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Ike Gardner

49er Soccer Coach Resigns

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UNC Charlotte's athletic director, Clyde Walker announced Monday the resignation of soccer and tennis coach Ike Gardner.

Gardner, 33, built UNCC's five-year-old Division I soccer program from scratch since coming to the University in 1976 and had established his tennis program among the best in the state on the Division I level.

Both soccer and tennis teams were runner-ups in the Sun Belt Conference in 1979. Gardner was named league coach of the year in both sports. He finished his career at UNCC with a 47-47-5 soccer mark, and a 62-30, tennis record.

"I'd taken the soccer program as far as I could take it and lost the desire to take it any further. I just got

the only thing they hoped to win was the coin toss. Only after going into half-time with a 0-0 score and being told "that the Tigers wore their jocks the same way they did," did the players decide to play like a team. (The 49ers lost 1-0).

Another common practice among the 49ers squad was the constant criticism of each other and their playing. Roger Burgess, freshman goalie was one of the many who were given grief over his performance. Bryant said, "Roger had a hard time living down David Higgins (1979 UNCC goalie) and the players were tough on him all season." "Luckily, for the team, Roger was a hustler and fought back even harder when the famous words were echoed," said Bryant. "Burgess was given hell for a month over the UNC-Chapel Hill game," Bryant said. (UNCC lost 8-1).

"Basically the UNCC soccer players had no team pride," said Bryant. "I think the hardest thing to understand was why the players voiced their grief in the manner they did," Bryant said. Bryant was referring to the article that appeared in the *Charlotte Observer* on November 25 by reporter David Scott. Scott, a follower of the UNCC soccer program had nothing positive to say about the team since the beginning of the season. The article was about the team's problems and consisted of several comments from 49er players about the team and coach. Bryant recalls previous reactions from the players when Scott wrote numerous negative articles about the players and how they played against UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest and UCLA (1978) as being "That S.O.B., can you believe he wrote something like this . . ."

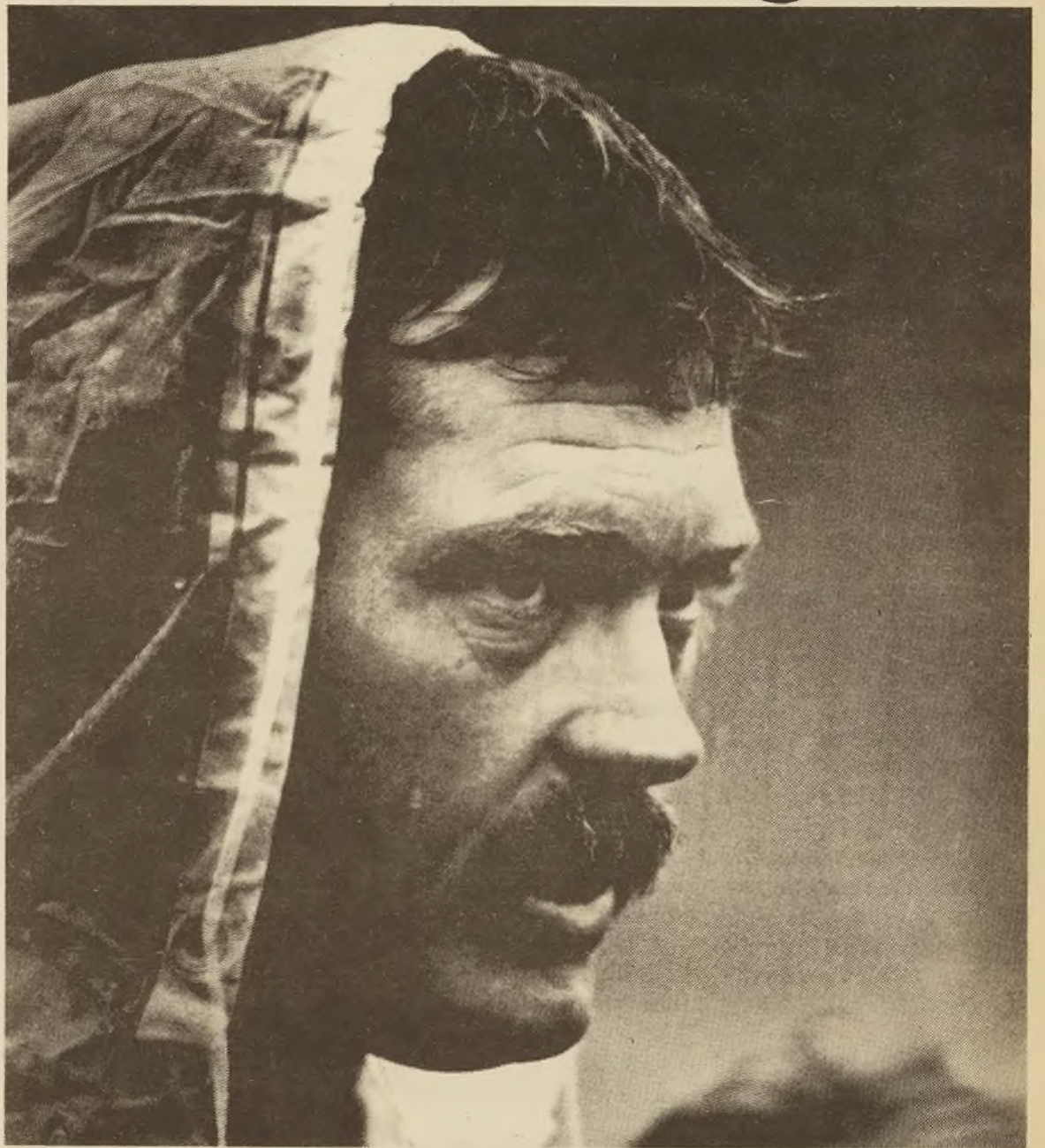
"But the players were the first to give Scott a story when he called them," Bryant added.

