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Campbell Soups Up State's D

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RALEIGH — Last year, as a redshirt freshman at North Carolina State, Vanceboro's Jesse Campbell became a star with his uncanny ability to make big plays defensively.

Five times in Atlantic Coast Conference games, Campbell came up with key interceptions. At the end of the year, the press was touting Campbell as a potential first-round draft pick in the NFL — two years before he would officially become eligible for the draft.

Campbell finished the season as the Wolfpack's leading tackler and led the team in five of eight defensive categories.

Heady stuff for a fella who made his mark as a standout rusher at West Craven High School. In his senior year, Campbell rushed for more than 1,400 yards and scored 24 touchdowns. He also starred at linebacker, getting in some 100 tackles and — picking off two interceptions en route to being named an all-state performer.

"Did people wonder when we put him on defense?" Buddy Green, his position coach asked at a press conference to kickoff the 1989 football season.

Yea coach, people wondered a little at the start of the last season. But Campbell convinced them.

He raised some eyebrows when he made a diving interception in the end zone to preserve State's 14-6 win over Wake Forest on a rainy Saturday in Raleigh. He earned ACC defensive-back-of-the-week honors for that — in just the second week of the season.

Folks started believing when Jesse pulled a football out of the air and ran it back 67 yards for a touchdown in State's 14-6 win on Georgia Tech. The television replays were convincing. He was named the ACC's rookie-of-the-week for that one.

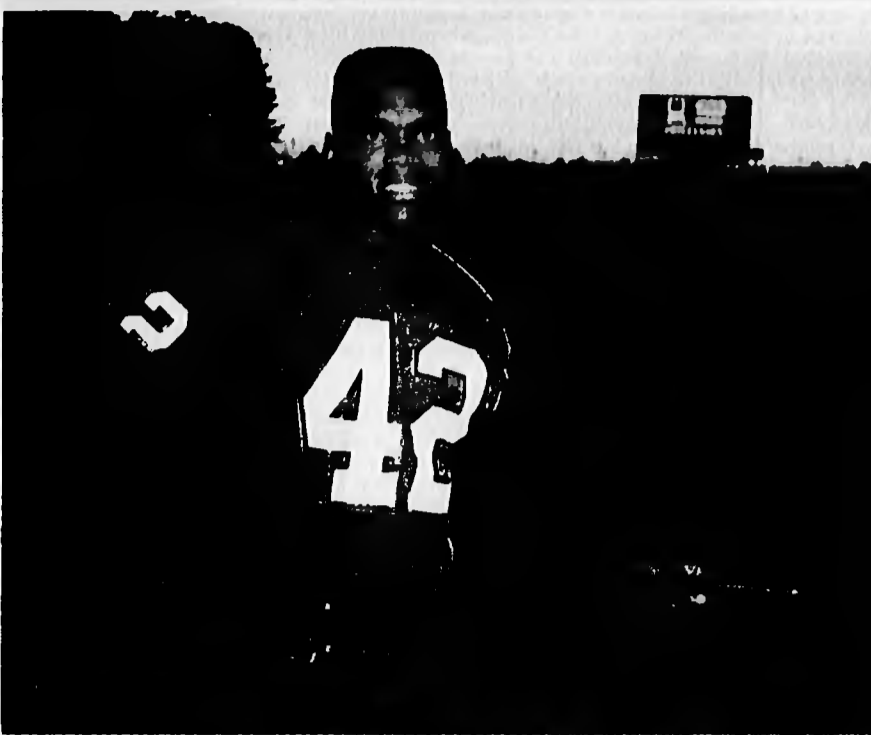
Then, in the Peach Bowl game against Iowa, Jesse capped his season with another end-zone interception.

He pulled off a rare double, being named to the All-ACC squad and the ACC Rookie of the Year.

How does he plan to follow that? "By getting better," Campbell said.

"I can improve and build on what I've done. I'm not going to look back. I'll just forget that."

To improve, Jesse worked out hard this summer. His high school coach, Clay Jordan, said Jesse was at his door every day at 5:30 in the evening to get the keys to the weight room at the school. The keys were



Mo Krochmal photo

Vanceboro Wolfpacker

West Craven High School graduate and Vanceboro resident Jesse Campbell (top) was named the Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year last year and earned all-ACC honors, a rare double award. Campbell made a name for himself with hardnosed and timely defensive plays like this tackle against Virginia last year (bottom). He goes into the 1989 season as a second-year starter at North Carolina State.

promptly returned at 9:30.

