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Fiery 49ers Hand Rose 73-56 Defeat

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With the fans shouting "Welcome home Lee," the clock ticked down to the final seconds of the game as UNCC annihilated the University of South Florida, 73-56, Sunday at the Charlotte Coliseum.

It was an emotional win for the 49ers for several reasons. In their last 13 games, the 49ers only defeated Georgia State, the doormat of the Sun Belt Conference. This particular game placed additional pressure on the team to defeat former UNCC head coach Lee Rose and his team.

In a win described by Coach Mike Pratt as one "they (the 49ers) needed more than anyone else in the whole world." The 49ers "told themselves they were going to win," he added.

The key to the game was the 49ers ability to jump ahead early. They hit seven of their first eight field goals, and never gave up their lead.

Freshman forward Melvin Johnson scored UNCC's first two baskets to put the 49ers up by three. Then, senior guard Donnie Koonce took a pass inside from junior guard Phil Ward at 16:57 on the clock, putting the 49ers up by five.

After the Bulls guard Tony Grier scored on a layup, Ward scored from the wing and sophomore center Lawrence Furlow scored from the lane to increase the 49ers lead to seven.

At the 14:52 mark, senior center Roland VanDenBergh, scored on a jumper to bring the score to 12-3.

With 12:28 remaining in the first half, Ward scored on a layup and was

fouled by USF forward Vince Reynolds.

The 49ers then forced a lane violation by USF's John Grant as Ward missed the free throw. Seven seconds later Ward hit from the key to make the score 20-8.

The 49ers held their biggest lead with 8:50 remaining in the half as sophomore forward Tyrone Stephens scored on a jumper to put UNCC up by 14.

UNCC and USF exchanged personal fouls during the final seven minutes of the first half, diminishing the 49ers lead to five, 34-29.

The second half opened with USF center Willie Redden scoring from the baseline on a turnaround jumper to cut the 49ers lead to three.

UNCC called a time out at 13:09 as USF came within one point.

"I had to call time out because they were knocking at the door and I had to let the guys know we weren't going to let them in," Pratt said.

UNCC's Johnson hit a baseline jumper to increase the 49ers lead to three, and VanDenBergh drove the lane and was fouled by Redden. It was Redden's third foul of the game. "Bird" missed the one and one, and USF's Lewis Shepherd pulled down a crucial rebound.

Shepherd was fouled by Stephens and made both free throws to bring the Bulls to within one. Koonce answered with two points, as Redden received his fourth personal foul with ten minutes left. Stephens was injured on the play and was out for the remainder of the game.

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Photo By Debbie Miller

Donnie Koonce, named most valuable player, and coach Mike Pratt celebrate the win over Sun Belt Conference opponent South Florida Sunday, 79-53.

Accreditation Process Begins With Evaluation

By David E. Griffith
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UNCC is currently engaged in a massive self-evaluation.

Dr. Robert Mundt, Self-Study Steering Committee chairperson, says the study should reveal "where we (the university) ought to be going. The report will be an accurate picture of

the university."

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, (SACS), requires re-accreditation every 10 years, the study is a part of that process. According to Mundt, UNCC has never had a comprehensive self-study, because the school was very young during the last evaluation.

"You have to be in pretty bad shape to not get re-accredited," Mundt said. "Even when a school has problems SACS usually gives them some time to correct it. They don't suddenly drop a school's accreditation."

However, the self-study is not being treated as if it were just a formality. The committee plans to produce a final, coherent report that should be a guide to UNCC's future.

"We're on a relatively short schedule," Mundt said. "Appalachian State University spent three years on their self-study, but Chancellor Fretwell has targeted

the UNCC report for 18 months after its initiation. It's going to be a big but short effort."

One of the major purposes of the study is to define a generalized core of information that all UNCC students should possess.

The SACS manual requires an evaluation for the following aspects for accreditation purposes: organizations and administration, education programs, financial resources, faculty, library, student development services, physical resources, special activities, graduate programs and research.

The Steering Committee has representation from faculty, Board of Trustees, student body, alumni and staff. In addition the committee welcomes all input.

Dr. Norman Schul, Special Assistant to the Chancellor is managing the self-study program. Schul says the study is divided into "a university wide study," the six

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Cathy Allred of Phi Omicron looks for a healthy carnation to sell Irene Clodfelter. The sorority sold the flowers in front of the

Commuter Cafeteria Friday in hopes of keeping forgetful Valentines' out of trouble.