Sports

Burnette tops impressive recruiting class

By MIKE BERARDINO

The smile on Mack Brown's face said it all.

After months of criss-crossing the East Coast in hopes of wooing top high school talent to Chapel Hill, Brown and his assistant coaches could finally rest Wednesday, basking in satisfaction over a job well done.

Wednesday's national signing day found 23 players officially opting to help Brown rebuild the downtrodden UNC football program. Among the signees were North Carolina Player of the Year Chuckie Burnette, and Parade All-Americas Julius Reese and Tommy Thigpen.

"After the kind of year we had (in 1988), our fans need a lift," Brown told a small gathering of local media. "They need to see something positive. This year I felt we had to have a good recruiting class. Obviously, this is a happy day for us. We're looking at this as our first big win of the '89 season, even though we may not reap the benefits until 1990 or '91."

Last season, Brown's first with the Tar Heels, UNC stumbled to a 1-10 record, the worst in school history. Wednesday, the many losses of last

fall seemed far from Brown's mind. "This is a tremendous recruiting

year," Brown said. "The most significant thing this tells me as a football coach is that these young men have to be convinced we're going to win here. This should send a message about the Carolina football program that we are on the move, that we are headed in the right direction."

Wednesday's signings still leave UNC two short of the NCAAimposed 25 scholarship limit. Brown said he would probably complete his incoming class this spring, either with junior college prospects or overlooked high schoolers.

Of last year's 20-member recruiting class, nine played as true freshmen, while Randy Jordan sat out due to Prop 48 guidelines. Brown said Wednesday of this year's 23 recruits, "nearly all have cleared" Prop 48's minimum standards.

Corralling Burnette, a mobile 6foot, 180-pound quarterback who led Burlington Cummings High School to a 15-0 record and the state 3-A championship last season, was particularly important. He chose North Tennessee, East Carolina and N.C. Carolina over such competitors as State, turning down planned visits to

1989 UNC FOOTBALL SIGNEES

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Ethan Albright	TE	6-7	225	Greensboro
Cliff Baskerville	DB	5-10	165	Union , N.J.
Bucky Brooks	WR	6-0	170	Raleigh
John Braswell	DL .	6-3	230	Richmond County
Chuckie Burnette	QB	6-0	180	Burlington
James Dematrakis	DL	6-1	265	Greensboro
Scott Falise	OL/DL	6-4	260	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Randall Felton	WR	6-1	180	Durham
Shawn Hocker	OL/DL	6-4	250	Sarasota, Fla.
Corey Holliday	WR	6-4	185	Roanoke, Va.
Steven Jerry	QB	6-1	180	Lyman, Fla.
Rondell Jones	RB/DB	6-3	185	Baltimore, Md.
Steve Mandeville	OL	6-5	250	W. Springfield, Va.
Cookie Massey	DB	6-2	210	Columbia, S.C.
Curtis Parker	OL	6-5	240	Forest Hills
Jon Perry	OLB	6-4	240	Orangeburg, S.C.
Julius Reese	WR	6-4	200	Mount Tabor
Austin Robbins	DL	6-6	260	Washington, D.C.
Ronald Smith	DB	5-9	180	Roxboro Person
Rick Steinbacher	LB'	6-2	218	Columbia, S.C.
Tom Thigpen	LB	6-2	205	Potomac, Va.
Bracey Walker	RB/DB	6-1	180	Pine Forest High
Antuarn Williams	RB	5-11	195	Daytona Beach, Fla.

Notre Dame and USC. "Anytime you get the player of the

year in your state, it's a great step

forward for your program," Brown bemoaned his team's lack of speed. said. "This sends a positive signal about us to the rest of the state."

With Brown still characterizing the UNC quarterback situation as unsettled, Burnette figures to receive the opportunity to step in and play immediately.

"Chuckie will decide by his performance when he is ready to play," Brown said. "That's something that's impossible for us to decide now, but I don't think you rule anything out. One thing about Chuckie that's good is he's very well-coached, and he played in a wide-open offense that threw the ball a lot.'

In his high school career, Burnette threw for 6,473 yards and 52 touchdowns. Both of those marks, along with six others set by Burnette, are state records.

Equally impressive are the inkings of Reese and Thigpen. Reese (6-4, 200) starred at wide receiver for Mount Tabor High, and has 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash, an unheard of commodity on recent Tar Heel teams. Thigpen (6-2, 205, 4.5) made a remarkable 146 tackles and 15 sacks last season at linebacker for Potomac (Va.) High.

Throughout the fall, Brown comfortable.'

That deficiency was obviously addressed in the recruiting process, as the incoming class includes eight! players who run the 40 in 4.5 seconds or better.

"We had a concern last spring with the speed level of our football team when the pro scouts came in and timed us," Brown said. "All the guys in this signing group can run."