The four-hour workout sessions came after a full day of construction work. Campbell said he worked at Fuller Construction helping build a department store in New Bern.

About the middle of the summer, Campbell returned to Raleigh for summer school and more lifting.

He said his success hadn't changed the way people interacted with him — those who knew him well.

"To people who know me, I'm still Jesse," he said. "To others, I kind of a town hero. They come up to me and tell me how proud they are of me."

Doesn't that get tiring? "You can't get tired of that," he says with a smile.

Campbell said he is aware that he can be a positive role model for youngsters.

"A lot of kids look up to me," he said. "When I go home, I try to give them a good image. I try to talk to the bad ones and tell them that they don't have to be that way."

Campbell said he expects opposing teams to treat him differently

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Photo courtesy NCAA Sports Information

Mayor Seeks An 11th Term In Vanceboro

By Greg Stroud
Staff Writer

The Town of Vanceboro has been served by Mayor Jimmie Morris for over twenty years and it seems as if the trend will continue in the next two years as Morris prepares for his eleventh two-year term.

This year, Vanceboro will hold its town elections on November 7. The deadline for filing for election was August 4 and as of that date, only the mayor and the five incumbent Board of Aldermen had filed for election.

Morris is proud of his time in office. Among the accomplishments he and the boards under him have attained include the installation and operation of a municipal water and sewer system, the building of a new town hall, the purchasing of a fire truck, allowing the town to be rated for insurance, just to name a few.

Morris said he was also thankful the town was able to get grants for the medical center and have been able to pave all but two small sections of streets within the town

limits.

Over the past two to three years, the town was able to have the first replacement elementary school to be built in Craven County using funds allocated by the state for school construction.

Morris also cites the location of the first Fortune 500 manufacturers in Vanceboro, Parker-Hannifin, during his terms of office.

Morris still has a unfulfilled vision for Vanceboro.

Said Morris, "I would like now to see the town administration and elected officials work toward locating more businesses in our community. In order for this to be accomplished, it is very important that the people of Vanceboro and surrounding communities support our local merchants so that other businesses will want to locate here."

Morris cited several franchisees that had expressed interest in Vanceboro provide they could find people to run the operations and sufficient interest and support in the community.

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Church Celebrates Pastor's First Year

By Greg Stroud
Staff Writer

The Vanceboro Christian Church celebrated the end of the first year of service of Rev. Dan Hall on August 13 with a guest speaker, covered-dish dinner and a singing group for entertainment.

Hall, 26, is a native of Charlotte. He did his undergraduate work at Montreat-Anderson College and Greensboro College where he received a bachelor of arts degree in religion. Hall continued his ministerial training at Bethany Theological Seminary. During the past year while at Vanceboro Christian Church, Hall completed his doctorate through the Great Commission Theological Seminary.

Hall said he became a Christian five days before his 16th birthday on March 26, 1979. When he went to college, he knew he wanted to go into Christian work, but did not originally think he would end up in the pastoral ministry. His goal in undergraduate study was to go into some area of Christian education.

Hall began Christian work in 1982 and has been a fulltime minister for two years. Previously Hall spent one year as the pastor of Stokesdale Christian Church in Stokesdale.

When asked how he felt about his first year at Vanceboro Christian Church, Hall said, "There have been many challenges in this first year. It has been a building year in which we have accomplished many things. We started a nursery and implemented the Children's Church program, began a Young Adult Sunday School class, formed a junior youth group, and completed much work on the church grounds. We finished construction on several rooms, created a new library, and put aluminum siding on the windows."

Hall said attendance had increased and the church has gained 15 new members.

"Personally it has been a maturing year," said Hall. He said he felt much more settled now.

"I enjoy being part of the community and a member of Vanceboro Christian Church. I feel very much a part of Vanceboro."

The celebration held Sunday September 17.

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Players Prepare For Shows At Dominic's Italian Restaurant

Dominic's Italian Restaurant is hosting the season opener of Cabaret Players Inc.'s touring production of the dramatic comedy "Seascape with Sharks and Dancer" in dinner theater.

