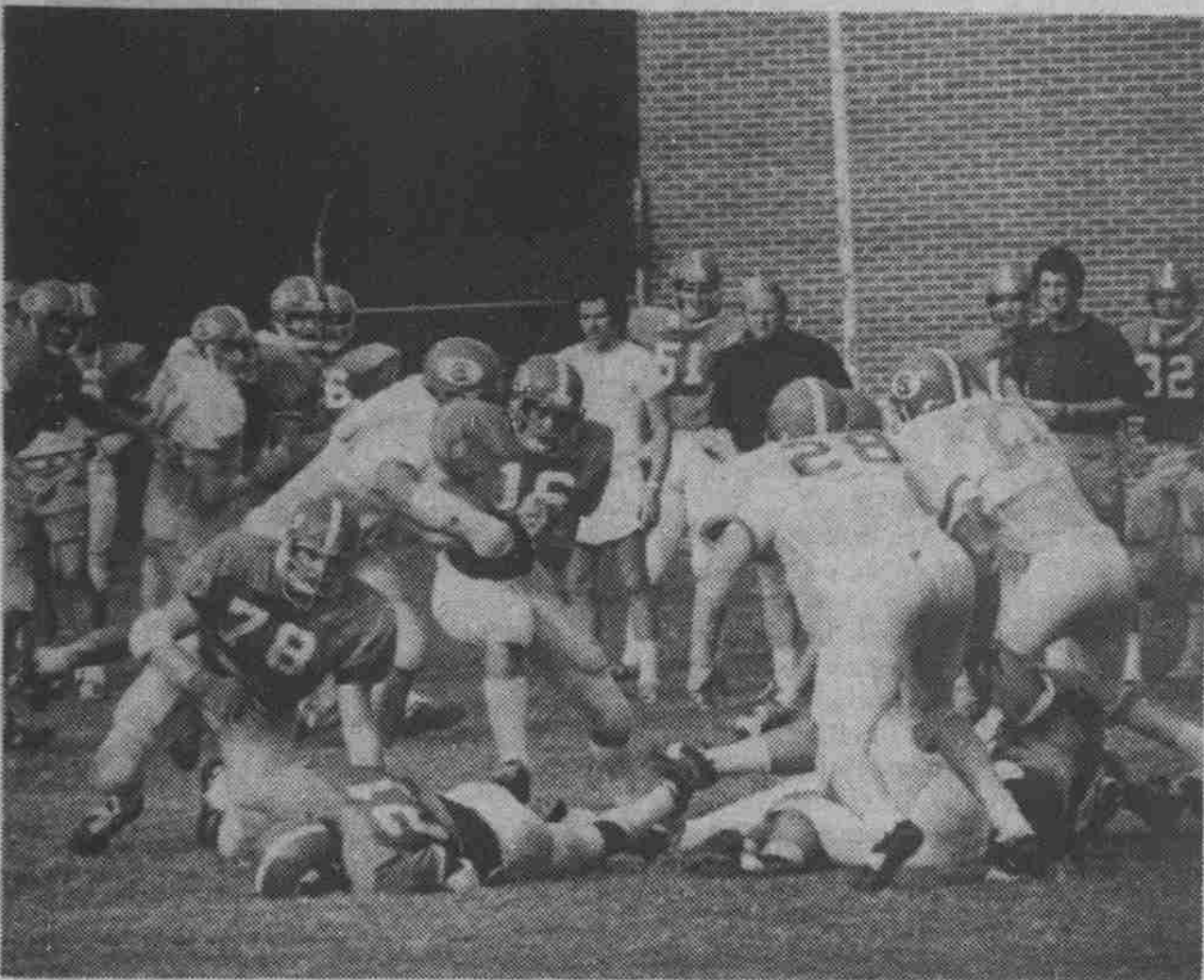


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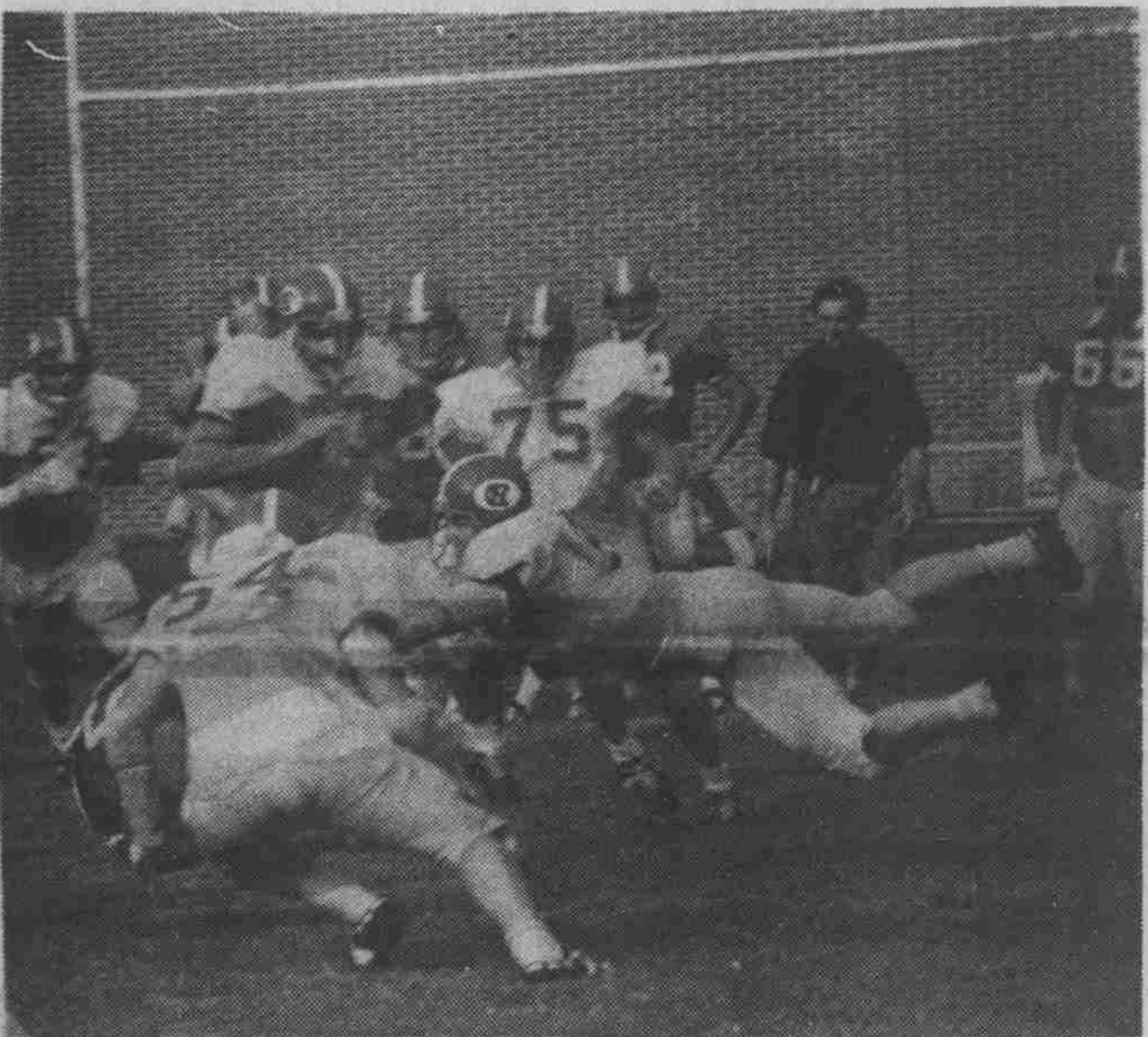
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UNC reported for pre-season practice Aug. 13. The Tar Heels' home opener with William & Mary is only two weeks away.

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Dooley not one to worry about season predictions

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North Carolina Coach Bill Dooley isn't one to worry much about pre-season pigskin predictions. A year ago the Tar Heels were picked to finish fifth in the Atlantic Coast Conference and went on to a 7-4 regular season record, a trip to the Sun Bowl and a tie for second in the conference with N.C. State and Clemson. In the past four weeks a raft of football magazines have hit the newsstands predicting a sixth place finish down between Virginia and Wake Forest.

"I don't pay any attention to them," Dooley said as he relaxed in his Kenan Fieldhouse office. "I haven't seen a pick win a football game or determine a season yet."

