

# Dead Milkmen to rock Cat's Cradle with acid humor

By **RON CRAWFORD**  
Staff Writer

Rodney Amadeus Anonymous is describing the fans that his band, the Dead Milkmen, attracts: "The people who slow down to look at car wrecks, they'll be in the audience." He adds thoughtfully, "I think the record company should advertise at car wrecks."

If this sounds like your kind of band, you can see Rodney and the rest of the Milkmen — Jasper

Thread, Lord Maniac and Dean Clean (the names change periodically) — at Cat's Cradle tonight.

The Philadelphia-based Milkmen are on the road for the second time this year promoting their latest album, *Beelzebubba*, which features the same hardcore sound and gonzo humor that made songs such as "Bitchin' Camaro" and "The Thing That Only Eats Hippies" underground hits in recent years.

On *Beelzebubba* you can find songs

about Ringo's relationship with the rest of the Beatles ("Ringo Buys a Rifle"), PBS's predilection for volcanoes ("Born to Love Volcanoes") and trailer park paranoia ("Stuart").

Of course, with songs like these, respectability can be a problem.

"Yeah, reviewers always review us as a comedy band," Rodney said. "Well, let 'em consider us a comedy band. We'll be around longer than a lot of 'serious' bands."

Besides, the Dead Milkmen are only doing what comes naturally. "We don't ask, 'Why are our songs so strange?' We ask, 'Why aren't other bands writing songs like ours?'" Rodney said.

The Dead Milkmen began as a fictitious band in a short story written by Jasper (a.k.a. Joe Jack Talcum). Before long, Jasper, Rodney and Maniac had created a newsletter relating the various depravities of the fictional rock'n'rollers.

"Oh, they did drugs, abused women, all kinds of stuff. We liked them because they were so perverse and so sick," Rodney said with a laugh. With the addition of Dean Clean, the Dead Milkmen became a real band, and a demo cassette, *Death Rides a Pale Cow*, was released in 1983.

Five years and four albums later, the Milkmen have a string of college radio hits, including the group's current single, "Punk Rock Girl."

The band is also slated to appear on MTV's dance-schlock show "Club MTV" — which is bound to raise some eyebrows. After all, this is a band that had a big hit with a song called "Instant Club Hit (You'll Dance To Anything)."

Rodney insists it's all the publicists' fault. "We tried everything to get out of doing it. I mean, 'Club MTV' — ugh. We don't mind doing (MTV's) '120 Minutes.' We actually like some of the bands on '120 Minutes.'"

## Sports

### Softball drops two to South Carolina

By **BOBBY McCROSKEY**  
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The UNC softball team dropped an agonizing doubleheader to South Carolina at Finley Field on Monday, losing 4-1 and 2-1.

In the first game, the North Carolina defense was strong and almost impenetrable through seven innings. The Tar Heels, now 20-12 on the season, held the potent offense of the Gamecocks to one run.

But in the extra inning, a flood of hits and errors pushed three Gamecock runs across the plate to snatch victory away from the Tar Heels.

Tracey Narwid and Michelle Rupp led UNC in the first game. Each collected one hit in three at-bats, with Rupp getting the lone RBI by driving in Narwid. Tracy Brower got the loss. She is now 13-6 on the year.

The second game provided drama and a little controversy. UNC had the lead 1-0 in the third inning, with outfielder Theresa Buscemi on third. Vicki Parrott was at the plate, and the fun was just beginning.

Ball four scooted away from the Gamecock catcher. Buscemi headed for home as Parrott began to make her way to first. The South Carolina infield converged on home for the play at the plate.

Unfortunately for Parrott, she didn't notice one Gamecock coming her way. The first baseman came tearing down the basepath, making a baseline for home, and Parrott was in her way.

When the dust had cleared,

Buscemi was out due to batter interference, the first baseman made it to home, and Parrott was left in a heap — still trying to figure out the license plate number of whatever had hit her.

