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Up-Tempo UNC Runs Rice Out of Tourney

The North Carolina women's basketball team used a 24-3 run in a span of 11:40 to take a 47-22 halftime lead.

By T. NOLAN HAYES
Sports Editor

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Few opponents try to run with the North Carolina women's basketball team.

Rice now knows why. The Owls tried to run and gun with the Tar Heels on Monday night but instead got shot out of the NCAA tournament. No. 5 seed UNC converted 50.9 percent of its field goal attempts en route to an 83-50 victory against the 13th-seeded Owls at the Thunderdome in the second round of the West Regional.

"For us to go out and blow them out, that's a big confidence thing for us," said UNC center Jackie Higgins, who tallied 10 points and eight rebounds. "We know now for a fact that we're a good team. We're pumped big time."

The Tar Heels (20-12) will play No. 1 seed Georgia, which defeated Stanford 83-64, on Saturday in Portland, Ore., in the Sweet 16. UNC will be playing in

the Sweet 16 for the seventh time in eight years.

The Owls (22-10) had no such postseason experience. Rice was playing in its first-ever NCAA tournament and could not keep up for long when UNC began the game on a roll.

UNC led 14-12 early as the two teams traded baskets in the up-tempo game that both coaches had promised Sunday. Then, with 14 minutes remaining in the first half, the Tar Heels shifted into a higher gear that the Owls lacked.

UNC went on a 24-3 run during a span of 11:40 to put the game out of reach before halftime. The Owls were 1-for-13 from the field and committed eight turnovers during that span.

"They got off to such a great start, and we kind of got big-eyed," Rice coach Cristy McKinney said. "We kind of got back on our heels a little bit and never recovered."

The Tar Heels, who barely escaped the slow-down tactics of Maine in Saturday's first round, took full advantage of their chance to play in the open floor by posting 47 first-half points on their way to a 25-point lead.

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Allergies Put Higgins In Hospital

By T. NOLAN HAYES
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SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Jackie Higgins has discovered much in the past few days about her food preferences.

Already knowing that she often breaks out in a rash when she eats shrimp, she decided to try crab legs for dinner Sunday night at a Santa Barbara seafood restaurant.

The good news: Higgins loved her dinner. The bad news: She broke out into a rash, caught a fever and had trouble breathing once North Carolina returned to its hotel.

Worse news: The UNC coaching staff was out eating at another restaurant, meaning Higgins' teammates were in charge of getting her help.

She ended up in the emergency

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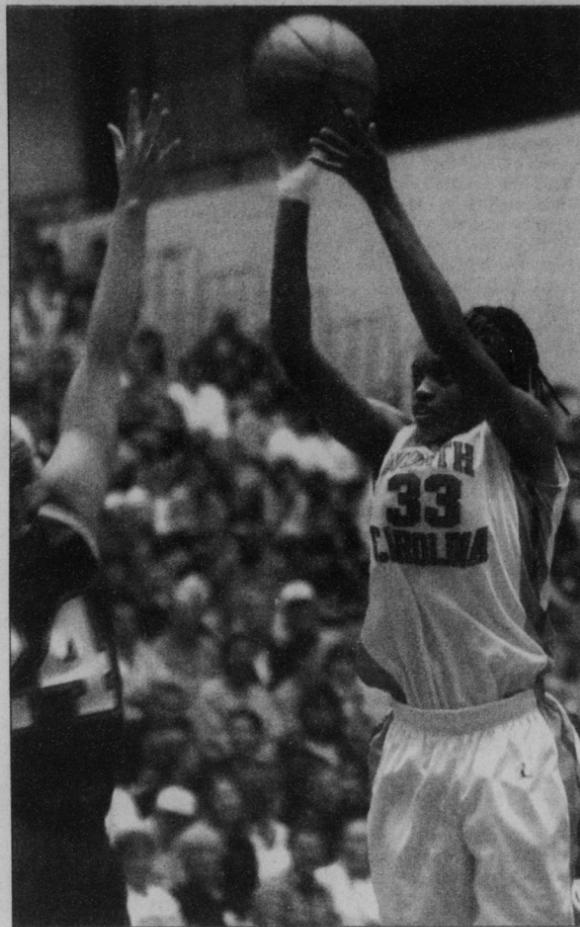


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North Carolina forward LaQuanda Barksdale, shown here in UNC's first-round matchup with Maine, scored 27 points in a win against Rice.

