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The Daity Tar Heel

Howie Carr Books get worse

The trouble with crazes is that everyone tries to cash in on them. Take the "sports expose" fad, for instance. Former baseball pitcher Jim Bouton and sportswriter Leonard Shecter staked out their claims as the forerunners of this trend early in 1970 with the publication of "Ball Four" and "The Jocks," respectively. They were good books, and they told a lot about a segment of American life that had previously been but by default to the platitudes and inanities of Curt Gowdy, Dick Young, et al.

A couple of more interesting sports books, written by ex-gridders John Sample and Have Meggysey, appeared at the end of 1970, and an inevitable host of imitators has in their wake this year.

Bouton came up with a sequel to "Ball Four", prompting a bored Dick Cavett to him bluntly, "I don't have time to read every ex-jock's book," and at least two other former football players wrote books on the same subject that others had written about earlier and more eloquently. The whole thing has become a real bore, both for readers and late-night talk show watchers. Hopefully Neil Amdur's "The Fifth Down: Democracy and the Football Revolution" will be the last of its breed.

A New York Times sportswriter who covered the Bill Arnold controversy here in October, Amdur divides his book into two sections, "The Way It Is," and "Democracy."

"The Way It Is" purports to tell what football has come to represent in America oday, and if Amdur's anecdotes aren't as good as Shecter's, well, neither is his writing. Amdur, of course, hasn't been in the business as long as Shecter, and until last year he invered an area, Florida, not nearly as interesting as Shecter's nation-wide beat for Look and the New York Post.

Amilur, however, does include some effective quotes from various coaches that pretty well indicate the dominant "philosophy" of American coaching.

We have a complete democracy as far as the squad is concerned," Paul Dietzel of wonth Carolina explains. "We do exactly as I want them do, and in my way of thinking hat is a complete democracy, because I am very prejudiced."

And Amdur has done his homework in a chapter about the rising costs of collegiate worthall, which have driven 42 major universities out of the "business" in the last

Amdur proves the correlation between successful football and alumni contributions characterily by citing the fact that Ohio State received \$1,200,000 in donations when is team went 7-2 in 1965. The next year the Buckeyes dipped to a 4-5 mark, and alumn contributions fell off to \$750,000.

Amdur also reports that Amherst College won the Little Three championship eight times during the sixties, losing only in 1961 and 1966. In the same period, contributions to Amherst's alumni fund increased every year except two: 1961 and

"The Fifth Down," though, is less concerned about the current state of football thin what Amdur believes the sport could become, and that's what the second section, "Democracy," as personified by George Davis, is all about.

Culbreth reflects on season

by Mark Whicker Sports Editor

When senior defensive back Rusty Culbreth looks back on his career and the almost-completed football season, he sees eight victories, virtual Tar Heel dominance in conference statistics, and at least a tie for the ACC title.

It could have been so much better, though.

Scout impressed with Blue Devils

defense.

Although he saw them on one of their bad day's - last week's 23-7 loss to Wake Forest - assistant coach Ron DeMelfi was impressed with the Duke Blue Devils.

"They played well, except for three individual breakdowns in the third quarter that gave Wake Forest its touchdowns," DeMelfi says. "They're a very good football team."

Last year's Blue Devils were 6-5 thanks to the passing arm of Leo Hart and the catching of Wes Chesson. They came within a 59-34 loss to Carolina of winning the ACC title.

This year, under Mike McGee, Duke is 6-4. The Devil injuries look like the casualty lists at Verdun, Without a proficient passer. McGee has gone back to the basics - a tough defense and dependable running.

"They're better this year." De Melfi says. "Their defense doesn't give up the least touchdown, and although they might not have the quick striking power they did with Hart, Duke controls the line of scrimmage better and has outstanding backs."

The Blue Devils started off with four straight wins, including a shocking 9-6 victory over Stanford. Since then, however, wins over State and West Virginia have been overshadowed by losses to Georgia Tech, Clemson, Navy and Wake Forest.

against South Carolina, even played some against Wake."

"We have a good football team and we still have a chance to prove we're a great

"We could have beaten Notre Dame if

"And all the controversy about Bill

team," says Calbreth, a senior from

Greensboro. "But it's a shame things have

any number of things had happened. We

shouldn't ever have lost to Tulane - that

was a complete lapse on the part of the

happened to us the way they have.