"The call was that batter interference made it unable for the first baseman to make the play at home," UNC coach Donna Papa said. "They called the runner at third out and the batter went to first. I just talked to the South Carolina coach and she said it happened to them one time. It was legitimate."

"It doesn't happen (often). I've been playing and coaching for a long time, and I've never seen that call. The rule is, if the runner would gain an advantage by what the batter did, the batter has to get out of the way of the baseman making the play. If not, they call it interference. At the time, I didn't think it was the correct call, but it is."

It was the emotional turning point of the game. South Carolina held the Tar Heels scoreless the rest of the way — while scoring one run in the top of the fourth inning and another in the top of the sixth.

"I didn't think we'd out-hit them, but we did," Papa said. "We just didn't hit when we had runners on base. We had five hits and one run, but they had two hits and two runs."

For the second game, Lisa McGloin led UNC with 2-for-2 hitting, and Narwid again went 1 for 3 at the plate. Pitcher Regina Finn added one hit and scored one run, but also picked up the loss.

### UNC slows Camel bats for 6-2 win

By **ERIC WAGNON**  
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The UNC baseball team avoided a letdown Monday night against non-conference foe Campbell as it coasted to a 6-2 win. The Tar Heels raised their record to 15-8 as they won their fourth straight game.

"I really believe that we're Campbell's biggest game every year," UNC coach Mike Roberts said. Campbell fell to 4-17 on the year and had its three-game winning streak snapped.

"I think tonight was a carryover confidence-wise from the weekend," Roberts said. "Sunday, we played better than we did Saturday (both vs. Virginia) and I thought, tonight, we played better than we did yesterday."

Left-hander Derek Manning gave up five hits in seven and one-third innings and left-hander Rich Fernandez had five strikeouts in relief for the Tar Heels. "Again, we got a lift from our pitching staff, which has done just an outstanding job," Roberts said. "I thought Derek Manning was very good, and it's the second consecutive good outing for Rich Fernandez."

Right-hander Kenny Milton gave up nine hits in going the distance for the Camels. Milton held UNC hitters to just one hit and a lone run until the fourth inning, when UNC right fielder Scott Hughes opened the inning with an infield single. Milton's control apparently went south temporarily, as he walked Dave Arendas and gave up a single to Steve Bieneman, which drove in Hughes and Arendas.

Milton's control problems continued in the fifth inning, when he hit the first Tar Heel batter, Jesse Levis, with a pitch. A Camel double play helped keep UNC scoreless in the inning, but Milton was shelled again in the sixth for two more runs. In the sixth, after Hughes struck

out to open the inning, Ron Maurer, Arendas and Steve Estroff hit consecutive singles as Estroff picked up an RBI, driving in Maurer. Then, Bieneman drove in Arendas with a squeeze play to score UNC's fifth run of the night. "The area that I would smile the most about, or feel that it's beginning to show up a little, is the offense," Roberts said. Arendas provided much of that offense with three hits and a walk in four plate appearances. Levis, however, who leads the team with a .427 batting average, was held hitless.

Roberts felt that Bieneman's fourth-inning single was the key in getting the Tar Heels' offense rolling. "We got a lot of help this weekend

from our bench," Roberts said. "Again, tonight, with our bench, Bieneman got the big hit. Arendas, Estroff and Maurer are beginning to hit the baseball a little bit, and that's certainly helped."

North Carolina picked up its first run of the night on a creative offensive play in the second inning. With Maurer on third and Arendas on first, Arendas stole second on an 0-1 pitch to Bieneman. Meanwhile, Maurer cruised into home plate.

Roberts sent Fernandez to the bullpen to warm up before the top of the seventh and the move proved to be a portent for Tar Heel starter Manning.

Manning opened the inning by

throwing four consecutive balls to Campbell designated hitter Eric Ellis. The next Camel batter, J.C. Hendrix, almost hit into a double play, but he just beat the throw from the force at second. Camel second baseman LaGrande Russell then sent a 2-2 pitch over the left field wall to account for Campbell's only two runs.