For bulk, Brown went out of state! to bring in such notables as Scott! Falise (6-4, 260), Shawn Hocker (6-4, 250), Steve Mandeville (6-5, 250), Austin Robbins (6-6, 260) and Jon Perry (6-4, 240). Perry, from Orangeburg, S.C., was an all-stater who passed over Clemson and South! Carolina for the Tar Heels.

"The difference in college football teams is the players," Brown said "The coaches can all coach, that's not the problem. But you have got to have the talent to have a chance to wins I'm very excited and pleasantly surprised about the kind of talent we've been able to bring in this year.

"I marvel at what coach (Dean) Smith has done in basketball. We have got to recruit every year like we did this year. You can never get

Reveling in Duke's losses

"You know," my friend slurred as he took an unusually large swig from his perhaps 20th beer in the friendly confines of He's Not Here last week, "this, is weird."

Like all great writers, we both graduate years in darkly lit bars hitting on female lacrosse groupies, most of whom spit beer on us.

"The square root of my GPA is higher than my normal GPA, our mascot looks like he has constipation, our basketball team consistently loses away games to mediocre ACC teams and they're taking the Chapel Hill out of UNC-CH," he mumbled.

"Yet I'm happy. Why? Because the Duke basketball team sucks, and I mean bad. Does that make sense?" he pondered.

"Sure it does, Bob," I slurred. "And don't worry, our finance teacher won't notice that we aren't in class tomorrow at 8 a.m. We'll tell him it's some weird Eastern religious holiday. He'll believe us."

Somehow the thought of tackling mortgage rates and discounted debentures didn't sound half as much fun as continuing our discussion of the trials and tribulations of our misguided friends in Durham.

We both took an inordinate 91-71. amount of joy in the fact that Duke (15-4 on the year), a team once touted as the best in the nation (I believe Dick Vitale called them the second coming of Christ or something equally sopping wet like that), had recently lost four of its last five games to tumble from the top spot all the way out of the Top 10.

In short, all I can say is a hearty

Besides, what kind of Tobacco Road school newspaper would we be if we didn't kick our rivals when they're down? We have to rip on them when we can.

In the all-too-turbulent ACC

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spend a large portion of our under- and downs. So I generally avoid all the school-rivalry arguments that

> But lately, I've been getting sick of Dookies. I was drinking a beer in a Duke bar about a month ago, and the conversation took a turn towards

basketball. I was building a fairly convincing (if not completely unbiased) thesis on UNC superiority. The only defense every New Jerse. . . I mean Dookie

. . . had was to remind me that UNC has not won an ACC tournament since 1982. Get a new argument, would you guys? That one is getting

Yes, what about this Blue Devil team? Sure, they were undefeated through their first 13 games, but that was before Duke started playing teams that were legitimate colleges and not branch campuses of say . . . East Alaska State.

In Duke's first game against a Top 20 team, the Tar Heels stomped Duke

Beginning with that loss to UNC, the Devils went on a 1-4 skid, dropping games to Wake Forest (75-71), N.C. State (78-73) and Georgia Tech (81-76).

By the way, I called the Duke sports information office to get those scores. I already knew the scores, but it was sooo much fun to make someone from Duke repeat those painful facts.

Who would have thought that this travesty of a week would happen to Duke? After all, the Blue Devils return 10 of the 12 players who last season carried the school to a 28-7 record, the ACC championship, and world, every team has its share of ups a trip to the Final Four. These guys Hill for some womenfolk.

should be mopping up.

Now, I could spout numerous facts to explain the Blue Devils' woes and I could do some in-depth analysis to tell them what they need to do to bounce back and win, but I won't for two reasons:

■ I wouldn't know a good analytinvariably begin after a few beers are ical basketball fact if it came up and bit me on the rear (Dave, my editor, can attest to that).

■ Why worry about facts? This is supposed to be a column from a slightly-biased paper (I believe the phrase "liberal, pinko-communist, limp-wristed rag" crops up from time to time in our Letters to the Editor).

The reason for making fun of Duke is twofold. First: Hey, this is UNC Duke-bashing is our God-given job. Second: Too many people have been getting down on the Devils, and we shouldn't count them out just yet. But we still have a little bit of time to make fun of them before the season gets serious.

So next time you see (ex-Duke hoopster) Kevin Strickland at Players, or better yet Danny Ferry at Molly McGuire's (both frequent these Chapel Hill bars — apparently due to a shortage of anatomically-correct women in Durham), say "hi," then chuckle under your breath.

Bring up a few choice facts (they don't necessarily have to be true) about how bad the Blue Devils have been lately. But keep in mind, the season isn't over yet.

I guess this is a challenge to Dean and the boys. Show me that I'm not wrong in saying that this could finally be the year to win the ACC tournament (maybe more — hint, hint) and shut up all the critics.