Nonetheless, the UNC coach realizes the fallacy of painting too bright a picture for the upcoming season. A number of talented performers from a year ago will be missing when Carolina takes the field against William and Mary September 6 in its home opener. "We lost eight of 11 starters from a tremendous offense which finished fifth in the nation in total offense last year and eighth in scoring," said Dooley, "and five of seven off the offensive line."

Gone are All-ACC quarterback Chris Kupec, who lost his court battle for another season of eligibility over the summer; his favorite receiver, wingback Jimmy Jerome; All-American guard Ken Huff, the third player chosen and top offensive lineman chosen in the professional draft, and his counterpart, David Barrett; right tackle John Ferotte; tight end Charles Waddell and his backup, Andy Chacos; split end Pat Norton; fullback Dickie Oliver, who was highly underrated, and his substitute, Ed Lamens. In addition, both kicking specialists, Dale Lydecker and Ellis Alexander, have also graduated.

To replace these losses Dooley will have to largely rely on young and

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unproven talent. Center Mark Cantrell (6-2, 235-pound junior), an All-ACC candidate, is the only returning fulltime starter on the offensive line. Tommy Burkett (6-6, 268-pound junior) and Mark Griffin (6-4, 222-pound junior) alternated at one tackle spot last year. Craig Funk (6-1, 209-pound junior), who started four games when Barrett was injured, is at one guard while the other is wide-open with Scott Davison (6-2, 225-pound sophomore) and Billy Dunn (6-2, 256-pound sophomore) competing for the position with Scott Hoxby, a 6-3, 235-pounder who transferred from Tampa when that school gave up football. Three candidates will also contend for tight end, Brooks Williams (6-4, 212-pound junior), Mike Corbin (6-2, 209-pound junior) and Mike Finn (6-4, 150-pounds), is the heir apparent to Norton at split end.

In the backfield Carolina lost three of four but returning are quarterback Billy Paschall, who filled in ably two years ago when injuries to Nick Vidovic and Kupec forced him into action, and the record-setting tailback tandem of James (Boom Boom) Betterson and Mike (Vroom Vroom) Voight.

Paschall missed spring practice and indicated his desire to pursue a career as a professional baseball player, but he wasn't drafted until the 27th round by the Cincinnati Reds and decided to return for his senior year at Carolina.

The UNC signalcaller posted an 8-0 pitching record and a 2.20 earned run average for Waynesboro, Va., in the Valley League this summer.

Betterson and Voight gained 1,082 and 1,033 yards, respectively, in '74, the first time in NCAA history that two backs playing the same position have both rushed over 1,000 yards and only the third time backs in the same backfield have broken the magic mark.

Except for Voight, Betterson and Paschall, the rest of the backfield is unsettled with sophomores Tony Mills and Larry Tedder battling junior Brian Smith for fullback while junior Charlie Williams has the inside position on sophomore speedster Mel Collins for the wingback slot.

While the offense is a question mark, the defensive picture is brighter where six starters return; main losses were middle guard Ronnie Robinson, defensive back Jimmy DeRatt, defensive end Ted Elkins, defensive tackle Scott Reynolds, and linebackers Tom Embrey and Gary Cowan.

"The defense should be improved," said Dooley, "this is the second year of our 5-2 defense. It will be hard to be as good offensively as we were last year so we have got to get better defensively."

Sophomore Dee Hardison (6-3, 245 pounds), who was pressed into action in '74 when injuries sidelined the first and second-string defensive tackles, will be counted on to shore up the front wall along with junior Brian Hughes (6-3,

233-pounds), which was lacking a year ago.

Junior tackle Rod Broadway, a 6-3, 250-pound All-ACC candidate, will be the old man on the line. Chuck Austin (6-2, 192-pound junior) and Billy Perdue (6-2, 218-pound junior) nail down the end spots.

Sophomores Ronnie Dowdy and Bobby Gay and junior Billy Murphy will man the linebacking posts. In the defensive backfield, three of four starters return, juniors Ronny Johnson, Russ Conley and senior Bobby Trot, to give UNC an experienced secondary.

Except for the defensive backfield, however, the Tar Heels lack depth and experience in most positions. There are only six seniors on the 81-man squad which reported for practice August 13 and only three are slated for starting roles, Paschall, Betterson and Trot. The void is due to a poor recruiting class four years ago as a result of the unfortunate death of 'lineman Billy Arnold due to heat prostration.