Following Russell's homer, Roberts sent Fernandez to the mound. Fernandez promptly struck out Campbell's Lee Cobler. Campbell outfielder Jon Lucas popped out to right to end the inning.

After travelling to Duke today, the Tar Heels are scheduled to host non-conference opponent Winthrop on Wednesday.

### Michigan works OT to win it all

From staff and wire reports

SEATTLE — Rumeal Robinson made two free throws with three seconds left in overtime to give Michigan its first national championship and cap the improbable ride of interim head coach Steve Fisher with an 80-79 victory over Seton Hall Monday night.

Fisher had taken over the Michigan team just two days before the NCAA tournament began and coached them to the six victories needed for the national championship.

The championship game was the fifth to go into overtime and the first since Loyola, Ill., beat Cincinnati 60-58 in 1963.

Glen Rice was the player who carried Fisher and the Wolverines to the title with 31 points in the final, giving him an NCAA tournament record 184, breaking the 24-year-old mark of 177 set by Bill Bradley of Princeton.

Robinson, who finished with 21 points and 11 assists, got his chance to be the hero when he was fouled by Gerald Greene, who had missed the front end of a one-and-one with 1:17 remaining and Seton Hall leading 79-76.

Terry Mills hit a turnaround jumper with 56 seconds left to bring the Wolverines within one. Seton Hall worked the 45-second shot clock down and John Morton, who finished with 35 points, tossed up an airball with 11 seconds left.

Michigan brought the ball down-court and Robinson began a drive to the basket when he was fouled before shooting. Robinson nailed the free throws and, after two Pirate timeouts, a final desperation three-pointer banged off the glass and Michigan had its first national championship in three title-game appearances.

Men's tennis stomps State  
RALEIGH — The UNC men's

tennis squad won its eighth consecutive match Monday, winning eight of nine contests against the N.C. State Wolfpack at Raleigh.

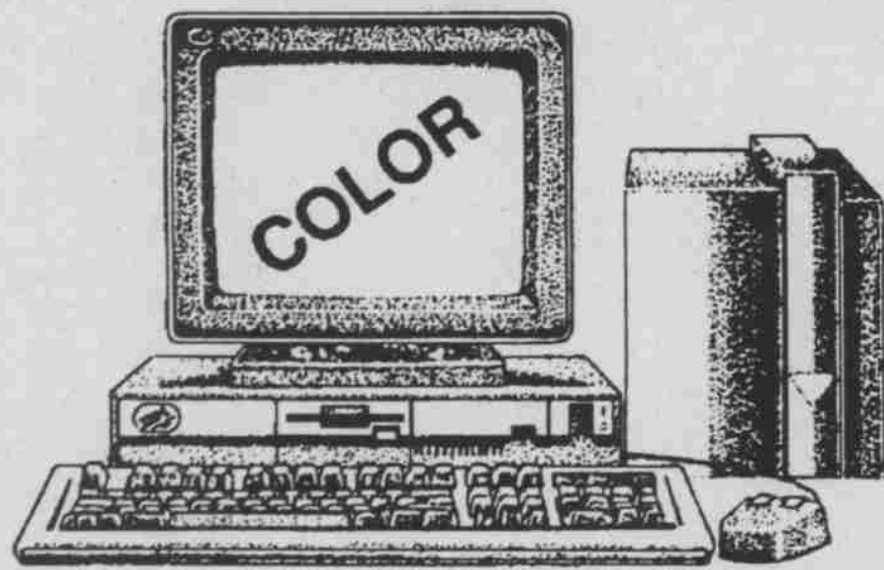
With the victory, the Tar Heels upped their record to 13-5, 3-0 in ACC competition. The Wolfpack dropped to 8-8, 3-1 in conference play.

