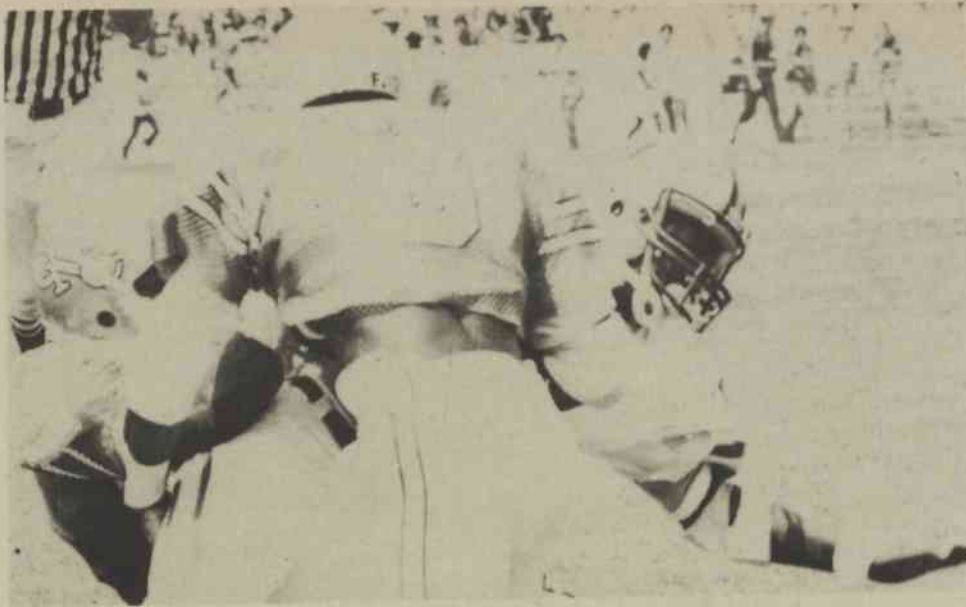




Bryant rolls up 105 yards rushing



Bratton assists on tackle



Band members waiting for pre-game show



Few Black faces can be seen in crowd

Game Scenes

Football season has begun, and the Ink's ready for it.

In the last paper the South Campus Predictors correctly predicted the winners of the September 6 game against Furman.

Here are a few scenes from that game, at which Carolina destroyed Furman, 35-12. (Photos by Kenneth Griffin.)

Blood clot was reason for J.R.'s pain, not jealousy

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The headlines in Houston newspapers read: WHO SHOT J.R.'s ARM? It had all been one ridicule after another for James Rodney Richard, but after his near-fatal stroke, while working out in Houston's Astrodome, all doubters were quieted.

The media, fans, and even teammates accused J.R. of being jealous of teammate Nolan Ryan's large contract. This was followed by accusations that J.R. was just loafing.

Even Richard himself could not explain his ailment. He just described his arm as being "tired," therefore, this unexplainable problem prompted the criticism.

It is a wonder how anyone could doubt J.R.'s complaints. Until the blood clot stopped him, Richard had not missed a start in five years. He was the most devastating pitcher in baseball with a fastball that gained velocity as the game grew longer.

His 6-8 frame was intimidating as well as an asset. The stroke stopped him at a 10-4 record and J.R. was a leading candidate for the Cy Young Award. His credentials speak for themselves; a 1.89 earned run average and he had already accounted for 119 strikeouts.

Days before the stroke, Richard had been told by doctors that he could work out under supervision. A clot had been discovered in an artery leading to his right arm, but Richard's doctors considered the clot stable and of no harm.

Richard decided to test his arm in the Dome, and the rest is history.

Although J.R. experienced the tired feeling in his arm before the All-Star break, he was still able to make the All-Star game. Richard started the game and if he was having problems, it was not evident. He gave up only one hit in two innings. After the game, Richard had a poor showing against Atlanta and the experts were active again.

More ridiculing filled the sports pages of

the Houston newspapers.

The operation to save Richard's life was a success, but is this what it takes for a man to have someone believe?

J.R.'s critics had been reduced to an embarrassing lull and it took near-death to silence them.

Some of his black peers felt that if J.R. had been a white superstar, he would have been treated differently. Maybe it was just the fact that the fans and media could not understand J.R. not being his old workhorse self.

The Astro was the key to Astro's pennant hopes.

The large salaries are raising the expectations of athletes; Richard's talents are worth the money.

Whether or not J.R. Richard will pitch again is unknown because the extent of the damage to his arm has not been determined.

This incident will be a bitter pill for the experts to swallow.

Hopefully they will not have to take a second dose.

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For the first time

Athletes in other dorms

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Was your old room in Hinton James stolen by a 6-4, 250 pound giant? Probably not. But for the first time ever, James is home for players on the UNC football team. Approximately twenty freshman players are staying in James this year.

Phyllis Graham, Assistant Director of Housing for Contracts and Assignments, says these players were assigned to James this year in an attempt to "place athletes in the mainstream of campus life."

Graham says that University Housing, in conjunction with the UNC coaching staff, have begun placing incoming freshman in the three South Campus dorms on a yearly rotational basis. She adds that since spaces for athletes were already allotted in James, there were no extra closeouts.

Do players feel James is worth the

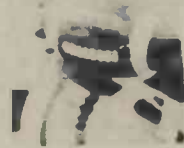
walk?" Linebacker Dwight Parrish enjoys the opportunity to get away from the fieldhouse and all the same ole faces.

Defensive back Walter Black likes James because he feels more like a regular student. Black also enjoys the opportunity to get away from some of the stereotypes often tagged on football players.

The only negative factor either player could think of was the distance from the practice field. Black added that players living in Morrison could sometimes run up to their room during practice breaks but because of the time factor, those in James could not.

Has the change affected other residents? Dorm Governor Eli McCullough feels that the residents generally enjoy the players. McCullough feels that things will be more spirited around the dorm during football season, but admits things could get a little

rowdy sometimes.



Florida should beat Tech

The Sports Editor of Black Ink takes sole responsibility for the oversight appearing in the predictor's Column on the September 2 issue. The Arkansas vs. Texas contest was played Monday, September 1, and

not during the September 6-7 weekend as stated in Black Ink. Also, the pointspread of games in the Predictor's Column will be deleted in this and every future issue of Black Ink.

Games of Sept. 20-21 weekend

John Hinton	Virginia at NCSU	Georgia Tech at Florida	Michigan at Notre Dame	San Diego at Denver	Tampa Bay at Dallas
Thomas Walker	Virginia	Florida	Notre Dame	San Diego	Dallas
Ken Alexander	NCSU	Florida	Michigan	Denver	Tampa Bay
James Mebane	NCSU	Florida	Notre Dame	San Diego	Dallas
Mark Melton	NCSU	Florida	Michigan	San Diego	Dallas
John Sutherland	NCSU	Florida	Michigan	Denver	Dallas