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# An Open Letter To Dean Smith

Dear Coach Smith,

This is just a note to let you know that we—all of us everywhere—are thinking about you and your basketball team.

You'll notice in today's paper that the man you worked under for two years, Frank McGuire, has more than a passing interest, himself.

"North Carolina is way ahead in the ACC picture," the South Carolina Coach told a luncheon news conference Tuesday.

You know what that means: Pressure.

Every sports writer in the state—Donald Green in Charlotte, Ed Seaman in Fayetteville, Dick Herbert in Raleigh, et. al.—are saying that North Carolina is the class of the Atlantic Coast Conference this year.

And the students, here!

Let me tell you about the students here.

For one thing, the game Saturday night against Virginia Tech—they are thinking about you, too—was an immediate sellout. It will be like that all year, you know.

## -Had To Tell Him Where To Go

One fellow has already come to me with a request for tickets and how in the world am I supposed to help him? All I could do was tell him where to go.

Now I don't want you to think I'm trying to plug my magazine (Carolina Blue Review... on sale everywhere... cost only a quarter...), but it's selling pretty well.

Do you know why?

Of course you do.

It's because the students here are frantic for a winner.

Pressure.

For ejemplo:

Two students in Y Court:

Tall One: "Boy, I can't wait till the season starts. It's going to be great watching ole Clark and Miller in there again."

Short One: "I'll say. It burns me up that I wasn't able to buy a ticket."

So what it all means—the national ranking, the ACC favorite's role, the high expectations of supporters—is that there are an awful lot of people who will be disappointed if the Tar Heels don't win big this year.

Like we said in the Carolina Blue Review (there I go again) people tend to forget the Bobby Lewises who graduate and the baskets that almost didn't go in.

## -A Conversation Remembered

Not that I don't understand your position.

Oh, how well do I remember that conversation we had in your office:

You: "Honest, Larry, we were very fortunate last year to finish as well as we did. Do you realize that in seven games last year we won by only four points or less?"

Me: "Sure, Coach, but with four starters back shouldn't we be that much more improved?"

You: "Of course four returnees are going to help but Bobby Lewis was very important to the team. It will be impossible for us to replace his great leadership qualities."

I admit that your case seems pretty strong. And too, South Carolina does have four starters returning and N.C. State does have Eddie Biedenbach back and Wake Forest does have two fine sophomores but don't you understand why it's your team—our team—that is getting the build up?

Like that headline said in a state paper the other day, "Tar Heels Again Toast Of The South."

I'll drink to that.

# Smith Shuns Pre-Season Polls Despite High Carolina Ranking

By BOB CURRIE

The Associated Press wire poll has rated Dean Smith's North Carolina basketball team fourth in the nation and the Tar Heel coach is pleased, but...

The 1967 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year sees the coming season filled with a great number of dangerous clubs that will make a top 10 rating in the nation as insecure as a sharecropper in a drought.

There were forebodings of this in this fall's football season.

"Some of the top ranked teams this fall like Michigan State, Notre Dame, Texas and

## Four Losses In Two Years

# Frosh Legacy Challenging

By RICK BREWER

of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

Last season's freshman basketball team, paced by Charlie Scott, registered a fine 13-3 record. The year before with Rusty Clark, Bill Bunting, Dick Grubar, Gerald Tuttle, and Joe Brown starting, the frosh had an even better 15-1 mark.

This gives the Frosh a 28-4 record over the past two seasons.

Obviously it is going to be hard for this year's freshman squad to match the records of its two predecessors. Making the task even more difficult is the fact that Carolina had a poor recruiting year last season and only three players won athletic scholarships.

"Last spring's recruiting program was disappointing," admitted new frosh coach Bill Guthridge. "It was hard to get all the good high school players

we wanted because we have so many young, talented varsity performers. Many of the boys we went after felt they had a better opportunity to play as sophomores by going to other schools.

The three freshmen scholarship holders are 6-7 David Chatwick of Orlando, Fla.; 6-10 Lee Dedmon of Baltimore, Md. and 6-0 Richard Tuttle of London, Ky.

Of the three, Dedmon has been the most impressive. He scored 13 points in the first Blue-White scrimmage Nov. 4 and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Don Eggleston a 6-9 Morehead scholar from Charlotte, will team with Dedmon and Chadwick on the Tar Baby front line.

Tuttle, whose brother Gerald is a member of the UNC varsity team, will be at guard. His backcourt sidekick is Dale Gipple of Burlington.

Statesville's Jim Bradford, Richard Garrett from Durham, Mass., are rescue guards. Holt Trotman from Winston-Salem and Ward Skinner of Dallas, Texas are the top subs in the front court.

Coach Guthridge listed good height, hustle, and determination as his squad's chief assets. He called his team "a fair shooting club."

"We'll be a pretty fair

defensive team," Guthridge added. "We won't have real quickness, but our team defense should be good."

"We'll try to fast break when we get the opportunity," the Tar Baby mentor continued. "Our height will give us the chance to get the rebound and start the break."

Coach Guthridge doesn't know if his team will be as good as the two previous frosh teams.

"I really have no idea what

our final record will be," he said. "We're going to face some tough opposition this year."

The Tar Babies open their season Saturday night against Louisville College at Carmichael Auditorium. The game, which starts at 6 p.m. is a preliminary to Carolina's varsity match with Virginia Tech.

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# 'Ah, Now, Dean, We Made It Last Year' Heels Way Ahead In ACC—McGuire

Columbia, S.C. (UPI) — University of South Carolina basketball coach Frank McGuire Tuesday gave an optimistic outlook for the Gamecocks' upcoming season, but said North Carolina probably would lead again in Conference.

"North Carolina is way ahead in the ACC picture," McGuire told a luncheon news conference. "Duke was second with (Warren) Chapman playing, but now with him out it will be a dogfight for second place."

McGuire said four South Carolina veterans would return this season. They are Gary Gregor, Frank Standard, Skip Harlicka and Jack Thompson.

McGuire said Thompson had been injured and if he were not completely ready for Saturday's opener here against Erskine he would start Bob Cremings in his place.

McGuire said if the Gamecocks had a weakness it

would be their lack of height. He said also that forward Bob Fleter had been in a "slump" during the past few weeks and added "whether he's going to help or not is a mystery right now."

A "good" starting lineup, McGuire said, would be Standard, Gregor, Cremings, Harlicka or Thompson.

He said forward Charlie Vacca was a good rebounder but was limited in his speed.

"Cremings is going to help us," McGuire said. "He'll be playing a lot of basketball for us this year. If there's a mixup underneath he'll be in the middle of it. Last year I think he had 164 rebounds and that's unheard of for a back court man."

On the Gamecocks' defensive outlook McGuire said the real man's game was one-on-one. "Flesh and blood, chest and chest!" McGuire, however, added "we have to go into zones in order to protect the fellow from fouling."

He said terms like "multiple defenses" covered a lot of "balogna", and added there were only two kinds of defense, man-to-man or zone. "or no defense at all."

Don Walsh said in a scouting report that Erskine had good experience.

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