said.

The UNC men's team broke a string of 12 consecutive ACC championships won by N.C. State last year, and it would like to continue the tradition it started on the tail end of that string.

"It's nice to start the year on top," Comfort said. "We'd like to think we're the best team this year. Clemson is the team most likely to beat us. N.C. State and Virginia are also going to be good."

The men would like to finish in the top 15 or 20 in the country, Comfort said. The men face a challenge to keep the ACC title at North Carolina since the team lost eight swimmers to graduation.

But Comfort said the team acquired "a very dominant freshman class." Danny Flack and Clay Wellborn will provide top distance freestyle swimming, a dimension Comfort said the Tar Heels have never had.

Billy Williams, from Rocky Mount, was "without question the best swimmer from North Carolina in a decade," Comfort said. Williams will swim the breaststroke and the individual medley races. Doug Sawyer, Doug Meckelburg, and Tim Shea should also contribute to the squad. "We have the best group of freshmen we've had in seven years," Comfort said.

Todd Deckman and Geoff Cassell should lead the Tar Heels in the short freestyle races. Dick Marshall and Chris Stevenson will swim the butterfly.

Eric Ericson and Stevenson are North Carolina's leading backstrokers. Ericson is one of the best in the country. Scott Hammond and Tom Meckelburg will swim the breaststroke, and Evans, Williams and Randy Hyre will participate in the individual medley races. John Dameron is the Tar Heels' leading diver.

Buzz Peterson shifts from point position to shooting guard

By MIKE SCHOOR
Staff Writer

Contrary to much of what was written this fall, Buzz Peterson won't see much action at point guard for UNC this season.

"I feel more relaxed and have more confidence at 2-guard (shooting guard)," Peterson said. "As time went on the pressure built up at the point. I got tired of it real quick. Coach Smith and I decided it would be better."

The Asheville junior expects to see most of his court time as All-American Michael Jordan's substitute. The sixth-man role isn't new to Peterson; before last season's knee injury Peterson, with his long range jumper, was UNC's top bench threat.

So it was no surprise when Peterson's 6-of-9 shooting in relief of Jordan sparked the Tar Heels to an 88-75 victory over Stanford last weekend.

"I got off to a slow start (this season). I wasn't shooting well at all," Peterson said. "I try to get my mind into the game and hit my first few shots. (Teams like) Stanford light up my eyes. They play a packed-in zone and give up the jump shot."

Many questioned whether Peterson would ever again display his trademark jumper. His knee injury last season against Virginia left him in a cast for eight weeks and ended Peterson's season. The Cavaliers' Othell Wilson had run into Steve Hale, who subsequently fell on Peterson's right leg.

Peterson said that leaving Carmichael Auditorium that night uncertain of his basketball future affected him greatly.

"It was the worst feeling in the world," Peterson said. "Why me? I kept saying. When we finally won (a 64-63 come-from-behind victory), it made me feel a whole lot better."

A long stretch of rehabilitation was next for Peterson as he slowly regained much of his strength and quickness.