"There was no need for anyone to talk to the press, Mr. Walker was aware of the problems and they were being handled and the players knew this," Bryant added. Bryant felt that the article just kicked Gardner lower and showed the style of players the team consists of.

"I really care for the team or I wouldn't have done the things I've done, but I'm real disappointed in how they handled everything," Bryant said.

"It was a two way street and problems existed on both ends; I'm hoping we can put it all behind us and have a good season next year. Our soccer players have a lot of potential and are very capable of being the best," Bryant said.

Gardner's replacement has not been named.



Gardner

Photo By Milton Hinnant

Legislators Ask Profs To Attend Exams

By Chip Wilson
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Citing a problem of widespread cheating on examinations, the Student Legislature passed a resolution recommending that instructors be present during the administration of a test.

The motion, sponsored by Phase II/III Representative Jan Hobbs also referred to the need that a professor should also be present to answer questions arising during the time a test is given.

The only debate surrounding consideration of the motion occurred over the wording of the proposal. The legislators expressed the concern that they were not saying all UNCC students are apt to cheat.

"This proposal is analagous to locks on car doors," said legislator Mike Derby. "It will keep honest people honest." He explained that the resolution would serve to eliminate

the temptation to cheat.

The legislature, acting as a committee of the whole for Campus Affairs, passed the resolution by voice vote. The resolution, along with an explanatory cover letter will be submitted to Robert Synder, interm vice-chancellor for academic affairs.

In budget matters, the legislature approved an expenditure of \$55 for a car towing expense. During a recent concert held under the covered parking deck adjacent to the Cone Center, three cars had to be moved. As a co-sponsor of the event, the Student Legislature assumed the cost after the Public Safety department refused to foot the bill.

A change in the budget for the Model United Nations club was also approved.

The legislators also approved the secondary charter for the Student Nurses Association.



Bryant

stale with the players, which happens, and felt they needed a fresh person, a fresh start and a different coaching style," said Gardner.

After a trying season plagued by injuries and internal problems, the 49ers finished with a 10-8-3 record. Gardner did not resign due to team problems, he resigned by his own choice.

Kevin Bryant, student assistant coach said, "There were numerous internal problems throughout the season and the players were unhappy about the way things were going."

When asked what Gardner's approach to the problems were, Bryant replied, "Gardner knew there were problems, but the players never directly came to him about them."

Bryant added, "There was no discipline on the team, the players came to practice late and said and did what they wanted."

"We had too many chiefs and not enough Indians," Bryant said. Bryant agreed that the players had valid gripes and that there were coaching problems, but the way the players handled the situation was in poor taste.

"We had a basic attitude problem," Bryant said. Bryant told of an instance when the team was going up against top-ranked Clemson (Sept. 24). The player's goal was to keep the Tigers from scoring over 8 goals and