

Ballard is making it big

By Danny Hubbard
Sports Editor

A locomotive rolled into Elon earlier this month and has enrolled for the spring semester.

He is Quinton Ballard, the 6 foot, 3 inch, 290 pound nose-guard from the Baltimore Colts, who is back to finish his doctoral science degree.

During Ballard's college career, Elon won two straight national championships. Ballard was one of the most intimidating defensive players in this area and served as tri-captain his senior year.

He remembered those days and he talked about former head coach Jerry Tolley and his new mentor, Frank Kush. "He (Kush) and Tolley have a lot in common; they do the same things mentally, and they like to take their image seriously," he said.

About the newly-named head coach Macky Carden, Ballard said, "I think he's going to be an excellent coach; he's experienced."

As for Wright Anderson, under whom Ballard played for one year, he said the WSFL's Oklahoma franchise offered "an excellent opportunity for Coach Anderson to take."

Discussing the change of atmosphere from small-college to big-time publicity, Ballard said, "There is more mental pressure than physical pressure. The first week I was skeptical, but I had confidence in myself as the weeks progressed."

All of that confidence almost went down the drain when a knee injury struck Ballard during the pre-season. "I panicked," he said. "I was more afraid because I never had a knee injury before, and the hard part was with the comeback trail."

But Ballard made it back, and in his first start on Nov. 6 he received the game ball for his performance against the New York Jets. "That's probably the biggest thing I remember," he said of 1983.

Other things he remembers are the players he met and played against, some of them legends. Ballard said, "I remember tackling Franco Harris, and after the game I told him that I didn't want to hurt him because he was like my grandfather. People don't realize that when I was nine years old, Franco was already in the NFL. Well, he told me to stop lying because he said that I was trying to tear his head off."

The best hit, according to



Quinton Ballard

Ballard, came against Philadelphia's quarterback Ron Jaworski. "I don't know how he (Jaworski) got up, because for about five seconds my arm was numb, so I know that he was feeling some pain," Ballard recalled.

For now, Ballard plans to finish school and start 1984 training. He said he is anxious to play for the Colts again because, "I am looking forward to starting, and I want to be in the race for the sack title."

The adaptation of being a professional has gone smoothly for Ballard as he explained, "I do my job and I'm a survivor. "The biggest thing is to protect myself and my livelihood."

News briefs

Worship Service

The Elon College Gospel Choir will sing at the Tuesday morning campus-wide worship service in Whitley Auditorium at 9:30 a.m.

Last Minute Workshops

A resume help session will be offered tonight for seniors who have not prepared a resume but who want to participate in campus interviews. Come with a blank sheet of paper and pen/pencil and leave with a rough draft at 7 p.m. in 105 Mooney (LRC).

Students are also invited to a discussion on interviewing—what to expect, what to wear, getting prepared, controlling nervousness.

United Pentecostal Church

You are invited to the United Pentecostal Church in downtown Burlington at 256 W. Davis St., a half a block off Church Street between Goodyear and Northwestern Bank. Services each Sunday are at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 584-6057.

Glen Raven Mills donates \$80,000 to PRIDE II

An Alamance County textile firm has donated \$80,000 to the PRIDE II Campaign at Elon College to challenge other county donors to support the fund raising drive.

Glen Raven Mills Inc. will offer \$1,000 to Elon College for every gift or pledge of \$1,000 or more that any individual, company or organization in Alamance County makes to the PRIDE II Campaign, up to \$80,000 toward the campaign goal.

The challenge gift was announced recently at a kick-off luncheon of the Alamance Campaign, a mini-campaign within the PRIDE II schedule of events. PRIDE II, an acronym for "Providing Resources for Institutional Development at Elon," is a \$5.7 million capital campaign, the largest in the history of the institution. Funds generated through the campaign will be used for endowment, current expenses, campus improvements, and the construction of a new fine arts center.

Elon College President Fred Young said the challenge was realistic but would require considerable effort on the part of volunteers in the county.



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