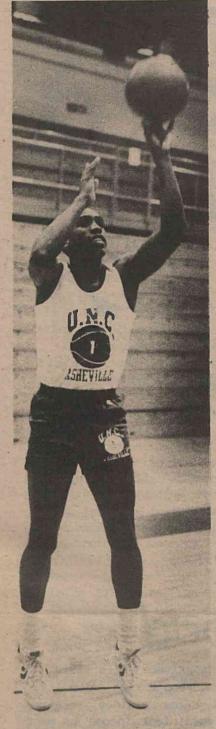
## SPORTS



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UNCA BULLDOG GREG JONES thinks attitude is the name of the game.

## Attitude makes the difference

By Anne Snuffer

Attitude. It's an eight-letter word that means a lot to UNCA Junior basketball player Greg Jones.

That's what his game is all about, and he's the first to admit it.

"You have to have a lot of heart and a good attitude about basketball. That's what makes it exciting," he said.

Since the sixth grade,
Jones has worked on ms
attitude and his game. "I
like the action. I started on my high school team
as point guard, and
worked my way up," he
added.

Working his way up meant starting on the team of Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida, his home town.

From there, the Bulldogs recruited him to play as a junior transfer student.

Jones takes his position of point guard seriously. "I dictate the tempo of the game. If I get erratic on the court, the whole team will get that way," he said.

Jones feels it's "just part of his job as a part of the team" to control the team's plays.

Coach Jerry Green said Jones is an excellent leader. "He does a good job of directing the team and handling the ball against pressure," he said.

Green feels Jones has "an outstanding attitude not only towards school, but also towards basketball."

Green said Jones is the only player the Bulldogs ever signed without Green seeing him play first.

"I saw him play on film and Assistant Coach Mike Sams saw him play in person. Coach Sams highly recommended him," said Green.

His first priority isn't to see how many points he can score. "I don't mind giving up 20 points a game to somebody else, as long as we win," Jones added.

Jones said his game strategy consists of taking one step at a time and "playing as hard as I can."

He enjoys getting out on the court and working with the team, and he feels like this year's team is a tightly knit group.

"We do a lot of things off the court together. 10 of the players in Moore Dorm got together and painted the hall and laid down new carpet. That really helped us to get to know each other," he said.

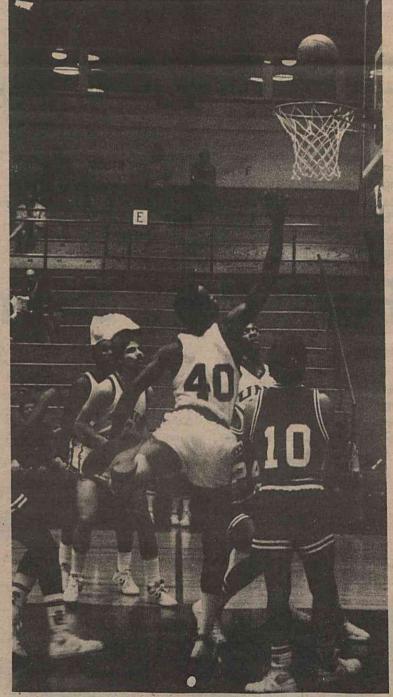
Jones faces each practice with the same type of attitude he has in a game. "I like to work hard in practice. I'd rather work hard and hurt in practice than be down in a game. I just think about how practice will help me in the long run."

His attitude also gives him confidence about what he does off the court. "I take pride in my schoolwork, and I really try hard," he added.

As for next year, Jones said he's "pretty sure he'll play" for the Bulldogs. As for his future, Jones doesn't know what he'll do with his major in business administration. "I don't want to

think about work right now," he said.

For the time being, Jones is content to think only about school, basketball, and his attitude. "Attitude is the key to it all. You've got to want it from the inside before you get on the court and put it all together," he added.



UNCA'S BULLDOGS MANAGED to give the sting to the UNC
Greensboro Hornets in Monday's game at Justice Gym.
The Bulldogs had to overcome a tough delay offense in
order to defeat them.

Staff photo by Caroline Brown

## Bulldogs sting Hornets

By Joan Sterk

The Bulldog men's basketball team overcame the Hornets' delay offense to defeat the University of North Carolina at Greensboro 68-49 Monday night at Justice Gym.

Coach Jerry Green said the Hornets "were holding the ball using a very disciplined offense."

It wasn't until 10 minutes into the game that UNCA applied effective defense, breaking the Hornets' strategy of holding the ball.

"We doubled up on them at the 10-minute mark which forced 14 turnovers in the first half," Green said. He credited UNC Greensboro with being "very well coached and playing smart."

Coach Green felt the delayed offense was good strategy. He said the Hornets played "like they wanted a 40-point ballgame, but we applied defensive pressure and played our game."

The Bulldogs didn't let the Hornets score for the last five minutes of the first half and pulled ahead from 15-16 to a half-time lead of 26-16.

The Bulldogs also took advantage of free shots in the first half, hitting 100 percent from the free throw line. The Hornets never went to the line in the first half.

"Jeff Jones had an excellent first half," said Green. Jones had 12 points in the first half, finishing with a game high 16 points.

The Bulldogs were in control of the second half, eventually building a 23-point lead with over three minutes remaining.

Seniors Dwayne Winston and Tom Haus each scored seven points in the second half, finishing with 11 and 12 points respectively.

Every member on the team got to play in this 19point victory. Coach Green said he was pleased with the way the team played.

"It was a balanced second half and a lot of people who don't see a lot of playing time played very well," Green said. "They were very unselfish and played together as a team."

The win brought UNCA to a 5-2 record, while UNC