"Seascape" opens the acting company's five show, 1989-90 season with a three-week run at Dominic's near New Bern, the company's home base.

Starring in the comedy is Emily Litchfield, the title character from

the acting company's production of "Agnes of God" last season. In a companion role, Cabaret Players is introducing Michael Giachetti as he makes his theatrical debut.

Set in a beach bungalow, the show features Giachetti as Ben, the young man who lives there and who has just pulled a lost young woman, Tracy (played by Litchfield), from the ocean. He thought she was drowning, but she says she was merely "dancing with the sharks",

according to director Leslie John Lee.

Soon she finds herself trapped in his life and torn between her need to come to rest somewhere and her certainty that all human relationships eventually turn into nightmares.

The show is, according to Lee, an offbeat, wonderful love story told humorously but with a dramatic twist. The true-to-life script does contain some adult language.

"Seascape" is scheduled for pro-

duction with a September 8 opening at Dominic's Cabaret Room (separate from the main dining room, which will remain open) and plays there Friday and Saturday nights September 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 25.

Dominic's chef Darrell Powers is preparing a gourmet five-course dinner served on course during the show. The menu consists of a seafood pastry puff appetizer, Scratch-ettelli for the soup, Capelli d'Angeli con Granchio (angel hair

pasta with crab) for the pasta, a choice of Arrosto Farcito Agli Spinaci (stuffed roast veal with spinach) or Quaglia al Vetta (quail with golden raisin) for the entree, and chocolate mousse for dessert.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$25. The Cabaret room is open for beverage service at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and then curtain at about 8:15. Prepaid cash or credit card reservations may be made by calling 244-0735. The restaurant is

located 10 miles north of New Bern on US 17.

Next, the show moves to Cabaret Players' newest patrons, the Traylor Door in Oriental and the Galloway Stack Restaurant.

The show was cast after highly successful season auditions that drew a dozen experienced actors from Greenville, Jacksonville, Morehead City, Beaufort and New

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Eagles Look Sharp During Scrimmage

By Greg Stroud
Staff Writer

While a scrimmage game has no winners or losers, the West Craven Eagles showed an impressive sense of control during the first half of last night's home scrimmage against non-conference East Carteret.

West Craven entered the end zone four times while East Carteret visited it once.

In the second half, the Mariners made remarkable defensive improvements and did not allow the ball near the end zone.

Neither did West Craven. West Craven's Kip Bryan played an outstanding game, scoring one touchdown on a pass reception and one on an interception.

Junior Lee Becton, a Washington Daily News all-area selection last year, scored West Craven's first touchdown, rambling 15 yards.

Craig Coward also ran the ball into the end zone for West Craven.

"It was like any scrimmage. We had bright spots and not-so-bright spots. Offensively, we're not entirely new. We did some things real well," said West Craven coach Clay Jordan.

"Our major concern with our defense was that a lot of last year's players did not come back. We did real well, considering. Overall, I was real pleased with everyone's performance."

Probably the most impressive play of the game was made by East Carteret's Terry Johnson on the first play of the scrimmage. Johnson took a handoff and ran the ball more than 40 yards for a touchdown.

"I was very proud of our guys. They came back well after a horrendous first half," said East Carteret coach Tom Frazier.

"They showed nervousness during the first half. They couldn't execute, couldn't block. They couldn't

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Gold medalists

Susan Jewell and Tyrone Mopre both received first-place medals in contests at the Future Homemakers of



America annual national contest held this year in Anaheim, Calif. Miss Jewell is a rising sophomore and Moore is a graduate of West Craven High School. Miss Jewell competed in the job application and interview event and Moore participated in food service contests.

Becton, Eagles No Flake

By Mike Voss
Editor

Tomorrow night Lee Becton sets out to prove his success last season on the gridiron was not a fluke.

Last year as a sophomore, the West Craven High School running back led the Coastal Conference in rushing as he picked up 1,197 yards and rushed for 10 touchdowns. He averaged 7.4 yards a carry on his way to being named a member of the Washington Daily News All-Area Team. Becton was also mentioned in the USA Today prep honor roll. Becton also snared two passes for touchdowns and four-two point conversions.

Becton was late for pre-season practice this year. But he had a pretty good excuse. He was in

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