

Al Thomas A year of change

Athletics here at Carolina have gone through a winning but very controversial year, from the death of football player Bill Arnold to the questioning and doubt concerning the exact time Robert McAdoo signed a professional basketball contract.

There have been faculty reports on the policies of the football program, reports on that same program from still-interested former football players, and discussions of just where the college game of basketball is headed.

Together with the sensationalism, publicity and incessant rumors, there has been much introspection by many of those who attend and support athletic events at Carolina as well as by many of those who directly participate.

The very impressive aspect of this year's events is that the questioning and re-evaluating has come about even though the football team compiled a 9-2 regular season and a trip to the Gator Bowl, even though the basketball team won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and third place in the National Finals.

Tough re-evaluation is usually reserved for losing ball clubs.

More and more people are questioning athletics — questioning the unholy but rapidly increasing professionalism in the college game. As if suddenly awakening from a deep, contented sleep, these people are reconsidering the role and importance of athletics in society.

This questioning has been absent for a long, long time when it comes to athletics, particularly college athletics. Winning was worth any price and only faint whispers were heard in disagreement.

Now, though, winning is still the name of the game, the means of attaining those victories are coming under increasingly close scrutiny.

The change in attitudes is healthy, Northin, invented or fashioned by

Goal winner

The Tar Heel football team won the intramural golf tournament 7-5.

In the first match, Danny Rizzo of Blue and Bob Schwentker of Red tied 1 1/2-1 1/2, with Rizzo shooting 75 and his opponent carding a 76.

John Dees of the Blue was medalist with a 74 and he defeated the Red's Phil Mosley 3-0. But the Red came back as Bob Kaylor beat Mike Eberhardt 2 1/2-1/2 and Dave La Barre defeated Bill Spry 3-0, with La Barre shooting 77.

man, whether it's sports or politics, should be free from public examination and re-examination.

Athletics, as just about anything else, can become soft, fat and corrupt if somehow held sacred or immune.

There are limits to the criticism, however.

Particularly in the Bill Arnold incident, some critics were merely out to crucify the football program here. While many were sincere, others could not have cared less about merely improving football. They wanted to eliminate it.

Constructive criticism, so long absent, has begun to flourish this year and the Tar Heel athletic department is better for it; better if for no other reason than coming to the realization there are people to whom it must answer.

The progressive steps taken so far, though important in that they are beginnings, are not enough.

There is a strong and sometimes desperate need for review by those outside the athletic department. There should not have to be a scandal or a death for people to act and provide feedback.

Football, basketball and other sports at Carolina will no doubt survive and grow. Popularity of "the game" is increasing, not decreasing. This rapidly increasing interest, which at times dangerously approaches devotion, demands not only a questioning and more sophisticated audience but also an athletic department willing to hold itself up to the mirror.

Change is much better — quicker, easier and less disruptive — if it can come about within a particular system.

That system, in this case, athletics, must be willing to make changes and hold itself up for review, however.

If those in the football program, the basketball program, the baseball program and all the other athletic programs at Carolina aren't willing or somehow aren't able to improve and keep a close watch on themselves, then someone else is going to have to do it.

The athletic program at Carolina, from a moderately informed view, appears to be in good shape — and not simply in the won-lost department.

There is a constant need for improvement, a constant need for re-evaluation no matter how strong and responsible a sports program seems, and those needs should never be hidden beneath a one-tracked hunger for victory.

Winning and being responsible are not incongruous.

Heels host Duke Thursday

by Dan Collins
Sports Writer

Regardless of the outcome of the Carolina baseball squad's last three games, the 1972 season will be undoubtedly remembered as a success.

The season marked the return of the Tar Heels to the heated ACC pennant race, and despite five conference losses, the team has a slight mathematical shot at the crown. Clemson is currently leading the loop with a 6-2 mark, followed by Duke with a 3-2, Maryland at 6-4 and Carolina.

Thursday night, Coach Rabb's squad will be looking to avenge an earlier loss to Duke when they host the Blue Devils in a conference twin-bill. Those

who followed the Heels throughout the season will remember the Devils dealt Carolina their first conference loss and second defeat overall early in the season at Duke.

The Tar Heels rolled into Durham following their most successful spring trip in history, when they won 12 of the 13 games they played, including the last 10 in a row. The Blue Devils, however, refused to be awed as Coach Enos Slaughter's group of freshmen and ex-football players bombed star left-hander Jim Chamberlain unmercifully 12-3.