Singles winners for the Tar Heels were seniors David Pollack and Jimmy Weilbaeher, junior Don Johnson, sophomore Andre Janasik and freshman Bryan Jones.

In doubles, the teams of Pollack/Johnson and Weilbaeher/Janasik cruised to straight-set victories. The freshman tandem of Jones and Joe Frierson put the finishing touches on the UNC triumph with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 win in the number three doubles slot.

The Tar Heels next home action (UNC Tennis Center) is Friday at 2 p.m. against Maryland.

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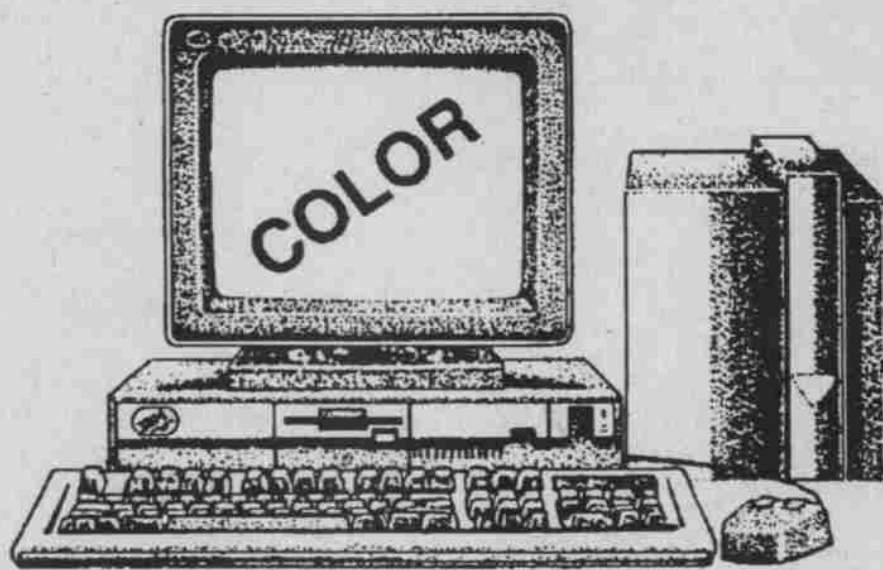
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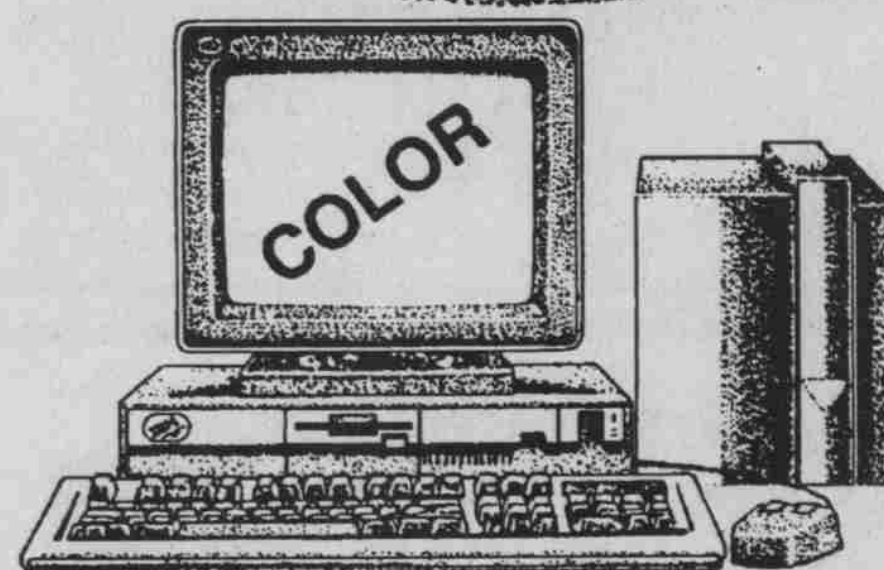
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