Please prove my ambitous hopes

for Tar Heel success right guys -

or I'll have to start buying Danny, Kevin and the rest of the Blue Devil jerks drinks when they invade Chapel plus

From Chilcutt to Fox: UNC midterm reports

We're halfway through the ACC schedule, and it's time for midterm grades for the boys in blue and

A 5-2 record in conference play is good enough for a B-plus for the man responsible for all of this (what's his name?), but some of his pupils need just a little more work.

Pete Chilcutt — Chilcutt is the leading candidate for the annual Bobby Jones Award as the most technically perfect basketball player in the ACC. Take away a few terrible passes here and there, and you have the "Pete Chilcutt

- How To Play Basketball" textbook at your local bookstores. Just watch him on the boards. He is always in the right spot for a rebound, and it's not mere coincidence. He plays solid defense, hits the open jumper from 12-18 feet and has some nifty moves to the basket in the paint. Go to the head of the class. Grade: A

Steve Bucknall — Everybody knew going into this season that Bucknall was the Tar Heels' defensive ace, but he has become an integral part of this team in other aspects as well. The 6-foot-6 senior, playing at guard this year, has improved his outside game tremendously (41.5 percent on threepointers) while continuing his intense defensive pressure at the other end of the floor. Additionally, on a team that has been called "a bunch of nice guys," Bucknall's win-at-all-costs attitude must become contagious if this team is serious about making a run at the national championship. Grade: B-

J.R. Reid — Since returning from his foot injury, Reid has returned to form as one of the most dominating offensive forces in the nation. Drop-step, two points. Jump hook, two points. You name it, he has it in his repertoire. J.R. already has more inside moves than most professional hoopsters, though he will have to add an outside game (when was the last Dave Glenn Sports Editor

time he made anything beyond 15 feet?) to truly dominate at the pro level. He even plays tough defense when he gets the urge. When he plays full-speed at both ends of the floor for the entire game, he may develop into the dominant leader that this team desperately needs. Grade: B-plus

Kevin Madden - Madden, a 6-4 forward who can jump through the ceiling, has made an amazing progression to one of the ACCs best post-up players. Though usually guarded by taller opponents, Madden has become a scoring machine in the 8- to 16foot range. His 59.8 percent fieldgoal percentage is amazing. The problem is that he insists on going out to the 21-foot range, where he is not making the best use of his talents. He also throws the ball away too often and sometimes plays as if his mind was elsewhere. He's good now, but he can get better. Grade: B

Scott Williams — Williams has taken a lot of heat this year because he's been inconsistent and he hasn't put up the numbers expected of him. But he does lead the team in rebounding and he's shooting better than 50 percent from the floor. He's not a focal point in the UNC offense, but he's still fourth on the team in scoring with 11.6 ppg. Williams' defensive abilities, while not totally polished, increase his value to this team tremendously. He is the Tar Heels' force in the middle (35 blocks) that makes opposing players think twice before going strong to the hoop. Every great team needs one. Grade:

Jeff Lebo — He's struggling right now, but this is the same No. 14 who carried the Tar Heels while Reid was on his winter vacation. He's tied with Madden for the team lead in scoring (16.6 ppg) and leads the Tar Heels in assists and steals per game. He's more of a complete player than most people give him credit for, and that is a big reason why he can still contribute when his shot goes south. However, for Lebo to end his UNC career on a positive note, he has to starting hitting those treys that made him so valuable in the first place. Grade:

King Rice — Yes, I know everybody is excited because he had a great game against Duke and he's hitting a few three-pointers, but Rice is still not somebody who is going to be the difference between winning and losing. He is a strong defensive player, but an offensive liability. He can run the break, but contributes next-to-nothing to the Tar Heels' half-court offense. If he can continue to hit the open threes and keep up the pressure defense, he'll be an average ACC player by tournament time. Grade: C

Rick Fox - Fox has had a couple of phenomenal peformances this year and a couple of real duds. He's a creator on offense, something this UNC squad desperately needs, but he hasn't been a consistent threat. Defensively, he hustles, but he always seems to be a step behind his man. Then, he goes for the block from behind and sometimes gets it - but usually gets called for the foul instead. Also, he's turned the ball over more than any other Tar Heel, and that's in a reserve role. There is no doubt that the talent is there, but there is definitely something missing. Grade: C-minus

The rest of the Tar Heels haven't been to basketball class much, so they all get the dreaded "incompletes."

But as we all know, it's the second half that seperates the men from the boys — and it should be interesting.

Swimsuits for everyone

Oh my. Oh my. Oh my.

The new Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue has come out and - oh

Excuse me for a second while I show it to the rest of the sports staff. (Various noises, coughing, wheezing, clearing of throats, rebel yells, sighs, marriage proposals, whistles, splashes of ice-cold water, and one barking dog. Down, Dave, down!)