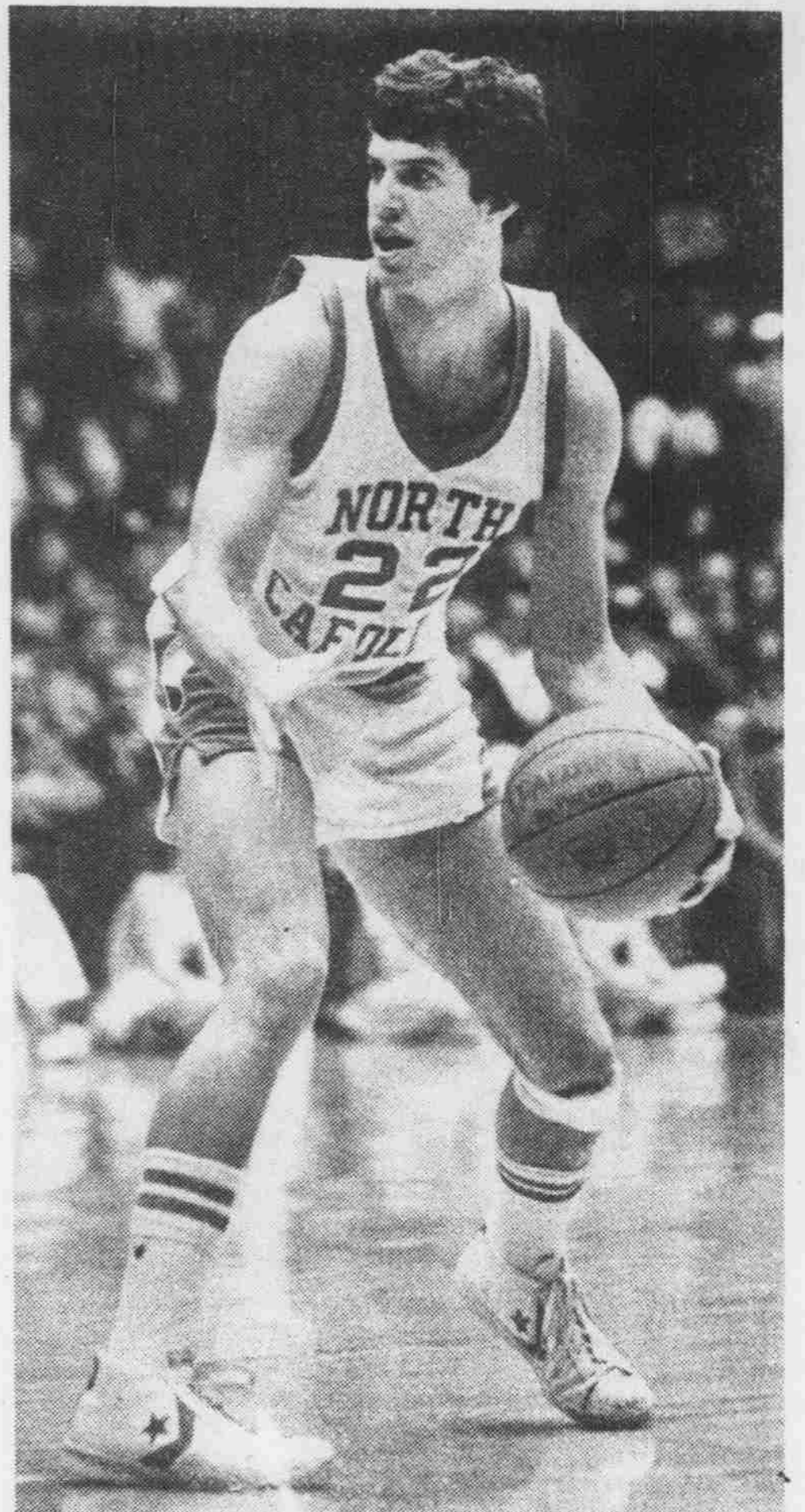
"The injury had an effect on me early on in the preseason," Peterson said. "I feel some days it (the knee) gets tired. The doctors say by January or February it'll be fine."

Peterson, who has hit 50 percent of his shots and is averaging 5.8 points per game, thought UNC had the potential to beat any team.

"Consistency on defense and playing hard will make us a great team," Peterson said. "(Still) there's so much competition out there."

On Saturday night UNC will get a chance to see more of the competition Peterson speaks of. The Tar Heels, now 4-0, travel to the Carrier Dome in New York to play Syracuse.

"Syracuse is undefeated and we're playing on their home court," coach Dean Smith said. "That alone



Junior guard Buzz Peterson says he is more relaxed and confident as a shooting guard for UNC.

means we have to be prepared. They appear to be playing better basketball this year than they did with a more experienced team last season."

Playing in the Carrier Dome is a tough assignment for a visiting team. The Orangemen have a 45-11 record in the Dome, which seats about 33,000 fans.

"I'm looking forward to playing in the Dome," Peterson said. "It should be real exciting."

Justice denies he inspired movie

The Associated Press

GREENSBORO — Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice definitely was everybody's All-American as a football player for the University of North Carolina. Nevertheless, he insists that he didn't inspire a planned movie about a star college athlete.

