

The Man ...with a mission

Bill Foster has brought a record of outstanding success to the job as head basketball coach at UNCC. A native of Hemingway, South Carolina, he attended Wingate College and graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1958. He was a starting forward for both Wingate and Carson-Newman, while finding enough time to achieve *cum laude* academic honors and a listing in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

He began his coaching career during his senior year at Carson-Newman. Sidelined by a shoulder separation, he guided the Eagles' freshman squad to a 19-1 record. After graduation, he returned to his home state of South Carolina and in three years as head basketball coach at Marion High School compiled a 42-21 mark. Foster resigned in 1961 to enter the graduate school of the University of Tennessee where he earned the M.S. in Physical Education and Administration.



Coach Foster

He accepted a position as director of athletics and head basketball coach at Shorter

College in 1962, and for five years operated one of the most successful small college basketball programs in the country, recording an overall mark of 110-31, winning or sharing the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title three times, and never finishing lower than second place. His teams averaged 22 victories a season against only 6 losses.

Foster became known as one of the best defensive basketball coaches in the country. His Shorter Hawk squads were ranked second nationally in defense in 1965, 1966, and 1967, and never were out of the nation's top ten. During his tenure at Shorter, his teams won fifteen combined tournament and conference championships.

Bill Foster left Shorter in 1967 to become assistant basketball coach at The Citadel, resigning that post in 1969 to accept the challenge of guiding UNCC's transition to a major University Division NCAA program.

Miss. State, Coliseum debut

White.

The second game with the Governors of Austin Peay is likely to be a little tougher. Austin Peay, of the Ohio Valley Conference, is a little larger school (3,800) located in Clarksville, Tenn. and, with nine returning lettermen, a close contest could be in the offing.

UNCC battled the Governors twice last year squeaking by 86 to 84 in the first match and winning by a more comfortable margin of 73 to 58 in the second. So Austin will be seeking revenge. This game will be in Clarksville on Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

The Bulldogs of Mississippi State will be the 49er's next opponents. This is their first

meeting with Kermit Davis' team and promises to be one of the toughest this year. With an enrollment of 9,200, Miss. St. has four returning lettermen from a team who went 15-10 in the respected Southeastern Conference last season. Davis is starting his second season with the Bulldogs and will be trying hard to put a notch in his gun at the expense of UNCC. He has strong experienced players and many promising sophomores.

The game will mark the 1971 Charlotte Coliseum debut for the 49ers on Dec. 6, at 8:00 p.m. The Coliseum has been the site for some of the best basketball in the nation, and the 49ers look like they will fit right in with the crowd.

15-8	
UNCC	62
Tenn. Tech	49
UNCC	86
Austin Peay	84
UNCC	93
Bryan	76
UNCC	64
Buffalo	46
UNCC	73
Austin Peay	58
UNCC	67
Sewanee	69
UNCC	92
UT-Chatt.	88 (OT)
UNCC	58
Ga. Tech	72
UNCC	49
Toledo	60
UNCC	68
Xavier	74
UNCC	62
Texas A&M	66
UNCC	101
Tusculum	50
UNCC	74
LSUNO	92
UNCC	89
So. Miss.	88
UNCC	104
Luther Rice	51
UNCC	63
Roanoke	76
UNCC	90
Ga. State	65
UNCC	79
Coll. of Charleston	63
UNCC	72
Appalachian	57
UNCC	60
West Georgia	53
UNCC	76
Appalachian	59
UNCC	84
Ga. Southwestern	55
UNCC	59
UT-Chatt.	67



MAYBE NOT THE ROCKETTES, but the 49er cheerleading squad is showing pretty good form during one of last year's games. They add some . . . er . . . color to the games.

UNCC



SPORTS

The dirty dozen

NORRIS DAE: 6'5", 205 lbs. A native Charlottean. Coach Foster and the 49ers are expecting this senior to be a standout on the squad this year. Watch him; you'll see a lot of action. Dae averaged 13.9 points and 8.9 rebounds last year.

TERRY SLOAN: 6'6", 182 lbs. A Senior from Gainesville, Ga. Sloan has been said to be a good team player and can contribute a lot to our hustling defense. Averaged 6.6 points.

HARLOD THAMES: 6'7", 225 lbs. A Senior from Sumter, S. C. Thames is strong under the boards and carries over a 6.8 rebound average from last year. Averaged 11.4 points.

MARSHALL THAXTON: 6'6", 205 lbs. A Junior from Durham N.C. A junior college recruit, Thaxton comes with a 16.2 point average. Has promise in the wing position.

JERRY BOGGS: 6'1", 180 lbs. A Senior from London, Ky. An experienced returnee with an 11.8 point average.

CHRIS BLACK: 6'0", 182 lbs. A Senior from Cleveland, Ga. Another returnee carrying a 6.5 point average. Black didn't see a whole lot of action last year, but his experience should give him a few nods this year.

Boggs



Black



RICHARD GUFFY: 6'3", 175 lbs. A Junior from Statesville, N.C. A real crowd-pleaser last year, Guffy should expect to see a little more action during this season. Has an astounding 100% free throw accuracy last season.

ROBERT EARL BLUE: 6'6", 160 lbs. A sophomore from Concord, N.C. Blue is a real jumping jack with plenty of hustle. Foster and the squad are looking for some outstanding work from this one. Averaged 22.6 points as a freshman.

SANDY BUNCE: 6'4", 185 lbs. A Senior from Fayetteville, N.C. Bunce didn't show up regularly on the court last year but when he did, it was with plenty of 49er hustle. He'll be in there a lot more this season.

RICK DOBSON: 6'1", 170 lbs. A Sophomore from Greer, S.C. Promising, with a 13.0 point average as a freshman.

DEREK JONES: 6'7", 225 lbs. A Sophomore from Stockbridge, Ga. Averaged 14.4 points as a freshman. Should come in handy in the wing position.

LEE WILSON: 6'1", 170 lbs. A Sophomore from Charleston, S.C. A 13.3 point average as a freshmen. Another in a long list of very promising sophomores.

Thaxton



Dobson