"We don't have many older players," admitted Dooley, "we have to count on freshmen for backup help. We had a good recruiting year but the mental aspect is so much a part of football, you have to know what you're doing. Much of our success is going to depend on how quickly our young players mature."

The UNC coach feels "there are five teams capable of winning the ACC title, Maryland, N.C. State, Duke, and Clemson."

Clemson has the most lettermen returning (47). Maryland is the defending ACC champion, Duke has 27 seniors on its squad. N.C. State has Dave Buckley returning for another year at quarterback plus the front line and wide talent, Virginia has All-American candidate Scott Gardner and an enviable conference schedule of only four games, and Wake Forest is entering its third year under Coach Chuck Mills.

"We're not counting ourselves out," added Dooley. "I'm looking forward to the season. It's going to be a heck of a challenge."

Jane Albright

Women struggling for dollars

Three hours ago we packed the whole basketball team and our equipment into two cramped vans—the guys needed the bus. But once we got here we forgot about our uncomfortable trip in anticipation of the upcoming game with East Carolina. The team went into the locker room while I checked out the gym.

What I saw was almost as depressing as the stuffy van I just left. The gym was so poorly lit that no shadows were cast. The whole area looked as if its heyday had been in the 1940's. The large cavernous room loudly echoed every sound, and some joker had started playing "bubble gum" on the loudspeaker for pre-game entertainment. Unfortunately, this whole scene wasn't unusual for our games on the road.

By now people were arriving and the teams had started warming-up. I decided to watch from behind the scorer's table. Seated in the middle of the table with microphone in hand was a tense, excited young man. When he noticed that I was from Carolina, he started asking me questions about Dean Smith and the rest of "the Heels." He also added that he really believed in promoting women's sports.

"I even did a little story about this game for the radio station," he said. "They're letting me do a spot every week about the Buccarettas."

"The Buccarettas?" I asked, imagining a buccaneer dressed in pink satin breeches. The ECU men's teams are called the Pirates.

"Yeah, that's what the girls wanted to call themselves," he said. "I called you-all the Tar Heettes."

I swallowed the nausea that immediately overcame me, stifled my Chapel Hill snobbishness that wanted to say something obscene to that red-neck SOB, and said in the sweetest honeyed tones my Southern upbringing could muster, "We're Tar Heels, too."

Of course the women athletes have been Tar Heels for as many years as any other students, but last year was different. The '74-'75 academic year will go down in history as the year the women moved from the physical education department to the administration of the athletic department.

With that move, the idea of women's sports as merely a club activity crumbled and was replaced with serious intercollegiate competition. It was something that had been coming for a long time.

Title IX, a law that makes equal opportunity between the sexes mandatory at all federally funded institutions, was written in 1972. Universities across the country saw the handwriting on the wall, and

thinking that equal opportunity threatened the big business of men's college sports, sought to improve women's sports.

Carolina's answer to the threat of Title IX was to make the women part of the athletic department, give them their own athletic director, and present a woman with an athletic scholarship.

Even while the women's program belonged to the physical education department, the athletic department had been helping the women financially. But now they sought to make their control complete.

Eight Sports

Last year eight intercollegiate teams for women were sponsored by the athletic department. All eight teams finished their seasons with winning records.

The women added even more prestige to the Tar Heel sports tradition by heaping honors on top of their winning records. Both the tennis and golf teams are state champions. The women's fencing team became the first Southern team in history to finish in the top ten nationally.

These same eight sports, gymnastics, fencing, golf, volleyball, basketball, field hockey, tennis and swimming, will also be offered this year. Women's athletic director, Francis Hogan, had planned to increase the field to 10 sports, adding softball and track and field, but she was told by the athletic department "to be patient."

Money tight

The villain is money. In the present economic recession, most athletic departments are struggling to keep their ledgers out of the red, and Carolina is no exception. One way to do this is to postpone the growth of the women's program until more prosperous times.

Hogan is patiently understanding. "If we had equal budgets, equal scholarships, and so forth with the men, we would break the whole athletic program. Anyway, we couldn't use it," she added as she thought of the three million dollars the women would get if equality were ever interpreted to mean equal expenditures. "Our needs must be met, and our needs are not as great as the men's right now," she emphasized.

