



## Quite A Trip...

By Art Chansky

Tidbits from a Christmas trip to New Orleans and Houston ...

... Carolina stayed at the luxurious Royal Orleans Hotel one block from Bourbon Street in the heart of the French Quarter. When not practicing or playing, the Tar Heels merely had to step from the hotel to be within sight of the famous stores, clubs and night spots that make New Orleans such a haven for tourists.

... On Friday evening, the Tar Heels dined at a small Italian restaurant on the outskirts of New Orleans. The cuisine seemed absent of tourists, and when asked why, Coach Dean Smith replied, "Doug Moe, who used to play for the New Orleans Buccaneers, suggested the spot. He said the food is so excellent that the natives keep it a secret from out-of-towners."

... And indeed the food was good. Most players treated themselves to far out dishes like Snappers Catherine (Craig Corson). But Charlie Scott, who developed a distaste for exotic foods while Olympiing in Mexico City, went with the most American dish he could find: double lamb chops.

... The dinner table comedian of the Tar Heels seems to be Steve Previs, the amiable sophomore that has a half-dozen imitations, ranging from Dustin Hoffman of Midnight Cowboy fame to Fox Casey, Sports Editor of the Durham Morning Herald.

... Fans that sneer at the obsolescence of Carmichael Auditorium should get a gander at where Tulane and Rice University play their home basketball games. The Green Wave uses a 4,000 seat gym that's outdated by the majority of high schools around the country. Rice has a concrete, antiquated arena that could be better suited to gladiators than basketballers. In comparison, Carmichael certainly is a Blue Heaven.

... Wherever the Tar Heels travel, split second accommodations in the way of buses, reservations and planes are always without fail. The credit goes to the Carolina Field Secretary who is more commonly known as Tar Heel Trainer John Lacey. Beside keeping the Blue and White ready to play, Lacey always has the Tar Heels in time, on time from border to border and coast to coast.

... Carolina played before a surprising amount of Tar Heel fans in New Orleans. Though predominantly filled with Green Wave rooters, Tulane Gym was sprinkled with a boisterous number of Chapel Hillians that reside in New Orleans during the "vacation season." Three pretty sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma were among the most avid of outnumbered Carolinians.

... Tar Heel sophomores Dennis Wuycik, Steve Previs and Billy Chambers forewent movies and television—watching to do an "unusual amount of sightseeing in New Orleans. The trio was so impressed by the scenery in the French Quarter that the three often had to scurry to make it back to the hotel by curfew. (Later this week: More on the Tar Heels in New Orleans and Houston)



Dedmon Clowne In The French Quarter

## Tar Babies Meet State Frosh

By KEN TILLEY  
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Carolina's freshman basketball team will return to action Wednesday night when they play N. C. State's Wolflets.

The Tar Babies will take a 5-1 record into the contest. Before the Christmas break the frosh won an impressive victory over Virginia. The only loss of the season came at the hands of a tough Duke freshman team.

If the Tar Babies are to add a win to their record, they will have to play at their best. The Wolflets start five scholarship players on a team whose only loss was to Duke.

State's frontcourt of 6'7" Bob Heuts, 6'6" Rick Hodi, and 6'6" Mike Gulespie will pose quite a challenge to Carolina on the boards.

Carolina's freshmen coach Bill Guthridge feels that State and Duke are two of the top teams that the Tar Babies will face this season. "State's big men give them added strength under the basket. Their control of the rebounding allows them to fast break, too."

The Tar Babies took a long holiday break following the December 16 game with Virginia. Practice for the freshman was resumed this past Saturday.

Will the extended lay-off put Carolina at a disadvantage? Guthridge admits "the vacation will hurt. But State took a similar break, and both teams will enter the game with equal practice time."

By ART CHANSKY  
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For South Carolina it was all there. Tickets were scarce, the fans came early and the crowd was boisterous. The Gamecocks were the long-awaited favorites, and South Carolinians wanted to bask in the pleasure of their new existence.

But for North Carolina, it was something different. You could sense it—even long before gametime.

Of course, the Tar Heels were out to win—as always. But Dean Smith, his staff and his players approached their new role of underdogs with reservation.

The Gamecocks are a powerful basketball team, possessing size, strength and stamina in abundance; speed and finesse in plentitude. North Carolina could possibly outshoot, outmaneuver and outthrust South Carolina. But never outrebound the

Gamecocks.

On the hostile court, rebounding would win the game. Though South Carolina won the backboard battle by seven, many were Gamecock offensive rebounds that set the tide early in the contest.

Like three redwood trees in the forest, 6-8 John Ribock, 6-10 Tom Owens and 6-10 Tom Riker gave USC repeated second and third shots while intimidating the Tar Heels' inside game that has been the crux of North Carolina basketball for three straight years.

But this was nothing new to Smith and Carolina. The mere presence of the Gamecocks front line dictated the probable complexion of the game. Even days before the Monday night meeting Smith had stated publicly that "we'll have to do something different to win down there."

Thus, Carolina held the ball in the first half. But, while South Carolina played as

though the jammed Carolina Coliseum was hosting the National Championship, North Carolina seemed to be playing more of a "feeler" type game.

With every shot that Riker made, the crowd went berserk. But Lee Dedmon got a little smarter.

With every rebound Tom Owens grabbed, the Coliseum continued to erupt. But young Dennis Wuycik learned a little more about playing a taller man.

With every behind-the-back and through-the-legs dribble that John Roche demonstrated, 12,000 Rooster rooters stood up in hysteria. But little Eddie Fogler knew with added confidence that in future games Roche wouldn't be able to get to the basket as he has in the past.