The scout was most impressed with the Blue Devil offensive line. "This is probably the best offensive line we've faced in a long time," DeMelfi comments. "It compares favorably to Notre Dame's."

The best names are center Dale Grimes, guard John Dull and tackle Ed-Newman.

Another top department is the defensive backfield - "by far the best we've played," according to DeMelfi. Rich Searl, Ernie Jackson, Bill Hannenberg and Mike Davies are experienced and accustomed to making the big play.

Both Searl and Jackson have played tailback this year. Jackson gained 185 yards against Navy and Searl was the leading gainer against Clemson. Searl was the leading gainer against Clemson. Searl is now a quarterback due to a shoulder injury to Dennis Satyshur and is probably a better passer than the veteran.

The Duke running, with veterans Art Bosetti and Bob Zwirko out for the year, depends on Steve Jones, injured in an auto wreck before the Stanford game. "He looked 100 per cent to me," DeMelfi

Arnold's death, too. That, in part, kept us from reaching an emotional peak. We still have a chance to do it Saturday at Duke."

Duke represents something special to the Tar Heels and Culbreth. An undisputed ACC litle, a bowl appearance, and the usual thrill of heating an archrival all rest upon it.

Culbreth missed last year's 59-34 win. along with eight other games, because of badly torn ligaments in a knee. As a sophomore, he fumbled a punt late in the makes more good plays than people game that gave Duke the opportunity to kick a field goad and sew up a 17-13 upset.

'I don't really have any regrets, though," says Culbreth. "It hurt to fumble and it hurt to lose that game. But I was in the act of running the punt back when I got hit (by Duke tight end Jim Dearth) I would try to return the punt again.

"It was great when we won, but I didn't get to take part in it. I'll be in there this year, however."

Culbreth was a flanker and running back at Virginia Tech before transferring for "personal" reasons.

He was a starter his first year at Carolina, and returned punts well his first two games in '70, against Kentucky and State. However, he injured his knee in a return against the Wolfpack and missed the rest of the year. Understandably, his spirits sagged.

"It was very depressing, very hard for me mentally," Culbreth recalls. "I wanted to be close to the football program, but the closer I got, the worse I felt because I wasn't playing

He was held out of spring practice because the knee still hadn't come around. "Being held out was the greatest thing that could have happened, because then I was ready to play in the fail." Culbreth says. "And the knee has been completely well this year."

Culbreth started returning punts again against Wake Forest, and against Clemson he broke a return for a 55-yard touchdown. The play was called back for clipping penalty, a call which the Carolina coaches questioned. Opponents have passed successfully on the Tar Heels this season. Culbreth and secondary mates Richard Stilley and Lou-Angelo have sometimes received open criticism.

"Our mistakes show up more than anyone else's," Culhreth replies. "Pass defense is such a team thing - a good pass rush, linebackers coming back to help, and then the defensive backs doing their jobs.

"It's a very lough position mentally, but I think we're doing better. Stilley is a clutch player, and Angelo is a better player than most people think he is he's been a victim of circumstances and

"People throw at us more because we stop their running. Only Wake Forest did much against us with ball control, and we WOB ENVWOY!

Rusty owns two interceptions, this year, one which set up a touchdown against Clemson. And his nimble punt returning did a lot to keep Wake Forest in had field position during that all-important 7-3 victory.

Yet Culbreth's football career has been complex, Carolina victories and moments of personal accomplishment have been clouded by the injury, the transfer, and the confusing events of this fall.

After Saturday's game and his December graduation, Culbreth will take six months off in Europe "to figure out what I want to do.

"I still love the game and I wouldn't play if I didn't," he says, even though the affair has been trying at times.

Boat club

The UNC Boat Club is having in exhibition crew race this Sunday at University Lake at 2 p.m.

Urew teams have been invited from Virginia, East Carolina, and Virginia Commonwealth. Races will be held m eight-man shell, four-man shells, and singles. This is the only time spectators will have a chance to watch a crew meet until next spring, since the lake closes in December.

George Davis is a 45-year old high school football coach in Willits, California. After a tootball career at Southern Cal and on various naval base teams he was an assistant couch at various high school and junior colleges until 1960, when he became head coach at St. Helena High School in California.

At St. Helena Davis instituted his controversial system of letting the players decide the starting team for each game by secret ballot. Davis was immediately blasted by unties who told him discipline would fall apart.

