Crashes Shock **Sports World**

The tragic plane crash last weekend which took the lives of all but one member of the Marshall University football team deeply saddened the sports world and indeed the entire country.

Memorial services were held in the players' honor and eulogies were pronounced front Greenville, where Marshall had lost to East Carolina Saturday afternoon, to West Virginia, home of Marshall University.

Sympathy for the friends and relatives of the dead was quick in coming from almost all quarters.

Here at Carolina, Athletic Director Homer Rice announced that a scholarship will be named in honor of one of the Marshall assistant coaches, Al Carelli, who had coached under Bill Dooley here several years

No amount of sympathy can change the grim, unbelievable facts, however, and no memorial can adequately replace those killed

Marshall is in mourning, but it could have been almost any school.

The plane which crashed was a chartered Southern DC-9, the same company and type of plane the Tar Heels have used for distant trips. In fact, Carolina's longest trip of the season, to New Orleans, was aboard a chartered Southern DC-9.

Unlike the plane crash which killed half of the Wichita State football team earlier this year, a Martin 404 prop, the same type used by UNC this year, preliminary indications are that the condition of the Southern plane was not at fault in the crash.

Nevertheless, each school, certainly including UNC in view of the type of planes involved in the crashes, now has a vital and urgent obligation to recheck the companies and their planes. As much money as is spent on most football programs, it would be criminal if schools did not give their players the maximum in safety on every trip-even if it means spending extra money or rechanneling some of the funds.

Carolina, as well as other schools, should realize that even on short trips it simply isn't worth the difference in price, even if it amounts to more than a few hundred dollars, to travel in the air second class.

Apparently Southern is a very reputable airline, and even top name airlines have crashes. Still, each school must reassess the companies it has contracted and eliminate those which do not give the top service available.

The Wichita State crash was looked on as a sort of freak accident. Now, with the Marshall crash, tragedy becomes much more real, and much. much closer to home.

Carolina and Duke will meet this Saturday for the 57th time since 1891. Duke holds a 28-25 advantage with three ties, but with the Tar Heels holding a 2-1 edge since Bill Dooley has been here as head coach.

The outcome of Saturday's battle is an unpredictable as any in recent years.

Carolina has the strongest rushing attack in the Atlantic Coast Conference while Duke has the best passing attack.

The Tar Heel defensive secondary has had its problems this year, while

Duke's defensive line has been Coach Tom Harp's biggest worry. Other than these two areas, neither team appears to have any major weaknesses.

The stakes this week are much higher than most had anticipated at the first of the season, and the added incentive each team should have would

probably make any weak spots on the teams negligible anyway. A win would give the Blue Devils the ACC championship for the first time since Harp came to Duke five years ago. With his contract up for renewal after this season, there could be little doubt that he will have his

team ready to play. While the Tar Heels are out of contention for the conference title, there is still much at stake. Rumors have persisted during the last two weeks that the winner of Saturday's game will receive a bowl bid, either

to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta or the Sun Bowl in El Paso. Such a post-season trip, even if it to play in a minor bowl, would be a hard-won achievement for a Carolina squad that threatened to fall apart during a mid-season slump.

Football action across the country will be at its very best this weekend. Several games are being played which will be decisive in deciding who goes to what bowl and where teams will finish in the nation's top twenty.

One of the best games will be in Columbus, Ohio where Ohio State tackles Michigan. The winner may well be given the nod as the best team in the country.

Other major games on the heavy schedule include LSU at Notre Dame, Arkansas at Texas Tech, Southern California at UCLA, Colorado at Air Force and Yale at Harvard.

The biggest game played in the South as far as rivalry is concerned will, of course, be played here at Kenan Stadium.

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On Four Road Trips

UNC Flew Crash-Type Planes

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The airplanes which carried members of the Wichita State and Marshall football teams to their deaths were the same model craft chartered this season by Carolina on four road trips.

Wichita State lost some 30 players. coaches and persons associated with the team in the crash of a Martin 404 prop-driven plane in the Colorado Rockies Oct. 2. Developed in 1952, the Martin was the same type plane as used by the Tar Heels in trips to Clemson and Maryland.

The Marshall team, which went down Saturday, was aboard a chartered Southern DC-9, the same company and plane used by Carolina in trips to Vanderbilt and Tulane.

Although the Marshall tragedy appears to have been no fault of the school or airline-unlike the Wichita incident-the combined 105 deaths awakened the

country to the importance of safety in collegiate sports travel.

"Carolina flies only with reputable. well-known commercial airlines, and this is the way it will stay," according to Athletic Business Manager Vernon Crook. "We have been approached many times by private airline charter concerns, but have always preferred the service of an established commercial airline," he said.

Crook, who books all flights for the football and basketball squads, said the basic reason for UNC's policy is that a well-known carrier is likely to keep equipment in good shape through maintenance. "I do not mean to condemn the exclusive charter companies, but it is common knowledge that much of their equipment is second hand, coming from larger airline companies," Crook said.

"We feel we are using first class equipment kept in safe condition by the airline which has to meet constant federal standards," he added.

He explained that charter flights are

Howl Proceeds Aid Scholarship Fund

The second annual "Heel Howl." scheduled Thursday night in Carmichael Auditorium, kicks off a gala weekend which will be highlighted by Saturday's football game between Carolina and Duke.