While Hogan is being patient, she also has some questions concerning money. For example, she was told to "stay out of the money race" when she approached some officials in the athletic department about allowing the women to raise money on their own. She wasn't given a reason for this decision.

Another money question concerns enrollment. "If there is an equal number of men and women at the university, we should get an equal amount of student athletic fees," Hogan said. She has no idea how much in student athletic fees the women's program is now getting.

Scholarships

Athletic scholarships are one item that has increased for the women's program this year. Last year tennis player Camey Timberlake became the first woman in UNC history to receive a full athletic scholarship. For the upcoming year, two other women will receive scholarships. One will go to Olympic swimmer Ann Marshall and another to South Carolina basketball player of the year, Cathy Shoemaker.

While three women have athletic scholarships now when two years ago there were none, the scholarship picture still isn't rosy. Proven athletes who entered the University before scholarships for women became available simply do without. Basketball starter Dawn Allred left UNC for High Point when she was overlooked for scholarship honors.

Hogan admits that good athletes who are also upperclasswomen "do present a problem. They're good and they wonder why they haven't got a scholarship," she said. She goes on to explain that "a coach first has to recommend a player to me, then I go to (athletic director Homer) Rice. And Rice told me to stick with the blue chippers and proceed with caution."

So why weren't Allred and any other upperclasswomen presented with athletic scholarships? "They just were not available," said Hogan speaking of the limited number of scholarships for women, "though they might become available."

Title IX

Title IX, with all its implications, will have to be implemented within the next three years according to law. This, plus what women decide they want from their sports program, will determine the future of women's athletics.

"We've just got to be patient," Hogan echoed. "They (the athletic department) want us to have a good program. We just can't do it overnight."

Looking ahead to the new year and short term goals, Hogan added, "This year we will try to encourage spectators and educate the public about our program. No one's against us—it just all goes back to the budget."

Basketball recruits: quality to be tested

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North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith hit the nail right on the head. "Recruiting is like another sport; everyone knows how we did during the winter, now they want to know how we did during the spring."

Ever since the freshmen eligibility rule was passed four years ago and people like John Lucas, Skip Wise, Kenny Carr, Skip Brown and Phil Ford started contributing to the program in a big way, the emphasis on recruiting has developed to the point where what happens in the off-season is just as important as what happens during the season.

A month after Carolina won the Atlantic Coast Conference title the burning question on the lips of alumni, fans and students was "What happened to the recruiting?"

Traditionally, the success of a particular recruiting year has been judged by the amount of press clippings the prospects rated. By those standards UNC had a mediocre year, none of the freshmen signed drew rave notices for their high school performances, but Smith insists he's "pleased with the ones we've got."

The Tar Heels signed four players to grants-in-aid this year, Keith Valentine, a 6-1 guard from Richmond, Va.; Loren Lutz, a 6-4 forward-guard from Alamosa, Colo.; Dudley Bradley, a 6-5 swingman from Edgewood, Md.; and Randy Weil, a 6-3 forward from the Dutch Antilles.

Valentine is a quick backcourt man who figures to see some

playing time this year with the graduation of starting guard Brad Hoffman and only Dave Hanners and Donnie Smith in reserve.

Lutz averaged 27 points and 16 rebounds a game while being named to the all-state team and was highly recommended by former UNC star Larry Brown, now coach of the Denver Nuggets of the American Basketball Association.

Bradley was named player of the year in the Baltimore area over Maryland's 6-10 Larry Gibson, one of the best center prospects in the nation, averaging 22 points, six assists and five steals a game. The 6-5 freshman reportedly had an outstanding season in summer league ball.

Weil is an Olympic sprinter and an outstanding all-around athlete but his basketball experience is limited. He was highly recommended by former Duke star Dick Devenzio. UNC assistant coach Bill Guthridge flew down to the Antilles to see him play and came away impressed enough to offer him a scholarship. Smith doesn't see the dearth of press notices as a sign the program is on the decline.

As opposed to Lefty Driesell's pressure tactics, Smith uses the "soft sell" approach to recruiting. "We want the recruit to choose us after seeing what we have to offer," he said. "This way he is more likely to make his decision a good one. The people we have here are happy; 99 per cent of our former players recruit for us."

The Tar Heels may not have had a good recruiting year but with four starters returning UNC can afford to wait another year to grab the headline talent.