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49ers accept NCAA bid

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By know you know the story. Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Willis Casey, a member of the NCAA tournament selection committee, called UNCC coach Lee Rose and officially issued the 49ers a bid to the NCAA tournament. The 49ers will play Central Michigan, the Mid American Conference Champion, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Bloomington, Indiana. The game is a qualifying round for the Mid-East Regional. Should the 49ers win their first game, they will advance to Lexington, Kentucky March 17 and 19 for the Mid-East Regional title. Other teams in the same regional are top-ranked Michigan and Tennessee.

When Rose made the announcement to the press just after three o'clock, UNCC was supposed to play Michigan or the Southeastern Conference champion Tennessee. Casey called back around 3:15 to tell Rose that the 49ers had been shifted to play the Mid-American champion.

Members of the press had been waiting outside Rose's office in the Athletic Department since 1:30. When asked why he held the announcement for an hour, Rose said, "Mr. Casey said under no circumstances was I say anything until three. I called the players in at three and told them.

"I had to call Dr.

Colvard earlier to get permission but that wasn't hard. This was the easiest hour of wait. The hardest was last night when I saw all those basketball scores

on television."

Talk had been prevalant about UNCC's chances for a bid. When it finally came, Rose said, "I think it was expected. We have worked hard and I think we deserve: it. We haven't been bowled over

"Getting in the tournament will have a lasting effect on UNCC and the Sun Belt Conference. Nothing could help the Sun Belt more than us getting

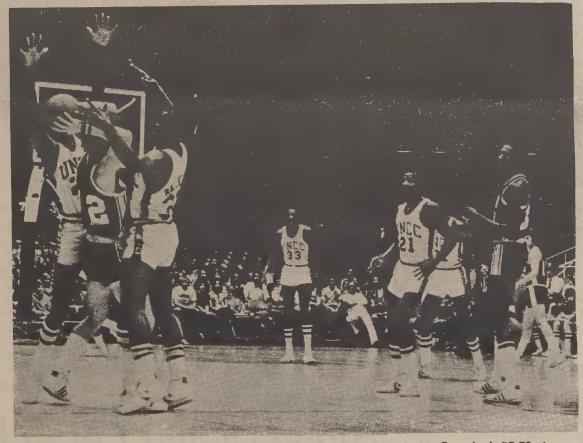
This will be the second consecutive year UNCC has been involved in post-season play. Last year the 49ers were tunners-up in the National Invitational Tournament in New York City. Rose said, "The NIT may have had some bearing. We tried to get into the NCAA last year. We may have demonstrated they made a mistake.

"To go into the NCAA is like going into the NIT. We have got some things to prove and that is an area to

"You've got something here you can work a lifetime for and never

Carolina Journal photograph by Lisa Laney

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Melvin Watkins and Kevin King trap a Virginia Commonwealth player during Saturday's 87-72 victory.

Well, here it is, the list of candidates for the spring elections. The list is long, but wade your way through it, its important for you to elect the candidates who will best represent your interests as University students. Please vote March 8,9

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You may vote March 8, 9 and 10. Look for polls at the following places: Denny Overpass (lunch, afternoon, one night), Dorms (evenings), Cone Cafeteria (lunch) and Smith & Rowe (periodic).