For those of you persons of the male persuasion who have not yet seen this issue, I command you to go out and buy it. Go on, both of

For those of you of the female persuasion who are going to write me tomorrow and call me a chauvinist, I'd just like to point out that for fifty weeks out of the year, you get to see Joe Montana and John Elway bending over for the snap count, Michael Jordan's legs as he skies to the basket, and Greg Louganis in his skivvies.

We only get one lousy issue to look at good-looking women, while you get fifty to look at good-looking men! So get off our backs!

John Bland Staff Writer

I think I showed them who's boss around here. They are.

Anyhow, in the interest of science and because I don't have anything better to do, I decided to conduct an informal poll to see what students thought of this year's issue. Besides, it was a great way to meet girls.

Percentage of females who think the swimsuit issue is degrading to

Percentage of men who think the swimsuit issue is degrading to women: Percentage of men who think the

but like it anyway: 20. Percentage of women who feel insecure after looking at the swimsuit

swimsuit issue is degrading to women

Percentage of men and women who vow to hit Weight Watchers after looking at the swimsuit issue: 100.

swimsuit issue: 99. (I talked to a couple of ten-year-old skateboard

Percentage of women who would actually wear these swimsuits: 3.

As for a general review of this year's issue, I just want to point out that I was extremely disappointed with the Kathy Ireland quotient. Sure, she's on the cover, but she's only in one other picture in the entire magazine. Still, I gotta give her an A for effort. (Personal note to Stephanie Sey-

marry you and bear your children?) Now, in order to give you, the valued DTH reader, a thorough, indepth look at the swimsuit issue, I decided that it would be necessary to fly to New York and talk to these

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gals. Unfortunately, since the sports office has been allocated only \$4.38 in travel expenses, my request was laughed at. But, who's to say I can't plan a little road trip of my own sometime? Me and the entire sports staff heading up in Dave's VW to meet these girls. All in the name of Percentage of men who like the research.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily 4 p.m. listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submit-NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of Interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

Thursday

11 a.m. GAIA - Campus Y will hold an adopt-awhale presentation in the Pit until 2 p.m. 12:30 p.m.Women's Studies

Lunchtime Colloquium presents Dr. Karla Holloway to speak on "(Cultural) Moorings and (Spiritual) Metaphors - On: Black Critical Theory, Mythic Texts and Wri ters like Toni Morrison," in Toy Lounge,

3:30 p.m. Association of **Business Students** will hold a general meeting to plan spring events. Check T4 New Carroll for location.

Campus Y Publicity Committee will meet in the Y Lounge, second floor of Campus Y. All are welcome. The Institute of Latin American Studies and the Department of

> Anthropology present Dr. Jefferson Boyer, professor of history at Appalachian State University, who will be speaking on "Those Persistent Peasants In Honduras," in 569 Hamilton. The Academic **Affairs Committee** will meet in Suite C.

Association of International Students will be having an SBP Forum European Style in room 208-209 Union. All are welcome Women's Forum will meet in the Cam pus Y Lounge The Christian

Science Organization will meet in the Union. Check the schedule for the room **Volunteer Action**

5:30 p.m. Committee will meet in the Campus Y to plan for the Valentine's

Day party for Headstart kids. 5:45 p.m. The Baptist Student Union will hold its weekly worship or program at Battle House. All are welcome. For more information call 942-4266.

6:00 p.m. The Black Cultural

Center will sponsor a roundtable discussion on "20th Century Black Experience" in the BCC. Presbyterian Campus Ministry will celebrate Tracy Godwin's birthday. All are invited to the Student Center, 110 Henderson St., for dinner and a

6:30 p.m. Students for the Advancement of Race Relations will meet to talk about past learning and how it influences present attitudes in 200B of the South Campus Union. All are welcome.

7:00 p.m. UNC Investment Club will hold its first meeting of the semester in T7 New Carroll. All students are invited to attend this informal gathering. Pizza will be served. The UNC Outing Club will meet in the

Union.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet in room 205-206 Union 7:30 p.m. UNC-Elections Board will hold a man datory candidates meeting for all running in spring campus elections in room 208-209 Union. 8:15 p.m. The Speech Communications Department will sponsor the play

"From A to Y," a production about America's homeless, in the Great Hall. Free WXYC FM 89.3 will 11 p.m. play the new album from New Order, "Technique," in its entirety with no

interruptions. **Items of Interest**

ALL'ARTE, the art/literary magazine, will be accepting submissions of original prose, poetry and artwork in the Campus Y until

Feb. 17. Senior 200 Race will continue at Ham's and Franklin Street Bar

Intramural team racquetball entries are due Feb. 9. Call the IM-REC Sports office for more information.



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