"Our plan was to play a control game and set the tempo for the first 30 minutes," Smith said afterwards. "Obviously the strategy was a mistake because we didn't win. Had we won, then it would have been good strategy."

"We will not use this strategy when South Carolina comes to Chapel Hill," he continued. "We will have a different plan that night. And then should we meet again in the tournament, we will decide what to do based on seasonal games."

To lose to South Carolina is

disappointing, but for Smith to have pulled out all stops—even if he had them tucked up his sleeve this early—would have been far more detrimental than losing.

The astute Frank McGuire was well aware of North Carolina objectives in this first game.

"... This was a good win," the Gamecock Coach reflected. "The only bad thing is we have to play North Carolina again."

Some people don't remember that Dean Smith and Frank McGuire were once partners.

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## Bruins Take Over Number One Spot

After their nationwide romp over Notre Dame the Bruins of UCLA have moved into the number one spot in national basketball polls.

The yearly champions moved ahead of the Wildcats of Kentucky who had held the honors for nearly three weeks. Kentucky narrowly escaped the Notre Dame attack while UCLA outmanned the Irish in every field. This difference in performance against a mutual opponent was cited as the factor in placing UCLA first and the Wildcats second.

South Carolina, now climbing its way back toward the top, is again ranked third while the Tar Heels have slipped to fifth, behind

impressive St. Bonaventure.

This poll however was held prior to the meeting of the two Carolina teams and North Carolina is expected to move even farther behind and possibly below the number 10 spot.

North Carolina State's undefeated Wolfpack was the third Atlantic coast Conference team to be ranked this week as the Pack took over 12th position. But the meeting in Raleigh tonight with the Tar Heels will determine State's fate. Either it will secure a national ranking or topple from the poll.

Davidson continued to fade in the ranking and moved to 14th while the big men at Jacksonville University have pushed into seventh place.

Tennessee is ranked 10th yet the poll again was released before the Vols fell to Mississippi 59-57 in a double overtime Monday night.

The UPI poll went as follows:

TEAM	POINTS
1. UCLA (28)	341
2. Kentucky (7)	306
3. South Carolina	246
4. St. Bonaventure	217
5. North Carolina	144
6. New Mexico St.	132
7. Jacksonville	97
8. Houston	88
9. Ohio Univ.	66
10. Tennessee	49
11. Washington	41
12. North Carolina St.	30
13. Marquette	27
14. Davidson	17
15. Columbia	14
16. Oklahoma	13
17. (Tie) Oregon	9
(Tie) Utah	9
(Tie) Santa Clara	9
20. (Tie) Washington St.	8
(Tie) Wyoming	8

Others receiving five or more points: Pennsylvania, Niagara, Illinois, Louisville, Villanova, Baylor.

## Intramural Basketball Continues As Chi Psi And Ehringhaus Win

By MIKE LEAFE  
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After a long Christmas layoff, the Intramural program went back into full swing with a full slate of Residence Hall basketball games and some fraternity and graduate league games.

Evidently, Chi Psi Blue didn't get to lazy over the holidays as they feasted on Zete Blue for a 57-31 victory. Bode, Skeels and Gowan paced the Chi Psi attack with 24 and 10 points while Goyer topped Zete with 10 points.

The VV Mustangs coasted to a 57-47 win over the Med Glycosides to start out the new year. The Mustangs held a 37-28 halftime lead. Top scorers were Woodard Wombie and Dees of VV with 18, 15 and 13 points. Leonard was the game high scorer with 21 points for the Med School.

Everette Rogah rolled to a 57-43 decision over Aycock TA behind the 20 point scoring efforts of McGee and McCann. Top scorers for Aycock were Hurchins with 16 and Lucas with 12.

The Avery Underdogs overwhelmed the Teague Nads 76-12 as four of the Avery players scored in double figures and the fifth had nine points. Guley and Walker paced Avery with 20 points each while Johnson Green and Bowman gave them support with 15, 12, and nine.

Morrison E White edged the Morrison C Tar Heels 43-41. Three men, Batts with 18, Merrill with 13 and Fulgerson with 10, accounted for all of the Morrison points. The E's scoring was more spread out,

but Massengill with 12 and Groom and Leonard with nine each led the attack.

Lenderman scored 31 points for his Manly Midgets team as they rolled to a 64-40 victory over the Ruffin Ball Busters. Elis of Manly scored 15 points as he and Lenderman combined to score 30 in the first half. Pegrum with 16 and Ehringhaus with 11 paced Ruffin.

Granville C South routed the Granville G Scavengers 59-35 behind the 22 and 21 point scoring efforts of Smith and Ray. Honneycutt and

Martin with 11 each paced Granville G.

Ehringhaus A Blue should be banned from the Ehringhaus B-ball games because hardly ever are the pressed for a victory. The past Monday night they rolled over the B Bulls 102-22. Three players of A matched or exceeded the total B point total. Prindell had 25, Coekren and Carswell had 22 each and Sigmon had 17.

OTHERS: SAE White

40-DU White 25, Beta Underdogs 57-ABT White 41-Rodents 22, Ehringhaus E 58-Ehringhaus D 43, Aycock Blues 94-Everette Tall Blues 12, Alexander PB II 46-Alexander PB IV 40, Graham Grads 62-Stacy Stars 41, Old West I 66-Aycock Speed Press 37, Morrison B 61-Morrison C 53, Ehringhaus Cannibals 70-Ehringhaus Green 40, Ehringhaus B 33-Ehringhaus C White 32.



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