

Transition includes working closely

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Another transition at UNC-CH, from playing high school football to college football, is working closely with the other football player teammates.

Because of limited time schedules for other activities, the football players spend much of their time together.

Aaron Jackson, a sophomore, said he believes that the time spent together helps them to get along. "If a mistake occurs on the field, it might cause arguments and paranoia if we didn't know each too well," he said.

"Team unity is always in hand. There is mutual respect. Everyone has a job to do and everyone thinks they can get the job done," Jackson said.

Mark Smith, a 6-foot, 175 lb. sophomore wide receiver from Fayetteville, N.C., played running back at E.E. Smith High School.

Smith said the basic difference in the two positions is that playing flanker "requires more motion. I had to learn to catch the ball — I had never done that before I got here."

"Everything here deals with the system; my basic adjustment was to learning the system. I could do basically everything they wanted me to do when I got here except catch the ball," Smith said.

He said he chose UNC-CH because "everything I favored was here — academically, football, and the environment in general."

"Study hall, basically, helped me in English. I use to breeze through things and study hall gave me a different outlook and understanding of things, Smith said, an RTVMP major.

To balance everything, Smith spends his time wisely studying a great deal and making constructive use of his free time Sundays.

He played frequently on the varsity squad last year and was slated for the starting flanker position this year. However, he has been moved to number two on the depth chart behind Larry Griffin, freshman from Chesapeake, Va. Smith sees his future on the team "as the best that I can make of it. Right now the future looks great," he said.

Smith agreed with Jackson about the team working as a unit. "You become attached to them, it's like being part of a family. There is a certain closeness because we all went through the same things teamwise," he said.

Bobby Cobb, a junior walk-on from Mebane, N.C., played tight end at Orange High School where he was team captain. At UNC-CH Cobb served as a wide receiver.

Because of a compound fracture and dislocation of his finger, Cobb has been red-shirted for this year. Therefore, because of his injury, he's ineligible to play this year, but can next year.

"If I had been playing any other position it would have been all right but catching the ball puts pressure on the finger," Cobb said. "I'll decide at the end of the season whether

or not I will return next year."

Cobb has two years of eligibility remaining.

The basic change in the two positions is that the tight end blocks from the line of scrimmage while the wide receiver has to possess more speed and pass catching ability.

"UNC is more competitive and more complex" than Orange High School, Cobb said. "There is more pressure, and more competition as for trying to get a position and hold it. If you get hurt there's someone to take your place," he said.

Cobb said he chose UNC-CH because "I had always been a Carolina fan and I was attracted to the blue and white. I had two first cousins and a next door neighbor here. When I visited (the campus) I liked it."

"Managing time is very hard. Study hall helped a lot, by being held for two hours Monday through Thursday," he said. Cobb is a RTVMP major.

Adjusting to Carolina is a continuous process. Balancing football and academics is extremely hard, but Carolina has a tradition of not having football players but having student-athletes. Although adjustment is long and hard with help from the coaches it can be done.

Carr said, that "in recruiting we look for a good athlete and academic grades that meet the University standards.

"Most importantly we look at the person. The present members of the team give their opinions on prospects and how they feel recruits adapted to UNC program on their visits," he said.

"We strive for closeness who will fit in well with everyone that's already here. The closer the team — the better they play with each other and ultimately the better program you will have," Carr said.



Calvin Daniels

Outside terror!

Calvin Daniels, a senior outside linebacker helped anchor the Carolina defense this year. The Tarheels whipped Duke, 31-10 and accepted an invitation to play Arkansas in the Gator Bowl, Dec. 28 in Jacksonville, Fla.

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By 1952, she began professional training in the field of dance, with Pearl Primus in New York, and in 1954 gave her first performance as a singer in the opera "Porgy and Bess." While touring with a European company she visited 22 countries in Europe and Africa. She then worked as an associate editor of a newspaper in Cairo and as a free-lancer in Ghana.

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