Coalition Eyes Larger 'Movement'

Coalition for Educational Access members are setting their sights on the UNC system's other 15 campuses.

By JOHN O'HALE
Staff Writer

The Coalition for Educational Access began as a grassroots campaign against a proposed UNC tuition increase.

But after the Board of Governors approved hefty tuition increases at five system schools last month, the group has decided to expand its outreach and become more independent of student government.

"We have contacts at every school," said coalition member Sandi Chapman. "We're still building the movement."

"Students are beginning to think that education is a right instead of a privilege."

Coalition members were largely responsible for drawing 400 students to a large-scale protest against the tuition increase an October Board of Trustees meeting.

Once the fight expanded beyond just UNC, coalition members realized that their organization could benefit university students beyond the campus in Chapel Hill. "After the (February) Board of Governors meeting, we decided that our campaign could affect policy on a statewide level," said coalition member Michael Osterweil.

The tuition increase proposal, which calls for a \$600 boost over two years, now must gain approval from the N.C. General Assembly.

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Coalition member Sandi Chapman said the coalition had student contacts at each of UNC's 16 campuses.

The Culture of Campus Politics

Ethnic Base Often Masks Political Goals

By KATE MACEK
Staff Writer

With student government officials, activists and the Young Republicans and Democrats taking center stage, the political involvement of UNC's cultural groups is rarely in the spotlight.

But depending on the size of the organization, how long it has existed and how strong its political aspirations are, cultural student organizations still find their own niches in the University's political arena.

Because cultural similarity is often the main force in uniting groups, political involvement is a sometimes a secondary concern.

Umbrella groups that represent various cultures, such as Masala, sometimes remain politically uninvolved, instead serving as a forum for discussion about the various views of its members.

Smaller organizations and those breaking into the political world choose to adopt a stance on issues as they arise.

Student leaders of Carolina Hispanic Association say they are waiting until the organization has a larger base of Hispanic students before it pursues its political goals, said Executive Council member Neera Makwana.

Other groups already boast established roots in the University community and a strong influence over University politics, having recruited a large membership.

One such group, the Black Student Movement, is one of UNC's largest and most visible cultural organizations and has proved able to carry heavy political weight.

The coveted candidate endorsements it issues each year during student elections have predicted the presidential winner four years in a row prior to this election year. The group has also helped garner support for the new free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

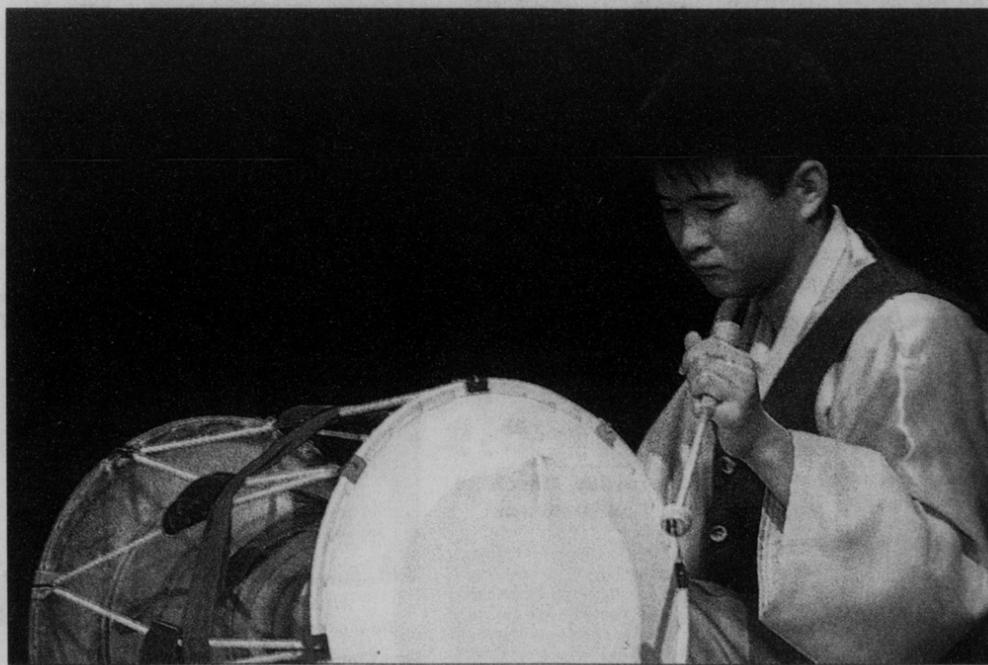
Now the group is turning its attention to its new flagship issue — affirmative action.