"That's not true," Davis answeres in one of his several long italicized monologues in "The Fifth Down." "They'll be more closely disciplined by their peer group and what likey think of them than they would possibly be by what their coaches think of them. loe Namath is a good example. He's independent, a free soul, but his commitment to his teammates is complete. He would rather hurt himself than his teammates."

Davis believes that his system counteracts the fact "that somehow motivation has gotten away from the individual. We're trying to escape from responsibility because the responsibility isn't worthwhile or because we didn't ask for it."

Hes "democracy" worked, and St. Helena won 45 straight games between 1960 and 1964. Davis, however, has never risen above the rank of assistant collegiate coach (although he was offered the post of athletic director at Idaho), and considering the people in control of the American sports establishment, Davis will probably still be muching at Willits High in another 20 years.

It's too bad, but that's just the way things are, and a sense of moral outrage at the allabby treatment of Davis won't stop anybody from the Dallas-Washington game this weekend. Maybe the callousness that all fans seem to have developed is what's wrong with football, and it's certainly what's wrong with the book. Nobody cares, Mr. Amdur, nobody really cares.

Phac-Ins win volleyball

In the finals of the Graduate -Independent Volleyball League last Congratulations to the Phac-Ins: Matson, Thursday night, Phac-In barely squeezed Nelson, Cleveland, Michael, Boynton, by the Lab Retrievers in as close a match Glad, Peterson and Losse! that can be played. The Lab Retrievers jumped out to a quick lead as they took the first game 15-11. Phac-In didn't let that bother them too much as they turned around and almost skunked the Retrievers 15-1. In the deciding game the Lab Retrievers got off to a blazing stan, but flatered midway as the Phac-Insheld on and slowly caught up. They off several game points and went on to a very



narrow win 16-14, wrapping up the title.



In those four losses, Duke only scored three touchdowns.

"Everyone talks about their injuries," DeMelfi says, "but actually most of those injured players are back. Bruce Mills, their fine defensive tackle who was hurt

Basketball fever is here again-and

One odd symptom of this contagious,

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of last year's Tar Heel victory in the

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preview this year's basketball season.

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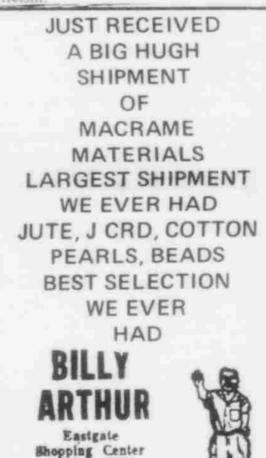
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"They have a containing defense." adds DeMelfi, "and the best examples of that are Lanny Murdock, Paul Johnstone and Bob Fitch at linebacker. They've given up only 110 points this year, and those statistics speak for themselves."



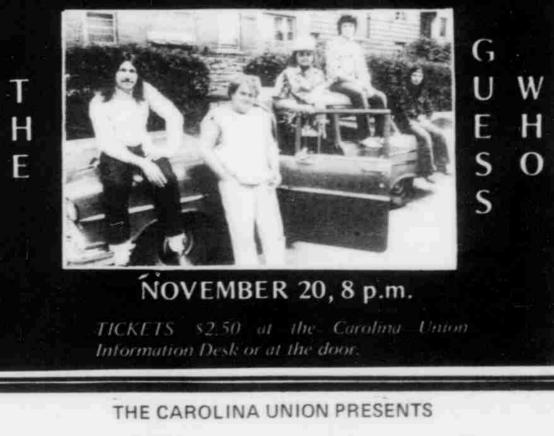
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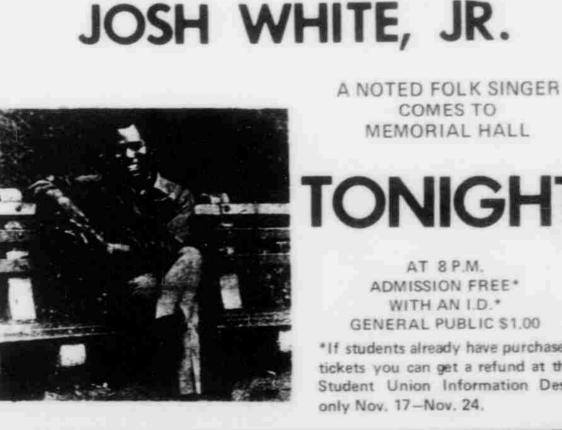
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