Justice, 59, was an All-American at UNC in the late 1940s.

University officials earlier this week said Warner Brothers studios could not film on its campus a movie version of *Everybody's All-American*, a best-selling novel by Frank Deford on a former UNC All-American.

The book is about fictional character Gavin Grey's downhill slide after the cheers and accolades in Kenan Stadium ceased. The result was alcoholism and finally suicide.

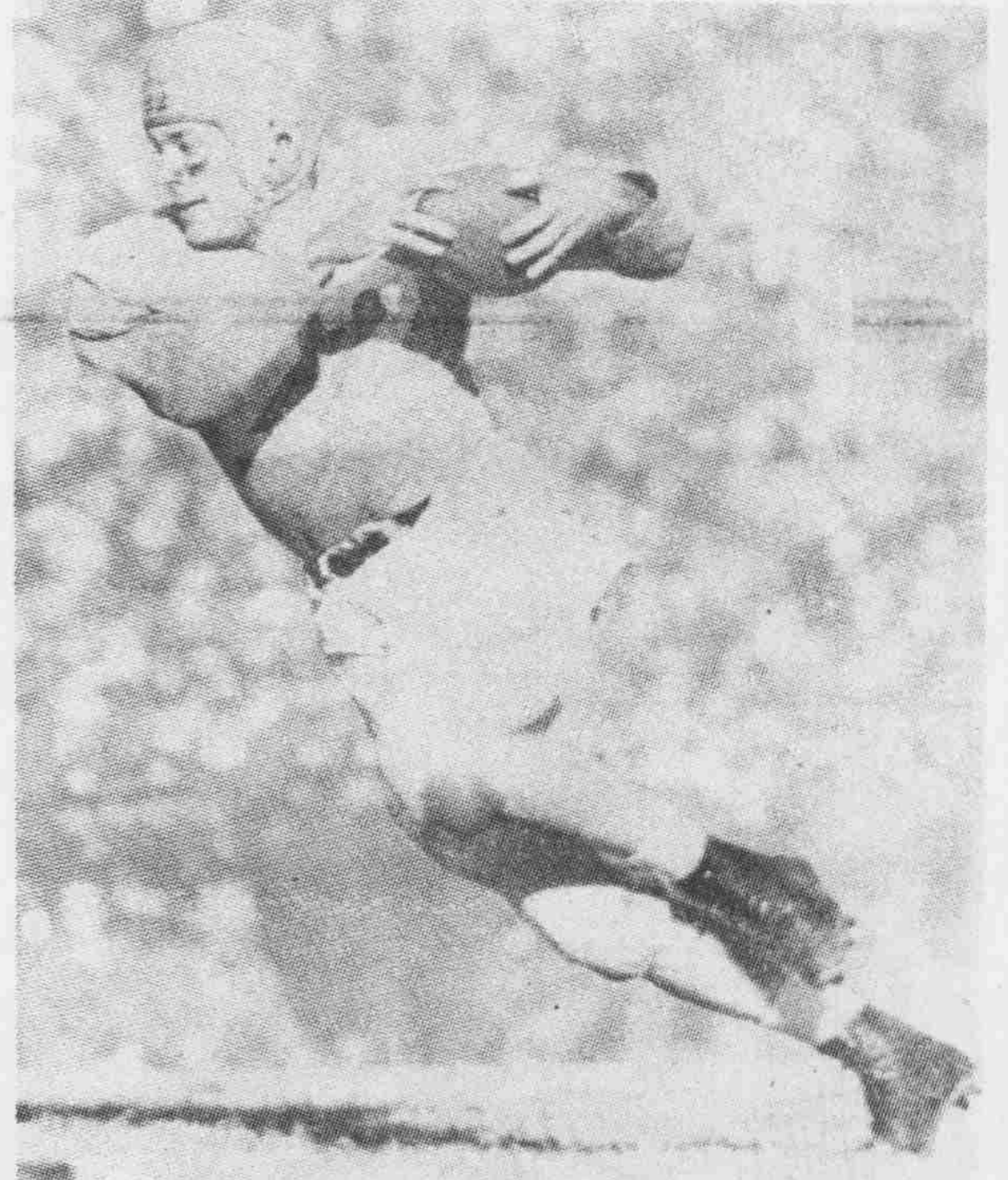
Rumors have abounded that in light of the story's location and time, it is based on Justice's life.