"The BSM wants to remind people what the actual definition of affirmative action is and always has been," said Matthew Shaw, co-public relations coordinator for the BSM. "It doesn't mean that the University issues quotas. It

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Cultural Groups

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DTH/CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Freshman Daniel Chun plays the jang gu, a traditional Korean drum, at the eighth annual Korean Night sponsored by the Korean American Student Association. KASA is one of several campus groups that work to present cultural events.

has always meant freedom of opportunity."

The BSM plans to work with the Office of Minority Student Recruitment and the Office of Minority Student Affairs to ensure the continuation of affirmative action.

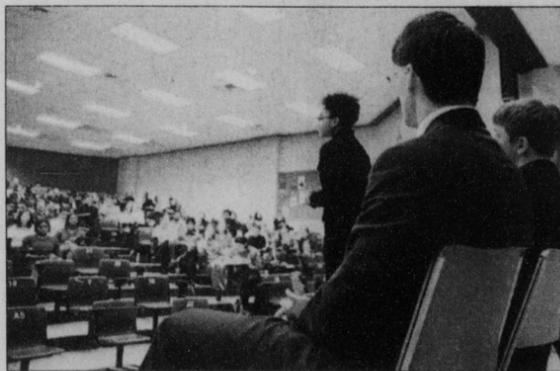
Shaw said the BSM had been able to mobilize and affect change because all members came into the group knowing the group has political intentions. When the group formed in 1967, the mission statement declared that the group was to be both cultural and political in nature.

Other campus cultural groups are just beginning to expand their attention to political activism.

Sangam, which formed a political committee last year, now is trying to break back into campus politics. The committee works to educate members about political issues and works with other groups to sponsor speakers and events.

In the past, Sangam has been involved with political issues, including participating in a march for affirmative action in 1996. But as recently as a few years ago, there was still division among Sangam members as to whether the

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DTH FILE PHOTO

The Black Student Movement hosts a student body candidate forum in February as part of its political role on campus.

INSIDE Wednesday

Ozone War Zone

North Carolina power companies are petitioning a request to the EPA claiming that 12 southern and midwestern states are contributing to their northern neighbors' air pollution. See Page 7.

On the Road Again

UNC alumnus Ralph Grizzle has written a new book about celebrated journalist and former Daily Tar Heel editor Charles Kuralt. He will have a book-signing on campus next month at Bull's Head Bookshop. See Page 10.

Tigers Topple Tar Heels



The North Carolina baseball team dropped a 9-8 game to Towson on Tuesday, its fourth loss in a row. It marked UNC's first nonconference home loss in 53 contests. See Page 13.

Lead the Pack

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Today's Weather

Cloudy;
Low 50s.
Thursday: Partly sunny;
Low 60s.

Let's get out of these wet clothes and into a dry martini.

Robert Benchley