The loss marked the turning point of the season as the Tar Heels have lost half of the 16 games they have played since. Nevertheless, the squad

picked up their twentieth victory of the season on April 18 in the second game of a double-header with Wake Forest.

Two of the sweetest victories since the Duke fiasco came at Raleigh on April 12, when lefties John Danneman and Chamberlain stifled N.C. State 3-2, and 2-0 in a conference doubleheader.

On Sunday, however, the Heels will have to defend their perfect season record against State as they host the Wolfpack in a single game for the season finale.

Coach Rabb has said he plans to use his three sophomore lefthanders, Danneman, Chamberlain and Fred

Cranny in these last three contests but has not released definite assignments.

Danneman has been the stalwart of the staff all season, winning four of his five decisions and posting a remarkable 1.03 ERA. Chamberlain survived through a vicious mid-season slump and has returned to form in the latter stretches of the season. The Greensboro native is currently 3-2 with a 3.27 ERA.

Despite his unimpressive 4.18 ERA, Gianni has pitched well for the Heels following his slow start. He is presently 2-1 and has posted key conference victories against Maryland and Virginia.

Leftfielder Tom Gillis continues to lead the team in batting with a .360 average.

Stickmen, Duke meet here today

by Don Davis
Sports Writer

The Tar Heel lacrosse team shouldn't have any trouble getting ready for this afternoon's game against Duke, according to Coach Fred Mueller.

In addition to it being another Carolina-Duke rivalry, the contest

Rugger blitz Norfolk

by Bryan Blanchflower
Special to DTH

The UNC Rugby team left no doubts on Saturday when it squashed Norfolk, 13-4.

Amidst a monsoon downpour, the rugger slipped and splashed their way past a formidable opponent. Carolina scored early on a thirty-yard scamper by Len Anderson. John Parsons completed the conversion kick. A deep kick by Norfolk set up their only score as their wing and outside center picked up a loose ball and carried it into goal.

In the second half the rain came and the Tar Heels rolled. Doug Roeser made one of his famous interceptions deep in Carolina territory. After sprinting twenty yards to midfield, two Norfolk backs neared to tackle Roeser. He deftly passed the ball to fly-half Ben Porter who sprinted the final fifty yards for the score.

The final score of the game came on a penalty kick by John Parsons. By this time the field had become a mud vat making running impossible. The Norfolk backs kicked repeatedly deep into Carolina territory, but to no avail as speedy Dwight Trew defended UNC's goal line.

This victory boosts the UNC Rugby team's record to 8-1 and a chance at

which begins at 3 p.m. on Navy Field is a must for the Heels if they are to be assured of a winning season.

After last Saturday's rainy overtime loss to Roanoke College, the Tar Heels are sporting a 6-4 record with two more games left in the season. Beating Duke would mean at least a 7-5 record.

"We'll have to be the underdogs

after Saturday," Mueller said. "They (Duke) beat Roanoke 14-8." Of course, that was Roanoke's first game of the season.

The Blue Devils, on the other hand, has already clinched a winning season for themselves. A double-overtime win over Fairleigh Dickinson College last Saturday wrapped that up.

The Duke lineup includes 14 returning lettermen. One of them, Rob Rice, leads what Mueller calls their "excellent attack. He has scored a lot of points this year," Mueller said. Backing him up in the attack are Tom Brodsky and Bill Overend, also returning lettermen.

Perhaps Duke's second biggest asset is Mark Sammis. An All-Conference defenseman last year, Sammis has done a good job for the Devils this year at mid-field.

Although Carolina may be billed as the underdog in today's game, Mueller believes the teams are about equal. The Tar Heel team includes its own staff of 15 returnees, including Paul Truesdell and Mike Tiernan — team co-captains. Both will be playing their last home game today. Truesdell will probably be All-American again this year, Mueller said.

The difference in scores against Roanoke doesn't tell the whole story about the two teams. Carolina beat Duke last year 7-4. This year the teams' performances support Mueller's assertions of equality. Carolina destroyed Dartmouth, and Duke bested bear them. With Wittenberg, it was just the reverse.

"Duke is good all-around," Mueller said. "It ought to be a hell of a ball game."

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