

New Writer Sees Potential In Whiteley's Boys

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Reading the Lance sports page a couple of weeks ago, I noticed an SOS for sportswriters in Mick Meisel's column. About five hours and a half a fifth of Jack Daniels later I decided to take him up on it. If a waterheaded half-wit like Bob Quincy could do it, I saw no reason why a drug-addled student impersonator could not. So the next day, feeling the double-barreled throb of a warm

weather cold and a ninety proff hangover, I accosted Mick in the hall.

L.P.: Mick, I've been thinking about writing an article for the Lance. Do you still need people?

He must have sensed a confrontation with a desperate man, because he did not hesitate in offering me an assignment.

Mick: Need people? Hell yes. What do you want to do? We've got soccer wrap-up,

women's volleyball, senior citizens' shuffleboard....Wow, of course you can do an article!

L.P.: I don't know if it would be real good. My articles seem to get mixed responses.

Mick: You'll do fine. Why don't you write the basketball preview.

L.P.: Basketball preview?

Mick: Yeah. Just go talk to Coach Whitely, maybe watch a couple of practices, then write it down.

L.P.: Basketball, hugh. I'll see what I can do.

What I did was to wait until Monday to go see the coach. It was just before practice and he was in a good mood for talking, but when I told him I wanted a basketball scholarship, he became visibly upset. I grinned slowly and told him I was only kidding, that in actuality I was going to write an article on this year's hoop squad. This relaxed him considerably and he even joked a bit, asked me if I slept with my shades on. I dismissed the remark with a chuckle and we went on with the interview.

This year's team is largely unproven, yet it has the potential to be substantially superior to the teams of the last two years. In addition to four returning lettermen, there are two junior college transfers and a freshman who

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should all contribute. In past years SA has been severely handicapped under the boards by a lack of size. Teams with a strong inside game made easy pickings by going in over the shorter defenders. This year, Whitely believes, SA will have one of the stronger inside games in the conference. The addition of JuCo transfer Dave Horne and freshman Butch Keller means that at times SA will have three men in the lineup over 6'4" (returning center Cliff Summers is 6'6"). Add to these three returning postman Larry McDaniel, and one can see that the rebounding should be there.

With better rebounding, the team will be able to do more things, both offensively and defensively. This means that this year's team should be able to run more, especially against man-to-man defenses. JuCo transfer Donverse Rookard (he came, along with Horne from Montreat Anderson) will do most of the ball-handling work, and guard the opponent's best backcourter. Rookard at 6'2" has excellent size for a guard and is reputed as a defensive stand-out. Letterman Greg Smith will be on one wing with Horne on the other side. Horne, at 6'5", will present match-up problems for any team for despite his size, he is quick. McDaniel, Summers, and Keller will share the high and the low post duties in the 1-4 offense Whitely favors.

This is a young team, having no seniors in the ten man group. Depth should be improved, however, because all the players have ability to

contribute. David Strasburger and Brent Bystryzoki will be called on to spell Rookard and Smith. Both are accurate shots and steady ball handlers. Both are accurate shooters and steady ball handlers. Cyril Spann and Bob Pelton will be used to give either wing man a breather.

As was said earlier, this is a young largely unproven team. Injuries could be vital, especially with only ten men on the roster. But good teams grow closer with adversity and feed on the weaknesses of their opponents instead of dwelling on their own. With a few good breaks and much hard work SA should look forward to something it's not seen in a while, a winning basketball season.

Well, before I get back to my dose of yohimbe before the evening news, I should mention that the season begins on November 20 when our forces meet Greensboro College in the Limestone Invitational, in Gaffney, S.C.

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PIRG Opposes Bill

"The big winners in the pluralistic system are the highly organized, wealthy, and motivated groups skilled in the art of insider politics."

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The major piece of consumer legislation facing the U. S. Congress this year will receive a final vote by the House of Representatives in the next two weeks. Having passed the full Senate and the House committee on Governmental Operations, the Consumer Protection Act of 1975 continues to be one of the most hotly debated bills in Washington.

"It's the worst bill I've seen in 33 years in Washington," said Eugene Hardy, lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers, "and there's nothing we can do to make it a good bill."

"The CPA would serve solely as an advocate for those who purchase or acquire goods and services, just as legions of attorneys and lobbyists now represent the interests of those who produce these goods and services ... it could help restore public confidence in the federal system," counters consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

What would the Consumer Protection Act really do? It would establish an independent, nonregulatory Agency for Consumer Advocacy (ACA) to speak for consumers in Washington, C.C. the ACA will be authorized to advocate the in-

terests of consumers before federal agencies and courts, and to provide the public with information about consumer matters. ACA will have no authority to issue standards or other regulations, to impose fines or penalties, or to force businesses to change their practices.

The ACA Administrator may seek judicial review of any agency action reviewable under law, if it is necessary to protect consumer interests. In addition, the ACA is authorized to act as a clearinghouse for consumer complaints. The legislation authorized a maximum funding of \$15 million for the first year of operation, \$20 million for the second year, and \$25 million for the third year.

Backers of the CPA legislation point out that the ACA would be an anti-inflation advocate within the Executive branch, concentrating on the rigid and previously unchallenged policies of those industry-beholden regulatory agencies which prevent competition in the marketplace from achieving its efficiencies. According to Department of Justice Antitrust Chief Thomas Kauper, studies have indicated that price-fixing and waste allowed by three federal agencies (CAB, FMC, and the ICC) regulations cost the consumer between \$8 and \$16 billion yearly.

Is the CPA bad for business? Montgomery Wards and a host of other businesses do not think

so, and they have endorsed the bill. Perhaps the most direct answer to this question, however, came from Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.), who said "this bill is not anti-business. It is pro-consumer and what is good for consumers is good for responsible business." If

The fight against the CPA has been led by major corporate interests, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (budget: about \$20 million), the National Association of Manufacturers (budget: about \$6.7 million) and the National Association of Food Chains (budget: about \$1.25 million). If this well-financed opposition is to be overcome and an effective voice for consumers created, then individual citizens who support the CPA must make their presence felt. You can do this by writing to your U.S. Representative and urging them to support the Consumer Protection Act (HR 7575) and to oppose any weakening amendments when it comes to a floor vote in the next few weeks.

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