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91-86 over Central Michigan

49ers' 'cool attitude' wins

By Ron Green

As the final seconds ticked of the clock Sunday afternoon, and the UNCC 49ers had pulled out a heartstopping 91-86 victory over Central Michigan in the first round of the NCAA tournament, one would expect to have seen the 49ers jumping around in wild celebration. After all, they had survived a last-second tap-in attempt that would have ended their season, and had gained second life with the overtime period. With the victory, the team was on its way to Lexington, Kentucky for the Midwest Regionals, one of 16 teams still alive in the quest for the national championship.

But the 49ers were not jumping all over each other, they didn't even have Coach Lee Rose on their shoulders. The biggest signs of triumph and excitement were a few handslaps and an occasional raised fist.

You see, it is just not the 49ers style to be all torn up with emotion. Unlike most college basketball teams, UNCC does not insist on running around climbing on each other's backs and slapping hands each time they complete an inbound pass. The 49ers maintain a level-headed, low-key approach to the game, rarely showing more than a minimum of emotion.

Lew Massey, one of the men most responsible for the success of the 49ers feels the oncourt attitude of the team is just an extension of their personalities. He said, "We just have the kind of people on the team who try to be themselves. I guess it is called quiet confidence. When the time comes, I guarantee you everybody is ready to play."

"We don't come out jumping all over each other. A lot of times people come out jumping, they aren't ready to play. They are just trying to fool somebody."

Part of the reason for the cool attitude can be attributed to the coaching philosophy of Rose. Senior Ken Angel said, "Coach Rose doesn't try to motivate us as far as a game attitude. He doesn't try to reach us emotionally. He lets us do it ourselves. We know our capabilities and limitations."

Cedric Maxwell agreed with Angel's idea about Rose's personality. He said, "Coach Rose is the same way we are. He tells us what is at stake and what it takes to be successful. Then we go out and try to do that job."

"We don't need to psyche anybody up by jumping around and all that. The players know what they have to do."

The business-like approach of the team does not indicate they are not having fun. Quite the contrary according to Kevin King. He said, "We are happy, very happy. We know we can compete with anybody, so there is no need to get excited."

"We are just ourselves rather than trying to be what people want us to be. We don't try to put on an image. Being ourselves has worked so long there is no need to change it."

Angel said, "Part of the reason we seem to be low-key is that Cedric and Lew and Wat are just cool guys. They could walk around with big heads but they don't. We have a great team. That is what it is, a team."

"We just play basketball. That is what it is all about. Having fun."

While talk abounds about the 49ers deservance of a spot in the national polls and in a post season tournament, the players seem to stay out of the discussion. They seem to be content to let others worry about these problems while they concentrate on playing. King said, "We really didn't care if we were ranked or not as long as we could play with teams that were ranked. It would

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Fans greet the victorious 49ers at the airport Monday morning.

have been nice to be ranked, though."

Now UNCC is in the top twenty and still in the hunt for a national title. And

though the team's attitude is not typical of most college basketball teams, neither is their record.

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Maxwell drives hard for two of his game-high thirty-two points against C. Michigan.

Spring Election Results

The results of the major spring elections of March 1977 are:

President of the Student Body; Chase Idol-359, Doug Lerner-306, Jeff Hall-297, Joe Lemoyne-171, Mike Owen-41. There will be a run-off between Chase Idol and Doug Lerner.

Senior Class President; Robert Douglas Love, Jr.-195 for, 58 against.

Junior Class President; Angela Threatt-130, Greg Eller 110.

Sophomore Class President; Jimmy Twining-188, Kim Burns-77, Sandy Robinson-29, Leon V. Stadlher-9.

Student Representatives of Legislature.

Engineering; Bob Council-71 for, 9 against.

HDL; Randy Caudle-40 for, 4 against.

Nursing; Yvette Miller-71 for, 9 against.

Architecture; Andy Ringler-45, Matt Barhydt-22.

Science and Math (two seats open); Carol Jones-71, Dipti Parikh-58, Hazel Pettrice-36.

Humanities (two seats open); Ted Stewart-56, David Dalton-56, Vaughan Winborne-35.

Social and Behavioral Science (two seats open); Melinda Means-67, Renee Jones-64, Mike Loflin-59, Kent Hoffman-54, Frank Alexander-45.

Business Administration (two seats open); Mike Shields-163, Gary Rogers-121, Charlie Holt-75, Rob Howie-1, Greg Hutchinson-1, Gordon Pruitt-1.

Commuter Representative; Joy Kincaid-197, Sammy Hamrick-121

Student Senators

Social and Behavioral Science; Jane Davidson-54 for, 31 against.

Business Administration; Scott Simmons-136 for, 26 against.

Humanities; Linda Hinson-65 for, 12 against. Anne Woodruff-58 for, 15 against.

English; Jane Bailes-23, Karen McKeown-18.

Science and Math; Larry Oppegaard-55, Thomas Figg-36.

Student Superior Court (Six seats open)

Justices; Clay Elder-628, Dave Edwards-627, Denise Hennigan-619, Bobby Flowers-586, Vicki Warrick-555, Neal Collins-511, Alease Long-463.

University Program Board.

At-large members (two positions open); Sharon Byrum-390, Dan Matthews-378, Jim Craig-321. (There will be a run-off between Dan Matthews and Jim Craig for the second position.)

Chairman; Mike Doyne-485, Herbert Clay-354.

Vice Chairman; Paul Woody-612, Imelda Hill-241.

Media Board

At-large member; Alice Beck-780 for, 134 against.

Carolina Journal Editors; Brad Rich/Les Bowen-837 for, 134 against.

Sanskrit Editor; Max Street-553, James Kirkpatrick-454.

Rogues 'N Rascals Editor; Pete Meuser-798 for, 129 against.

WFAE Chairman; Jeff Arrowood-760 for, 129 against.

The run-off elections will be held March 16th and 17th.