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Few could have been surprised when Mike McGee was chosen as the successor to Tom Harp as Duke's gridiron coach. Once it was decided to give Harp the axe, Mike had the inside track.

Best remembered in New Bern as a great High school lineman for the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets, he is fondly recalled at Duke as an All-American who later played pro ball until injuries put him on the shelf.

McGee had a rather unspectacular first season as a college coach. Perhaps too much was expected when he took over the reins at East Carolina University. At any rate, his 1970 Pirates fared rather badly.

He will be operating in a much faster league in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but is inheriting some pretty fair talent. Included on his varsity roster next season will be New Bern's Chuck Mohn. Chuck is no stranger to Mike. Eager to quickly build a power at the Greenville institution, McGee tried hard to recruit



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young Mohn when he graduated from New Bern High.

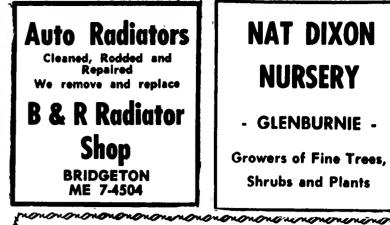
Harp, anxious to find a capable replacement for his stellar quarterback, Kinston's Leo Hart, whose Blue Devil career concluded this year, was quite pleased when Chuck accepted a grant in aid.

If you saw Wide World of Sports on television last Saturday, you'll no doubt agree that Cassius Clay in his latest fight didn't resemble the Cassius Clay of old. The match was as dull as a third rate preliminary bout.

Understandably, other schools in the Atlantic Coast Conference have resented to manner in which South Carolina and Clemson pressured them to adopt lower scholastic standards for enrolling athletes.

It has been our sentiment to let the Gamecocks and Tigers drop out of the ACC rather than submit to their bulldozing tactics. They'll discover soon enough that the role of an independent team is no bed of roses, and not necessarily a gold mine.

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