Black Frosh Recruits Bolster Tar Heel Football Future...

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The way to keep a successful football program on top is to sign the best high school players available, year-in and year-out.

UNC football coach Bill Dooley and his staff, annually convince the cream of the football crop in North Carolina and Virginia to come to Chapel Hill. This year was no exception. All of the 1977 signees possess the basic ingredients one looks for in a football player - aggressiveness and durability. Here's a rundown of the Black freshmen who are trying to find places on the Tar Heel varsity:

Amos Lawrence, a 5-10, 180pound speedster out of Virginia Beach, Virginia heads the list. Lawrence is currently listed as the number two man at the all-important tailback position. He averaged 7.2 yards per carry during his high school career and he supposedly has the ability to quickly change directions a la Gale Sayers, O.J. Simpson and Tony Dorsett. According to his high school coach, Lawrence is destined "to be a legend in Chapel Hill before he's through.'

The Tar Heels also landed from Virginia Beach and Lake Taylor High, Donald Lucas, a 6-4, 240pound lineman. Lucas and Lawrence thus are united with their former high school teammate, sophomore defensive back Ricky Barden.

Another gem in this year's crop is Steve Streater. The 6-0, 160pound native of Sylva is an extraordinary athlete. He was an all-star at quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back, and punter at Sylva-Webster High, but he will concentrate on defensive backfield duties here. Streater also plans to play baseball in the spring.

Other backs signed include Walter Sturdivan, a 5-11, 194-pound dynamo from Rockingham. He, along with Donnie LeGrange (a N.C. State signee) formed the most explosive backfield in the state last year at Richmond County. Sturdivant will be tried at wingback.

Tyress Bratton 6-2, 182 from Thomasville, was a linebacker in high school but will try defensive back in college. A former state high hurdles champion, Bratton will also run track.

Unheralded Mark Sturgis (5-11, 180) from Salisbury and Travis

Freeman (6-2, 195) from Jacksonville round out the backs. Sturgis is being installed in the secondary, while Freeman, who packs power with speed, is one of many attempting to fill Mike Voight's shoes at tailback.

In addition to Lucas, Carolina got a couple of behemoths in Manteo's Hannon Frye (6-3, 242) and Lumberton's Donnell Thompson (6-41/4, 242) to help in the rebuilding of the offensive line.

All of these freshmen come here with high hopes, superb statistics, and dogged determination, but few step into the limelight immediately. Which ones are tomorrow's superstars?

It'll be fun just to wait and see. and dogged determination,

... And Chapel Hill High Plans A'77 Aerial Show

The Tigers of Chapel Hill High plan to make a lot of manned space flights this football season.

Coach Gary Moser expects big things out of starting signal-caller Darrell Dickey who passed for over 1300 yards in eight games as a junior. Dickey will have two cat-quick receivers in seniors George Galbreath and Reggie Barber, who ran 4.6 and 4.5 forty yard dashes respectively.

But in order to be good, safe air expeditions, one must have a potent ground crew. With seniors P.J. Garrett and Anthony Sharp, Moser feels the backfield is well equipped to handle any situation.

But there are technical problems being confronted on the offensive

a few vacancies. Burnette is expected to pull double-time at nose

and Donnie Farrow competing for

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line, namely inexperience.

The top applicants for the vacancies on the line are Archie Burnette, 6-foot, 200-pound senior, Ben Pratt, 6-foot, 225-pound junior, Jerry Galloway, 6-foot, 190-pound transfer from Mississippi, Gary Williams, 5-9, 185-pound senior, and co-captain Reggie Smith, 5-10, 196pound senior.

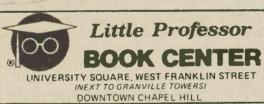
The defense will also have to fill

guard, with seniors Kenny Austin (210 pounds), John Shadady (200 pounds), and Reggie Smith at tackles. At defensive end, Steve Basnight is one sure bet, with Scott Frauschi, Billy Miketa, and Gerald Atwater battling for the other end.

The linebacking crew shapes up with Alan Atwater, Reggie Barbee, the starting jobs.

The defensive backfield should be of little concern to the coaching staff with one junior, Terry Edwards, and four seniors, George Minor, Paul Silver, Lee Sanford, and Galen Edwards holding down posi-

The Tigers will be seriously challenging for the Big Seven crown this season if they stay free of injuries. Chapel Hill High could be as wellknown for its aerials as Cape Ken-



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