The "Heel Howl" was originated last year by Art Chansky when he served as sports editor of The Daily Tar Heel. Chansky, now graduated, is directing the show again this year.

The Howl was founded as a sort of "super pep rally" and will serve as a prelude to the annual "Beat Dook" Parade which will take place in downtown Chapel Hill Friday afternoon.

The Howl will begin at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale daily at the Carolina Union and also will be available at the door. Admission is \$1 for students and faculty.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Carolina Opportunities Fund, a division of the Student Aid Office. It is hoped that the proceeds will go to establish an academic scholarship in memory of former Carolina graduate assistant football coach Al Carelli, who died Saturday night in the crash of the Marshall University football charter plane in West Virginia. Carelli coached at Carolina the past two seasons as a graduate assistant on Coach Bill Dooley's

There will be a lot of former Tar Heel greats on hand for the "Heel Howl." Tar Heel all-Americans Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, Art Weiner and George Barclay have accepted invitations and will appear on the program. It is hoped that recent quarterback stars Gayle Bomar and Danny Talbott will be on hand.

Coach Dooley and his senior players will appear on the program. Don McCauley, the Tar Heel tailback who is a

leading candidate for all-America, will speak. Former cheerleader Charlie Stancell, who made such a hit at Carolina's Homecoming Game two weeks ago with Virginia, will appear on the program. Other ex-cheerleaders, Bill Arthur and Vic Huggins also will be on the program.

Entertainment will be provided by the Union Activities Board and the Tar Heel Pep Band.

ECU Whips Heel Club

The UNC football club closed its season Sunday with a 6-0 loss to East Carolina.

The only score of the game came early in the first period when ECU rolled from its own 35 to the Carolina 26 where quarterback Eddie Lynch passed to his brother Mike for a touchdown. The Tar Heels penetrated to the ECU

12, 14, 18, and 23-yard lines, but for the

second consecutive week penalties hurt

the team. UNC drew 185 yards for infractions, while ECU also accumulated over 100 yards. The game, originally slated for Ficklin Stadium on the ECU campus, was moved to nearby Farmville High Stadium when

the administration cancelled all university-connected athletic events in the wake of the Marshall University plane The club's final season mark is 3-4

overall and 3-1 in the conference. The team is tied with ECU (4-2) for the North Carolina Club Football Association championship.

arranged six months in advance, but that in many cases the airlines can't predict what they will have available until a later

This season's football schedule included four away games that required charter service. Crook said two companies, Southern Airways of Atlanta and Piedmont Airlines based in Winston-Salem, had been contracted for two flights each.

Two airlines were contracted to enable the team to enjoy jet service to its two most distant games, with Vanderbilt in Nashville and Tulane in New Orleans. Jets were secured from Southern since they keep three jets in constant charter service. It was a Southern DC-9 jet which

crashed with the Marshall team. Piedmont, normally using prop-driven draft for charter service, flew Carolina to Maryland and to Saturday's game at Clemson.

Mike Mason, sales consultant for Piedmont at Raleigh-Durham Airport, explained the process of chartering from his company, "Schools must submit a list of those games requiring plane service; we, in return, compute the charge for each trip and present it to the school, much like bidding," he said.

Both Crook and Mason noted factors are important in choosing the proper air carrier. The most significant are the size of the airport at the destination and the distance involved.

"Jets are impractical cost-wise, for short trips, and they may not be able to land at a small airport," Mason said. He noted that Piedmont very seldom uses

iets in charter service. The Winston-Salem company keeps a fleet of five Martin 404 prop-driven planes in Roanoke, Va. where they are continuously serviced and kept in readiness for charter service.

The Martin is the same type aircraft which was carrying the ill-fated Wichita

Mason pointed out, however, that his firm's program of progressive



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maintenance calls for the inspection of all plane systems at specified intervals. "This system allows for some of the checks to be done overnight, and has been approved by the Federal Aviation Agency, which requires that all planes receive a Current Air Worthiness Certificate from that agency," he said.

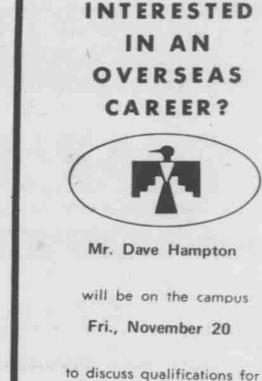
Piedmont provides a heavily used charter service for Big Four schools since its planes come from Roanoke, only 120 air miles away.

Included in the costs of chartering is a \$1.10 per mile charge for the ferrying of the plane from Roanoke, and a \$1.60 per air mile fee once underway with passengers. Also a total of \$150 is charged for departure fees, while layover after arriving at the destination is \$10 an hour, or \$200 for 24 hours.

The price per mile for jet service is higher. For a DC-9 in recent use the ferrying fee to Raleigh-Durham Airport was \$3.90 per mile, and \$2.55 on a chartered flight.

Crook noted that when possible the football team uses only one plane, but that sometimes that is impossible with a minimum passenger list of 70 persons.

John Lacey, Tar Heel trainer, said that when two planes were used, the first-string offensive and defensive units were placed in the same plane. He agreed that they certainly aren't usually thinking of the possibility of a tragedy such as the ones that have befell Wichita State and Marshall.



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