"I think all of this is a lot of foolishness," Justice said. "The film has nothing to do with my life. I really don't want to honor it by commenting on it."

During his heyday, Justice was profiled in *Life* magazine and twice was runner-up for the Heisman Trophy. A song, "All the Way, Choo-Choo," was recorded in his honor.

Paula Wyrick, assistant director of the N.C. Film Office in the state Department of Commerce, said she has seen the script of *Everybody's All-American* and doesn't see how anyone could confuse Gavin Grey with Justice. For one reason, Grey was a star in 1954. The Justice era ended in 1949.

She said when the name Charlie Justice was mentioned to Warner Brothers officials, blank looks were returned.



Former UNC All-American Charlie Justice in his earlier years

"The response was, 'Who are you talking about?'" Wyrick said. "They had never heard of him."

For Justice, life after college has included some setbacks and disappointments along with success and honors. He played three years with the Washington

Redskins and one season was the National Football League's second leading ground gainer.

He has been inducted into the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame and has a building named for him at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE, FALL SEMESTER 1983

All 10 a.m. classes on MWF; *Phil 21	Tues. Dec. 13, 8 a.m.	All 9 a.m. classes on MWF	Mon. Dec. 19, 8 a.m.
All 4 p.m. classes on MWF; *Jour 53; *Busi 71	Tues. Dec. 13, noon	All 3:30 p.m. classes on TTh	Mon. Dec. 19, Noon
All 2 p.m. classes on TTh	Tues. Dec. 13, 4 p.m.	All 1 p.m. classes on MWF	Mon. Dec. 19, 4 p.m.
All 5 p.m. classes on MWF; *Busi 24; *Math 22, 30, 31	Wed. Dec. 14, 9 a.m.		
All 9:30 a.m. classes on TTh	Wed. Dec. 14, 2 p.m.		
All 3 p.m. classes on MWF	Thur. Dec. 15, 9 a.m.	All Noon classes on MWF; *Chem 170L, 171L	Tues. Dec. 20, 9 a.m.
All 11 a.m. classes on TTh	Thur. Dec. 15, 2 p.m.	All Fren, Germ, Ital, Span and Port 1, 2, 3, 4; Russ 1, 2; *Educ 41	Tues. Dec. 20, 2 p.m.
All 8 a.m. classes on TTh	Fri. Dec. 16, 9 a.m.		
All 8 a.m. classes on MWF	Fri. Dec. 16, 2 p.m.		
All 12:30 p.m. classes on TTh	Sat. Dec. 17, 9 a.m.	All 2 p.m. classes on MWF; *Chem 181L	Wed. Dec. 21, 9 a.m.
All 11 a.m. classes on MWF	Sat. Dec. 17, 2 p.m.	All 5 p.m. classes on TTh; *Chem 41L, 42L; and all classes not otherwise provided for in this schedule	Wed. Dec. 21, 2 p.m.

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"We'll work practices around a lab that one player may have," Guttridge said. "In fact during the NCAA's when we were in El Paso, we spent about \$15,000 to fly home before we went to the Final Four so the guys could go to two days of classes."

Guttridge said Smith had benched players for academic reasons, but only as a last resort if the student was not being serious about his classes. "But we usually get a good enough

caliber student coming in that that's not too much of a problem," he added.

Dorrance said he put freshmen in study halls if he thought academics were a problem for them. Some of his student-athletes attended regular tutorials, but they were not required unless the students' grades were well below their potentials, he said.

Steve Hendrickson, who, along with Scott Stankavage and Steve Moss, was named to the

All-ACC academic football team Wednesday, said that football players had tutors and advisers readily available if they needed academic help. "The coaches emphasize doing our schoolwork," Hendrickson said.

"When so much time is going to football, school takes a lot of hard work," he said. "I resent it sometimes when people think you're just a dumb jock, but there's not much you can do about it."

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